Project of MCFGS – The Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society

The St. Paul-Changsha China Friendship Garden of Whispering Willows & Flowing Waters at Phalen Park, St. Paul

Liu Ming Yuan | 柳明園 | Lub Vaj Phooj Ywg

2018 Sister-city Gift from MCFGS on behalf of City of St. Paul to Changsha, Yanghu Wetlands Park

Hmong Lucy Unveiling Celebration 2/10/2018

July 13, 2019, Phase I Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Xiang Jiang Pavilion

Sister-City Gift from Changsha
Replica of Aiwan Pavilion
1 of 4 famous Pavilions in China

Hmong Heritage Wall

Yongding Red Granite sculpture with MN Hmong and Changsha Hmong Cultural Symbols

West Entrance Archway

Community Celebrations

2021 Hmong Site Blessing Ceremony

2018 Xiang Jiang Pavilion Open House

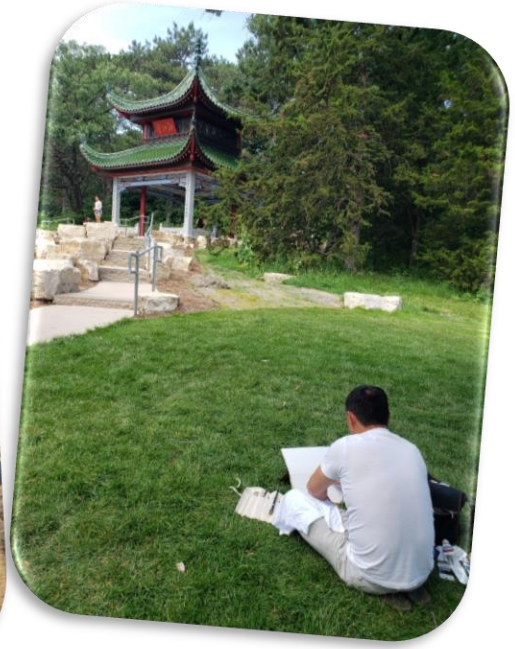
2021 Chinese Calligraphy Art Stones Unveiling

The Chinese Community

The Hmong Community

Other Community Users

Shinparam Korean Drummers



Artists

High School Field Trips

Seniors

Poets

More Community Users

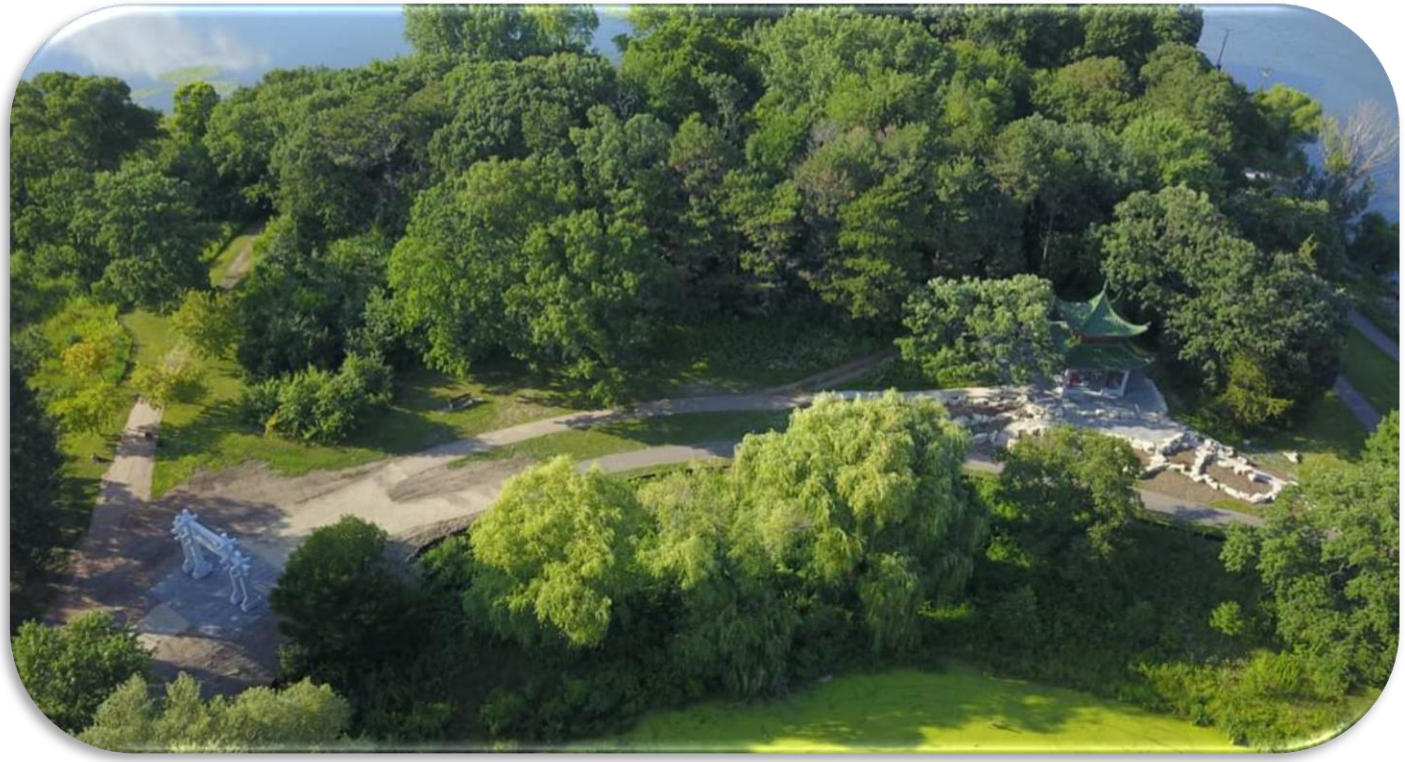
World Premiere Dance Performance
“Encounter in Liu Ming Yuan”
By Master Choreographer Shen Pei

Chinese Calligraphy & Painting Exhibition

MN Rovers Club

Volunteer
Gardeners

Phase II Community Goals



Strengthen **community connectedness and health** in a natural setting that **reflects multi-cultural identities**

Educate visitors about **Chinese and Hmong culture**, language, and history

Offer an **inclusive cultural gathering space** to celebrate and heal

Enhance the **friendship and understanding** between the peoples of China and Minnesota

Showcase traditional **Chinese values, principles, and symbolism** through poetry, structures, foliage and rocks

Create a **tangible legacy** of the Sister-city relationship between Changsha & St. Paul (since 1988)

Recognize the **ancestral roots of the Hmong people** who trace their history and culture to China and to connect with the 2 million Hmong in Hunan Province

Phase II Proposed Elements

Phase II Hmong Plaza Design

Educational & Cultural Space
Performance Venue
Multi-Use Space
2023 Construction to Begin

Chinese Moon Bridge Conceptual Design

Connecting the China Friendship Garden to Picnic Island

East Entrance Moon Gate
Conceptual Design

Pavilion Mountain Stream with Flat Bridge Conceptual Design

Chess Table Sitting Area
Conceptual Design

Donor Wall at West Archway Entrance Conceptual Design

Moon Viewing Platform on Phalen Lake [Concept design still is process]

BECOME A PHASE II BRIDGE BUILDER DONOR

HELP US MEET OUR PHASE II GOAL OF ~$3.5 MILLION

[Estimated Budget as of 1/2023]

- Hmong Plaza: ~$1.1 M
- Lakeside Moon Gate Entrance: ~$300K
- Chinese Moon Bridge: ~$1.3M
- Xiang Jiang Mountain Stream with Chinese Flat Bridge: ~$150K
- Donor Wall: ~$200K
- Back Entrance with Chess Table sitting area: ~$30K
- Moon viewing platform: ~$30K

SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY SUPPORT!

RAISED AND SPENT OVER $1.5 MILLION FOR PHASE I Construction

OVER 400 DONORS!!

$1 MILLION of $3.5 RAISED FOR PHASE II

2023-2025 BUILDING BRIDGES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – to raise additional $2.5 million

(exact budget to be determined once design completed)

Potential Future Phase III Features

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