

“State of Manial Palace Park”
Presentation by landscaper Mr. Eric Vachetto to FMPM board
Tuesday 20 October 2015

Present: Mrs. Fadia Evangelista - botanist

FMPM: Abbas Hilmi, Mohammed Shaker, Mohammed Hassouna, Hassan Kamy Nawal Hassan, Samir Raafat, Lyn Younes, Mediha Hilmi, M Momtaz, Mona Abdel-Hamid

OBSERVATIONS

1. No documentation on the Manial Palace Park was found.
2. With time and climate change soil might have become saline; soil analysis therefore a must.
3. New gazebo not an eyesore and therefore acceptable.
4. Poorly designed “new” fountain(s) not working.
5. Old decorative brook was once an important feature of the park. It was replaced with a dysfunctional concrete canal.
6. Worn-out drip irrigation an eyesore.
7. Although Manial Park was not a botanical garden its unique plants should be described and highlighted.
8. Original pathways were probably made with Pharaonic stone.
9. New pathways handicap unfriendly.
10. Fichus trees planted haphazardly five years ago will ultimately suffocate surrounding vegetation.
11. Ugly rusting metal arches should be removed.
12. Phoenix palm trees are riddled with killer worms. Proper pruning is one way of saving them.

PLAN OF ACTION

Eric Vachetto is prepared to :

1. Draw up specifications for land surveyor to prepare a detailed map of park.
2. List unique plants with explanation for each specie.
3. Draw up specifications for soil analysis.
4. Provide the FMPM with a list of items to be removed.
5. Suggest means of self-financing of the park.

We should have a vision of what the park will eventually look like.

We should list of all the plants, where they are and guidelines on how to look after them.