Fuzhou Ting Status Report of March 18, 2011:

Hi, there, I am still here, the Ting is still there, progress is still fair, handrails on the stairs, landscaping more or less repaired, and still standing by is the painter, until the sky’s clear. While spring is in the air, you tell me, when will the rain disappear?

In the previous report (February 25, 2011), I mentioned handrails will be installed on the stairs to meet the “ADA” requirements; while in fact, handrails are not an “ADA” requirement. Stairs are not even considered an accessible route. Handrails on stairs have been required long before the “ADA” was passed in 1991 or accessibility was required in the building code. I stand corrected, owing to the clarification provided by Dan Sully, a structure engineer working alongside Scott Beard in the City’s Building and Land Use Services Division.

I also need to clarify one other statement made in the last report. I mentioned the Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation (CRPF) has received a $2,500 grant from the Northwest Horticultural Society (NHS) and is working with the Tacoma Garden Club (TGC) to develop a landscaping plan, which will be closely collaborated with that of the City.

What is really going on is there are two parallel efforts: that CRPF is planning to enhance the landscaping near the Fuzhou Ting area using the $2,500 grant from NHS, and that TGC has recently voted to allocate funds to enhance the landscaping near the Path of Expulsion area of the Chinese Park (where the 9 columnar basalts are). I am doing my best to ensure the two parallel efforts are carried out in a collaborative fashion, resulting in landscaping enhancements that implement and are compatible with the master plan designed by the J. A. Brennan consulting team.

What I don’t need to clarify, which has been unambiguously clear from the get-go, is the support we have received from community organizations, such as CRPF, TGC and NHS, and from individuals, like you.

(This report is also posted at www.cityoftacoma.org/Planning > “Chinese Reconciliation Park”)

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