Fuzhou Ting Status Report of June 3, 2011:

The Fuzhou Ting was vandalized.

Our site inspector Frank Wells noticed on May 18 that some of the lattice work had been damaged, mostly likely on the night before. We have filed a police report. We believe the damage can be fixed with local talent and materials.

We are now looking into installation of security cameras to monitor the Chinese Park. We need to go through such work as the preliminary assessment, cost estimate, funding identification and allocation, contract bidding, camera installation, setting up the recording and monitoring system, and establishing the personnel and funding mechanism for continuous operation and maintenance. So, it may take up to two months before all is done.

And, before that is done, we are not comfortable opening up the Ting for public use.

Yes, I know, it’s disappointing. But, look at the bright side. The sun is out (finally). Most part of the Chinese Park is already open. You can walk along the shoreline all the way up to the area near the Salt Marsh and get a really close look at the Fuzhou Ting. And, according to Frank, the peonies are blossoming around the Ting, although they look like but don’t smell like roses. (Yes, engineers can be sentimental.)

By the way, the damaged elements are called the Hanging Fascia (挂落 Gualuo, where Gua means hanging and Luo means drapes). These are the decorative extension pieces installed beneath the fascia/gutter boards and above the Beautiful Lady’s Benches (See my Status Report of December 3, 2010). Attached are some of the photos I have taken since my last report in March.

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

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