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To: (Contact List)
Subject: Chinese Reconciliation Park - Fuzhou Ting

Hi,

You receive this e-mail because you are on my list of contacts concerning the Tacoma Chinese Reconciliation Park project. While I have interacted with you individually or in smaller group settings, this is the first time I am communicating with you all as one group, and I plan to do so on a periodic basis during the construction of the Fuzhou Ting.

The Fuzhou Delegation (3 supervisors and an interpreter) will arrive on Thursday, September 16, and stay through October 28. They will provide us the guidance and assistance in the construction of the Ting, scheduled to occur from late September through the end of October. They have shipped building materials, pre-fabricated components and tools, in 3 containers, to Tacoma in August.

The City will provide construction management and acquire additional building materials as needed. There are a lot of community support for the project. Construction labor is going to be donated primarily by the Pierce County Building & Construction Trades Council. The Port of Tacoma recommended a couple of companies to provide services associated with the importing, customs/inspections, transporting and storage of the containers, at very affordable rates. The consultant teams and contractors that have been involved in the planning, design and construction of the Chinese Park will be involved in the Ting construction – some of their work will be paid, some pro bono.

The Fuzhou Delegation will be living in a house in Old Town, a few blocks uphill from the job site. Housing and food accommodations will be provided primarily by the Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation, the non-profit organization that has been working with the City on the Chinese Reconciliation Park project over the past 18 years.

Here are some activities for the first few days upon their arrival. Your participation and contributions will be appreciated.

1. Pre-construction Meeting #1: Thursday, September 16, 3:00 p.m., Room 248, Tacoma Municipal Building. (This is a construction-oriented meeting, but you are welcome to come and meet and greet the delegates.)
2. Pre-construction Meeting #2: Friday, September 17, 3:00 p.m., Room 16, Tacoma Municipal Building North. (Same as the first meeting).
3. Receive the delegation at the SeaTac Airport on September 16, at 9:20 a.m., via flight DL296 from Tokyo to SeaTac. (If you'd like to join Debbie and me to welcome them at the airport, please let us know.)
4. Dinner on Thursday night, breakfast on Friday morning, grocery shopping on Friday mid-morning, lunch on Friday, and dinner on Friday. (If you'd like to sponsor or contribute to any or all of these activities, please let Debbie and me know.)
5. Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19. (If you'd like to provide any hospitality activity to them please let Debbie and me know.)

When to begin the construction? It really depends on a lot of factors. September 20 seems to be a reasonable date, but we really need to talk about it at the pre-construction meeting(s). So, if you are attending the meeting(s), please bring your thoughts and be prepared to discuss, negotiate and advise.

That's it for now.

By the way, I plan to keep this e-mail list at a manageable size, so feel free to pass this message on to your affiliates – for example, Theresa to the Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation, Ann to the Tacoma-Fuzhou Sister City Committee, Evette to colleagues at the Port of Tacoma, and Jim and Donn to other associates of the consultant team.

Regards,

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