



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Marilyn Strickland
COPIES TO: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager; file
SUBJECT: Chinese Reconciliation Park
DATE: November 29, 2016

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

The following item will be scheduled on the agenda of the earliest available Study Session:

I respectfully request City Council concurrence to direct the City Manager to spend up to \$90,000 of City Council Contingency Funds to support the Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation's pursuit of schematic design for the Multicultural Pavilion as outlined in Phase IV of the Chinese Reconciliation Park Master Site Plan.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the Chinese Reconciliation Park Project is to attempt to reconcile the 1885 expulsion of Tacoma's Chinese citizens, which was led by the Mayor and civic leaders during that time. In 1993, the City Council passed a Resolution to begin the process of developing the park, made possible by a donation of land from the National Guard along the Ruston Way waterfront. The nearly four-acre site is located in close proximity to the Chinese settlement that was burned down during the expulsion.

A Master Site Plan was developed in 2001, and updated in 2014. Construction of the park is broken out into four phases. The third phase was completed this year. Phase IV includes a Multicultural Pavilion and Entrance Gate (see attached documents from the Master Site Plan). The funding requested would be utilized to support the Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation for schematic design of the Multicultural Pavilion, Entrance Gate, and fencing that is aesthetically sound as it relates to the theme of the park.

Chinese Reconciliation Park serves as a public waterfront attraction for the city of Tacoma, and also hosts many small-scale, outdoor public and private events. The interpretative features of the park also help to educate residents and visitors about the historic expulsion of the Chinese and to promote peace and harmony in our multicultural community. The park would not be considered substantially complete and fulfilling its purposes without the Multicultural Pavilion serving as the anchor facility to accommodate such important activities as history exhibitions, educational functions, ceremonial events, and cultural programs. The schematic design would determine the scope and scale of the pavilion and establish the budget, preliminary design, construction plan, and operation and maintenance strategy of the facility, and is the first critical step to implementing Phase IV development of the park.

The Council's support of the Multicultural Pavilion schematic design as well as the Chinese Reconciliation Park project would be aligned with the Tacoma 2025 priority areas of: Arts and Cultural Vitality, Economic Vibrancy, Education and Learning, and Natural and Built Environment.



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Mayor Marilyn Strickland

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

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TACOMA CHINESE RECONCILIATION PARK

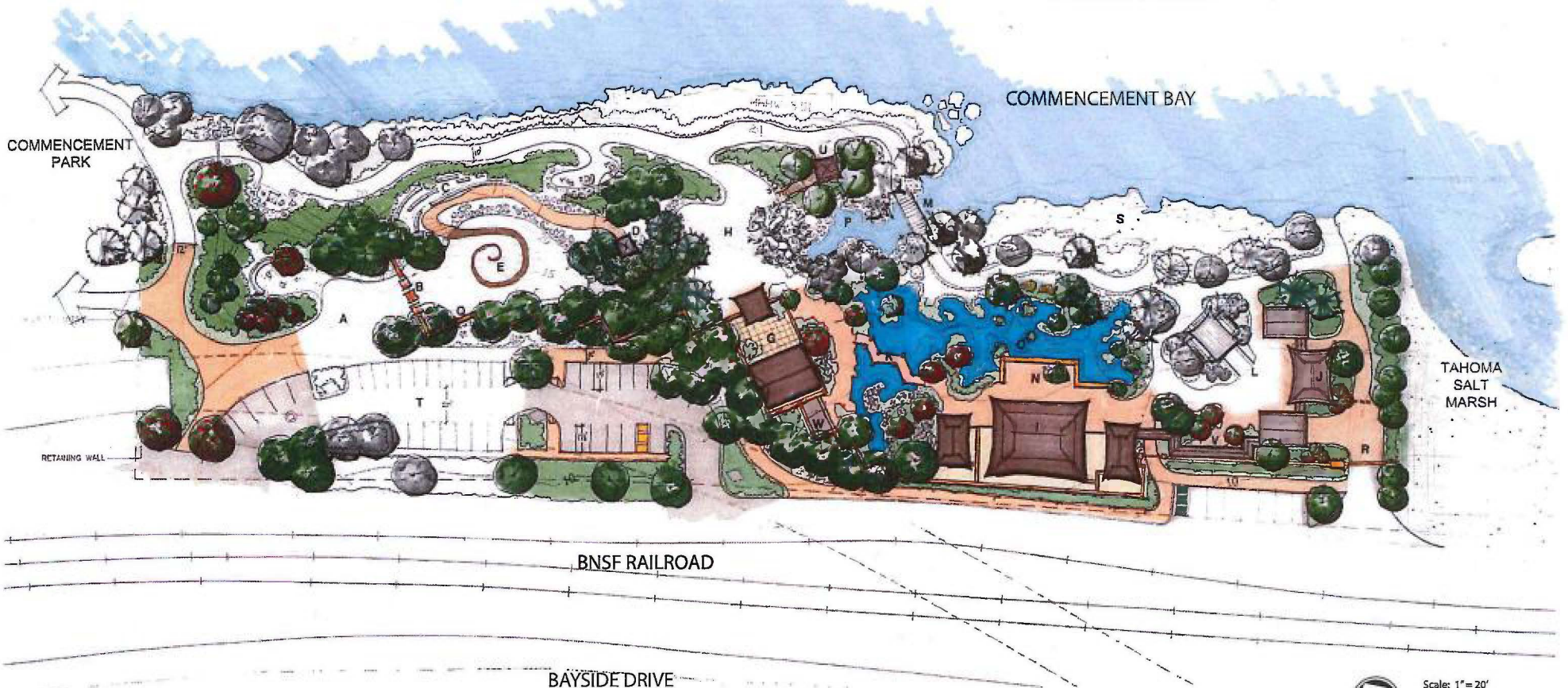
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Fact Sheet (October 2016)

Introduction	The Tacoma Chinese Reconciliation Park is a joint project of the City of Tacoma and the non-profit Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation and a critical component of the community-led Chinese Reconciliation efforts. The park development was initiated by the City Council, via Resolution No. 32415 adopted on November 30, 1993, aimed to reconcile the 1885 expulsion of Tacoma's Chinese citizens led by the Mayor and civic leaders of that time, to express Tacoma's commitment to end racism and hatred, and to promote a peaceful, multicultural community.																													
Location	The park is located at the southern end of the Ruston Way waterfront park along the Commencement Bay, and is in the proximity of the early Chinese settlement that was burned down during the tragic expulsion. (Address: 1741 N. Schuster Parkway, Tacoma, WA 98403)																													
Size	3.9 acres (donated by the National Guard)																													
Design	According to the Master Site Plan originally developed in 2001 and recently updated in 2014, the park presents a mixture of traditional Chinese scholar's style gardens and beautiful natural waterfront setting. The design creates a variety of spaces carefully defined by walls, mounds, rockwork, landforms, interpretive displays, native and exotic plants, water features, and pavilions and classrooms with Chinese motif. The layout of the park provides a progressive learning environment for the visitors to experience the sojourners' journey to America and their tragic expulsion, to explore opportunities for reconciliation, and to participate in educational, cultural and social functions.																													
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundbreakings: In 1995 for site preparation and in 2015 for construction. • Phase I (2007 – 2009): The Sojourner's Room, the Path through the Expulsion, the Dragon Mound, the Tiger Mound, the Grotto of the Tides, the String of Pearls Bridge, shoreline protection, trails and pathways, interpretive signs, Chinese artifacts, furnishings, and landscaping and irrigation system. • Phase II (2009 – 2011): The Fuzhou Ting (a Chinese pavilion donated by Tacoma's sister city Fuzhou, China), beach restoration and stabilization, trails and pathways, interpretive signs, furnishings, and landscaping and irrigation system. • Phase III (2015 – 2016): Parking lot, fencing, lighting, interpretive and wayfinding signage, and landscaping and irrigation system improvements. • Phase IV (Unfunded): Multicultural Pavilion, Bay-viewing Terrace and Pond, Zig-zag Bridge, Entrance Gate, Reconciliation Hall, Gold Mountain Pavilion, Tai-Hu stones, classrooms, waterfall, and Chinese garden walls, landscaping. 																													
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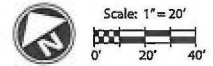
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 (Grayed-out Areas = Completed Features / Colored Areas = Planned Features)
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| A ENTRANCE PLAZA | N BAY-VIEWING TERRACE |
| B ENTRANCE GATE | O BAY-VIEWING POND |
| C INTERPRETING THE SOJOURN | P GROTTO OF THE TIDES |
| D TING ON THE MOUND | Q WALL |
| E THE SOJOURNER'S ROOM | R EMERGENCY ACCESS TURNAROUND |
| F THE PATH OF EXPULSION | S COBBLE BEACH |
| G RECONCILIATION PAVILION | T PARKING AREA |
| H REFLECTION ROOM | U TING BY THE BAY (OPTIONAL) |
| I MULTICULTURAL PAVILION | V CORRIDOR |
| J CLASSROOMS | W RESTROOM/ STORAGE |
| K ZIG ZAG BRIDGE | X MOON GATE |
| L CELEBRATION ROOM | Y FUZHOU PAVILION |
| M STRING OF PEARLS BRIDGE | |



**EXHIBIT A: MASTER PLAN
 TACOMA CHINESE RECONCILIATION PARK**

CITY OF TACOMA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
 THE CHINESE RECONCILIATION PROJECT FOUNDATION

7/1/2014



IN ASSOCIATION WITH:
JOE WAI ARCHITECTS

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