

AGENDA ITEM #6 – SEATTLE CHINESE GARDEN PUBLIC BENEFIT AGREEMENT

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation, authorizing the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with the Seattle Chinese Garden Society for an easement and public benefits at Knowing the Spring Courtyard and additional phases of the Seattle Chinese Garden.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE

Presenters: Christopher Williams, Parks Superintendent
Esteemed Ladies and Gentlemen, Seattle Chinese Garden Society
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LEGISLATION SUMMARY:

The proposed legislation authorizes the Superintendent of the Department of Parks and Recreation to purchase an easement and public benefits from the Seattle Chinese Garden Society, providing five years of free admission for Seattle residents to the Spring Courtyard, in Phase One of the Garden.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY.

The City of Seattle, its Sister City of Chongqing, China, and the Seattle Chinese Garden Society have worked closely for over 20 years to develop one of the largest Chinese gardens outside of China. The complete Sichuan-style Garden, with four seasonal components, is expected to open in January 2016.

1988 – Resolution No. 27832. Designated land at South Seattle CC as the preferred site location.

1989 – Ordinance No. 114521. Authorized \$20,000 of funding for preliminary design of the garden.

2005 – Ordinance No. 121727. Authorized an agreement for \$600,000 of public benefits at the Garden, to commence once the Garden is fully completed. Public benefits include:

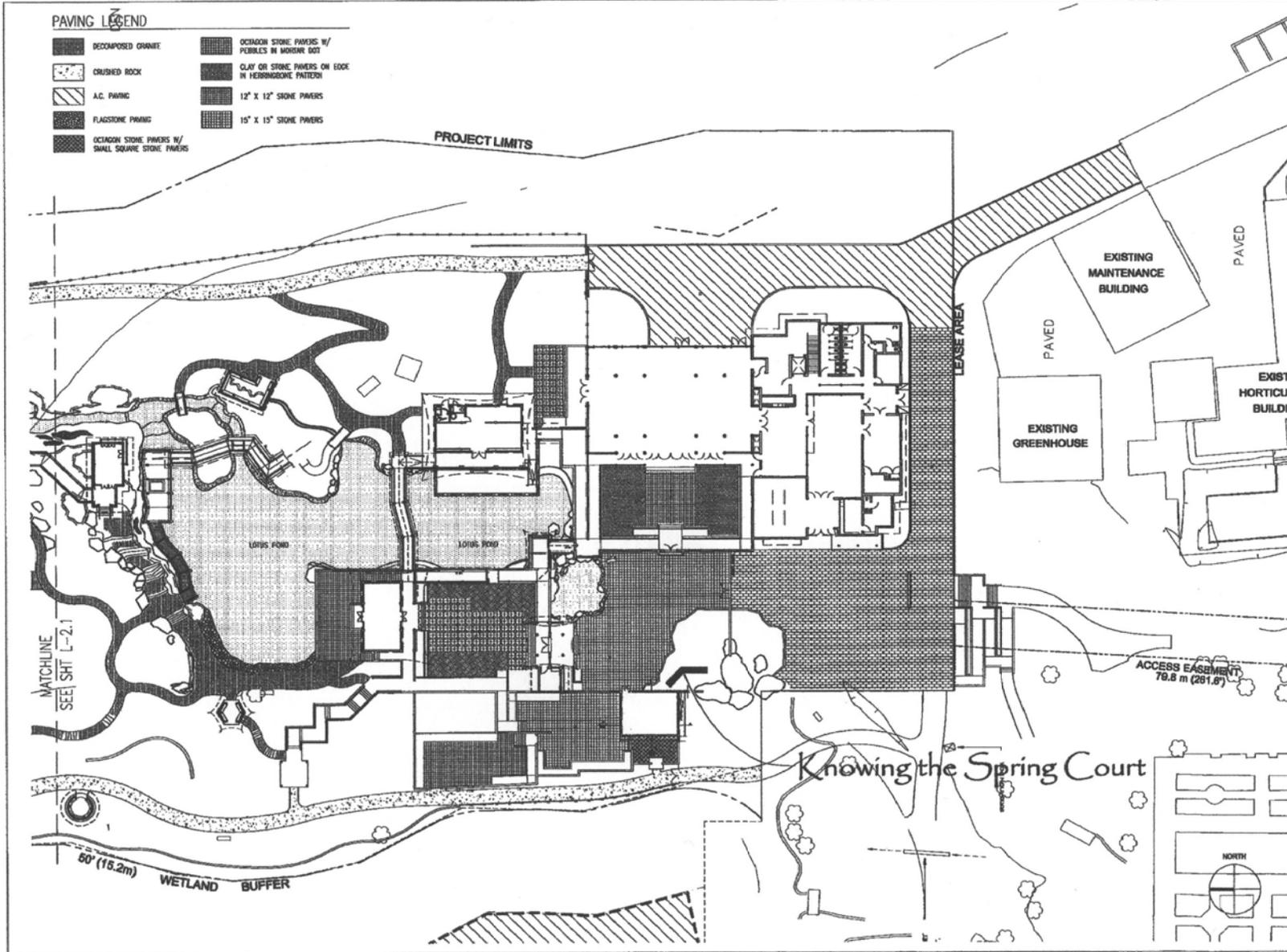
- Free admission for Seattle residents once per month.
- Free and reduced-price admission for school groups.
- Free (limited) use of facilities by City of Seattle.
- Benefits to commence upon Garden completion in 2016 and to continue for 25 years.

2010 – This Council Bill authorizes an agreement for an additional \$317,500 of public benefits:

- Free admission to the Spring Courtyard, for all Seattle residents.
- Free admission to any other exhibits at the Garden, as they are completed, for all Seattle residents.
- Benefits to commence before January 1, 2011 and to continue for five years.

ISSUES AND QUESTIONS:

1. How much funding did the Seattle Chinese Garden Society raise for completion of the Spring Courtyard? What is the approximate split of City v. non-City funding in the project?
2. Can the Seattle Chinese Garden Society discuss its fundraising, to date, for the remaining portion of the Garden?



PAVING LEGEND

	DECOMPOSED GRANITE		OCTAGON STONE PAVERS W/ PEBBLES IN MORTAR DOT
	CRUSHED ROCK		CLAY OR STONE PAVERS ON EDGE IN HERRINGBONE PATTERN
	A.C. PAVING		12' X 12' STONE PAVERS
	FLAGSTONE PAVING		15' X 15' STONE PAVERS
	OCTAGON STONE PAVERS W/ SMALL SQUARE STONE PAVERS		

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**DESIGN DEVELOPMENT
PROGRESS SET**

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REVISIONS:

**LANDSCAPE MATERIALS PLAN
SOUTH**

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