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**WITH FUNDRAISING COMPLETE,
GARDEN OF SURGING WAVES
WILL BE COMPLETED THIS FALL**

ASTORIA, OREGON — Following a successful fundraising event sponsored by Mayor Willis L. Van Dusen at the home of Jordan Schnitzer in June, all funds required to complete the Garden of Surging Waves project in downtown Astoria have been secured. Donors at the event included project supporters from Astoria and around the region.

In reaching this goal, the Astoria City Council voted at its July 1 meeting to approve a contract amendment with Robinson Construction that effectively provides authorization to proceed with remaining construction sequences (three of the four sequences outlined). Previously, funding had been secured and a contract awarded for the first construction sequence only.

The fundraising event, hosted at the Schnitzer home, attracted commitments of over \$430,000, and closed the gap on the balance needed to complete the project.

“I am proud of the support we’ve received for the Garden of Surging Waves—from our own community, from our friends in the Pacific Northwest region, and from people around the world including China, Germany, Eastern Europe and around the world. Astorians are anxious to see this project completed and for Astoria’s Chinese heritage to be a prominent feature of our city and our history,” Mayor Van Dusen said.

Weather permitting, construction of the Garden of Surging Waves will be completed in the fall of 2013. Total contracted construction cost is just under \$1.4 million.

To learn more about the Garden of Surging Waves project, please visit www.gardenofsurginwaves.org or call the City of Astoria, 503.325.5824.

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