



David Graves
Major Projects Challenge Fund
Seattle Parks and Recreation
100 Dexter Ave N
Seattle, WA 98109

Dear Mr. Graves:

South Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA) supports the Volunteer Park Trust's Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project.

The mission of SPNA is to improve and enhance the South Park community by connecting neighbor to neighbor. Our purpose is to:

- Provide a venue for the community to discuss neighborhood concerns, build camaraderie among neighbors, and celebrate diversity of the South Park neighborhood.
- Disseminate information about upcoming events, promote public safety/emergency preparedness and maintain a dialogue with police to address local issues, and garner community support for activities or projects that improve South Park.
- Offer space for City, County, Port and South Park groups to report on current projects, and work with City of Seattle Departments of Neighborhoods & Planning and Development and other South Park groups to update South Park Neighborhood Plan and/or Action Agenda and to implement the South Park Urban Village

As a community, we embrace our diverse histories, languages, and cultures with a community of caring, family-oriented neighbors. South Park residents work together for neighborhood safety, health, and happiness.

Volunteer Park has long been a city-wide destination for visitors and residents. Events at the Amphitheater have created happy memories for many over the years. The current amphitheater, however, has seen its better days and no longer attracts arts and performances like it used to. In addition, it is not accessible to everyone, which is not the spirit of Seattle.

A new Volunteer Park Amphitheater will go a long way toward meeting greater community needs for an outdoor performance space by providing the city's only covered outdoor public stage, accommodating dance and theater performances with its special stage flooring, and by its full compliance with ADA regulations, among many other features.

We whole heartedly encourage you to fund the Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project.

Sincerely,

President SPNA

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