

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

Dear Mr. Graves:

The Pike/Pine Urban Neighborhood Council (P/PUNC) supports Volunteer Park Trust's Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project.

P/PUNC is currently working for everything that makes Pike/Pine one of Seattle's most vibrant, undeniably urban neighborhoods, while actively planning for its future. P/PUNC advocates on behalf of Pike/Pine's residents, workers, and business and property owners. We support walkable streets; affordable housing; accessible public transit; small, locally-owned businesses; preservation of historic buildings; an inviting atmosphere for arts and creative industries; and maintaining cultural diversity.

Volunteer Park is a popular location for events by organizers throughout Seattle and beyond. The present Amphitheater, however, does a great disservice to the people who rent it. Its poor acoustics, lack of access to power, concrete stage accessible only by stairs, crumbling structure, and antiquated restrooms all point to a facility in immediate need of improvement. Volunteer Park Trust has stepped to the forefront of our community to bring to Volunteer Park, Capitol Hill and all of Seattle a facility that will be unmatched in our region.

The new Amphitheater will be a huge boon to Seattle Parks and Recreation both culturally and economically. Its thoughtful design expands the number and types of performances that can be held there. Its repair of lawn drainage issues, replacement of failing plumbing and restrooms, and low maintenance construction will reduce costs for the city. Its roof and special stage floor will allow for all-season use and increased rental income. The facility will be welcoming, blend into its environment, and address acoustic and noise issues for the surrounding neighborhood. Volunteer Park Trust has done careful and thorough community outreach to assure that this facility meets the widest possible needs. Their efforts are impressive and commendable.

When VPT presented at our March meeting there was unanimous support from our members in support of the Amphitheater Project and we urge the Major Projects Challenge Fund to support it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John M Feit". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent flourish at the end.

John M Feit, Chair