

Denny Triangle Neighborhood Association

c/o 1700 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1800, Seattle, WA 98101

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

Dear Mr. Graves:

I'm writing to convey the Denny Triangle Neighborhood Association's support for Volunteer Park Trust's **Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project**.

The Denny Triangle Neighborhood Association is comprised of stakeholders including, but not limited to; property owners, residents, business owners, non-profit organizations, and schools. The purpose of our association includes fostering community and working to promote quality of life, serving as a conduit for communication with all city departments on matters of interests relating to the Denny Triangle, as well as being a platform for public outreach on a variety of projects.

With its formal gardens, Asian Art Museum, conservatory, and water tower, Volunteer Park is a city-wide destination that draws and supports a diverse cross section of Seattle's population.

The Amphitheater and its Great Lawn annually host thousands of people from all of Seattle's neighborhoods to attend everything from major concerts to weddings. However, the current structure fails to meet community needs on many levels. Among many issues, it provides no ADA access, no load-in access, no storage, no protection from weather, provides poor access to power, poor acoustics, and the structure makes no attempt to blend in with the Olmsted design of the park.

Volunteer Park Trust has done extensive community outreach to assure that performers, community organizations, neighbors, and the general public have had a voice in the new Amphitheater design. The project will create an ADA-accessible, thoughtfully designed, effective performance space that meets the broad needs of Seattle's performing arts community and the concerns of local residents. It will be enjoyed by individuals from all of Seattle's neighborhoods.

We urge you to fund the Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project.

Respectfully,



Howard Anderson, Chair
Denny Triangle Neighborhood Association

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