

QUEEN ANNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Dear Mr. Graves:

The Queen Anne Community Council fully supports Volunteer Park Trust's Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project.

Volunteer Park is a citywide destination that draws and supports a diverse cross section of Seattle's population, including from Queen Anne. The Amphitheater is well used by many organizations in our area, such as the Seattle Chamber Music Society, Theater Puget Sound, and Seattle Shakespeare Company. The new Amphitheater design will allow for even more Queen Anne area performance companies to use the facility, such as Pacific Northwest Ballet, Seattle Repertory Theater and even Seattle Opera.

It is evident that 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 the weather, provides poor access to power, poor acoustics, and the structure makes no attempt to blend in with the original design of the park.

Volunteer Park Trust has done extensive community outreach to assure that performers, community organization's, 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.

Sincerely
Ellen Monrad
Chair, QACC

Cc: Jeff Crandall

