Dear Mr. Graves:

I’m writing to convey Northeast District Council’s support for Volunteer Park Trust’s Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project.

The Northeast District Council represents community councils and neighborhood groups throughout Northeast Seattle. Our community members benefit already from the Volunteer Park Amphitheater and we are certain that this would only increase with the planned improvements.

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.

Sincerely,

Chase L. Landrey
Co-Chair of the Northeast District Council