

Users' Sub Committee Nov 1, 2011

David Hackett Presiding as Chair of the Committee
Elizabeth Ripley Secretary
Tom Bardeen & Jennifer Krikawa: Vashon Opera
Angela Luechtefeld: VAA
Stan Voynick: Blue Heron Dance
Stephen Floyd: Vashon High School
Betsey Frazee: VJCB

Commons & Park District relationship--Vashon Commons Agreement was to empower users to make decisions and take ownership of the spaces used--further to maintain--take an interest in how the facilities are managed & utilized. There are groups for each area--eg Field, Theatre... Once policies are recommended by a Sub-group to the Park District, the Commons Committee can choose to pass the recommendation-- and the Parks District and the School Board can disagree or accept the proposal. Once accepted the proposal is enforceable. Considered a misdemeanor if not followed.

Re-imposing the Fee Structure by Fall of 2012:

Previous fees went into a general fund and monies were distributed wherever. The non-Fee structure was intended to encourage the Users to invest in the facility in lieu of paying fees. The return to fees will keep the monies coming in to a specific facility for use for that specific facility. D Hackett wants to work with the Theatre Users Group to come up with a Fee structure that will work for the Users.

Develop a Theatre Users Handbook. Codify the use and rules of how to use the facility: From Space Wars to Access & Policies & Priorities in Booking; Fee structure; Free hours set at Ober Park; Broader Access Policy & Broader Self-Access Hours.

School District Facility has first use rights--S Floyd reported that the school may need to expand more in the spring-- into earlier in May.

There has been a discussion of seating capacity at the new Vashon High School Theatre-- 150 or 250 or 300 seats? Bob Hennessey of the School District has stated the target number of students attending VHS is 500. Jan 2014 is the projected date the new High School Theatre will be in place.

D Hackett: Proposed Resolution: The Theatre User Group would like to see a theatre with a capacity of no less than 300 seats for School and community use. Passed: All in favor.

E Ripley: Proposed Resolution: That until the new policy regarding Space Wars is in place, that Vashon Opera be permitted to book their Fall 2012 use, can be amended to include Fall 2013 as needed. Passed: All in favor.

D Hackett: Proposed Resolution: Interim Fee Structure of \$50 per performance, replacing existing \$50 per weekend, to be used to replace light bulbs or as otherwise recommended by the Theatre User's Committee. Funds to be held by the Parks in a dedicated account. Passed: All in favor.

David Hackett will work on a priority policy--E Ripley would like to assist; J Bardeen is interested in working with S Floyd. J Bardeen asked: Will there be a modularized access to the theatre? Suggested: A person hired whose job will be to oversee the equipment at strike--this would be funded out of the fees collected.

Fee Policy: S Voynick & A Luechtefeld will prepare a draft, with an eye to addressing depreciation of the facility. eg: curtains lasting 10 years instead of the projected 20 years, with assumed shorter life-span due to use by Community Users.

E Ripley Lighting Update: We have almost enough \$ pledged to do all repairs. Vashon Opera repaired 4 altmans; Drama Dock's Godspell repaired the Strip Light Tristan Roberson has been asked for a start date please.

J Krikawa: Damage deposit collected from Vashon Opera of \$250--what happened to it and how is it used? Was it charged to the other Users? This is a question that should be asked of Parks.

Next Meeting Dec 5th at 6 pm at the High School Library

Today's meeting minutes to be voted approval of acceptance at the Dec 5th Meeting.

It is understood that the meetings of the Theatre Sub-Committee are public meetings and participation by the Users is voluntary. Policy regarding Theatre Use will be recommended by participating members of the Theatre User's Sub-Committee and if accepted by the Commons Committee, Vashon Parks District and the Vashon School District, will be enforceable.

A draft of Nov 1, 2011 Sub-Committee Meeting minutes will be emailed to all Theatre Users for comment.