

Parks and Rec Input – 08-09-22

Thank you both for putting this together. Your knowledge of performance venues are far superior to mine, but I can certainly emphasize points which I think are important considerations for the venue in Neahwa Park.

1. FYI: Oneonta's Mobile Stage has been reserved for City events (19)-times and reserved by other organizations (16)-times from April-September of this year
2. Location, Location, Location-most important!
  - a. Top priority is to identify WHERE this venue will be placed in Neahwa
  - b. The Parks Master Plan (2013) placed a *New Performance Stage* at the current bandstand stage area
  - c. Projected cost at that time was \$150,000.00
  - d. I do not have size projections from that report, but we're looking...will let you know
  - e. At our meeting we talked about Field #5 as another potential space
3. I agree a WOOD structure is preferred to a Clam-Style structure
  - a. You've already identified cost as a the number one reason
  - b. Almost as important to me is that a wood structure will preserve the authentic, intimate-feel of performances in the Park
  - c. Wood can be well-built and resourced locally
  - d. I think an electrical, equipment (wood) storage building built at or near the new venue-should be considered as part of this project
4. For the Park...I think a permanent structure with *limited/controlled access* should be a preference
  - a. Security should be a priority
5. Audience seating, viewing is an important consideration
  - a. Our current concerts, movies, shows require spectators to bring their own chairs or blankets and/or to remain in their vehicles
6. Public Support/Marketing
  - a. I'd like to see the capability (technology) to project Park art, photos and upcoming events at this facility, when not in use
7. A crazy thought would be for us to consider a dance area, platform
  - a. In front of or near the stage
  - b. either permanent (concrete) or moveable (wood)...?
  - c. I will defer to others on the task force on this

Thank you again for all your work on this. I look forward to our next meeting. Until then, take care and enjoy this day!

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