

STRAWBERRY PARK AMPHITHEATER PROJECT CUP NARRATIVE 2023

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This capital project features construction of a 200-seat outdoor performance space on the Strawberry Park Elementary School campus. The Steamboat School District, RE-2, owns the property and will be the principal collaborator with Piknik Theatre (Yampa Valley Performing Arts Council) which has a 20-year lease on the property. It is anticipated that this facility - the only one of its kind in Northwestern Colorado - will be used for various outdoor performances by regional arts groups, local schools, and local community groups. It will also be suitable for outdoor educational activities for the school district, especially during the school year, and as a community outdoor gathering venue.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The amphitheater will be designed for acoustic performances and activities only during daylight hours as there will be no provisions for amplified sound or stage lighting; except for electrified instruments (i.e. electric keyboard) and security lighting. In addition to the leasehold, the school district is providing parking, toilet facilities, and maintenance of the facility.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, AUDIENCE SIZE

The amphitheater will employ 5-15 resident or visiting artists and teachers. Audience size is expected and designed for a 200 seat maximum.

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND ACCESS

National standards for outdoor performing arts venues suggest 50-75 vehicles for the expected audience size. Given the proximity to the downtown area and the trail system that serves the school, it is likely to be fewer due to pedestrian and bicycle access. Vehicle access is already available via Amethyst Drive used by hundreds of vehicles daily during the school year. This facility will have little or no additional impact beyond the current school year daily traffic. Other than the occasional service vehicle, all traffic will be normal and customary personal transportation.

UTILITIES

No water or sewer service are required as the adjacent school building will be providing amenities. Electrical service for instruments, security lighting, and other lighting as may be required in the future will be provided by a photovoltaic system incorporated into the building structure.