



THE CITY OF
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WEST VIRGINIA

Arts & Cultural Development
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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 14, 2022
To: Kim Haws – City Manager
Through: Emily Muzzarelli – Assistant City Manager
From: Vincent E. Kitch - Director *Vincent E. Kitch*
RE: Grandstand Construction and Seating Purchase for HRMP

The Arts & Cultural Development Department is requesting authorization to construct leg truss grandstands and purchase seating and related equipment to complete the seating expansion project at the Ruby Amphitheater in Hazel Ruby McQuain Park. Both interrelated projects are fully funded from a generous grant made by the Hazel Ruby McQuain Charitable Trust, for this specific purpose.

Bids were opened at 2:00 pm on March 21, 2022, for the construction of grandstands at Hazel Ruby McQuain Park. Due to cost overruns the project was delayed until additional funding was secured.

CONTRACTOR

COST

1. Maffei Strayer Furnishings \$327,900.00. Base Bid

Engineering and Arts & Cultural Development have reviewed the submitted bid for completeness and adherence to the Bid Call requirements and recommends award to the bidder, E&D Specialty Stands, Inc.

As part of the overall seating replacement and update plan for the Ruby Amphitheater, the final phase of additional seating under the roofed area of the amphitheater requires the addition of stadium style grandstands, that will be outfitted with seats matching those already replaced or installed previously.

In addition to the construction of the leg truss grandstands, the Arts & Cultural Development Department is requesting authorization to purchase additional seating and related equipment to install with the grandstands to complete the seating replacement and expansion project.



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The City of Morgantown is part of a membership organization that allows government agencies to make purchases through a Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Omnia Partners. Omnia Partners is a national contracting agency which establishes and provided nationally leveraged and competitively solicited purchasing contracts.

The manufacturer of the seats is the Irwin Seat Company serviced by our regional vendor, Maffei Strayer Furnishings. Maffei Strayer Furnishings has provided and installed all aspects of the previous seating projects at the Ruby Amphitheater and seat replacement at the Metropolitan Theatre. Maffei Strayer will be the contractor for both projects.

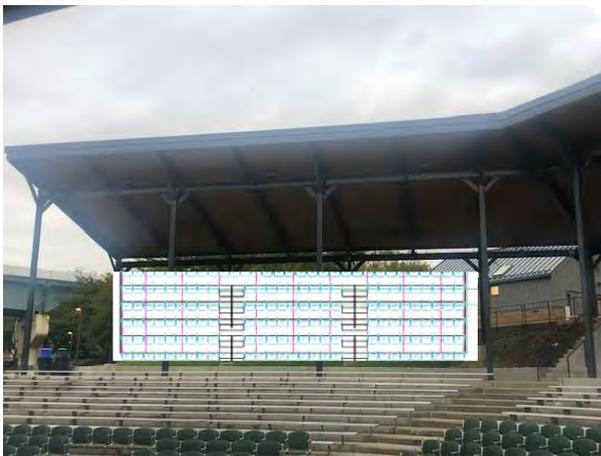
Ruby Amphitheater Grandstand Seating \$75,471.02

This final Ruby Amphitheater seating phase will provide an additional 332 fixed permanent stadium style seats under the roof of the shaded area of the amphitheater. This project will provide a more comfortable seating area for audience members, allow for more options of reserved seats, and will enhance the amphitheater’s ability to host ticketed events.

The goal of the seating projects for the Ruby Amphitheater is to create the best concert venue possible, maximizing physical, reservable seating within the bowl of the amphitheater itself. The Amphitheater in Veteran’s Memorial Park in Clarksburg for example, has 2000 seats, currently at the Ruby we have approximately 1,200.

With the completion of this project, we will have created a total of over 1600, permanent stadium style seats to better serve audiences and concert promoters alike.

Concept of Additional Bleacher Seating Areas

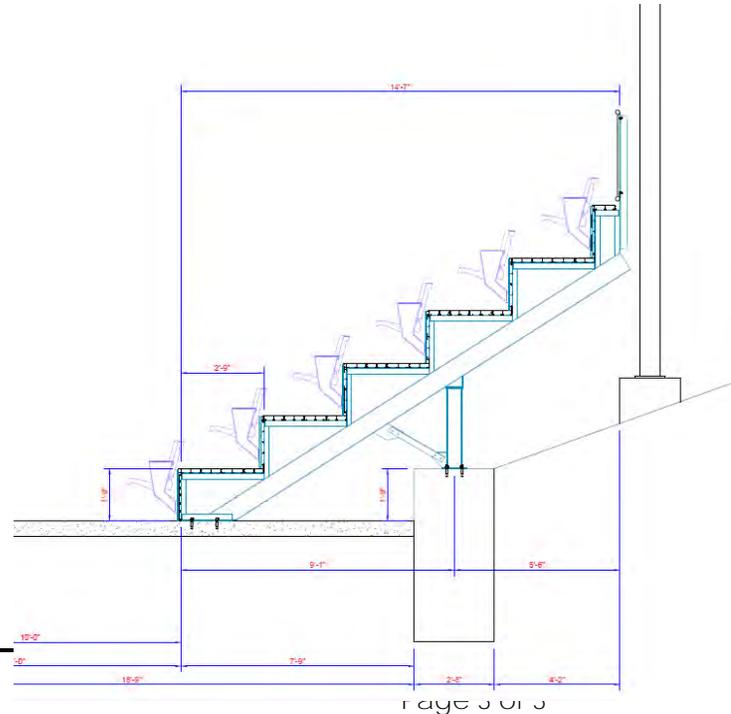
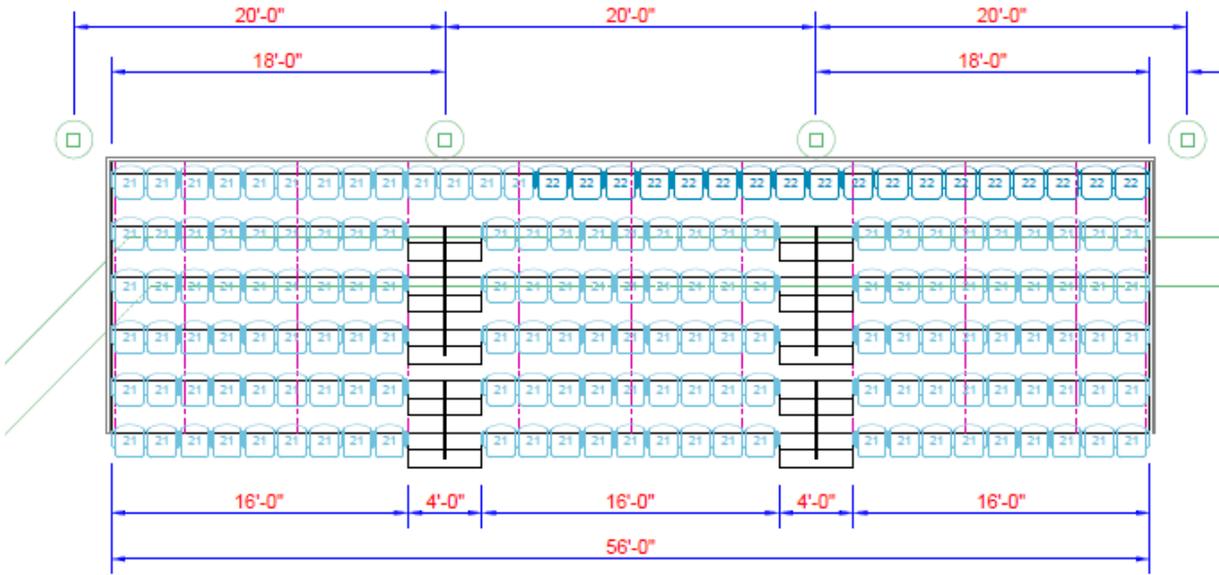




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