

Climb Vashon Rock Gym

Fundraising and Building Outline

- Partner with Burton Adventure Recreation Center (BARC) Stewards - *October 2015*
- Present to Vashon Island School District for Permission to Proceed – *October 2015*
- Print 500 Informational Climb Vashon Postcards; Distribute on Vashon - *October 2015*
- Homebrew/Cider and Climbing Movie Fundraiser (Vashon Theater) - *November 2015*
- Kickstarter: \$50 donation gets name inscribed on climbing hold - *November 2015*
- Present to Vashon Park District Board as Community Partner - *February 2016*
- VPD Board applies for King County Youth Sports Facilities Grant - *Due June 2016*
- Continue fundraising and managing permits – *June 2016 to May 2017*
- Break Ground at BARC - *May 1st, 2017*
- Climb Vashon! - *August 1st, 2017*

Mission Statement

Our goal is to provide a safe, clean space for the people of Vashon-Maury Island to enjoy as a community while learning or building on climbing skills at little or no cost.

The idea behind Climb Vashon came from Dimitri's love of mountaineering and teaching those skills to novice climbers. The benefits of rock climbing are innumerable. There is the obvious feeling of accomplishment that comes with continuing to learn a new task but with rock climbing or mountaineering, the lessons are lifelong. There is a strong sense of community and shared ambition and achievement within any "climbing" community. The support that is shown to all levels of climbers from the community is something that would be a benefit to anyone or any larger community. The vision that we have is to create an indoor climbing gym that is free to people under 18 years of age where they can go after school or during the summer to be active, support one another and build on the already strong sense of community that exists on Vashon-Maury Island.

The Demand

The nearest indoor rock gym is a ferry ride away plus at least 20 minutes in the car. The nearest outdoor climbing is significantly further. For the people of Vashon-Maury Island a gym that offers challenging rock routes would be welcomed. Anecdotally, the story is the same for anyone that we have shared our vision with: they are excited about the gym as some of them have sacrificed some of their climbing time to live on the island.

We anticipate the use of the building to be maximum 25 people at one time and on average, 40 people per day.

Community Support

We at Climb Vashon have spoken to several members of the community at large and have received overwhelming support. More specifically, the BARC stewards have conveyed their excitement at the possibility to build a gym by offering for us to join their non-profit organization and take full advantage of what that has to offer.

Dimitri has also been in contact with Elaine from the Parks Department and she has helped start us on the path to make this a reality. She has shown a significant amount of support for the project.

DIMITRI – Add any other contacts (Rotary?, etc)

Location

The location that we would like to use is the area that is currently being used as the BARC. This would be a perfect location for the gym as there is already a small BMX course, a community garden and an excellent skate park. The land is currently leased to the Parks Department from

the School District and is essentially park land for all intents and purposes. There is a large open, flat area that would be perfect to raise a building. The partnership between skate parks and climbing structures already exists in many locations and the two activities are a natural fit.

The area is centrally located on the island and is serviced by the bus via the highway (<.1 mile). The other recreational activities that are already there shows that the area is used by the community already.

Structure and Land Use

We would like to construct a barn structure on this land that would serve as the climbing gym. Ideally, the size of the structure would be approximately 72' X 40' X 30' high at the peak. There is a climbing gym in New York that we have been in contact with that is similar to this. They have been a great help with the blueprint of our ideas. The climbing routes would be changed voluntarily on a monthly basis to keep the gym interesting and fresh.

We would like to provide a bathroom within the building which would mean added maintenance for the Park Department but we feel this could be offset by the low use fee for people over that age of 18.

We would also like to provide a small space outside of the building for people to bring anything that they make or raise to sell on their own initiative. This space could offer a space for youth to earn some extra money while also honing their business skills.

If we do provide bathrooms within the structure, we will need to install a septic system or possibly use the septic system that is already there from when the school was there. Our thought is that this septic system will not be functional or may not even exist anymore.

Permits

We have made contact with King County and have gathered preliminary information about the permitting needs for the area.

The set back from Judd Creek for building is 165 feet. We are well outside of that threshold so there should be no problems in terms of salmon stream permitting.

The representative from the county informed us that this would be a fairly straight forward process of obtaining a commercial building permit. We are in the process of working with an architect that will either volunteer her services or finish the work that we would need at a low rate. These plans would then be submitted to the county for review along with a summary of what we would like to do at the site. The county representative offered to assist us in our permit application. The representative from the county did not foresee any issues with constructing a new park building at this location.

We will also have to apply for a septic permit from the Health Department.

We estimate the permitting to cost \$10,000.

Fundraising

Pending approval from the Parks Department, we are hoping to begin a kickstarter campaign that will offer a patrons name on a climbing hold with a \$50 donation. This will run from November through December. Additionally, we are in contact with the Vashon Theater and are hoping to host a climbing movie there along with a cider/homebrew event. As an extended fundraising effort, we are planning to print out a number of 5X7 cards that will convey our general message and direct people how they can contribute financially or non-financially. We have already had offers from people with contacts to outdoor companies to assist in seeking donated equipment or possibly purchasing at or below cost.

In February of 2016 we are planning to present to Vashon Park District Board as Community Partner and the VPD Board will apply for the King County Youth Sports Facilities Grant in June 2016.

We feel that the community of Vashon-Maury will raise to meet our financial needs as they did to realize the VAA.

Our Budget and Timeline

Our budget is in the general stages right now and is expected to fluctuate.

| Item | Estimated Cost |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Permits | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Structure | \$ 75,000.00 |
| Clearing/ Leveling | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Septic | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Water Line | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Power | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Walls | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Equipment (holds, ropes, etc.) | \$ 6,500.00 |
| Total | \$ 126,500.00 |

Our fundraising goals are below.

| Source | Amount |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Parks Department | \$ 18,750.00 |
| King County Youth Sports Grant | \$ 75,000.00 |
| Matching | \$ 45,250.00 |
| Total | \$ 135,000.00 |

Our timeline for completion is August 1, 2017. We would like to break ground on the project on May 1, 2017. This will give us ample time to raise the money necessary to achieve our goals.

Questions That We Still Have:

Is there water at the site?

Can we use an existing septic?