

MPRB: Lake Harriet CAC

Project Objectives and Operating Assumptions

1 June 2009

To ensure that CAC members were starting from the same understandings and moving toward the same ends, they developed a set of project objectives and operating assumptions on 19 May 2009. Below is the final version approved by CAC members 1 June 2009.

Charge, Framework

- Adhere to the Board's charge to this CAC (18 February 2009): Review and discuss the scope of concession opportunities; the general atmosphere of the band shell; to review a schematic design and site for a potential auxiliary concession or other structure; and present a report with recommendations to the Board.
- Frame our work within the context of the 2007-2010 Comprehensive Plan, with particular focus on the Board's vision theme 3:
 - Theme 3: Dynamic parks that shape city character and meet diverse community needs
 - Goal: Parks shape an evolving city
 - Goal: Park facility renewal and development respects history and focuses on sustainability, accessibility, flexibility, and beauty
 - Goal: Focused land management supports current and future generations
 - Goal: Financially independent and sustainable parks prosper
 - Goal: Through outreach and research, park and recreation services are relevant today and tomorrow
 - Goal: Easily accessible information supports enjoyment and use of the park and recreation system

Balance of Uses

- Thoroughly discuss all concession options; look for the highest and best use
- Find a balance between concessions and other valid, valued, and important uses of this area; concessions must fit within the context of current uses; find options that provide revenue without compromising other uses; find a balance between profit and service/public value/park purpose; at the same time
- Don't assume that profitability excludes other values and priorities; maintain an entrepreneurial spirit rather than dictating concession offerings that may not be feasible from a business perspective

Process, Outcomes

- Respect the past, be realistic about the present, and be optimistic and dream about the future
- Decisions we make must fit within longer-term goals of the area, as framed by the comprehensive plan, financial issues, aesthetics, long-term viability and usability, and so forth
- Produce a defensible, substantive, comprehensive product to deliver to the Board