



How we got here...

- Concession revenues are used to support youth programs and facilities
- Lake Harriet concession lease expired in 2008; new vendor has 2009-only lease
- Park Board has stated goal to improve service levels for users
- Park Board saw opportunity to consider expanded concession options

How we got here...

- Feb 2009, Park Board reviewed a plan to expand food concessions at Lake Harriet
- Park Board instead created Citizens Advisory Committee charged to:
 - Look at concession opportunities
 - Review design/site options for auxiliary concession building
 - Present recommendations to Park Board

Lake Harriet CAC

- 11 members appointed by Park Board members, City Council members, neighborhood organizations, Mayor, and Met Council
- Joel Chechik, Roann Cramer, John Finlayson, Janet Hallaway, Donovan Hart, Elizabeth Larsen, Bruce Manning, Lisa McDonald, Matt Perry, Mark Peterson, Joseph Schmidt

CAC Key Questions

- Should food concession options be expanded at the Lake Harriet pavilion area, and if so, for what purpose and to what end?
- If they are expanded or changed, what are the impacts and how are they best addressed?
- If more food options are offered, what structural and/or physical layout changes to the pavilion area would be necessary (if any)?

CAC Work to Date

- Created Stakeholder Engagement Plan
- Provided information to the public
- Gathered input and information
 - Data on operations, maintenance, structural considerations, site layout, concessions, law enforcement, and impacts
 - Intercept and online surveys of nearly 1,100 people
 - Input opportunities for buoy permit holders, event attendees, local businesses, park donors, Lakes District Council, Yacht Club members, and others
 - Community meeting

Operations: Future Food Choices

- Minneapolis park concessions are privately run, and pay part of their revenues back to the Park Board
- Food choices beyond those currently offered would be determined by vendors based on their business model

Operations: Current Food Choices

- Lake Harriet concession now serves ice cream, popcorn, hot dogs, pop, etc.
- The Park Board has said they are committed to keeping the current food choices under any circumstances

Operations: Alcohol

- No current plans to serve alcohol at Lake Harriet
- Lake Calhoun and Minnehaha Falls
 - Restaurants now serve alcohol, but operated successfully for several years before the Park Board supported the vendor's request for a liquor license
 - City licensing process is tightly regulated and very public

Structural Considerations, Site Layout

- CAC has explored structural considerations
- These are *not* "options" at this point because feasibility has not been determined
- See "Structural Considerations" handout
- CAC has not yet discussed site layout considerations but will do so before making a recommendation

Next Steps

- You provide your ideas on issues and impacts – thanks!
- CAC considers stakeholder input along with information on operations, structural considerations, and site layout
- CAC makes its recommendations to the Park Board in September
- Park Board sets its own schedule for any future decisions, implementation

Thanks to...

- Everyone who has offered input and ideas!
- Linden Hills Neighborhood Council and East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association
- Minneapolis Park Board and staff

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