



**TO:** Mayor, City Councilmembers  
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**RE:** Sand Creek Concessions Stand

**DATE:** 11/3/14

### **Introduction**

The concession stand at Sand Creek has been in service for approximately 30 years. The building was build and donated to the City by the Coon Rapids Athletic Association (CRAA). The first agreement was signed in 1984, with an extension in 1987 and the last signed agreement was in 1989. The 1989 agreement expired in 1994.

The agreement allowed CRAA to rent the Concession stand for \$100 per year for operating concessions in conjunction with CRAA sponsored activities or by other organizations with permission of the CRAA with written consent of the City. CRAA was responsible for all utilities and was not allowed to sub-let the facility. Over time no formal agreement was followed and no fees were collected for use.

Over the last five years the Coon Rapids North Star Lions have expanded their involvement with the concessions operations in Coon Rapids. The Club has provided food sales and preparation at a number of events and tournaments throughout the City. Recently the Club has provided service to private rentals, Coon Rapids Fastpitch Association events, CRAA events, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Movies in the Park, and the Summer Concert Series.

### **Discussion**

As the City embarks on the redevelopment of Sand Creek Park and a new concessions building structure, it is important to set proper policies and agreements in place for the future operations of the park. There are a number of options to consider in planning for the future.

- Have a third party operate and lease the space
- Have City operated concession stand
- Build a bare bones stand for groups to reserve

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends working with a third party to provide the most robust concession stand at Sand Creek. This will minimize the City's liability and resources while allowing the tenant to provide a quality concessions program for park visitors.