

Como Pavilion Community Meeting 11/27/17

General Summary

- Liked expanded services (bikes, boats, etc.)
- Upgrades to facility noticeable and appreciated
- Liked updates to entertainment equipment
- Liked outside, casual food option
- Fitness/Yoga classes appreciated
- Liked entertainment like music in the park
- Liked willingness to try different things
- Alcohol/Bar environment detracted from family atmosphere
- Prices too high and limited/specialized menu

Comments and Recommendations for Future Vendor:

- Quality, not run-of-the-mill
- Good cuisine
- Public/Private, public needs to be emphasized and serve community
- Welcoming environment
- The area needs restaurants
- A business at Como will draw from outside immediate neighborhood
- A quality restaurant can be sustained by neighborhood with many options and broad appeal
- Hours and food should complement what is happening around the lake (morning walkers)
- Offerings should meet the needs of families
- Maybe operations change with the seasons?
- Prices are important to repeat business
- Needs to be a place of comfort and community
- Must draw in people driving on Lexington with signage
- Entertainment should appeal to a diverse community; variety of music
- Agreement must have realistic expectations for a limited facility
- To get quality operator the agreement must be attractive
- Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner options desirable
- Be a master of one thing rather than doing many things adequately
- Key to long-term success is making winter season work; add ice rink
- Go back to what worked in the past
- Balance visibility with neighborhood aesthetics
- Sit down destination versus pit stop?
- Focus on doing basics well (service, affordable options, short wait times)
- Agreement should factor in seasonality and setup operating partner for success
- Quick breakfast with some variety for morning walkers

- Como Lake water quality limits recreation
- Lower prices would drive more community support
- May need more than one partner to fully utilize space and opportunities
- Would like option to cater your own events
- Cafeteria style an option
- Are park amenities competing with each other?
- Utilize the whole facility
- Operator should be flexible and creative to attract more people
- Should be willing to partner with performers and community groups
- Food offerings should accommodate food allergies and other needs/preferences
- Should have free and available community space
- Build on what was successful with Dockside

- Quality (thoughtful, not run-of-mill)
- Expanded services (Bikes, boats)
- Good Cuisine
- Alcohol/Bar environment detracted from family atmosphere
- Updated entertainment equipment a plus
- Upgrades very noticable and appreciated
- Public/Private; needs to serve community
- Welcoming environment needed
(more public focused)

- This area needs restaurants
- A business here will draw from outside Como
- A quality restaurant at Como can be supported by neighborhood (more options, broader appeal)
- Outside, casual food was a plus
- Hours/food that dovetail with lake activity (morning walks)
- Offerings/service should meet needs of families
- Maybe operations change with seasons?
- Prices are important to repeat business

- Key to success is making winter work (Ice rink)
- Go back to what worked in the past
- Balance visibility with neighborhood aesthetics
- Sit-down destination versus pit-stop?
- Focus on doing basics well (service, affordable, timely)
- Agreement should factor in seasonality and setup operating partner for success
- Quick breakfast for waiters, other park users

- Needs to be a place of comfort & community
- Must draw in people from Lexington, just driving by (visibility)
- Entertainment that appeals to ~~changing~~ diverse neighborhood
- Must have realistic plans for limited facility
- Should be attractive for an operator to get quality
- B/L/D offering is desirable
- Be a master of what you do, not everything

- Operator should be flexible/creative to attract people
- Willingness to partner with performers and community groups
- Offerings should accommodate allergies/sensitivities and other food needs and preferences
- Free and available community space
- Build on what was successful

- Water quality limits recreation
- Lower prices would drive more
Community support
- Fitness/Yoga classes appreciated
- Might need more than one partner
- Cater your own events
- Cafeteria style an option
- Competing parks amenities?
- Utilize entire facility