



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee

Re: Summer Concert Series Donation

DATE: June 11, 2026

Recommendation

Accept this report and funding resolution for \$11,500 and set for a public hearing.

Background

For the past several decades the Walker Lecture Series has generously supported the Parks and Recreation Free Summer Concert Series. Originally our summer concert series were held on Thursday nights at Eagle Square from late June to late August. Traditionally we hold eight to ten concerts at the Square. Eagle Square in downtown Concord is the ideal location for concerts as the square has ample seating and the music enhances the experience for people visiting downtown Concord.

In 2022 we approached Walker Lecture Series to see if they would fund an expansion of our concert series to include Sunday morning concerts at the Merrimack Lodge at White Park. They agreed to fund our expanded series and, in the Summer of 2022, we held ten concerts at the lodge from mid-June to mid-September.

Since 2022 the Walker Lecture Series has continued to fund the Thursday night and Sunday morning free community concerts. Last year their donation was also \$11,500 to include new concerts at Canal Riverfront Park in Penacook.

This donation will be used to support the 2026 Summer Concert Series.