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Date: August 14, 2013
To: Mayor and City Commissioners
From: James Bryce, Director of Operations
RE: YMCA Contract for Lions Club

Troy and Dollie Smith Family YMCA contract consideration for the Lions Club Ball field Complex.

Since January of 2009 the City of Shawnee and the SYAA, Shawnee Youth Athletic Association, have had a contract for youth baseball at the Lions Club Ball Field Complex on Federal Street. The City and the SYAA have had a good relationship until this last year when requests for information from the SYAA went unanswered. Staff asked several times for financial information through email and by leaving messages on their phones. Staff also received information that the league had moved all of their games to the new tribal complex on the South side of town. The only thing happening at Lions Club was practice by a few and in order for that to happen, they had to mow their own field. The SYAA was doing nothing to keep the facility up and the facility got ran down. This is when City staff decided to revoke the lease and move on. To this day, staff still has not heard from the league. The letter sent to the SYAA is attached to this memo.

City staff is recommending that the City enter into contract for the use of the facility with the Troy and Dollie Smith Family YMCA. Staff feels that due to the close proximity of the facility to the YMCA and the interest the YMCA has in using the facility that this would be a good relationship.

On August 17th, The Lions Club civic group, the YMCA, and volunteer city staff are meeting at the facility to clean, mow, and weed eat. Any volunteers are welcome come help out.