



November 22, 2023

Re: Budlong Pool  
Cranston, Rhode Island

Ms. Elizabeth Totten  
Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission  
150 Benefit Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903-1209

Hello Ms. Totten,

The Budlong Pool project is intended to replace the existing pool constructed in the 1930's and renovated several times over the past 90 plus years. Renovations were completed in the 1970's and again in the 90's. The pool was in operation until its closing in 2020 due to covid. The operation of the pool over the years prior to 2020 had become difficult due to the continued structural deterioration of the pool and its inability to hold water. To solve the leakage problem a liner was added to fix the leaking however the city was still adding upwards of 2 million gallon a year to keep it operational. The pool lacks all the necessary safety standards to reopen. This is all noted in the Weston & Sampson report. For this reason, the city decided to replace the pool and upgrade the bathhouse to meet the current needs of the city's population.

The proposed new pool is an 8000 square foot multi-functional pool and splash pad. The pool is design to accommodate all age groups. Its fully ADA accessible access to the water. The pool is divided into three primary sections. The first 1/4 is a zero-entry walking for the families and young children. The second 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the pool ranges in depth from 2' to a max of 6' This is for more experienced swimmers and the older population. The last section can be used for lap swim and open swim for the public when lap swimming is no going on. The pool design is intended to provide multigenerational use and address all levels of swimming ability. Unlike the existing pool that had limited use due to most of the pool exceeding six feet in depth.

The source of the funding for the project consists of \$4.0 million in ARPA funds and \$750,000 in a HUD earmark.

We are happy to meet to discuss this project further or answer any questions.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,

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