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4	Apr 21, 2017 1:49 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely, Hilary and Steve Kempainen 96 Pinckney Street, Boston MA 02114</p>		Hilary	Kempainen	hkempainen@gmail.com	96 Pinckney Street		Boston	MA	02114

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5	Apr 21, 2017 1:53 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 21, 2017</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Lisa Taffe 30 W Cedar Street Boston, MA 02108</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Lisa	Taffe	lisa_grabe@yahoo.com	30 W Cedar Street		Boston	MA	02108

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6	Apr 21, 2017 2:05 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 21, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>Thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th to discuss the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. It was very helpful to hear from Maryann Thompson and to see some schematics for consideration and comment. Many of us in the community have longed for something worthwhile to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I am hoping will be incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it as a flexible, multipurpose space that can support youth and adult athletics, community meetings/events, cultural performances, a visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not yet surfaced. •The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease. <p>Thank you for your time and consideration as you work to make the most out of this exciting opportunity.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Kathryn McCullough 63 Chestnut Street Boston, MA 02108</p>		Kathryn	McCullough	katie.mccullough@outlook.com	63 Chestnut Street		Boston	MA	02108

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7	Apr 21, 2017 2:35 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavillion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>William Benedetto 1 Longfellow Place Apt 3408 Boston, MA 02114</p>		William	Benedetto	benedetw@georgetown.edu	1 Longfellow Place	Apt 3408	Boston	MA	02114

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9	Apr 21, 2017 3:28 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 21, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. Unfortunately I could not attend. I do know Maryann Thompson's work and am confident that she will have very good ideas for the space.</p> <p>I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it to especially include youth athletics but also adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet. •The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area to accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. is a necessary function so that everyone who wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so. <p>We have lived in Beacon Hill for over 15 years and have a 12 year old son who has to leave the neighborhood and often the city for indoor sport time and swimming. Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely yours,</p> <p>Marcia, Harry and Evan Garvey 90 Beacon Street #3 Boston, MA 02108</p>		Marcia	Garvey	marciagarvey@mac.com	90 Beacon Street	#3	Boston	MA	02108

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10	Apr 21, 2017 3:40 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 21, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Natalia Morgan 27 Chestnut Street Unit 4A Boston, MA</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Natalia	Morgan	naceesto@gmail.com	27 Chestnut Street	Unit 4a	Boston	MA	02108

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11	Apr 21, 2017 4:08 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Dear DCR,</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to explore options to redevelopment the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. The DCR is an integral part of preserving recreational space for the city of Boston. I personally enjoy the Esplanade as my training grounds for the Boston Marathon, and as play space for my family on the playgrounds, soccer fields, and softball fields.</p> <p>Below you will find the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavillion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet. 2. The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease. 3. The pavilion has been an eye-sore since I first moved to Boston 17 years ago. All my visiting running friends ask why the city of Boston has such dilapidated buildings, and all my neighbors which this space could be used for the many communities that frequent the park space. <p>Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Chadwick Hauff</p>		Chadwick	Hauff	saryon@umich.edu	65 Anderson Street Apt GC		Boston	MA	02114
12	Apr 23, 2017 11:08 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Lee Pool area. This is waterfront real estate and should be used as such. It is special and rare.</p> <p>There should be absolutely no offices space for DCR, Esplanade Association or Hil House. Putting office space in a park is a waste of valuable resources. We do not need a "welcome center either.</p> <p>Green spaces in the city are hard to come by if the DRC could arrange for a downtown indoor space that serves the community like the Ebersol fields do... they would be great. It is unclear whether the Lee Pool is the only location available. If it is great, if it is not; expanding the green space, limiting the indoor space would be best.</p> <p>The Lee Pool need to be used and rehabilitated however Preserving nature, public access, and the environment should be the primary goal of this project.</p>		Tim	Cook	iloveboston88@gmail.com	70 Chestnut St		Boston	MA	02108

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13	Apr 23, 2017 9:29 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 23, 2017 Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>My husband and four children and I are residents of Beacon Hill and are very excited at the possibility of the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. Given the rich history of the Esplanade to serve the recreational pursuits of Boston residents and visitors to the city, it seems to me the concept of a large indoor recreational facility make sense.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet. (I remind you there were quite a few opposed to the Esplanade playspace concept noting that folks would not come but if you went by today it was probably one of the most well used (and well loved) parks in the city of Boston!).</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Tara Gohlmann 11 Lime St Boston, MA 02108</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Tara	Gohlmann	tgohlmann@bchigh.edu	11 Lime St		Boston	MA	02108
14	Apr 23, 2017 9:56 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Hello. . . I am writing to express my support for the Esplanade project.</p> <p>As a resident of the South End, with 3 young children, I am committed raising my family in the city. There are so many opportunities for children and families in Boston, but we do lack indoor community space. Having an indoor pool, and room for athletics and cultural events would be a huge benefit to the city and its residents. My kids do many activities through Hill House, South End Soccer, Boston Ballet, the YMCA, and others, but there is never enough space.</p> <p>I hope you consider this project, in its largest scale.</p> <p>Thank you, Alicia Erickson</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Alicia	Erickson	Alicia.p.erickson@gmail.com	83 Worcester St.	Unit 1	Boston	MA	02118
15	Apr 24, 2017 9:17 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>I am a resident of west end. My sons grew up here. Every summer we were looking for pools that were affordable. It will be great for the community if the pool facility can be fixed and put to use.</p>		Qi	Hall	qihehall@gmail.com	150 Staniford st. apt 922		Boston	MA	02114

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16	Apr 24, 2017 9:23 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>Thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As per your request, I am outlining the development that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavillion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet. •The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease. <p>Many of us in the community with young families have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your efforts to make this project a reality after so many years of neglect.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jim and Victoria Gribbell 17 Joy Street Boston, MA 02114</p>		Jim	Gribbell	jimgribbell@gmail.com	17 Joy Street		Boston	MA	02114
17	Apr 24, 2017 10:20 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Its beautiful, well-maintained open spaces, parks, and facilities are a huge part of what make Boston such a livable city for families. But having a family in a city where it is winter for arguably 6 months of the year can be difficult and isolating. We need public indoor space that provides the same opportunity for recreation and community throughout the colder, darker months of the year.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Erin	Lopez	eapiner@mac.com	7 Standish Street		Cambridge	MA	02138

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18	Apr 24, 2017 10:42 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>As a mother of three young children who live near the Esplanade, I am submitting these comments to show my support for certain programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavillion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Susan Brown</p>		Susan	Brown	swgelwick@gmail.com	245 Commonwealth Ave.	Unit 2	Boston	MA	02116
19	4/24/2017 11:53	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>Thank you for hosting the April 13th meeting regarding the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the esplanade and giving the community the opportunity to be involved in the process.</p> <p>As requested at the meeting, I am outlining below the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavillion:</p> <p>I am in support of the large indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>It would be wonderful to see something done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Espalande, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Sol and Elizabeth Kumin</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Elizabeth	Kumin	elizabeth.kumin@gmail.com	87 Chestnut street		Boston	MA	02108

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20	Apr 24, 2017 12:47 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 24, 2017</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jenny Besser 3 West Hill Place Boston, MA 02114</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Jenny	Besser	jenny@oneacorn.com	3 West Hill Place		Boston	MA	02114

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23	Apr 24, 2017 1:38 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Thank you for beginning the process of redeveloping the Lee Pool area on the Esplanade. It would be wonderful to improve the use of this high value space.</p> <p>It was requested that we provide ideas for programming that might take place in a new Esplanade Pavillion. My ideas are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not put offices on the Esplanade. It is a sad use of our limited greenspace to build offices on it. We wouldn't let a bank put offices on the Esplanade, and we shouldn't put DCR or EA there either. If we do build offices there, then we should rent them to the highest bidder through a public process. But really - let's leave public space for public use. Olmsted and Shurcliff didn't put offices on the Esplanade and neither should we. 2. New indoor facilities should be predominately for general public use. I'm a member of Hill House and my kids use the fields via Hill House programs, but I am embarrassed that Lederman field is now fenced and mostly controlled by Hill House. We should not repeat this with a new indoor facility. 3. Do not put parking on the Esplanade. Those parking spaces were added in the 1950s and they are an eyesore. Who wants parking spots on the Esplanade? It is a walking space. 4. Keep traffic off the Esplanade. If there must be a drop-off area it should be for DCR work and deliveries only, and perhaps handicap permits - not for wedding functions, soccer drop-offs, basketball players, etc. <p>I'm hopeful that these comments will be heard, and that we won't have the people driving this process (DCR, EA, Hill House) building offices, storage and parking for themselves on our Esplanade. It would be a misuse of our public trust.</p> <p>Thank you for leading this project.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Geoffrey and Viva Hyatt 118 Huntington Avenue #1501 Boston, MA 02116</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Geoffrey	Hyatt	geoffrey.hyatt@gmail.com	118 Huntington Avenue #1501		Boston	MA	02116
24	Apr 24, 2017 2:47 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>I recently became aware of this non-functioning intersection when walking from the perimeter path at Jamaica Pond on my way to Hellenic College for a Greek easter service. It was late at night and I couldn't believe that in order to leave the area around Jamaica Pond, I had to climb over a guardrail!</p> <p>This intersection would be FAR safer, without the guardrail blocking pedestrians. It would be EVEN SAFER and more park-like if it could be reconfigured as a round-about. The dimensions allow for a roundabout so there is NO excuse to proceed with a signalized intersection as the roundabout results in safer conditions for all road users, not just automobiles.</p> <p>This project has been in limbo for many years. It is best to proceed by selecting the option that is the safest and has the smallest impact on air quality and green space and that option is one that turns this nefarious intersection into a roundabout. The same old same old is just that. We have but to follow the example of Northampton, MA which is in the process of installing its third roundabout. Thank you.</p>		Elena	Saporta	esla@earthlink.net	102 Ellery street		Cambridge	MA	02138

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25	Apr 24, 2017 3:19 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet. •The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease. <p>As you know, park and green space is being gobbled up quickly leaving our kids (as well as us adults) with limited options to play and be part of community sporting events. Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Linda M. McDonough 41 G Street Boston, MA 02127</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Linda	McDonough	lindamcdonough41@gmail.com	41 G Street		Boston	MA	02127

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26	Apr 24, 2017 3:25 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 24, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>Thanks for hosting the public meeting on April 13th on the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. Maryann Thompson did a great job talking about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet. •The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease. <p>Green space, parks and community gathering places are very important for the city. More and more of the open lands are being purchased and condos are replacing them. Many of us with children are consistently looking for places to bring our children to engage with other children while us adults engage with other adults. The Lee Pool has been closed and underutilized for far too long. I feel it would be a huge benefit to all of the families that live here to make something positive with the space that we can enjoy for years to come. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Patrick McDonough 41 G Street Boston, MA 02127</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Patrick	McDonough	psmcdonough41@gmail.com	41 G Street		Boston	MA	02127

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27	Apr 24, 2017 6:36 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 24, 2017</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavillion:</p> <p>1) I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>2) The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Stephen Kempainen</p> <p>96 Pinckney Street Boston, MA 02114</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Stephen	Kempainen	sjkempainen@icloud.com	96 Pinckney Street		Boston	MA	02114

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28	Apr 24, 2017 11:01 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavillion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely, Elizabeth Georgantas 22 Brimmer St Boston, MA 02108</p>		Elizabeth	Georgantas	Elizabethgeorgantas@gmail.com	22 Brimmer St		Boston	MA	02108

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29	Apr 25, 2017 5:37 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet. •The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease. <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Scott Usechek 8 Walnut Street Boston, MA</p>		Scott	Usechek	susechek@gmail.com	8 Walnut St		Boston	MA	02108

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30	Apr 25, 2017 7:43 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 25th, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>I am was on the committee to help build the Esplanade Playspace playground a few years ago. I can appreciate how a long and argues process this can be. Thank you for tackling it. I have a 8 and 10 year old and we are committed to staying in the city. That one playground was a game changer for kids living in the city. I can only imagine the even larger impact this facility will have on inner city kids.</p> <p>You seem to have a lot of the same players involved in this project and I think if there was ever a group of involved community minder individuals to get this off the ground, now is the time.</p> <p>I am in full support of this project and look forward to the day my kids walk into it to play.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Peter Georgantas 22 Brimmer St. Boston, MA. 02108</p>		Peter	Georgantas	peter@pegproperties.com	22 Brimmer St.		Boston	MA	02108

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31	Apr 25, 2017 8:45 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 25, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavillion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet. •The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease. <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Peter Mulderry 34 Lime Street Boston, MA</p>		Peter	Mulderry	pmulderry@highfieldscapital.com	34 Lime Street		Boston	MA	02108

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32	Apr 25, 2017 9:35 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Fiona Benenson</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Fiona	Benenson	fibenenson@gmail.com	77 Warren Street		Brookline	MA	02445

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33	Apr 25, 2017 10:01 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Hill House has served families and neighbors in the greater Boston area for more than 50 years through our enrichment, athletic, and summer camp programs, special events, and community outreach initiatives. We have provided a way for our neighbors and the 2000 families we serve to connect and build stronger bonds.</p> <p>At the heart of our mission are our youth athletic leagues that build skills, encourage teamwork, ensure much needed recreation and exercise, and foster friendships. In the past three years, the closure of Basketball City and part of the Boston Athletic Center has meant that the community has lost access to nearly 50,000 sq ft of publicly-accessible indoor recreation space. This has severely curtailed the programs our community can access, particularly for indoor winter athletics such as basketball and soccer, which deny scores of kids the opportunity to play sports and get sufficient exercise.</p> <p>Hill House would like to see this former public recreation space:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Built as a four-season, multi-purpose, flexible space of 25,000-30,000 sq. ft •Host indoor athletic programs and leagues, special events (including weddings, corporate meetings and fundraisers), community gatherings, and educational and environmental programming. •Provide rest rooms or storm shelter facilities to alleviate the gaping safety issue and basic health needs of the 3 million annual visitors to the Esplanade. •Allow a significant portion of the currently paved or covered 90,000 sq. ft facility to be converted to green park space, rather than the inaccessible concrete parking lot it has become. <p>Hill House has a lot of community support for this vision and is eager to work with the state and other community stakeholders to ensure that the Lee Pool site becomes a vibrant state resource that will serve residents and visitors alike. Thank you for your consideration in this matter and we look forward to partnering with the DCR to see this vision come to life.</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Lauren	Hoops-Schmieg	lschmieg@hillhouseboston.org	127 Mount Vernon Street		Boston	MA	02061

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34	Apr 25, 2017 11:10 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 25, 2017 Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. For those working in the surrounding area, it would be a welcome reprieve to have more accessible courts and green space. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Christian Mongillo 24 Anderson Street Boston, MA</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Christian	Mongillo	cmongi02@gmail.com	24 Anderson Street		Boston	MA	02114

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35	Apr 25, 2017 12:21 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 25, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet. •The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease. <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely, Eileen McCormack 75 West Cedar St. Boston, MA 02114</p>		Eileen	McCormack	emmccormack83@gmail.com	75 West Cedar St.		Boston	MA	02114

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36	Apr 25, 2017 12:44 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 24, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>Thank you for your efforts to plan a redevelopment of the Lee Pool area of the Esplanade.</p> <p>I am in full support of an indoor facility that includes AT LEAST enough space to include three tennis courts. I know that this size can accommodate many other athletic and community purposes.</p> <p>This area served public recreational purposes for many decades. It is time to restore it to a use that fits modern recreational needs. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Casey Tischer 22 Beacon St., 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02108</p>		Casey	Tischer	ctischer@gmail.com	22 beacon st.,	apt 3	boston	MA	02108

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37	Apr 25, 2017 1:00 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 24, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>Thank you for your efforts to plan a redevelopment of the Lee Pool area of the Esplanade.</p> <p>I am in full support of an indoor facility that includes AT LEAST enough space to include three tennis courts. I know that this size can accommodate many other athletic and community purposes.</p> <p>This area served public recreational purposes for many decades. It is time to restore it to a use that fits modern recreational needs. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Paisley Boney 34 1/2 Beacon Street Boston, MA</p>		paisley	boney	boneyp@gmail.com	34 1/2 beacon street		boston	MA	02108

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38	Apr 25, 2017 1:18 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 25, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade.</p> <p>I wanted to let you know that as an active member of the Boston community and a mother to a young family, I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone who wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Sarah Donovan 9 Brimmer Street Boston, MA 02108</p>		Sarah	Donovan	scmcneilly@gmail.com	9 Brimmer St.		Boston	MA	02108

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39	Apr 25, 2017 1:21 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 25, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet. The importance of public space in the Boston area cannot be underestimated.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. As a parent who takes her children to the Esplanade on a regular basis, it is very important to me to preserve this space for public use.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jennifer Millen 103 charter street Boston, MA</p>		jennifer	millen	jcmillen99@yahoo.com	103 charter street, unit 5		boston	MA	02113
40	Apr 25, 2017 2:51 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>My husband and I have two young daughters and we reside in Beacon Hill. We are in full support of the indoor facility that is being proposed and love to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, etc. It would also be wonderful if the space could be accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention and continued action to make this project a reality!</p> <p>Best, Annsley and Bobby McAleer</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Annsley and Bobby	McAleer	aheidtke@yahoo.com	47 Chestnut St.		Boston	MA	02108

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41	Apr 25, 2017 7:59 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet. •The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease. <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely, Chris and Alexis Egan and our four children - Madeline, Jack, Charlotte and Christopher</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Chris	Egan	cegan@adventinternational.com	45 Commonwealth Avenue	#1	Boston	MA	02116

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42	Apr 26, 2017 1:06 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 26, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Cesarina Templeton 142 Chestnut St #7 Boston, MA 02108</p>		Cesarina	Templeton	cessyt@gmail.com	142 Chestnut St	#7	Boston	MA	02108

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43	Apr 26, 2017 1:13 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 26, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>Thank you for hosting the 13 April public meeting regarding the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on Esplanade. I appreciated hearing from Maryann Thompson about the Esplanade's history and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining programming I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavillion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so everyone who wants access to the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jeneille Gooding 142 Chestnut St # 7 Boston, MA 02108</p>		Jeneille	Gooding	jeneille@me.com	142 Chestnut St	#7	Boston	MA	02108
44	Apr 26, 2017 5:28 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>I attended the recent charrette and I am very excited about the idea of finally doing something positive with the Lee Pool premises.</p> <p>I have three young children and my wife and I have lived in Beacon Hill and Charlestown for the last 15 years. The esplanade complex is a wonderful resource for local families as well as visitors from all over the world.</p> <p>I recognize certain interested parties reluctance to provide an amenity that is too heavily weighted toward local children but I urge the DCR to consider the original activation of the space as a community swimming pool in its decision process.</p> <p>Creating a complex which provides indoor recreation space for the surrounding neighborhoods seems to me to be the highest and best use for this premises particularly considering the prospect of year-round activation. Children living in the city desperately need this space and I believe there is still room and procurable funding to provide a vibrant community center and still meet the needs of the esplanade association as well as providing education space to enhance appreciation for and protection of the river as an invaluable natural resource.</p> <p>I think it would be tragic if the space doesn't get redeveloped at all due to gridlock and I suspect the means to fund something which addresses all parties' diverse interests rely heavily on providing recreation space for children.</p> <p>I hope that the DCR will think big and push the interested parties to create something magnificent which will stand as an icon for our great city to serve future generations.</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Jeffrey	Longnecker	jeff_longnecker97@yahoo.com	16 Tremont Street		CHARLESTOWN	MA	02129

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45	Apr 27, 2017 9:45 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>Thank you for addressing this wasted site. It sits at the heart of our city and should be a venue open for the enjoyment and use of all Massachusetts residents.</p> <p>For eight weeks in the fall and another eight in the spring, the Esplanade draws our downtown community together like no other place. With multiple soccer or baseball games happening simultaneously, the Esplanade becomes more than just a venue for a single revolving game--it becomes a place where neighbors get to know each other, where kids develop local friendships, and where a collection of individual families transforms into an authentic community. I have also been told by numerous visiting parents from suburban teams that playing an away game on the Esplanade is the highlight of their season.</p> <p>A four-season venue large enough to hold at least three simultaneous games would enable families to maintain those connections year-round, bridging the long winter gap between the soccer and baseball seasons. Please endeavor to approve a facility large enough to promote community and real ties among families, not a smaller venue that could only host a series of single games or practices.</p> <p>Thank you! Pam Baker</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Pamela	Baker	pamadamsbaker@yahoo.com	8 Marlborough Street		Boston	MA	02116
46	Apr 27, 2017 10:16 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>The Esplanade Association (EA) is excited to partner with DCR and other stakeholders to bring new life to the Charlesbank.</p> <p>As envisioned, the new river pavillion would provide educational and meeting space for the community and support outdoor activities as well as much-needed indoor alternatives lacking in Boston. It also could provide support for the ongoing maintenance and stewardship of the Park by EA. It would offer an opportunity to affect the health and engagement of the general community and provide daytime and after-work recreational opportunities for all ages. A compact footprint is essential, and the building design should be stacked (2-3 levels) to accomplish that and maximize green space for the parkland. Also, there is interest in a green roof or rooftop garden and/or greenhouse.</p> <p>Ideas for programming of the building and the surrounding area abound, but consensus is emerging around the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Community meeting space •Welcoming Center •Tennis court to replace courts being removed elsewhere •Multi-use space suitable for basketball, general exercise, venue rental •Office & storage space for staff, equipment and vehicles for DCR,EA •Outdoor space for trash, composting, plant nursery •Equipment storage •Shelter from inclement weather for ball field users •Small outdoor plaza/ venue space •Educational programming and Volunteer meeting spot •Charles River and Esplanade ecology/horticulture interpretation •Bathrooms, Café and Kitchen space <p>With our mission in mind, we support the Pavillion, but share a deep commitment to limiting its footprint and reclaiming as much green space as possible in the process of reimagining this unique riverside site. We also want to emphasize the importance of making the new structure sustainable from an environmental and economic perspective.</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Tani	Marinovich	tmarinovich@esplanadeassociation.org	376 Boylston Street		Boston	MA	02116

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47	Apr 27, 2017 11:18 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 27, 2017</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment, as well as hear about the history of the Esplanade and its recreational uses over the years.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavillion:</p> <p>I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it include youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.</p> <p>The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.</p> <p>Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jessica Schmitz 69 Hancock Street</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Jessica	Schmitz	jferrischmitz@gmail.com	69 Hancock Street		Boston	MA	02114

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48	Apr 27, 2017 11:25 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>April 27, 2017</p> <p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>Let me start with a heartfelt thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. It was very informative and well run. I especially appreciated the chance to hear directly from Maryann Thompson and see some schematics for comment.</p> <p>As requested, I am outlining the programming that I think would best benefit all visitors of the Esplanade, which includes supporting the communities who use the park as their backyard.</p> <p>First, I feel strongly that any design should incorporate the necessary components to make it an accessible and welcoming place for people of all abilities. I would fully support a special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities (like Community Boating) can do so with safety and ease. I also really liked the idea of Braille being a component of the visitor center if one is created.</p> <p>I am also in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed. While I can appreciate that the historical use of the space was primarily indoors, it just does not meet the needs of today's lifestyle and harsh New England winters. I envision this space could be used for youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances and also rented by private groups as a source of revenue to sustain the operational costs of the building.</p> <p>The incorporation of a classroom/learning center is also something that I think would be beneficial to the community. Adult and/or family lectures as well as partnerships with schools to learn about the nature you experience on the Charles.</p> <p>This is a chance to do something very meaningful for the residents of Massachusetts. Thank you.</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Alyson	Lindsey	alyson.lindsey@gmail.com	22 W Cedar St		Boston	MA	02108

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49	Apr 27, 2017 2:11 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>I am writing to express my support for the proposal that includes the largest facility that will accommodate at least 3 sport courts as well as be available to use for other purposes.</p> <p>I have been a Boston resident for 16 years, almost all of which residing in the South End. We have 2 boys, ages 10 and 6, who are very involved in sports and have been since they were 3. This academic year alone, they have played soccer, lacrosse, baseball, flag football and basketball for the South End youth basketball league, Hill House and Charlestown youth sports among others. In the past couple of years I've noticed a much higher degree of difficulty in securing space in Boston to participate in, what I would consider everyday activities that children play across the country, from soccer and football fields to basketball and tennis courts. Between the growth we have experienced to the loss of indoor space, its pretty easy to see why. The opportunity to revitalize a space that has remained tragically dormant for so long is something that we truly support and look forward to the day our children can use for years to come.</p> <p>At work and at home, I've often implored my family and co-workers to differentiate wants and needs. In my opinion, the 25,000 square foot multi-use facility is something the community and more importantly, local children need. I am of the opinion that sports and physical activity are vital to development both physically and mentally.</p> <p>On behalf of my family and many others, I thank you for your involvement in making this space available again to everyone.</p> <p>Very Truly Yours, Tracy Friedman</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Tracy	Friedman	trafriedman@gmail.com	485 Harrison Avenue	Apt 601	Boston	MA	02118
50	Apr 27, 2017 7:40 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion - deadline April 28, 2017	<p>Commissioner Leo Roy Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Roy,</p> <p>I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. It was very helpful to learn more about the project and to see such great support for the redevelopment of the site.</p> <p>While there were many great suggestions discussed in terms of programming, I'm most excited about the opportunity for the Lee Pool site to have more publicly accessible, indoor / outdoor, multipurpose space for recreational activities, cultural events and community gatherings.</p> <p>Thank you again for your consideration and help in making this area a special place for the Boston community to enjoy.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Andrew Boston, MA</p>	Please add my contact information to an outreach list on the selected topic, in order to receive future DCR updates and public meeting notices on the topic	Andrew	Harris	harrisao@gmail.com	26 Lime Street		Boston	MA	02108

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51	Apr 28, 2017 9:22 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion - deadline April 28, 2017			Anthony	Casendino	acasendino@casendinoandcompany.com	581 Boylston Street Suite 506,		Boston	MA	02166



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The Esplanade Garden Abode – Boston

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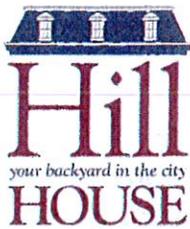
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Commissioner Leo Roy
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Dear Commissioner Roy,

I'd like to start by thanking you and the entire Massachusetts Department of Recreation and Conservation for involving Hill House in the planning process for the re-envisioned Lee Pool area. Hill House, an independent, nonprofit community center that has served families and neighbors in the greater Boston area for more than 50 years through our enrichment, athletic, and summer camp programs, special events, and community outreach initiatives. We have provided a way for our neighbors and the 2000 families we serve to connect and build stronger bonds.

At the heart of our mission are our youth athletic leagues that build skills, encourage teamwork, ensure much needed recreation and exercise, and foster friendships. However, in the past three years, the closure of Basketball City in the West End and part of the Boston Athletic Center in South Boston has meant that the community has lost access to nearly 50,000 sq ft of publicly-accessible indoor recreation space. This has severely curtailed the programs our community can access, particularly for indoor winter athletics such as basketball and soccer, which deny scores of kids the opportunity to play sports and get sufficient exercise. Massachusetts' population is on track to grow more than 12% in the next 20 years, with most of that growth concentrated in Boston and Cambridge. With 8,000 housing units currently in construction in Boston alone, and noting the Mayor's goal to add over 50,000 units by 2030, we know that we'll have to turn away even more families due to a shortage of indoor space. We ask—where are those families going to find recreational opportunities if the state and the city do not pro-actively create a safe, convenient, central location for residents? Boston is one of the only major cities/state capitals that does not have a publicly accessible indoor recreational space like Chelsea Piers in NY or the Kroc Center in Chicago.



Hill House is excited that the Lee Pool site is under review and being re-envisioned. Its central location along the river serves a number of Boston neighborhoods and adjacent cities and towns where many families, adults, and seniors would benefit from such a convenient resource.

Hill House would like to see this former public recreation space:

- Built as a four-season, multi-purpose, flexible space of 25,000-30,000 sq. ft
- Host indoor athletic programs and leagues, special events (including weddings, corporate meetings and fundraisers), community gatherings, and educational and environmental programming.
- Provide rest rooms or storm shelter facilities to alleviate the gaping safety issue and basic health needs of the 3 million annual visitors to the Esplanade.
- Allow a significant portion of the currently paved or covered 90,000 sq. ft facility to be converted to green park space, rather than the inaccessible concrete parking lot it has become.

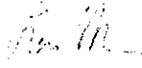
Hill House has a lot of community support for this vision and is eager to work with the state and other community stakeholders to ensure that the Lee Pool site becomes a vibrant state resource that will serve residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and we look forward to partnering with the DCR to see this vision come to life.

Sincerely,



Jesse Baker
Co-President



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April 21, 2017

Commissioner Leo Roy
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Dear Commissioner Roy,

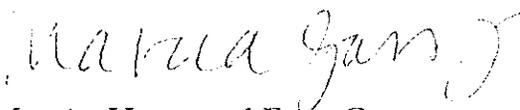
First, I would like to thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. Unfortunately I could not attend. I do know Maryann Thompson's work and am confident that she will have very good ideas for the space.

I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:

- I am in full support of the largest indoor facility that is being proposed and would like to see it to especially include youth athletics but also adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet.
- The suggestion to make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area to accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. is a necessary function so that everyone who wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so.

We have lived in Beacon Hill for over 15 years and have a 12 year old son who has to leave the neighborhood and often the city for indoor sport time and swimming. Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.

Sincerely yours,



Marcia, Harry and Evan Garvey

Catherine & Eric Sonis
21 Charter Street #102
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April 24, 2017

Commissioner Leo Roy
Department of Conservation and Recreation
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Dear Commissioner Roy,

First, I would like thank you for hosting the public meeting on April 13th with regards to the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade. As requested, I am outlining the programming that I would like to see incorporated into the Esplanade Pavilion:

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Many of us in the community have longed for something to be done with this space that would benefit visitors of the Esplanade, as well as the communities that it surrounds. We have two young sons -- ages 2.5 and 4 -- and are committed to raising them in the city. Facilities like this one make that option much easier and enjoyable for them in providing athletic and cultural opportunities within walking distance.

Thank you for your attention and for your continued action to make this project a reality.

Sincerely,





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Re: Esplanade Waterfront Pavilion

April 28, 2017

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Dear Commission Roy,

Thank you for beginning the conversation about the current Lee Pool site and its future use as the proposed Lee Pavilion.

The Conservancy supports revitalization of this site within the urban Charles River parklands and the DCR's Master Plan for the Charles River Basin (April 2002) for this shared public space.

The Master Plan lays out clear recommendations that the Charlesbank area remain a "flexible, multi-use area" that incorporates landscaping to "reinforce" passive and active use. The "Charlesbank Park" section (starting on p. 96) lists a series of six recommendations for the area. Although the establishment of the Ebersol Fields contradicts the fourth of these six recommendations, we hope DCR will pursue the other recommendations as it works to renovate the Lee area.

Perhaps, most important are the last two recommendations:

- ***Landscape the tennis courts to screen them and to blend with the river setting.*** Tennis courts and other intrusive and non-water dependent sport facilities should be accommodated off the river banks elsewhere in the Metropolitan Park System whenever possible.
- ***Redesign of the Lee Pool as a place for large gatherings and as a multi-use (rather than single-use) facility.*** A raised landscape platform facing south, for example, could provide an alternative stage area for large events. Public bathrooms, phones, and water fountains in this area are essential. (p.98)

We hope that DCR considers the operational needs of other river based friends groups who work and contribute to the vibrancy of the area, and not just the Esplanade Association and the Hill House Association. We look forward to better understanding the arrangement between EA, HHA, and DCR as this process moves forward, particularly with regard to public permitting and lease standards for public land and buildings.

No one group or organization should “own” or have priority control over this space—which is likely to happen if primary offices for any non-state organization are located within the building. We are very concerned about DCR’s recent proclivity (due to its own state of starvation) to give or sell public properties or control of public properties.

The DCR must plan for future maintenance and operation of any facility they build, as should any partners involved in the planning.

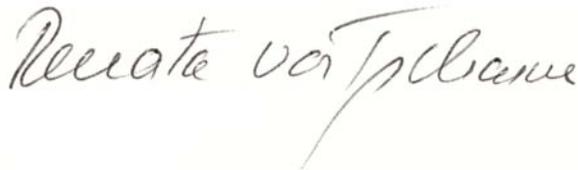
Although the neighborhood may feel indoor basketball facilities are needed, as park advocates we feel strongly that outdoor or multi-use indoor facilities will best serve the state park system. Ideally this would include the following public amenities listed under the proposed section of the handout from the first public meeting on this project: covered shelter, public bathrooms, community room, tennis court, drop off area, and bike service station. Two items listed under the proposed public amenities raise questions for us: the serving kitchen and flexible event venue. Our concern is around how these spaces would be used by the partner organizations for fundraising purposes specifically. If the “flexible event venue” can be used by other organizations (including to also do their fundraising) and for cultural events, we would welcome it.

Planning for the Lee Pavilion should also consider the inclusion of a Charles River Swim Park near by, just as was proposed in EA’s own Vision 2020 document. The activation of the waterfront should be taken into account as well, with planning for temporary docking of small non-motorized boats.

Although many in Boston’s Beacon Hill, Back Bay and West End neighborhoods view the Esplanade as their back yard, it should not be forgotten that this is a state park and should be managed as such—with facilities and space catering to that larger vision and water-dependent uses.

Thank you for your ongoing stewardship of our parklands and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renata von Tscharnner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Renata von Tscharnner
President and Founder

Dear Commissioner Roy,

I write to you regarding the redevelopment of the Lee Pool on the Esplanade.

I am in full support of the facility that is being proposed as I believe we need more recreational space to be dedicated to youth and adult athletics. I also think this space will be greatly utilized for community meetings, cultural performances and many other neighborhood needs.

I support having a welcoming drop off/pickup space to support families of all ages and abilities - whether that involves strollers, wheelchairs and any other necessary modes of transport. Obviously, ramps will be necessary as well.

The space is currently an eye sore and waste of what could be a real benefit to our community and city.

Thank You for your attention to this and for all of your hard work to make this project come to fruition.

Sincerely,
Allison Achtmeyer