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From: Ross Singer
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 8:01 AM
To: Oliver Allamby
Subject: FW: 2025-02-072 Inquiry
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Can you please add this correspondence and attachment to the city of Newport file 2025-02-072?

Thank you

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To: Ross Singer <rsinger@crmc.ri.gov>
Cc: Matt Page <Matthew.Page@gza.com>
Subject: RE: 2025-02-072 Inquiry

Ross,

The additional information for 1.3.1(G)(4) is attached.

Thank you,
Megan

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From: Megan Elwell
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 2:44 PM
To: Ross Singer <rsinger@crmc.ri.gov>
Subject: RE: 2025-02-072 Inquiry

Thank you! I will get that information to you shortly.

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From: Ross Singer <rsinger@crmc.ri.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 1:29 PM

To: Megan Elwell <Megan.Elwell@gza.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 2025-02-072 Inquiry

Hi Megan,

Sorry I didn't clarify, I need the additional cat B requirements for shoreline protection 1.3.1(G)(4)

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From: Megan Elwell <Megan.Elwell@gza.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 11:20 AM

To: Ross Singer <rsinger@crmc.ri.gov>

Subject: RE: 2025-02-072 Inquiry

Ross,

I have spoken with the team and provide answers to your questions below in red text.

Additionally, I am hoping for some guidance on which elements of the Category B criteria you would like to have addressed for the floats & bulkhead. Are you requesting more detailed responses for each piece of Section 1.3.1(A) included in the narrative, specific to the floating dock & bulkhead? Or are there other criteria you would like information on?

Thank you,

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From: Ross Singer <rsinger@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 8:53 AM
To: Megan Elwell <Megan.Elwell@gza.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 2025-02-072 Inquiry

Hi Megan,
No comments were received; however I could use some clarification on a couple issues.

Can you clarify the exact use of the site? Are any vessels berthed here permanently?

Perotti Park is the landing port for cruise ships into Newport and ferries to Providence, Jamestown, and Block Island (overnight berthing during summer); provides public transient slips; and is the location of the Newport Harbor Master building. Vessels permanently berthed at the Site include the Fire Department's fire boat and Save the Bay learning vessel.

What is the exact seaward expansion of each of the finger piers? What is the reason for the reconfiguration of the concrete floats?

The float alignment will be shifted approximately 2 ft seaward to accommodate the proposed sheet pile bulkhead, with re-alignment to be minimized to the extent feasible. Additionally, the northern-most finger (C-dock) will be shifted an additional 10' (12' total) seaward to accommodate swapping the northern access float along the bulkhead to a 20' wide float in order to match the adjacent access floats to the north and south. The previous 10' wide float was reportedly creating a pedestrian access pinch point and a safety concern during boat/ferry loading and unloading, when a significant number of pedestrians are attempting to access the floats and/or gangways. The additional 10' is required to maintain the existing berth length along the C-dock. The City is also requesting to reconfigure the layout of the concrete floats to widen the distance between B-dock and C-dock to allow for easier mooring/berthing of the vessels that currently use these slips.

What is the exact seaward expansion from most seaward face of the existing bulkhead to the most seaward face of the proposed bulkhead?

The new steel sheet piles will be installed within 2 ft of the existing bulkhead.

Thank you and I will keep you updated once we get a council hearing date.

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From: Megan Elwell <Megan.Elwell@gza.com>
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 11:54 AM
To: Ross Singer <rsinger@crmc.ri.gov>
Subject: RE: 2025-02-072 Inquiry

Hi Ross,

I wanted to check in on this project and see if there were any updates from the public comment period or for a Council hearing date?

Thank you,
Megan

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From: Ross Singer <rsinger@crmc.ri.gov>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 2025-02-072 Inquiry

Hi Megan,
We need to wait for any public comments, in addition to approval from HPHC and ACOE. A Water Quality certification From DEM may also be required. I will contact you if I have any questions during my review.

Ross

From: Megan Elwell <Megan.Elwell@gza.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 11:43 AM
To: Ross Singer <rsinger@crmc.ri.gov>
Subject: 2025-02-072 Inquiry

Good Morning Ross,

I noticed online that the public notice has been issued for Assent No. 2025-02-072, with an end date of May 14. I am curious if it has been added to the agenda for a Council hearing yet or if that is dependent on comments being received from the public?

Thank you,
Megan

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Perotti Park, Newport

Additional Requested Information

Red Book Section 1.3.1.G.4 (Structural Shoreline, Additional Category B Requirements)

- a. No new hybrid shoreline protection is proposed.
- b. The proposed bulkhead replacement is intended to protect, preserve, and encourage the longevity of Perotti Park as a resource for Newport's waterfront economy & recreation. Model scenarios were designed and run to calculate necessary conditions for the proposed design to withstand the Site's erosion hazards, including wind and storm conditions. Structural shoreline protection has existed along the property coastal feature since before 1975 (Assent No. 75-4-3). Nonstructural or hybrid solutions are not suitable to maintain present site conditions or usability.

There are no practical or reasonable alternatives to the proposed activities. Relocation of the marine facility is not feasible, as the City does not own or control other properties in the vicinity that could handle the numerous services provided by the facility.

The proposed structure is not likely to increase erosion or to disrupt the shoreline sediment dynamics presently sustaining the shoreline features as the shoreline has historically been man-made in this area. There are no natural shoreline features adjacent to the Perotti Park area.

The long-term maintenance program for the proposed structure will be similar to the existing structure, currently monitored and maintained by the City of Newport Public Works Department. The City is committed to the financial and physical maintenance of Perotti Park.

The structural shoreline protection has been designed and certified by a registered professional engineer.

Lateral shoreline access is currently not accessible along the coastal feature of Perotti Park. The existing bulkhead and dock system limits lateral access to the shoreline but allows access to the water via transient slips, ferry and cruise landing, and berthing space for public safety vessels. The proposed Site improvements would continue these access activities and enhance user safety.

- c. No breakwaters or jetties are proposed.
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- e. Proposed work is not in response to more than 50% of the structure being physically destroyed by wind, storm surge, waves, or other coastal processes.

Received

6/3/2025

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