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Jason,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on six proposals presented December 12, 2018 at a BPDA public meeting in response to the released July 16, 2018 RFP "...*The BPDA now requests proposals from interested, able, and ready proponents to activate the waterfront and watersheet of the Charlestown Navy Yard, specifically Dry Dock #2, the foot of Dry Dock #2, Pier 3, and the Harborwalk.*"(p. 8).

We support the proposal elements within RFP scope and designed to attract a diverse population from Boston neighborhoods currently lacking a meaningful connection to the waterfront; those designed to educate the public about marine science and the history of the Charlestown Navy Yard; and those elements addressing climate resilience. The RFP statement (p. 4) provides guidance " *the area continue to respect the past while transitioning to the present, creating opportunities for short- to mid-term improvements, including public amenities, programming, neighborhood enhancements and more*". We support the need for change through public-private partnerships as we envision a more vibrant neighborhood. Elements from several proposals listed below serve this goal and meet your criteria:

- Installation of uniform walkways along the Charlestown Navy Yard Harborwalk to ensure public safety for those, living, working and visiting here.
- Installation of signage and painted walkways designed to educate the public about the history of our neighborhood as well as provide way-finding information for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Activities to connect the public to the waterfront including designated fishing areas, kayaks, canoes, sailboats and interactive exhibits to teach about the marine sciences.
- Events and installations to entice the public to access the Harborwalk including rotating public art exhibits, fitness stations, a contiguous bike path and public boat docking.
- Creative "place making" including exterior lighting, tables, seating and shade sails located by the food trucks at the base of Dry Dock #2, and seasonal events ranging from farmer's markets to movie nights to ice-skating.

Other proposal elements are outside the scope of the July 2018 RFP. Until the BPDA releases a new RFP explicitly seeking proposals for considerable revenue generation involving long-term, large-scale, high-density projects, we ask you to focus on low impact, short to mid-term improvements with potential for goodwill and positive results. Give consideration to proposal elements in conformance with the Secretary of Interior's standards for historic preservation in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

The Board of the Navy Yard Garden Association, Inc.,

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"The Navy Yard Garden Association, Inc. shall help the Boston Planning & Development Agency revitalize and enhance its public open spaces within the Charlestown Navy Yard including Shipyard Park through planning, design, programming, and implementation for the benefit of residents and visitors alike".

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