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CHARLOTTE, NC 28210

Ms. Gennifer Reel
Park and Recreation
Administrative Building
5841 Brookshire Blvd.
Charlotte, N. C. 28216

Subject: Marion Diehl Pool

Dear Ms Reel,

I have been a deep water exercise instructor at the above facility for over 25 years and have witnessed remarkable results of the programs that are offered there.

I realize that the planned renovations there will ultimately improve the useability of the facility and will benefit everyone who uses the facility.

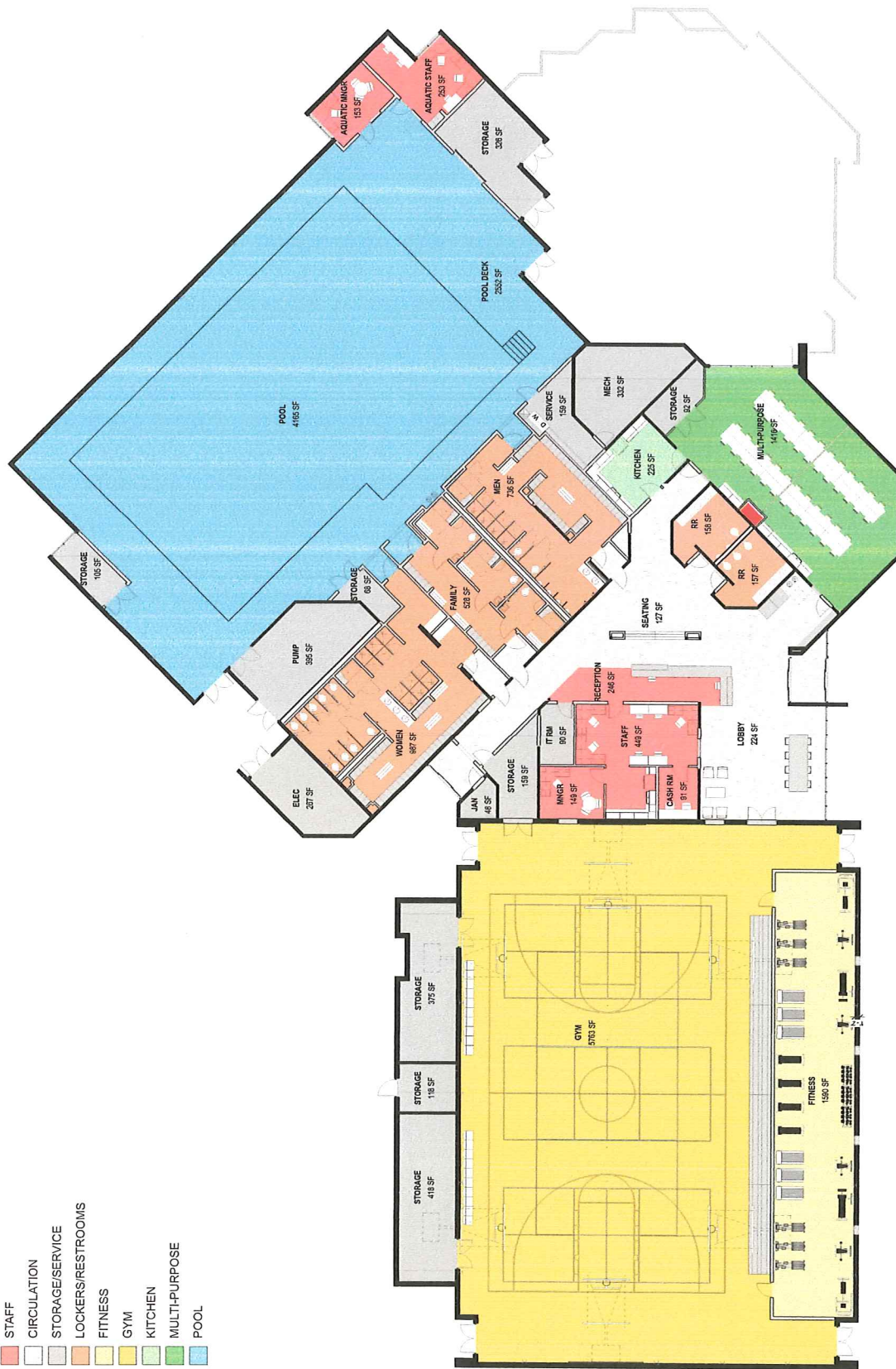
My concern is that the length of time planned for these renovations will be a tremendous loss to the people it serves, and may indeed cause a regression that will be difficult to recover from. To my knowledge this is the only warm, deep water, handicap accessible pool in Charlotte and therefore serves the needs of a unique population that find it difficult to deal with their physical limitations. In the past when repairs have been made they always ran over the estimated time by a significant amount, and if that occurs in this case it would have a significant affect on the handicap community.

My suggestions would be to keep the pool portion open as long as possible. Then, from what I have seen of the plans, it would appear you could "fast track" the aquatic portion to get that section functional as quickly as possible. In the plans I have seen, it would appear that the hall divides the aquatic part from the general use area and would allow the aquatic part to be finished more quickly. From what I understand, the pool itself will not require modification, shower dressing rooms will be enlarged, storage areas added, and administrative offices will be moved to the area. All of that work is on the aquatic side of the hall and could be accessed, upon completion, from the patio area without interfering with any work in the general use areas.

Again, I cannot emphasize enough how much this facility and the aquatic classes here impact the individuals who utilize it. Hopefully you will consider the needs of these people as you move forward with these much needed renovations.

Yours truly,

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