1952. Built in 1950, Presidential City echoes Le Corbusier’s "Towers in the Park" conception of the modern city. Amenities rare elsewhere in the city, such as car parks and swimming pools, were offered to new residents.
2014. After half a century, Presidential City had fallen into disrepair. Like many other "Towers in the Park", the complex lacked cohesive social spaces and urban connectivity.
Concept Sketches. The design of the Pool Club focuses on creating a respite from the stresses of modern life, with spaces for both individual relaxation and dynamic social interaction.
Site Plan. The new Sora Pool Club is programmed and designed for a wide array of activities to encourage socialization and escape from the stresses of daily modern life.
**Stormwater Strategy.** Surface runoff is directed toward vegetated planters, where underdrains collect stormwater into subsurface storage for slow release back into the watershed.
Presidential City Pool Club. The grassy slopes around the Pool Club shield the space from surrounding driveways.
Lights at Night. Nighttime lighting illuminates the space for late-night use.
**Cabana Bed Terrace.** Cabana Beds provide a shady retreat to read or relax.
Pergola over the Cabana Beds. Green hedges add lushness to the shady Cabana Beds.
Lounge and Reflecting Pool. Steps to the lounge float above the surface of the water.
Play Pool and Outdoor Kitchen. The positioning of the Outdoor Kitchens above the Play Pool allow children to play while adults socialize and grill out.
Outdoor Kitchen. Grills, ranges, prep space, and cold storage are available for cookouts.
Entry Plaza. The wooden trellis over the Entry Plaza mirrors the pergolas throughout the Pool Club.
Fitness Center. The Fitness Center overlooks the calming landscape of the pools.
Plant List

Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)

Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)

River birch (*Betula nigra*)

Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*)

Eastern redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)

Sioux crape myrtle (*Lagerstroemia x 'Natchez'*)

Sweetbay magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*)

Otto Luyken cherry laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus 'Otto Luyken'*)

Schipka cherry laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus 'Schipkaensis'*)

'Ice Dance' Sedge (*Carex 'Ice Dance'*)

Lily turf (*Liriope muscari 'Big blue'*)