

Dear City Manager and City Commission,

It is very disappointing that the city conveniently made the Civic Center a historical building weeks before the new wellness center location decision.

I think architects could make the new wellness center look more historic and make it match the existing civic center. It could be built higher up for the flood dangers.

I have a 10 and 9 year old. I volunteered in the snack bar of the civic center the past year for skate night and there is a gaping hole in the middle of the floor of where we serve food. I had to wear long johns and a down jacket because it was freezing. The heat is so inefficient and the tax payers are paying to heat the civic center. We served a corn dog to a gentleman and he brought it back because there was a mouse poop on the corn dog. There was a dead mouse when I arrived to help with skate night in a trap on the floor.

The civic center is a special place for everyone but it is inefficient and needs to be replaced. IT'S TIME! Our kids and future generations deserve better and we have the opportunity to build something awesome. I am not sure if you can take it off of the historic registry and the architects could make the new facility look like the civic center on the front or save the face of the structure and bulldoze the rest. How much does it cost to heat the civic center all winter? Most of the heat is lost from the floor in the snack bar area. I think the city commission should go work during skate night and see how freezing it is. The heat loss and inefficiency would anger most citizens if they knew about it.

I think the new wellness center should be built behind the civic center if nothing else. It can be built higher up. It needs to be walking distance from the schools.  
Thank you for your time and serving our community.

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