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Question/Comment

I want to say thanks to everyone working so hard on the Wellness Center Project.

While all of the locations have their pros and cons, I am concerned about the issue of flooding if the center is built on the property where the Civic Center is located. If flooding can be mitigated, what is the cost of that project? Additionally, was the land actually a landfill, as Patricia Grabow states? If so, what is the stability of that land?

Can the Wellness Center be built at Sacajawea Park and the land where the Civic Center is currently located be turned into a park?

While I don't want to see Sacajawea Park go away, maybe this is an option that will keep the center near the schools and allow the public plenty of parking.

The Soccer fields location might be nice for a smaller wellness center, but is not ideal for a large center, when the majority of the population using the center lives on the south side of the RR tracks.

The Katie Bonnell park is also a nice location and offers residents in that area, who are primarily low income easy access to the park. That location does offer access from multiple points across the RR tracks, but is the land affected by the superfund site?

Washington School seems like a great option, but as a parent of a school aged child, I feel that the school system should keep that building as a resource for events, possible housing for teacher (by turning it into condos), and a playground for the residents in that area. Again, this might be a great location for a small wellness center to address the needs of the residents on the North side.

I'm sure there would be a lot fo public scrutiny about turning a large portion of Sacajawea Park into a Wellness Center, but I also think that expanding the park over to the Civic Center area offers residents, skate boarders, school kids and the elderly more options to enjoy the riverfront.