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Question/Comment

A few of my thoughts regarding the location of the wellness center.

1) the city of Livingston already has a large amount of recreational opportunities in the Sacajawea Park area. The park is a quintessential part of Livingston with his character in services that are already there. I believe adding the recreation center to an already popular area seems redundant. Aesthetically putting a multi million dollar new structure and tearing down the completely useful Civic Center seems like a waste of resources. The Civic Center as it stands now may not serve the needs of everything in public, but it's serves many purposes already that would be eliminated with it being torn down. This, including pickle ball, open gyms for children that are hanging out at the park, skate night, etc. Why not build another facility and leave the one we have.

2) FLOODPLAIN! I find it absolutely shocking that the city and county would allow for a monster facility in a floodplain when regular people that live within the floodplain aren't allowed to even add a wooden pole barn to their properties. How is this exception going to be viewed by citizens. We also have witnessed multiple times now. The disaster that happens when these unexpected flights come in and facilities are within the floodplain. Please remember just in the last couple of years our hospital for flooding. Seems insane.

3) park county is growing and it cannot grow in the downtown area as much as I can in the north side areas. There are many many families out there and there are zero resources and infrastructure on that side of town for these families. I think it's very shortsighted to build something just so some people can walk to it. What about all the people that are on the north side of the tracks? I have to drive to absolutely everything in the city? There's ample room there and a perfect sit with the already built north side soccer fields. Plenty of room for expansion and parking. As well as servicing the growing part of town. With no floodplain issues.

4) that being said, maybe this will be an impetus to finally get an overpass or underpass on the books, so that people can safely get back-and-forth to all parts of our community.

5) I believe they rec center as an anchor service and building would also spur different types of economic development on the other side of the train tracks. Small, grocery stores, etc.

6) in all, I think, a recreation facility of some scale, not the scale that was drawn in the original drawings, I think that's too much for this community, but something needs to happen at some point, but under no circumstances, should it be in Sacajawea Park. I think it's extremely shortsighted and will have a trickle down effect of unintended consequences that are not good for our community if there.

6) arguments, that it needs to be close to the high school or for Lauren can people to walk to seem extremely vague and not thought through. We have lower income people all over the city and they seem to be able to get to places everywhere. We also have a window White rider transit that could get people where they need to be, just as we do now. maybe this will also help include ridership and justify the Windrider service more than it's being utilized now.

6) the schools would figure out how to get kids to a facility if it's served children. So would parents. Kids ride bikes. People do walk. I promise you that people would be driving their cars if they lived on South Yellowstone to get to the rec center. This isn't about access in terms of walking or cars.