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Livingston City Commission
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Dear Esteemed City Commissioners and Mr. Gager:

I am writing to express my opinion regarding the proposed sites for the 4 Ranges Community Wellness Center and its amenities. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the 4 Ranges Foundation; however, I am writing this letter as a citizen of Livingston, a daily user of the current outdoor swimming pool, and a frequent user of the Civic Center.

In regards to the aquatics amenities, I feel the most important feature is a 6 lane 25 meter swimming pool as this presents the greatest options for a variety of uses-fitness swimming, swim teams both youth and Master's which could generate funds for the facility and the city, water aerobics, swim lessons, and therapy (I am also a physical therapist).

In regards to the sites, I would like to present what I feel are the pros and cons of each possible location.

Northside Soccer Park

Feasible site as it is near other sports amenities.

Cons: Not within the New Market Tax District so may require more fundraising.

Washington School

Feasible site as is good use of in-fill in community planning.

Cons: Owned by the School District. The current School Board seems reluctant to make major decisions in a timely and effective manner. Outside the New Market Tax District.

Katie Bonnell Park

Feasible site only because it is in the New Market Tax District.

Cons: It is a Superfund site and to develop properly it would seem to need abatement of the entire Brown Field that encompasses it and the private land adjacent to it that is owned by the railroad. It is also next to the old incinerator which, when operational, would have released heavy metal toxins that settled in the soil around it. There is also a covered asbestos pile which is close to the park.

Civic Center

Feasible site because it is in the New Market Tax District and near to 3 out of the 4 schools in the Livingston School District.

Cons: Concerns regarding the Yellowstone River and potential flooding which could be managed with proper engineering. Significance of the Civic Center which has been voiced by people who most likely have not used the facility for recreation in the recent past.

Unfortunately, there does not seem to be a clear cut winner for the best site. I do believe that this town really could benefit from a facility such as this and that now is the opportunity to make it a reality.

Sincerely,
Caroline Rehder

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