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Question/Comment

I have read some valid points made about scaling back the size of this project to basically a pool. It seems an impossibility to satisfy the multiple desires everyone has in any of the 4 proposed locations. However perhaps if there were a separate metal building erected onsite on the grounds of the high school we could more economically accomplish our goals.

An idea was floated to build a metal field house on or near the high school's baseball field, with an indoor track, turf for indoor field sports, and room for other things at an affordable building price of around \$600K. This would satisfy the need of an after-school wellness and activity center in walking distance to schools, and provide interaction between students and community members using the walking track and anything else positioned in the building.

A smaller scaled wellness center with a pool could be built elsewhere, but PLEASE NOT at the current civic center site. Sacajawea Park is a sacred space in this community, and is in a flood plain. Katie Bonnell Park seems a more logical site for a pool with room to expand for parking and is closer to neighborhoods with more children and to the Main Street railway underpass. A center with a smaller foot print and a smaller price tag (read: individual tax increase) would garner more community support on the ballot in a year when we're already feeling the sting of a huge property tax increase.

A therapeutic temp pool would be an absolute gem for everyone in our community and I hope we can come together on an affordable plan that will satisfy. After all, this is a luxury at a time when many in our community don't even have the basics--affordable housing and a living wage.

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