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May 16, 2021

Great Falls City Commission
c/o Lisa Kunz,
City Clerk
PO Box 5021
Great Falls, MT 59403

Dear Great Falls City Commission:


I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of Get Fit Great Falls Inc, a local nonprofit focused on issues surrounding the health of Cascade County residents, to support the aquatics center proposed for Lions Park.

Get Fit Great Falls Inc is a partnership between many organizations, both public and private. We strive to promote the benefits of healthy lifestyles to Great Falls and Cascade County through a unified community effort that encourages cultural and system change. The new recreation and aquatics center is a much needed community resource. Since the closure of the Natatorium in 2018, there has been a lack of opportunities for safe, indoor swimming. Lions Park is a good location for this facility. It is close to residential areas, easily accessible by pedestrians and vehicles and there is the potential for public transportation access.

According to County Health Ratings.org, Cascade County ranks 2nd in the state for the physical inactivity rate. The more opportunities available for physical activity in the community the better. This is an outstanding opportunity for Great Falls to partner with Malmstrom AFB to provide a high quality indoor aquatic center for our community thus increasing the opportunity for physical activity.

The proposed aquatics facility will be an excellent community resource that will provide physical activity opportunities for years to come.

Sincerely,



Clark Carlson-Thompson
President, Board of Directors
Get Fit Great Falls, Inc

From: [Lisa C. Kunz](#)
To: [Bob Kelly](#); [Mary Sheehy Moe](#); [Owen Robinson](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Tracy Houck](#)
Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Steve Herrig](#); [Craig Raymond](#); [Krista Artis](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda item 12 aim high big sky
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:20:21 PM

Good Afternoon – one of four more written comments submitted prior to the noon deadline for consideration of Item 12 this evening.

Lisa

City Clerk/Records Manager
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From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:18 PM
To: 'T.J. ferrin' <tjferrin@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Agenda item 12 aim high big sky

T.J - Thank you for your written comments to share with the Commission and appropriate staff.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

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From: T.J. ferrin <tjferrin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 11:55 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Agenda item 12 aim high big sky

I am in favor of the aquatics center. Please pass! Thanks!

-TJ Ferrin

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Steve Herrig](#); [Craig Raymond](#); [Krista Artis](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda item 12 - Aim High Big Sky
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:21:03 PM

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Lisa

From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:18 PM
To: 'Bill Ferrin' <BILLFERRIN@msn.com>
Subject: RE: Agenda item 12 - Aim High Big Sky

Bill - Thank you for your written comments to share with the Commission and appropriate staff.

Best regards,

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From: Bill Ferrin <BILLFERRIN@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 11:46 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Agenda item 12 - Aim High Big Sky

Dear City Commissioners,

The Military Affairs Committee (MAC) fully backs the Aim High Big Sky Aquatics Facility & Resolutions presented tonight. This will be beneficial to the airmen and all of Great Falls. I cannot think of a better partnership between the City of Great Falls and Malmstrom.

We ask that you pass both resolutions.

Thank you,

Bill Ferrin
Military Affairs Committee Chairman

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Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Steve Herrig](#); [Craig Raymond](#); [Krista Artis](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda item 12 - Aim High Big Sky
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Lisa

From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:18 PM
To: 'andy ferrin' <andy_ferrin@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Agenda item 12 - Aim High Big Sky

Andy - Thank you for your written comments to share with the Commission and appropriate staff.

Best regards,

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From: andy ferrin <andy_ferrin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 11:42 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Agenda item 12 - Aim High Big Sky

(wanted to make sure I put the right headline in)

Dear City Commissioners,

The Downtown Great Falls Association is in full support of Resolution 10400 & 10402.

The Aquatics Facility will greatly increase the quality of life for both Malmstrom and the citizens of Great Falls and the Surrounding area.

Please pass both resolutions.

Thank you,

Andy Ferrin
Downtown Great Falls Association Board Chair

From: [Lisa C. Kunz](#)
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Cc: [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Steve Herrig](#); [Craig Raymond](#); [Krista Artis](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 12- Aim High Big Sky
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Lisa

From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:17 PM
To: 'Kellie Pierce' <kellie@downtowngreatfalls.net>
Subject: RE: Agenda Item 12- Aim High Big Sky

Kellie - Thank you for your written comments to share with the Commission and appropriate staff.

Best regards,

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From: Kellie Pierce <kellie@downtowngreatfalls.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 11:39 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Agenda Item 12- Aim High Big Sky

Hello Mayor and Commissioners,
I am writing in support of the Conditional Use Permit for the new aquatics center on behalf of the Downtown Great Falls Association. While the facility is not in the Downtown district we feel that it is a great benefit to the community and will ultimately benefit downtown with the number of competitions and visitors it will bring to Great Falls.

Kellie Pierce
Director of Operations
Downtown Great Falls Assoc.

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Great Falls, MT 59401

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Subject: FW: 12. Aim High Big Sky Indoor Aquatic and Recreation Facility – Lions Park.
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 10:15:39 AM

Good Morning – see written comments from Joan Redeen.

Lisa

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From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 10:14 AM
To: 'Joan Redeen' <caredeen@aol.com>
Subject: RE: 12. Aim High Big Sky Indoor Aquatic and Recreation Facility – Lions Park.

Good Morning Joan – thank you for your written comments for Commission consideration of Agenda Item 12 during this evening's meeting.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

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From: Joan Redeen <caredeen@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 10:10 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: 12. Aim High Big Sky Indoor Aquatic and Recreation Facility – Lions Park.

Good afternoon,

As a resident of the City of Great Falls, I encourage you to support this project - it is a fantastic project and the residents of this City will benefit for years to come. Thank you for your consideration.

Joan Redeen ☺❤

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Keep smilin!

People are made to be loved and things are made to be used. There is much confusion in the

world today as things are being loved and people are being used....unknown