

## **Candidate Responses**

**Question: "What is your position on a potential recreational facility in CPN and how do you see such an effort fitting into the city's long term plan?"**

### **Maureen Shul, Mayor**

A recreation center in CPN has been needed for many years and I feel strongly this effort should be a top priority in our city's long term goals.

A recreation center benefits every segment of our populace, helps 'complete' our community, positively impacts our property values, and will promote economic growth in our local business district.

We must now work together to explore every option available to fund the construction as well as the ongoing management and operations, including possible partnerships with outside entities, to ensure we bring a first-class amenity to CPN in the most cost-efficient way possible.

### **Doug Gilbert, Treasurer**

A community recreation center in CPN is essential! My work for a rec center started in 2002 with active involvement in original effort, and continues to this day. The next six months are essential to securing a site, especially on the Lagae parcel. If elected as Treasurer, I will work with the developer and the rec center group to secure a site. Property or sales tax increases for a rec center should be avoided, based on my extensive analysis of our tax profile when studying incorporation. Construction and operation of the center must be financed using creative public-private partnerships.

### **Paul Oehm, Treasurer**

I believe a recreation center is an essential element to completing our new city and necessary for us to remain competitive with other South Metro communities. With three active children and having coached

many teams of CPN kids for the past 10 years, I previously voted yes to a recreation center.

Our new City Government will need to work closely with the Recreation Center Group and the various demographic groups impacted to ensure that our recreation center is achieved in a fiscally responsible manner without unfairly impacting certain groups of citizens in our community.

**Vivian Hallberg, Treasurer**

I would love to see a recreation center in Castle Pines North. Shortly after moving here, I inquired about the issue. It is especially important to me because I have young children and want to make sure they have a safe indoor place to play. I think it is important that space is allotted somewhere because we have limited parcels. It may not appear financially feasible immediately but I think it is important to find a way to meet the communities overall goals . . . this being one of them.

**Jennifer Havercroft, Council, Ward 1**

I believe our community is well overdue for a recreational center and I would like to see our city pursue responsible and thoughtful planning and building of this desired space. The idea of partnering with an organization or group is one way to help keep costs to residents down. A recreational center will not only add value but is a much needed amenity for our community. After listening to the initial work started by the rec center group I feel a recreation center is a very real possibility that all residents would enjoy and use.

**Bill Porter, Council, Ward 1**

I am in full support of a recreation center. Should I become a council member I will need to balance the wishes of all city residents. From the information you have provided it would appear that the majority of people would like this center built and I would support their wishes.

Once the details are finalized, I would be more that willing to take this issue to a vote of our residents for what ever funding will be necessary.

### **Howard Cohen, Council, Ward 1**

When my wife and I moved to CPN, our greatest disappointment was the absence of a community recreation center. So, from a personal perspective I would love to see a center developed for the community. I am however greatly concerned about what financial impact such an undertaking would have on CPN. My priority is to assure a fiscally responsible city government limiting resident tax burden. I know your Group has done significant research into this issue. If there is a fiscally responsible way to build and operate a facility for CPN, I would be an adamant supporter of the project.

### **Kim Hoffman, Council, Ward 2**

I believe that a recreation center in the City of Castle Pines North is an amenity that will add value to our community and potentially add visitors for our businesses and tax revenue to the city. I understand from my limited involvement with the Recreation Center Committee that a regional facility could potentially lower the subsidized responsibility of the city to keep the facility operational. I know that the Lagae Developers are offering donated land for a recreation center. This opportunity presents a need for a feasibility study for City Council to determine the likelihood of this amenity option. The study will provide the city with the data to determine the expense to homeowners and to the city weighed against the cities revenue stream and current expenditures. The community needs to decide based on the results of the study if they want to support a recreation center. If the city can partner with the Lagae Developers in the design phase of the development, City Council can address adequate parking and traffic concerns. As a City Council Member I would like to support a feasibility study with the help of the Parks Authority to secure a viable plan for the development of a local or regional recreational center in the future.

### **Chip Coppola, Council, Ward 2**

A recreational facility would be a wonderful and long overdue amenity for Castle Pines North. I believe that it should be built in stages, over time, for financial reasons. It should be part of a civic center to also house city offices, a “senior center”, a library (if not already built) and

the like. This would give our new city recreational amenities as well as a sense of greater community. This could be done by setting aside a site on the Lagae parcel and then constructing the facility when funds are available. It is NEEDED – not just wanted.

**Ron Clark, Council, Ward 3**

I support a recreation center in the City of Castle Pines North because it will be an asset to our community and support home values as well as offer opportunities to youth and adults as like. If siting issues can be resolved in the short term, I would be pleased to work with your group to talk with possible financial supporters in the near future. Thank You.

**Carol Finnegan, Council, Ward 3**

I am totally supportive of a new recreation center in CPN. There are many positive impacts on the community...it will increase property values, it will the local residents revenue in the city, it will bring new revenue from outside the city from others using the facility. I would like to see a full service center which will include a senior center, with full services and classes for the senior population. I would like to see a senior shuttle for CPN to take residents to the center. I think the senior services are critical with so many baby boomer and retirees in CPN.

It is my understanding that the developer of LaGae has included a parcel in that development for the rec center. If I am elected, I will support the effort to secure the site and would like to learn more about how we can fund the construction without having to raise taxes. There must be a way. I look forward to working with your group in that effort.

Keep up the good work and thank you for coming forward and spearheading this effort which will benefit everyone.

**Stacie Sneider, Council, Ward 3**

A recreation center will complete the neighborhood, bring the community together, and raise property values. I am definitely in favor of a Rec Center. The location on the Lagae property is perfect

to provide the facility we want and a boost to our businesses. I intend to work hard to promote a center that can house recreation, and possibly other civic uses that our community needs. The City Council is going to have a lot on the table that will need done ASAP. Once we get the major priorities solved (finance structure, water, road safety and maintenance) we can focus on the Community Center.

The Lagae annexing and land use will need done as one of the first tasks. We need this for water but it also brings with it some good perks. A community center falls into our priorities because it boosts the economy and brings our families together. The important thing in the next three months will be to zone the space now to pave the way for a Community Center.

### **David Neely, Council, Ward 3**

It's one of the final pieces of the puzzle to **complete** our community. It's long overdue and should be a top priority in the short term, making sure that solid planning, possibly two phases, and immediate zoning is secured.

We need to actively work together to understand the various needs of our diverse community, and create solid financial approach which serves the entire community and ultimately improves our day to day lives, plus improves our property values.

I will listen to the community, seek partnerships, and work to strengthen the overall economic and social benefits a center brings to CPN.

### **Dave Verebelyi**

A recreational facility is a necessary amenity for our new city. The Recreation Committee has done an exceptional job of laying the ground work to move forward. I believe the next step in achieving this goal is having the appropriate feasibility study performed. If city council is able to approve that in an efficient manner, a vote could take place as soon as November. The Lagae development makes the most sense as far as location for several reasons, Chris Fellows have given a verbal approval to use the land, it has a logical traffic pattern and it would help bolster the businesses in that area. If we

build the center in stages we may be able to afford it sooner rather than later. We may also be able to find creative ways to finance it, either through private funding or redirecting funds saved from consolidation other city or HOA contracts.i