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Resident Comment, Mary Taylor

GOOD EVENING,
PLEASE, consider communicating with the town residents **BEFORE**, spending \$117,230 on Phase 1 of 4, for Public Engagement and Design of a community center in Bert Bostrum Park. I do remember a brief request to fund a community center, but to my knowledge there has been no public workshop or shared written information regarding the large proposed project, or an official commission vote.

This town (pop 9,000) is now experiencing ongoing, growing, stressful and legal, situations. The addition of another risky building project at this time, doesn't seem wise. The recent visit and update from our state representatives, presented a bleak outlook for our near future. I'm asking the commission to consider the many pros and cons of initiating a massive, long term debt before even sharing basic information such as estimated cost of construction, operational and maintenance expenses, with all town residents. It's not that hard to find out local information. I have spoken to people who live and work in North Palm Beach (pop 14,000) about their community center, and the Acreage (POP 60,000) would like to build a Community Center, but is challenged primarily by high construction cost...and their community and infrastructure priorities. A lot to discuss at a Saturday workshop before spending \$117,230 on another outside study. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.