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Riverton City Council – Group Decision Making Packet – Version 5.2.11

As a group, discuss the questions in this packet and have one city council member (student) record your group's agreed upon responses.

1. Impacts of building the shopping center on water quality in Riverton.

A. If the shopping center is built, what does your group predict will be the impacts on water quality in Riverton? Please provide a scientific explanation of how you think building the shopping center will lead to the impacts you predict.

B. What evidence provided to the city council supports your prediction?

C. Please comment on how adequate your group thinks the evidence is and why.

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2. Impacts of building the shopping center on biological resources in Riverton.

A. If the shopping center is built, what does your group predict will be the impacts on biological resources in Riverton? Please provide a scientific explanation of how you think building the shopping center will lead to the impacts you predict.

B. What evidence provided to the city council supports your prediction?

C. Please comment on how adequate your group thinks the evidence is and why.

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3. Impacts of building the shopping center on carbon dioxide emissions in Riverton.

A. If the shopping center is built, what does your group predict will be the impacts on carbon dioxide emissions in Riverton? Please provide a scientific explanation of how you think building the shopping center will lead to the impacts you predict.

B. What evidence provided to the city council supports your prediction?

C. Please comment on how adequate your group thinks the evidence is and why.

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4. Additional impacts.

A. If the shopping center is built, does your group predict any additional impacts for the city of Riverton besides those mentioned above? Please explain how you think building the shopping center would lead to these impacts.

B. What evidence supports your prediction?

C. Please comment on how adequate your group thinks the evidence is and why.

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5. Does your group think that you currently have enough information to make a decision? YES NO

A. If NO, what other information and/or studies would your city council group need to make an adequately informed decision about whether or not to sell the city land and allow the shopping center to be built in Riverton?

6. Given the information that you have now, does your group think that selling the land to build the shopping center would meet the city's requirement of maintaining the overall environmental quality of the city?

YES NO THERE IS DISAGREEMENT IN THE GROUP

If there is disagreement in your group, how many group members selected yes and how many selected no?

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6. At this time, given the information that is currently available, the city council should vote on whether or not to allow the park to be sold and the shopping center to be built.

If your group has requested additional information and studies, this vote can serve as a preliminary vote to be revisited once the additional information has been gathered. Indicate the city council's vote below*.

Number of Votes IN FAVOR OF Building Shopping Center	Number of Votes AGAINST Building Shopping Center	Final Decision (YES or NO to Shopping Center)

(*If there are an even number of city council members and the vote result is a tie, the council members should continue to discuss until a decision is made. If no decision can be made, the council can put names in a hat, pick one group member's name out the hat, and that council member can serve as the "city mayor" and make the final decision for the group.)

7. Why does the city council think this is the best decision for the City of Riverton? (What reasons support or justify the decision of the city council?)