Please share why you're here today.

To provide input and hear about what project scope is.

Architect interested to learn more about the potential project

To learn more about the future development

To learn more about the rec center, hopefully share the news in the community for youth sports as well as a need for all in the community

To learn where this facility would be located and what things would be inside such a facility.

To see what is proposed.
To represent walkers

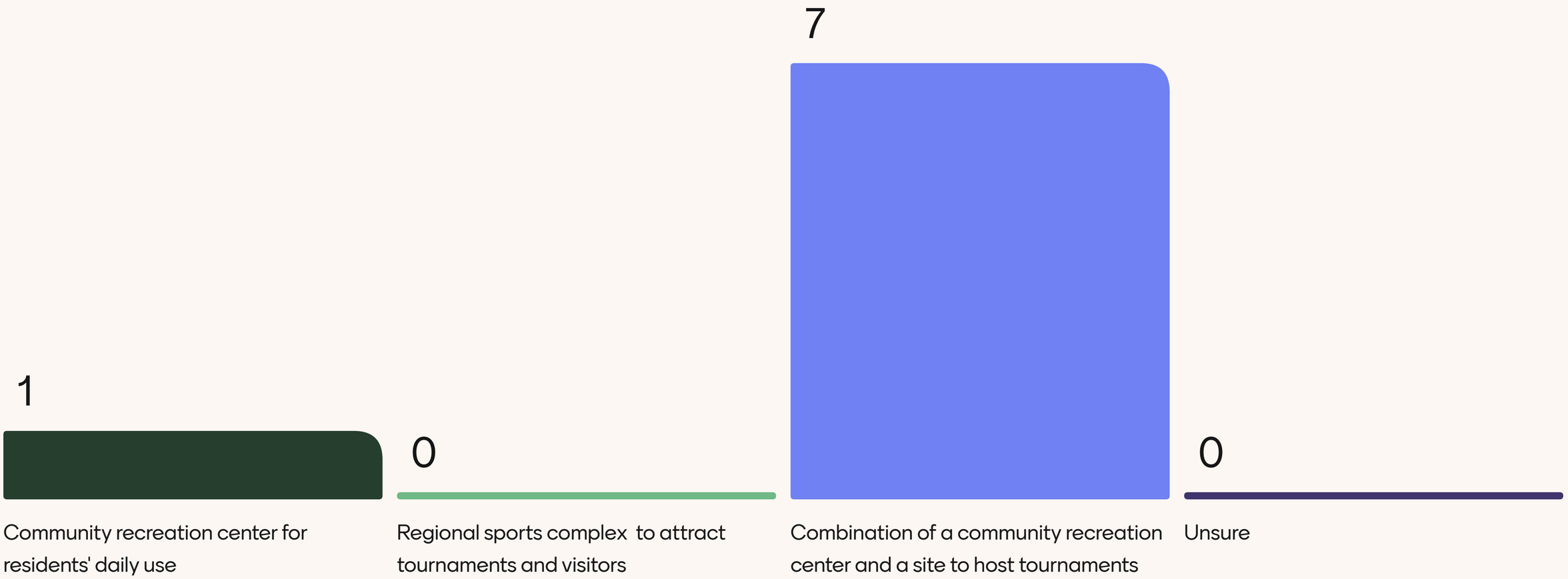
Ames is a great community but in the athletics facilities realm, we are way behind.

I'm here to listen, learn more about the possibilities, and better understand how a recreation center could meet the needs of our growing community.

What are your top three features for an Indoor Recreation Facility?

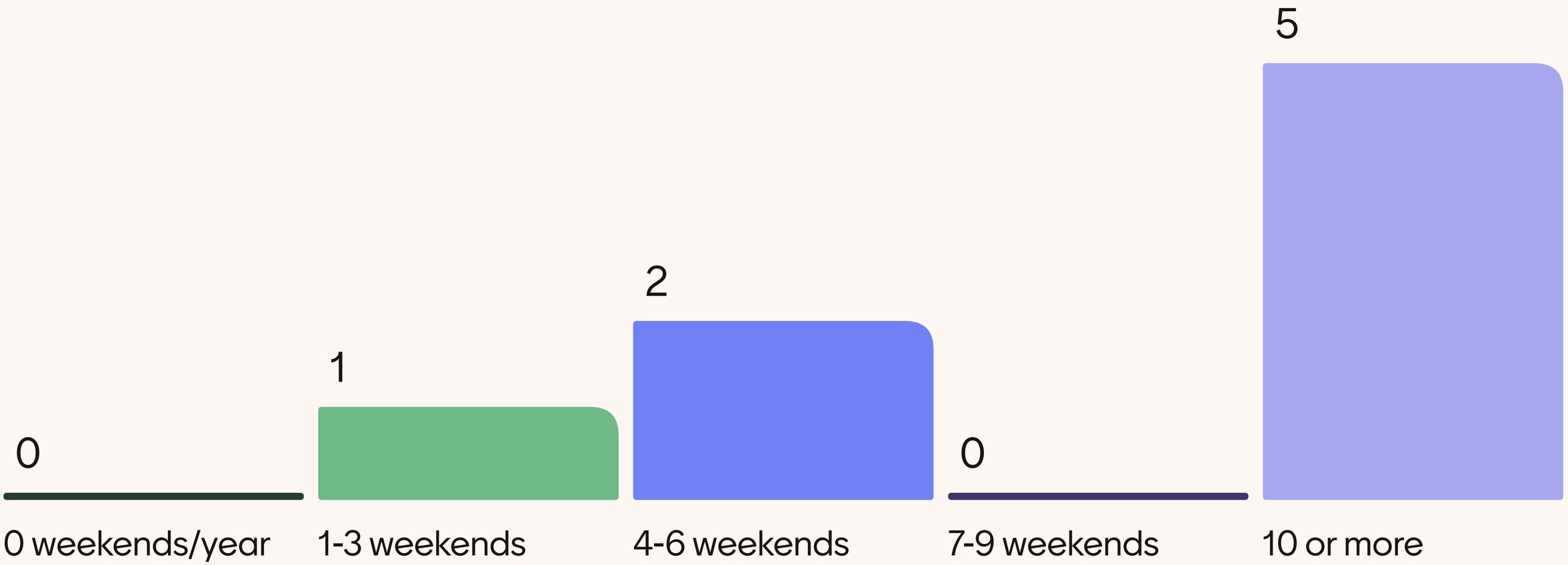


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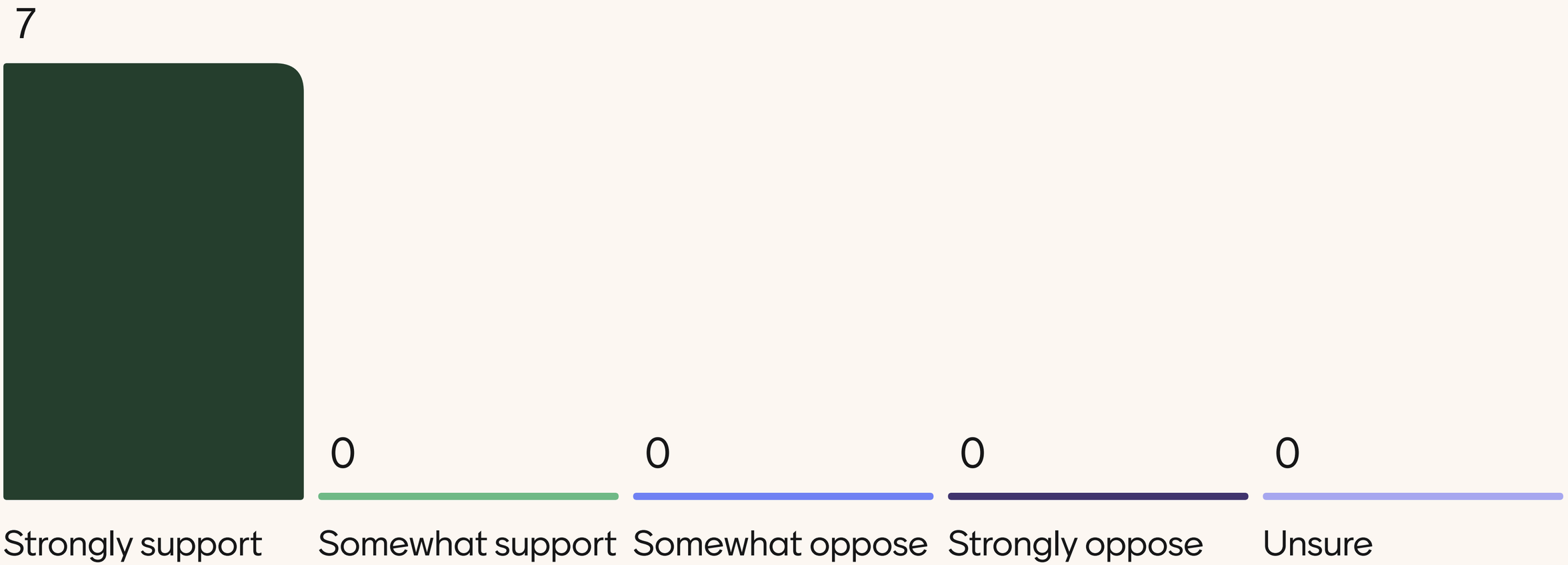
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Do you support pursuing an Indoor Recreation Center?



Any other comments to share as we continue this process?

I am excited for the prospect of an indoor rec facility. Please make sure it is located on a CyRide route so it is easily accessible for all.

I encourage us to think long-term, explore partnerships, and consider a flexible facility that can grow with Ames not just for residents but visitors, tournaments and local clubs.

Youth sports would bring a lot of visitors to Ames. People love coming to this community, but they need reasons to come here over other communities who do have these facilities.

At one point All Iowa Attack was going to sell the big gym out west, to ISU for wrestling. Fell through. Any chance AIA still wants to unload it? May be worth asking.

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Please share why you're here today.

Ames Wrestling Club Director

I am curious about this potential project.

Learn and support

Run youth sports programs and need indoor space

I think Ames would benefit greatly from a facility of this type, interested in hearing more.

Think that an indoor rec facility would be a great addition to Ames, want to learn more

Wanting more information. Concerned about financial aspect.

I'm concerned about how public dollars are spent and to whose benefit.

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Please share why you're here today.

Sit on a youth board and have kids in youth sports where I have to take them out of Ames for indoor practice facilities. Would like to stay home & keep my money in my community.

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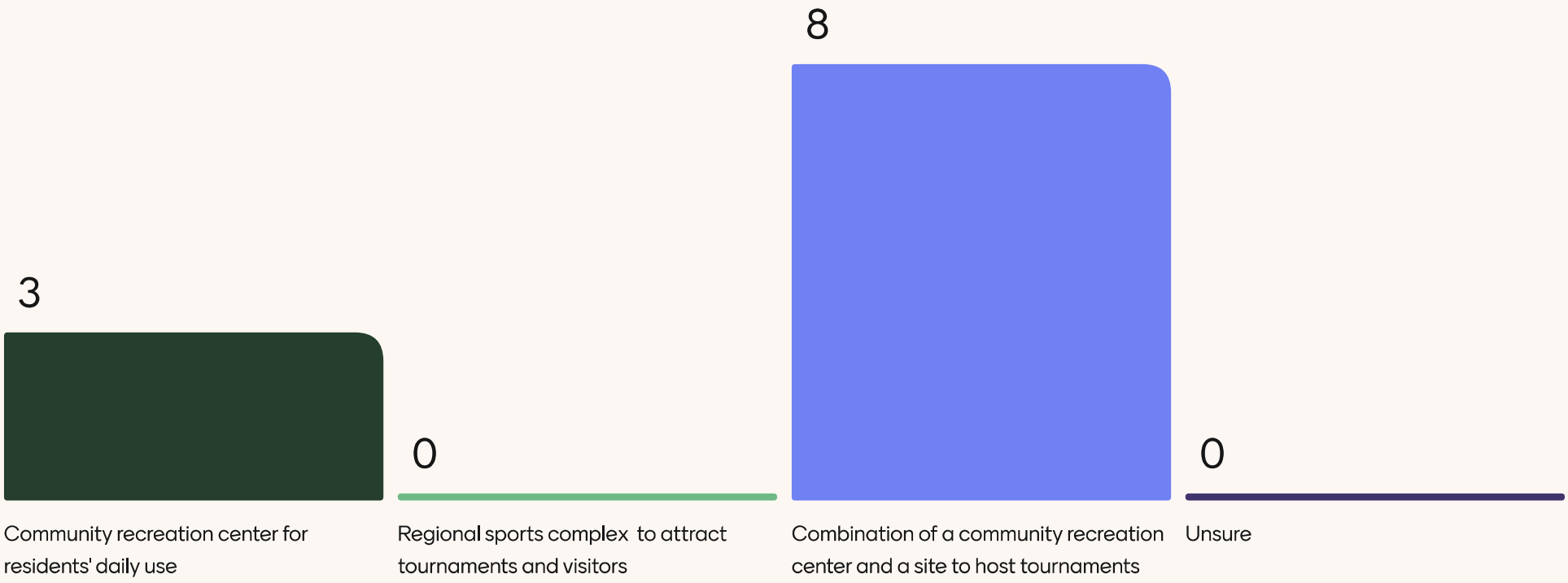
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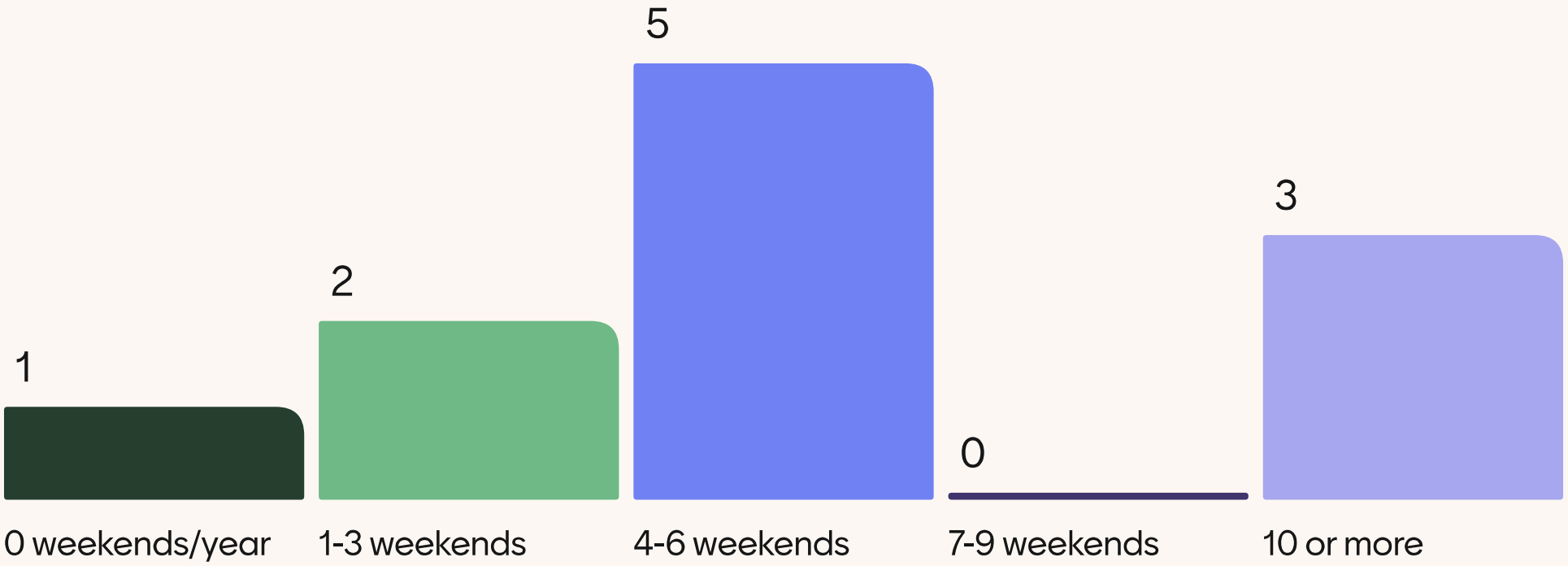
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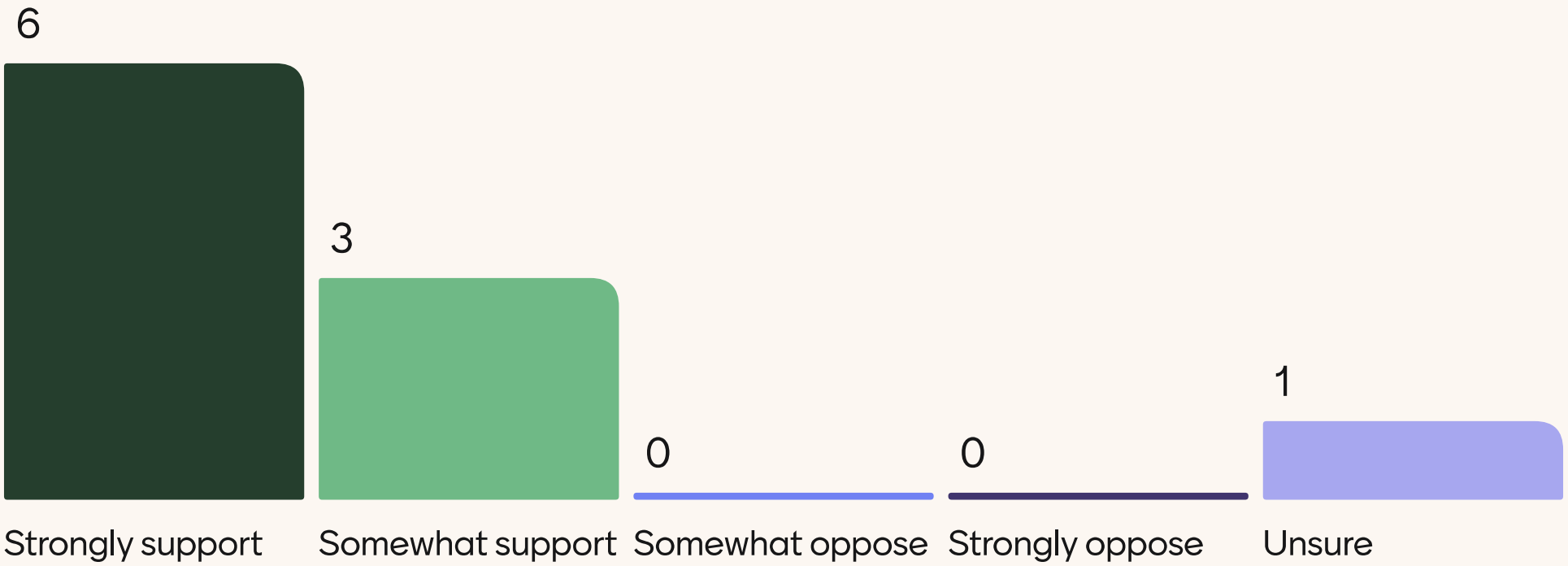
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Any other comments to share as we continue this process?

Really supportive of having indoor turf and a place for youth sports

Minimize tournaments with outside participants, keep it a facility for Ames residents please

How is this going to be paid for?

The Council meeting prior to Thanksgiving, where you have stated you will present a recommendation to the council, seems like a very unfortunate date for such an important conversation.

Would be helpful in future discussions to include comparative information with other city-owned facilities (Nevada, Grimes, West Des Moines). How often do they close for and money made tournaments.

WELCOME!

Indoor Recreation Facility Feedback Sessions

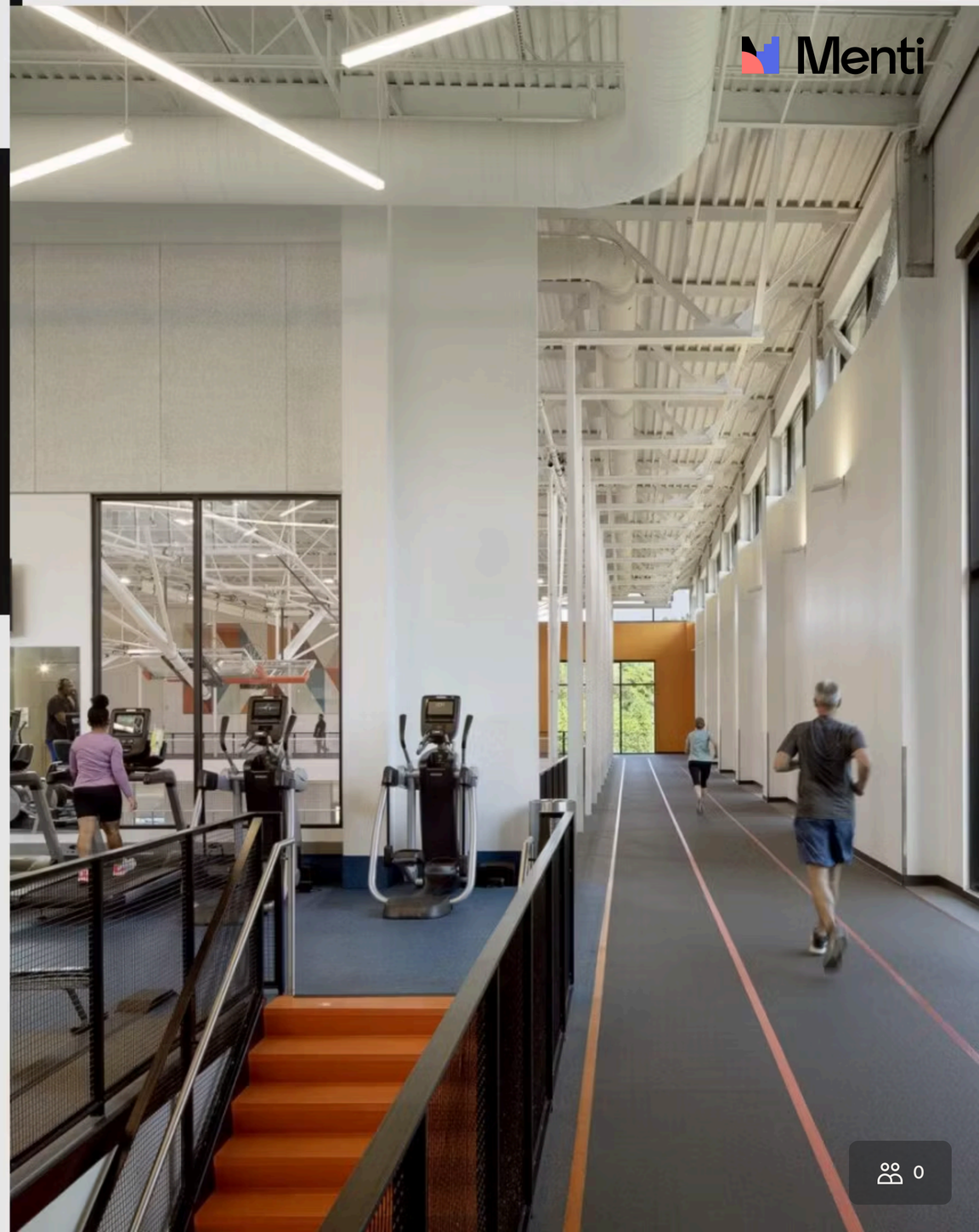
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Noon | Wednesday, Oct. 28
6 pm | Tuesday, Nov. 3

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WHY ARE WE MEETING?

- Explain the Potential Project
- Explain the Process
- Gather Feedback
- Answer Questions



Please share why you are here today

Representing Ames Soccer Club

To hear more about the project and provide feedback

Families need safe spaces to bring their kids throughout the year. An indoor recreation facility would be a natural and well-suited place for the city of Ames to make that happen.

Interested in learning more about the process, potential project

Us Government public meeting assignment.

Make Ames a tournament driven venue

Interested in adding this to our community

Support recreational activities and sports for the community, primary youth.

Please share why you are here today

To learn more about the potential facility

To get more information.

Wanting more information on the project and to hear what others think

Very interested in this proposal—need more rec space!!

WHY A RECREATION CENTER?

- Lack of Gym Space
- Limited Hours of Use
- Limited Growth Opportunities
- Lack of Drop-in Hours
- Need for a Community Space
- City Council Priority



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PROCESS (1 OF 2)

- Focus Groups
- Public Meetings
- Survey
- Report to Parks & Recreation Commission
- Present Findings to Ames City Council



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PROCESS (2 0F 2)

- Hire Consultant
- Conceptual Plan, Costs, Fees, Location
- Public Feedback
- Report to Commission & City Council



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POTENTIAL RECREATION CENTER (1 OF 2)

- Multi-use Courts (Basketball, Volleyball, Pickleball, Futsal, Etc.)
- Artificial Turf
- Multi-purpose Rooms
- Indoor Playground



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POTENTIAL RECREATION CENTER (2 0F 2)

- Batting Cages
- Weight Room and Cardio Space
- Elevated Walking Track
- Other Spaces



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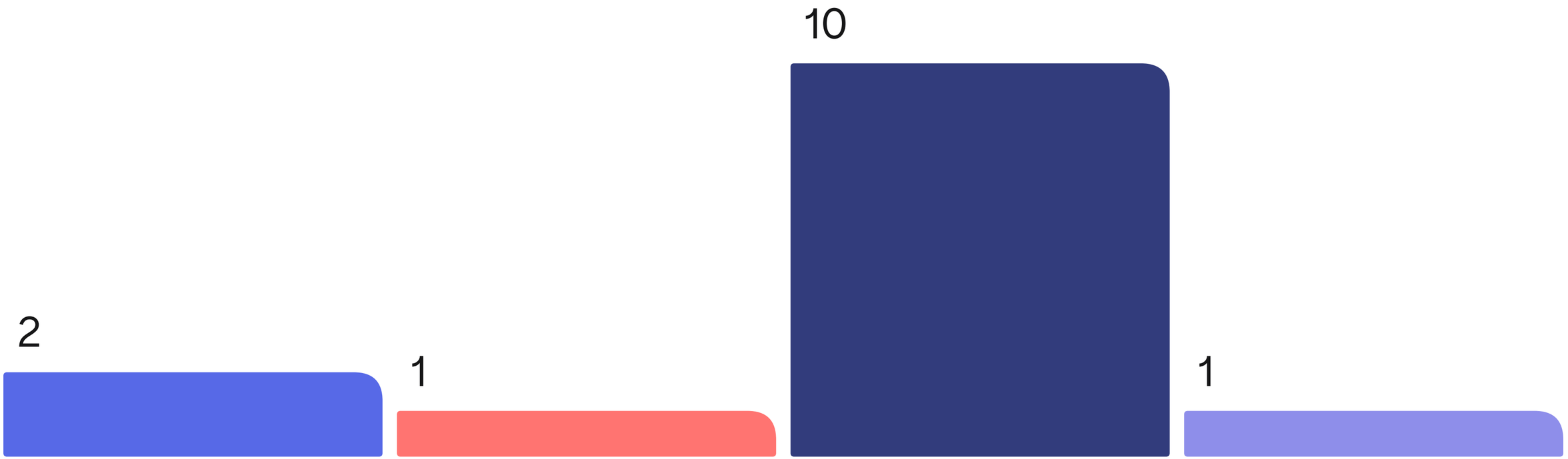
FACILITY TYPE

- Community Recreation Center Primarily for Resident’s Daily Use
- Regional Sports Complex Designed to Attract Tournaments and Visitors
- Combination of a Community Recreation Center and One that can Host Tournaments

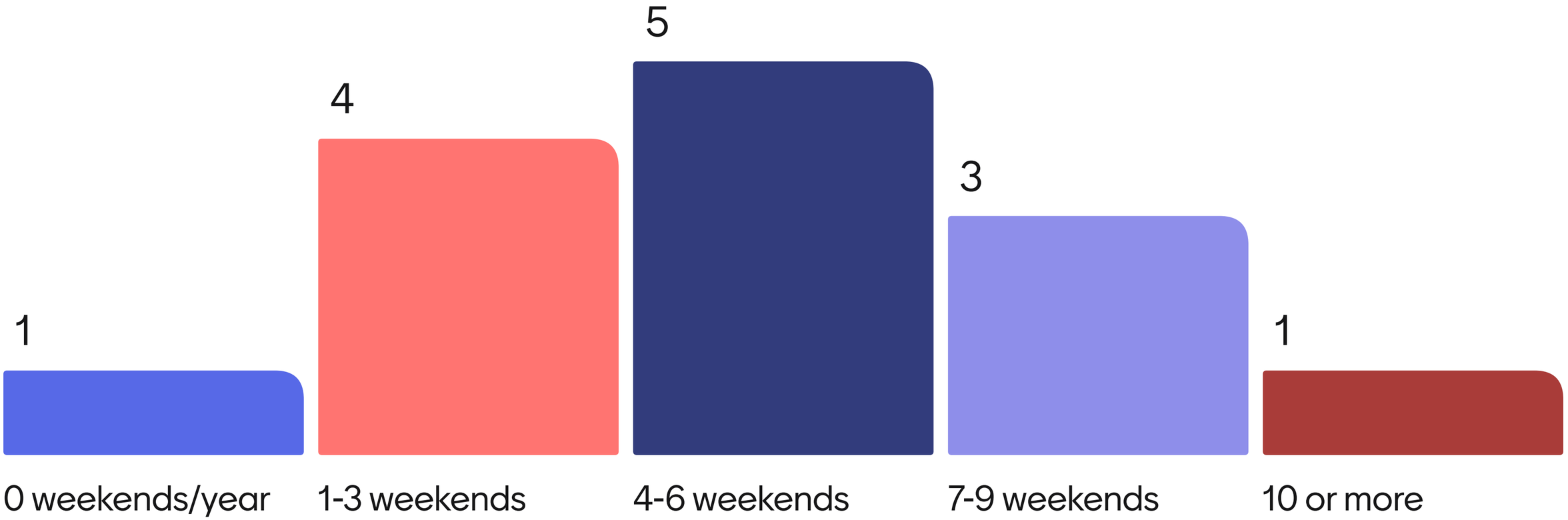


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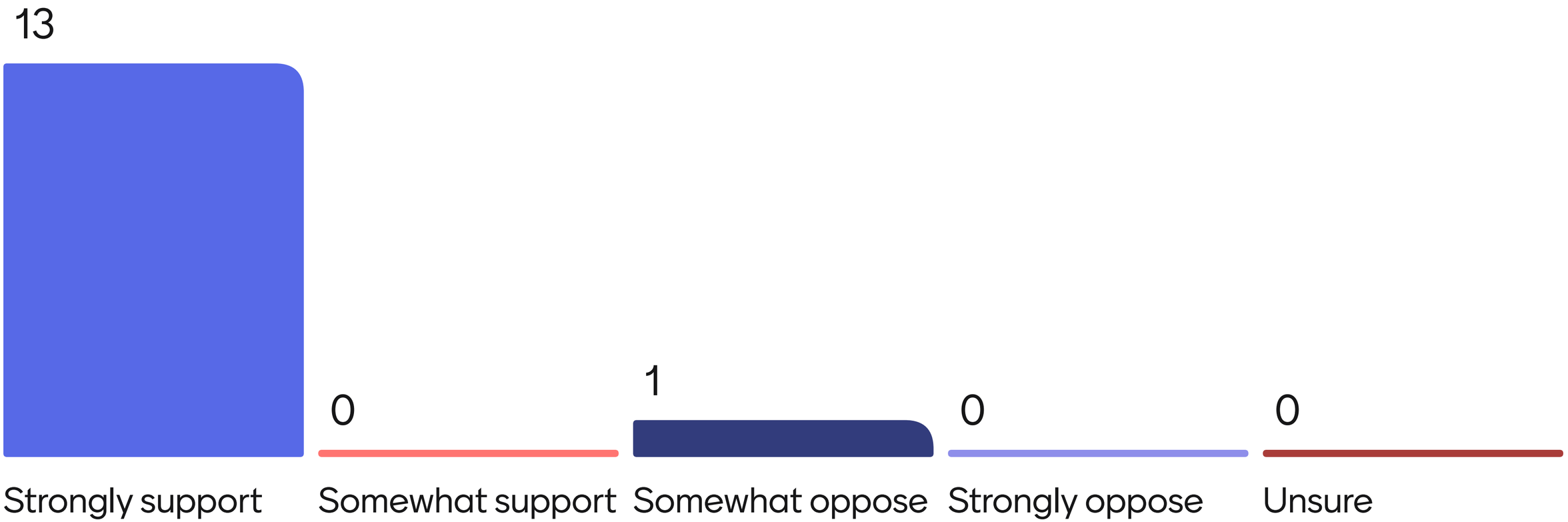
COSTS

- Capital Versus Operational
- Many Variables
- *Land Acquisition*
- *Design*
- *Construction Management*
- Rough Estimate - $20-$30 million



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Do you support pursuing an Indoor Recreation Center?



QUESTIONS & COMMENTS



Any other comments to share as we continue this process?

Thank you!

Keep it going! Thanks for your work.

Please dream big. Ames needs this.

Including child care facility and services as an essential part of the this plan is important for accessibility and as part of a larger support system for families in Ames.

This is important to keep our community growing and for residents of all ages to have access to healthy options. Bringing sports tournaments into the community has beneficial economic impacts.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY!

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THANK YOU!

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