

Wonderful Possibilities

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Who wouldn't want the city they live in to find innovative ways to grow, add jobs, and generate income? The City for Champions, C4C, plans to do just that. Ultimately, I first learned of C4C while reading the newspaper. I wanted to know more. So I interviewed Mr. Cope. Mr. Cope was very informative, because he is the project manager for the C4C, and other business development. Interviewing Mr. Cope, I learned that the city has been wondering if they should start this project for a few years. I have three topics in my paper the first is general but important facts that you must know about C4C, one of which is the four new buildings in the project. According to Mr. Cope, other recreational buildings and various other projects will be generated as a result of the initial investment. The final topic came from statistics and numbers Mr. Cope gave me, that will help people understand some facts about the project. As I interviewed Mr. Cope I learned that this project will help the economy greatly.

C4C, which stands for City for Champions, is a proposed project for four new buildings; two of them are tourist attraction centers, the Sports and Event Center and the Olympic Museum. Essentially, the Olympic Museum is more geared to national visitors where as the Sports and Event Center is meant for local citizens. There will be one Olympic museum. It will be in Colorado. Where I currently live. Concerning the other two, the Air Force Academy Visitor Center and the UCCS Sports and Medicine Center, these are meant for both visitors and local citizens. The City of Colorado Springs hopes these new buildings will attract younger citizens and visitors by adding new jobs and boosting the economy. Having a life of fifty years or more, The City for Champions will be a major success. Although there are many who are skeptical that these goals for C4C can be achieved, the mayor and many other government officials believe all these projects and more are possible.

Once the tourists arrive to see the new C4C attractions, other business outside Colorado will want to cash in on the profits. Resulting in many other projects, The City for Champions will help reenergize our city's economy. Some examples are more hotels and car rentals, along with different restaurants and retail stores that are not seen in our area. When this happens, there will be more downtown housing and more jobs. Additionally, there might be a new Children's Museum and a Science Museum to go along with the changes. I am looking forward to the Children's Museum because I have three younger cousins. While these are great things, they aren't all of the amazing changes. The extravagant, excessive, and expensive airport prices may go down too. This is great for me. For I have family that lives far away from Colorado that will benefit from this change.

For those that are still uncertain, here are some facts and figures about the C4C project. The C4C will generate 5,100 jobs for many families. About 2,867 will thankfully be permanent jobs, 2,215 jobs will be here temporarily while the buildings are under construction. Understandably, this will cost a lot of money, 250 million to be exact. Mr. Cope states, "Although this is a lot of money we plan to pay it off in 30 years." To achieve this goal, 120,000 singular tourists per year have to come and spend 72 dollars and 67 cents each day based on a 4.5-day trip. This estimates an increase of approximately 500,000 new tourists a year. This will make C4C successful. A believable project, C4C is a great investment.

The first topic of my paper is necessary information that you must know if you are learning about the City for Champions. This includes the four new buildings which are the Olympic Museum, the UCCS Sports and Medicine Center, the Air Force Academy Visitors Center, and the Sports and Events Center. In my third paragraph, according to Mr. Cope, the project will help bring recreational and tourist centers, and new business ventures. Rita's gets my vote! Visiting and touring around

Colorado Springs, the tourists might love a new re-creation of an old west-mining town, which could be much like Colonial Williamsburg. Finally my last topic, the bare statistics and numbers, will prove, or disapprove, your opinion. While all this is great, the most important thing is the wonderful results this project will have for everyone, not just people from Colorado but everywhere.