



City of Stevenson

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To: City Council
From: Leana Kinley, City Administrator
RE: Pool Metropolitan Parks District
Meeting Date: November 21, 2019

Executive Summary:

The City adopted Resolution 2019-328 in January to allow the voters in the Stevenson-Carson School District, less North Bonneville, to decide on creating a Metropolitan Park District for the pool. There was a Public Hearing by the Boundary Review Board on August 29th where a significant portion of the Stabler/Hemlock community expressed, via petition, to not participate in the district. There were other concerns related to the boundaries and authority of the district brought up which make the rescinding the original proposition and creating a new proposition the best course of action.

At the October 17th council meeting, two options were proposed (1) the City of Stevenson boundaries only and (2) the City boundaries plus the Urban Growth Area. Staff was directed to come back with options to include the Stevenson Urban Growth Boundary, expand the purpose to include parks, assess a levy rate of \$.35/\$1,000 and include a capital plan.

If the resolution is not voted on at this meeting, then the ballot measure will not make it onto the April ballot. The delay would add an additional year to the process and potentially close the pool.

Overview of Items:

Consensus in the Boundary Review Board meeting was the pool is a community asset and should be preserved. Concerns expressed were about the creation of another governing body, the ability of a Metropolitan Park District to expand beyond the limited purpose it was intended (pool only), the ability of the district to raise taxes without a vote of the people, and the ability of the district to condemn or annex land. Three draft resolutions are proposed with the details summarized below.

Option A: Stevenson City Limits

- This would eliminate the need for a Boundary Review Board process and remove a concern of some who feel they live too far from the pool facility to benefit from it.
- A tax rate of \$.50/\$1,000 will raise about \$113,000 and is included in the draft resolution. A levy rate of \$.35/\$1,000 would bring in about \$79,100.
- The commissioners of the district would be the city councilmembers.
- The district is not limited to only pool operations.

Option B: Stevenson City Limits and Urban Growth Area

- This option has been discussed with the county as they would need to adopt a resolution on this district boundary option. There would still need to be a Boundary Review Board process. There may be more opposition within the urban area to the district.

- A tax rate of \$.50/\$1,000 will raise about \$175,000 and is included in the draft resolution. A levy rate of \$.35/\$1,000 would bring in about \$122,500.
- The commissioners of the district would be elected.
- The district is limited to only pool operations.

Option C: Stevenson-Carson School District, less North Bonneville and property above High Bridge

- This option has been discussed with the county as they would need to adopt a resolution on this district boundary option. There would still need to be a Boundary Review Board process. There is the most opposition within this area to the district.
- A tax rate of \$.35/\$1,000 will raise about \$207,000 (rough estimate) and is included in the draft resolution.
- The commissioners of the district would be elected.
- The district is limited to only pool operations.

Estimated District Finances:

	17/18 Act.	18/19 Act.	19/20 Budget	2021 Est.
Admissions Revenue	\$78,000	\$75,000	\$107,000	\$100,000
Total Revenues	78,000	75,000	107,000	100,000
General Pool Expenses	204,000	200,000	205,000	210,000
District Costs:				
Insurance				5,000
Legal				15,000
Admin Services				35,000
Elections				5,000
Capital Replacement				30,000
Total Expenses	204,000	200,000	205,000	300,000
Difference	(126,000)	(125,000)	(98,000)	(200,000)

Action Needed:

Approve a resolution for the ballot measure to present to voters.