



City of Stevenson

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To: City Council
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RE: Pool Metropolitan Parks District
Meeting Date: September 19, 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.

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.

In creating a new resolution for a proposition there are options for the council to consider:

1. District Boundaries:
 - 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. It will be a smaller tax base, resulting in a higher tax rate than the initial \$.19 proposed.
 - b. Stevenson City Limits and Urban 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. The tax base would be larger, helping to reduce the initial rate. There may be more opposition within the urban area to the district.
 - c. Other solutions which expand the district outside the Urban Area and would need a resolution from the County and be subject to the Boundary Review Board process.
2. How will the Commissioners be selected?
 - a. If the district is only the city limits of Stevenson, the city council can be the park district commissioners as well.
 - b. Commissioners can be voted on, which will increase costs of the district operations but allow for voters to elect the governing body.

- c. Commissioners can also be appointed by the city and county (depending on the district boundaries).
- 3. What is the scope of the district?
 - a. The initial measure for the School District boundaries was limited to the Pool. This option has the broadest support.
 - b. The district can be a parks and pool district. Council discussed at its retreat in 2018 the creation of a parks district for maintaining and improving city parks. If the district were only the city of Stevenson, this option is available. The levy rate would need to be higher than if it were only for running the pool.
- 4. What levy rate will be proposed?
 - a. The maximum levy rate for a Metropolitan Park District is \$.50. This would bring in about \$113k if the boundaries were the city limits and about \$160k if they include the urban area.
 - b. The breakdown of the revenue and expenses is below:

Pool Financials		
	17/18	18/19
Grants/Partnerships	52,162.10	76,358.00
School District	73,244.63	47,992.58
Total Non-Fee Revenue	125,406.73	124,350.58
Fee Revenue	78,561.26	75,861.42
Expenditures	(203,967.99)	(200,212.00)

Action Needed:

- Bring forward a resolution for a ballot measure creating a park district at the October 17th meeting – Yes/No
- What are the boundaries of the district?
 - Stevenson City Limits
 - Stevenson City Limits and Urban Area
 - Other:
- How will the Commissioners be selected?
 - If Stevenson only-Councilmembers
 - Appointed
 - Voted
- What is the scope of the district?
 - Pool Only
 - Parks and Pool
- What levy rate for the district?