



Is there really a need for a Metropolitan Park District to support the Friends Of The Pool's over \$20 million dollar Methow Aquatics Complex???

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Some questions I have for the Friends Of The Pool organization:

1. Regarding the Board/Commissioners decision makers...

Potential revenues from the Proposition 1 District are ... City Parcels 70,000... Non City Parcels \$1,120,000

Question: Why are you using the 5 member "appointed Board" model?

Non City parcels would only be represented by one appointed county commissioner? Only 1 out of 5 votes for voting even though they contribute 94% of the revenue? Winthrop and Twisp would have 4 votes and control of the Board? Extremely unfair and definitely taxation without representation.

2. The FOTP site says this about Proposition 1: "If approved, this proposition would create a district under chapter 35.61 RCW, to be known as the Methow Aquatics District, to provide ongoing funding to develop, construct, operate, and maintain the Methow Aquatics Center and related existing and future facilities."

Question: Construct? I thought the tax revenues were only for operation/maint? Could the Aquatics District levy funds also be used to help construct the pool and other entities besides the original Complex?

3. Metropolitan Park Districts can:

- ♣ Purchase, acquire & condemn lands;
- ♣ Issue and sell warrants, short-term obligations, or general obligation bonds;
- ♣ Issue revenue bonds;
- ♣ Petition for the creation of local improvement districts;
- ♣ Employ counsel, park police officers, secretary of the Board, and employees;
- ♣ Establish civil service for employees;
- ♣ Regulate, manage, improve, acquire, maintain, and open parks, parkways, boulevards, avenues, aviation landings, and playgrounds;
- ♣ Sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of surplus property;
- ♣ Annex territory;
- ♣ Authorize, conduct and manage: entertainment ventures; purchase/sale of foodstuffs/merchandise; recreation or business beneficial for the public or produces revenue for park purposes.

Question: Which of these powers will the Methow Aquatics District actually have?

4. Why didn't you choose one of the other two district types that have a 6 year levy cycle? They have more than sufficient potential tax revenues for your stated operations/maint of the complex. (Note that I am not in favor of any park/rec district. Maybe a sales tax add-on)

Question: Are you afraid if the Board and pool doesn't cut it with the community priorities or expectations that it might be voted down in a future cycle? Or do you need to also help fund the construction with the Metropolitan Park District (MPD) format debt funding? Were your petition signature seekers clear on this point and other powers of an MPD? I doubt it. With a MPD permanent taxing authority and appointed Board, you will have NO accountability to the taxpayers who are footing the bill.