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Written comments submitted for the Wednesday, March 25, 2026 Snohomish County Council Meeting.

Dear Snohomish County Councilmembers,

Please give the proposed Youth Activity Account Resolution serious consideration:

Youth Activity Account Resolution of Snohomish County -- proposed.

Whereas parks funded by Youth Activity Account in Snohomish County include Evergreen Playfield and Tennis Courts in Mountlake Terrace, Edmonds Civic Center Playfield and Meadowdale Beach Park in Edmonds, and South Lynnwood Park and Meadowdale Playfields in Lynnwood.

Whereas citizens of Snohomish County and the Snohomish County Parks & Recreation Division Mission is to conserve natural and recreational resources for current and future generations, contribute to regional economic sustainability, and enhance the wellbeing of all county residents and visitors through accessible and inclusive parks, facilities, and educational programs.

Whereas Snohomish County Parks' planning is centered on public engagement and input, in capital improvements, acquisitions, and ongoing maintenance.

Whereas citizens of Snohomish County share parks funded by the Youth Activity Account throughout the community, including Evergreen Playfield and Tennis Courts in Mountlake Terrace, Edmonds Civic Center Playfield and Meadowdale Beach Park in Edmonds, and South Lynnwood Park and Meadowdale Playfields in Lynnwood.

We encourage the Everett City Council to find new means to fund the new professional Stadium in downtown Everett other than funds from the Youth Activity Account.

- end resolution -

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Funds for stadium stole from kids fund, writer says

FUTURE HOME OF EVERETT AQUASOX

John E. Martin

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 (</news/2025/nov/05/funds-for-stadium-stole-from-kids-fund-writer-says/>)

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To the Editor:

If you live in the State of Washington your tax dollars are being used to build a new baseball stadium in downtown Everett, Washington.

In fact, the City of Everett is taking money from the State of Washington Department of Commerce Youth Athletic Facility Account and using it to subsidize billionaire Major/Minor League Baseball owners.

This means parks and playfields that might have been funded by the Youth Athletic Facility Account cannot be funded. The account funded parks and k-12 fields not only in Everett, but in Spokane, Walla Walla, Tacoma, and more.

Youth Athletic Facilities funded 24 projects with the same amount of funds now being used for the "New Stadium" in Downtown Everett.

How many future Youth Athletic Facility grants will be denied in order to fund the Major/Minor League Baseball Stadium in Everett?

I asked the Everett City Council to terminate the Youth Athletic Facility Account grant since contract documents indicate they plan to apply for additional grant program funds anyway.

I encourage you to contact your State Representative and the Everett City Council.

Ask them to terminate the Youth Athletic Facility Account contract for the new Major/Minor League Baseball Stadium in Everett.



Youth Activity Account Resolution of the City of Edmonds -- proposed. Written comments submitted for the Tuesday, March 24, 2026 Regular Edmonds City Council Meeting.

From john martin <jmartinnoj@hotmail.com>

Date Tue 3/24/2026 11:11 AM

To john martin <jmartinnoj@hotmail.com>

Dear City of Edmonds Councilmembers,

Please give the proposed Youth Activity Account Resolution serious consideration:

Youth Activity Account Resolution of the City of Edmonds -- proposed.

Whereas parks funded by Youth Activity Account in Edmonds include Edmonds Civic Center Playfield and Meadowdale Beach Park in Edmonds.

Whereas the Edmonds Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan guides the development, maintenance, and enhancement of the city's parks, trails, and cultural facilities.

Whereas Edmonds is a charming and welcoming city with safe streets, parks, climate resiliency, and access to the natural beauty of our community.

Whereas citizens of Edmonds share parks funded by the Youth Activity Account throughout the community, including Evergreen Playfield and Tennis Courts in Mountlake Terrace and South Lynnwood Park and Meadowdale Playfields in Lynnwood.

We encourage the Everett City Council to find new means to fund the new professional Stadium in downtown Everett other than funds from the Youth Activity Account.

- end resolution -

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Taxpayers funding downtown stadium not good for community

FUTURE HOME OF EVERETT AQUASOX

John E. Martin

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 (</news/2026/mar/18/taxpayers-funding-downtown-stadium-not-good-for-community/>)

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To the Editor:

Some media outlets are engaged in shoddy unresearched reporting and are seemingly presenting intentionally misleading misinformation that benefits billionaire Major League Baseball owners at the expense of taxpaying citizens.

This is not in the best interest of the Everett community, the Snohomish County community, or the State of Washington community.

The *Herald's* Editorial Board indicated the "... 2026 updated analysis by Community Attributes..."

But the study is not really updated at all.

It is based on the same 2012 input output model used previously (in 2022, 2024 and 2026) by Community Attributes, Inc. The model was developed by the Office of Financial Management of the State of Washington.

The 2012 input-output model was developed in 2007, uses 2012 census data, was changed to a 52 sector model in 2021, and does not currently include a valid and reliable I-O model that incorporates elasticities for sub-state regional impact analysis.

Or in plain talk, the model used by Community Attributes Inc. doesn't work.

Tariff-caused forecasting problems impact projects throughout the State.

The new downtown stadium issue is not yet resolved and the Everett City Council must still vote yes or no on the new stadium.

The Snohomish County \$5 million stadium funding does not exist, Project Frog Pond was hidden, and the \$120 million cost 'advertised' by city staff is based on a Community Attributes



The Funko Field Option - The Everett School District

From john martin <jmartinnoj@hotmail.com>

Date Mon 3/16/2026 7:20 PM

To john martin <jmartinnoj@hotmail.com>

The Funko Field Option

An investment in Funko Field is an investment in the Everett Community, the Everett School District, and the Everett Youth Athletics Programs.

Funko Field has been used by the Everett Community College Trojans, the Cascade High School Bruins, the Everett High School Seagulls, the Jackson High School Timberwolves, the Everett Merchants League (summer collegiate), boys and girls ages 8 to 14, and even the Puget Sound Senior Baseball League (Ages 18-65+ All Skill Levels), which played an All-Star game against the Everett Merchants at Funko Field in July of 2025.

The Funko Field Option adds new amenities to the Everett School District facility.

These include facilities for female team staff and umpires, Female Staff Lockers, Umpire Lockers, training rooms for the home and visiting teams, new spectator restrooms and a bleacher structures, bathroom access from dugouts, specified location of bullpens, and the opportunity for roof deck fan amenity space.

These amenity upgrades were presented in April, 2024, by AECOM Hunt in a feasibility study for the Funko Field Option.

<https://www.everettwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38294/PUBLIC-Funko-Field-Renovation-Feasibility-Study-Final---April-2024>

The issue is not yet resolved and the Everett City Council must still vote yes or no on the new stadium.

There may also be substantial financial rewards for the Everett School District from The Funko Field Option.

I feel the Everett School Board should proactively consider all opportunities to increase district revenue as part of the long term planning process, while ensuring that any decisions align with the best interests of the students and community.

The exodus of the Mariners' AquaSox, would probably not cause significant economic disruption in the City of Everett or Snohomish County, especially in light of the experience of other cities.

Bellingham is an example of a city that experienced the exodus of a professional baseball farm team, specifically, the Bellingham Mariners (or “Baby M’s”), who played at Joe Martin Field in Bellingham from 1977 through 1994.

Between 1995 and 2025 Bellingham and Whatcom County added 36,900 non-farm jobs, increasing 62% from 60,300 to 97,200, faster than both the State of Washington and Everett, Washington.

In Whatcom County, median household income increased from \$34,893 in 1995 to \$78,796 in 2022, with average annual pay rising from \$22,357 in 1995 to roughly \$69,000 in 2024.++

Bellingham grew for a thirty year period after the “Baby M’s” left.

Clearly, Bellingham, Washington is a city that saw the exodus of a Mariners farm team and did not suffer economically.

The Funko Field Option is, far far and away, the best investment option.

You are encouraged to look at the following links and, as a citizen, share your ideas about

The Funko Field Option.

<https://martinmusic.biz/contact/everett-stadium-investigation/#MEMORIAL>

<https://martinmusic.biz/contact/everett-stadium-investigation/#YOUTH>

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Thank you.

Best Regards,

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No frogs downtown.

<https://martinmusic.biz/contact/no-frogs-downtown-2/>

Democracy works when people participate



April 3, 2023

Dear Vice Chair Mullet, Ranking Member Schoesler, and members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee:

On behalf of the Seattle Seahawks and Seattle Sounders FC organizations, we write in support of the House Capital Budget's treatment of Youth Athletic Facility (YAF) account dollars. It's our hope and expectation that those funds remain dedicated for their original purpose of supporting accessible community recreation facilities upon final reconciliation.

In short, our interest stems from our long-standing commitment to youth athletics and the desire to fulfill Lumen Field's public benefits as promised to voters in the Referendum 48. Prior legislative leaders sought lasting benefits for youth athletic facilities, common school funding, community mitigation, and women- and minority-owned businesses among other conditions. Paul Allen contributed the first \$10 million to acquire, construct, improve, and maintain youth-athletic facilities across the state and our organizations are grateful for the legislative leadership that has continued funding this valuable grant program since 2013.

The Stadium Act, as approved by voters, had the foresight to direct any remaining balance in the stadium bond account to the YAF account for the exclusive use for community outdoor athletic facilities (RCW 43.99N.060(4)). Upon retirement of the bonds in 2021, nearly \$43M remained thanks to exceptional stadium and event center management as well as many successful Seahawks and Sounders seasons that included deep playoff runs. For over the past year, we have participated in the Recreation and Conversation Office's Advisory Committee meetings in an effort to ensure this generational grant opportunity can have lasting, equitable impact in all corners of the state.

We appreciate that the House Capital Budget remains true to the original purpose of these funds. Our organizations have committed decades of time and millions of dollars toward youth athletics in Washington State, so we know well the challenges local communities face to meet the demand for playable surfaces for a variety of sports and ages. We appreciate your consideration of those needs and your service to the state.

Sincerely,

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