

Old Fire House Teen Center Stakeholder Recommendation

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Agenda

- Timeline
- Review Stakeholder Group Process
- Present Recommendation and Impacts
- Next Steps



Timeline

- April 2025 - Operations Moved to RCCMV
- July 2025 - Expanded facility condition and options presented to City Council
- August - October 2025 - Stakeholder Recommendation process for the future of the OFH facility
- November 2025 - Recommendation presented to City Council for direction
- Q1 2026 - Staff begin implementation of direction received



Old Fire House Operations

- Hours of Operation
 - Tuesday - Thursday - 3:30 to 8:00 p.m.
 - Friday - 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- Services Offered
 - Drop-in space, classes, and mental health/behavioral services (Youth Eastside Services - YES)
 - Redmond Youth Partnership Advisory Committee (RYPAC)
 - Live Music
- School Year 2024-2025 Usage
 - 122 unique users
 - 10-30 drop-in teens daily
 - 31 RYPAC members (50+ teens in meetings)
 - Live music events 2-3 times per month averaged 60-100 attendees (all ages)



Stakeholder Group Process

6 Meetings

- Facility conditions and options for renovation or rebuild
- Added in an option to recommend the location to City Council due to feedback from group
- Discussed opening timeline of renovation vs rebuild
- Utilized mentimeter, Miro boards, and MODA to level understanding of the group
- Visioning and breakout groups
- Finalize recommendation provided to City Council

Key Findings

- When location was specified, more support was given to a rebuild
- Minority (4 of 23) prefer a renovation
- Continued focus on the history and legacy of OFH a high priority



Focus Groups

- 57 unique attendees including teens, service providers, alumni, community members, parents and caregivers
- 2 meeting date options; same content
- Included online option
- Information was provided in the report to Council and presented to Stakeholders as part of their recommendation process



Rooted in History Built for the Future

- Teen-oriented
- Welcoming and inclusive
- Continuing the OFH legacy
- Imagining the future



Stakeholder Group Recommendation

- The majority (19 of 23) of the Stakeholder Group recommends **rebuilding the Teen Center at its current location**. Maintaining the existing site—centrally located and accessible by walking, biking, and public transit—is critical to ensuring equitable access for teens throughout Redmond and to honoring the history and legacy of the Old Fire House Teen Center.
- The group's **second choice** is to renovate the existing building at its current location to preserve its legacy and open its doors sooner.
- Rebuilding at a new location is the **least preferred option**.
- A minority of the Stakeholder Group (4 of 23 members) recommends **renovating** the existing Teen Center as their top choice. This perspective emphasizes preserving the original building's spirit and history, reopening sooner, and upgrading the facility to meet accessibility and safety standards where possible.



Next Steps

- Direction from City Council to renovate or demolish Old Fire House Teen Center and enter design for new facility
 - Potential decision on November 18, 2025
- Either path will create additional opportunities for community and stakeholder engagement to determine design and recommendations for City Council
- Comprehensive timeline provided to City Council on next steps following direction



Thank you

Any Questions?

