



Memorandum

Date: 10/28/2025

Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability

File No. CM 25-559

Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

Old Fire House Facility Recommendation Process Update

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The Parks and Recreation Department, with support from Stepherson & Associates, has launched a community engagement process to shape a recommendation for City Council regarding the future of the Old Fire House facility. This process brings together a diverse Stakeholder Group to develop a recommendation, informed by feedback gathered through public Focus Groups. Staff will present an update on the overall process.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**

The Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture, and Conservation Plan (PARCC)

Teen Services Engagement Report (2025)

Community Priorities for the Future of Redmond's Community Centers (2017)

- **Required:**

N/A

- **Council Request:**

N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**

To keep Council apprised of the Old Fire House Facility Recommendation community engagement process.

OUTCOMES:

At the conclusion of this community engagement process, Council will receive a recommendation from the Stakeholder Group to help guide the decision on the future of the Old Fire House. The Stakeholder Group will evaluate options and recommend either a renovation of the existing facility or a rebuild. The final report will summarize the rationale for the recommendation, highlight key community priorities, and provide Council with insight into the benefits, challenges, and trade-offs of each option to support an informed decision.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

- Stakeholder Group Meeting 1: September 10, 2025
- Stakeholder Group Meeting 2: September 17, 2025
- Focus Group Meeting 1: September 22, 2025
- Focus Group Meeting 2: September 24, 2025
- Stakeholder Group Meeting 3: October 1, 2025
- Stakeholder Group Meeting 4: October 8, 2025
- Stakeholder Group Meeting 4: October 22, 2025
- Stakeholder Group Meeting 6: October 29, 2025

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

The Stakeholder Group was formed through a collaborative process with input from City Staff and the City Council Teen Center Subcommittee and ultimately approved by City Leadership.

The Focus Groups were open to the public - information was shared with the public through targeted emails, social media, eNews, online updates, flyers, etc.

- **Feedback Summary:**

Takeaways from the community engagement process will be summarized in the final report.

BUDGET IMPACT:**Total Cost:**

\$115,000

Approved in current biennial budget:

☒ **Yes**

☐ **No**

☐ **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:

100.50100.00410.57121.9023-100-85

Budget Priority:

Vibrant and Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs:

☐ **Yes**

☒ **No**

☐ **N/A**

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

One-time general fund 2025-2026 budget

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Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
7/22/2025	Study Session	Provide Direction
9/23/2025	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
11/12/2025	Study Session	Receive Information
11/18/2025	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

Current facility conditions - including the roof - will necessitate facility investments in the next 6 months. A proactive decision is necessary to invest where appropriate and should be made by the end of 2025 if possible.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

The facility will continue to deteriorate, and investment will need to be made in a reactive manner.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Old Fire House Facility Recommendation Process

Attachment B - Stakeholder, Focus Group, and Community Engagement and Outreach