



## Memorandum

**Date:** 9/23/2025

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

**File No.** CM 25-514

**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, is launching 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 and the Stakeholder Group and Focus Group engagement timeline.

☒ **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.

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**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 (location TBD). 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 are open to the public - information has been 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:**

\$115,00

**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

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/28/2025	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability	Receive Information

**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