



Memorandum

Date: 3/24/2026

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

File No. CM 26-195

Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

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TITLE:

Recreation Recap 2025

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff will share a program update regarding 2025 recreation programs and youth summer camps.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information **Provide Direction** **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
PARCC plan, Redmond 2050 Plan
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

The 2025 recreation recap efforts resulted in measurable improvements in participation, engagement, and community impact despite a year of operational transition.

Increased Community Participation:

Activity enrollment increased by 26% from 2024 to 2025, demonstrating strong community demand and successful

program delivery during a period that included staffing transitions and the closure of the Old Fire House Teen Center, and subsequent relocation of teen programming to the Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village.

Strong Customer Satisfaction:

Summer camp satisfaction remains high, with over 80% of survey respondents reporting they were satisfied or very satisfied with their experience. Additionally, 66% of participants enrolled in two or more camps.

Strengthened Community Partnerships:

Interest in delivering Summer Camp programs remains high, with 44 organizations applying to our RFP with 31 selected to operate camps.

Expanded Youth Engagement:

Teen Drop-in participation continues to grow following the relocation to the Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village, with 211 total teen visits recorded in 2025. Youth basketball engaged 540 participants and was supported by 80 volunteer coaches.

Seasonal Recreation Events:

Community engagement continues to grow as we activate recreation spaces, inviting community in for one-time events and seasonal programming.

Together, these outcomes demonstrate the ability to sustain service quality, expand reach, and activate our spaces while laying the groundwork for our upcoming Recreation Program Plan, which will help guide the department for the next five years, ensuring that the programs we offer reflect our community’s needs.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
N/A

Approved in current biennial budget: Yes No N/A

Budget Offer Number:
N/A

Budget Priority:
Vibrant & Connected

Other budget impacts or additional costs: Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Recreation Program Update