



**MEMO TO:** City Council Parks and Human Services Committee

**FROM:** Carolyn Hope

**DATE:** 9/4/18

**SUBJECT:** Redmond's Community Centers Update

**I. PURPOSE** ☐ For Info Only ☒ Potential Agenda Item ☐ Scheduled for Council Action

**II. RECOMMENDATION**

Briefing on the status of the Redmond's Community Centers project.

**III. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS**

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**IV. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND**

In April 2017, the Redmond's Community Center Stakeholder Group presented findings and recommendations about the community priorities for community centers to City Council. The recommendations included an expeditious approach to providing:

- Aquatics facility including lap and leisure pools
- Enhanced recreation facilities such as gymnasium and fitness rooms
- Additional classroom and meeting space across the city
- A Cultural Arts center that with flexible space for a variety of indoor events, performances, exhibits, and workshops.

The stakeholder group recommended action within five years and encouraged partnerships and a diverse set of funding sources.

Since that time, the City embarked on an energy audit of the Redmond Pool and a Regional Aquatics Partnership and Feasibility Study. Staff kept the stakeholder group together by working on some internal evaluation of site selection for the various community center types and touring pools in the region. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on September 19, 2018 in City Hall. At the September Stakeholder Group meeting, the agenda will include:

- Status Update on Regional Aquatics Partnership by King County
- Briefing on aquatics demand and partnership interest by WAVE
- Reporting on the findings of the energy audit of the Redmond Pool
- Update on the Facilities Strategic Management Plan and the Budgeting Process

The next week, City staff will present to City Council during a study session about the following items:

- Review Community Priorities for Aquatics
- Update on Regional Aquatics Partnership and other partnership opportunities
- Briefing on Redmond Pool Energy Audit
- Case studies
- Discussion of options for aquatics in Redmond

**V. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

It is necessary to maintain momentum with the Stakeholder Group and to brief them about the September 25 City Council Study Session before that meeting. The Stakeholder Group will serve as a sounding board for the data and options that will be presented to City Council and their opinions will be helpful to share with the City Council.

Another time constraint is related to Council reviewing the budget and the condition of the pool. The City and community need to determine the next steps with the Redmond Pool then move forward with the Pre-Design study for the broader project. Another time constraint for the larger Redmond's Community Centers project is the options for long term use of the Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village.

**VI. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

None.