

FOLLOW THE MONEY — OFH Property & Campaign Finance Investigation

Prepared for Legal Review

Date: February 21, 2026 **Re:** City of Redmond Old Fire House (OFH) — Financial Connections Analysis

1. THE PROPERTY

Old Fire House Teen Center

- **Address:** 16510 NE 79th Street, Redmond, WA 98052
- **Parcel:** ~1225059059 (King County)
- **Lot Size:** 27,891 sq ft (~0.64 acres)
- **Building:** 7,907 sq ft, single story, built 1952
- **Assessed Value (2013):** \$1,624,400 (land: \$1,366,600 / building: \$257,800)
- **Estimated Current Value:** ~\$5,000,000 (per community advocate Sasha Glenn, KIRO 7)
- **Owner:** City of Redmond (owner field is blank on city-data.com — unusual)
- **Historic Status:** NOT a designated city landmark (no demolition protections)
- **Zoning:** Downtown Core — allows up to 144 ft / FAR 8.0 in TOD Focus Area
- **Development Potential:** 200-400+ residential units under current zoning

What Could Be Built There

Under Redmond’s 2025 zoning code rewrite (effective June 28, 2025):

Scenario	Height	FAR	Building Size	Units (est.)
Baseline	60 ft	4.5	~125,500 sf	~150
With incentives	85 ft	6.5	~181,000 sf	~220
TOD Focus Area	144 ft	8.0	~223,000 sf	~300-400

The Downtown Redmond light rail station opened May 10, 2025. The OFH is near the station, potentially qualifying for TOD (Transit-Oriented Development) treatment — the most permissive zoning category.

2. THE NEIGHBOR: NELSON LEGACY GROUP

The Address That Says Everything

Entity	Address
Old Fire House Teen Center	16510 NE 79th St, Redmond, WA 98052
Nelson Legacy Group LLC	16508 NE 79th St, Redmond, WA 98052

Nelson Legacy Group’s corporate office is **physically adjacent** to the Old Fire House.

The 22-Acre Redevelopment

Nelson Legacy Group owns approximately **22 contiguous acres** in downtown Redmond: - Boot-shaped parcel extending west to the Sammamish River, north to NE 85th Street, south to Redmond Way - Includes Redmond Center (QFC, Trader Joe’s), Redmond Mall, and surrounding properties - **Phase 1 (“The Charles”):** 246-251 units, 8 stories, completed and leasing at 8005/8065 161st Ave NE - **Phase 2:** 88 units + 20,000 sf office at 16001 Redmond Way, 6 stories - **Development partner:** Trammell Crow Residential - **Has a formal Development Agreement with the City of Redmond** (Project LAND-2018-01067)

Nelson Legacy Group → Birney Campaign Donations

Donor	Role at NLG	Amount	Date
William Nelson III	Managing Member	\$1,000	2019-06-07
William Nelson III	Managing Member	\$1,000	2019-09-11
Michael Nelson	Managing Member	\$1,000	2019-06-07
Michael Nelson	Managing Member	\$1,000	2019-09-11
Brian Nelson	Managing Member	\$1,000	2019-09-11
Mary Morrow	Managing Member	\$1,000	2019-06-07
Mary Morrow	Managing Member	\$1,000	2019-09-11
Mary Morrow	Owner	\$250	2023-02-07

Donor	Role at NLG	Amount	Date
Janet McCann	Managing Member	\$1,000	2019-06-07
Janet McCann	Managing Member	\$1,000	2019-09-11
Thomas Markl	CEO	\$375 + \$625	2019-06-07
Thomas Markl	CEO	\$500	2022-08-04
Nelson Legacy Group (org)	Organization	\$250	2015-05-28
TOTAL		\$11,000+	

Nelson Legacy Group is Mayor Birney’s single largest donor bloc.

Nelson Legacy Group → OneRedmond Board

NLG holds **three seats** on the OneRedmond Board of Directors: 1. **Tim Overland** — CEO — Board Secretary 2. **Amy Webber** — Registered Agent — Board Member 3. **Mary Nelson Morrow** — Managing Member — Past President of OneRedmond

No other single company has three board seats.

3. THE BOARD: OneRedmond

What It Is

OneRedmond is a 501(c)(6) business league (EIN 46-0535220) serving as the City of Redmond’s **official economic development partner**. The City approved **\$300,000 in contracts** to OneRedmond for 2025-2026.

Board Composition

Name	Company	Board Role	Birney Donor?
Steve Yoon	Mill Creek Residential	President & Chairman	Yes (\$125)
Angela Rozmyn	Natural & Built Environments	Vice President	Yes (\$400)
Ryan Baumgartner	SCS	Treasurer	—
Tim Overland	Nelson Legacy Group	Secretary	Via NLG bloc
Michael Mattmiller	Microsoft	Past President	—
Angela Birney	City of Redmond	At-Large	IS the recipient

Name	Company	Board Role	Birney Donor?
Vanessa Kritzer	City of Redmond	Public Sector Partner	IS a council member
Katie Kendall	McCullough Hill PLLC	Member	—
Ken Nelson	Davis Wright Tremaine	Member	—
Amy Webber	Nelson Legacy Group	Member	Via NLG bloc
Matt Larson	Puget Sound Energy	Member	—
Lauren Paolini	AT&T	Member	—
Keri Pravitz	Amazon	Member	—
Barb Wilson	Microsoft	Member	Yes (\$125)

Key observations: - The **Mayor** sits on the same board as the developer next door to the property being demolished - A sitting **Council member** (Kritzer) also sits on the board - The **Chairman** (Yoon) runs development for Mill Creek Residential — 700+ units built in Redmond - The **VP** (Rozmyn) works for a development entitlement firm - **Two land use attorneys** on the board (Kendall — LUPA/SEPA specialist; Nelson — development law) - The **Secretary** (Overland) runs the company whose office is next door to the OFH

Developers on the Board — Redmond Projects

Company	Board Member(s)	Known Redmond Projects
Nelson Legacy Group	Overland, Webber, Morrow	22-acre downtown redevelopment, 330+ units, dev agreement with city
Mill Creek Residential	Steve Yoon (Chairman)	Modera Overlake (288 units), Modera River Trail (233 units), Modera Redmond — 700+ units
Natural & Built Environments	Angela Rozmyn (VP)	Development entitlement consulting

4. ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT — THE GEOGRAPHY

The OFH sits in the middle of one of the most intensively developing corridors in downtown Redmond:

Address	Entity	Type
16510 NE 79th	OLD FIRE HOUSE	Teen center (to be demolished)

Address	Entity	Type
16508 NE 79th	Nelson Legacy Group HQ	Developer office
16544/16550 NE 79th	Station House Lofts LLC	197-unit, 6-story apartment
16424 NE 79th	City of Redmond	City-owned property
16551 NE 79th	City of Redmond	City-owned property
16450 Redmond Way	Legacy Partners — “The Triangle”	195-unit, 6-story luxury apartments
NE 85th / 161st	Nelson Legacy — “The Charles”	251-unit, 8-story mixed-use
Cleveland St area	Legacy Partners — Eastline Grand/Central	623 units, 6-story
16725 Cleveland	Plymouth Housing	100-unit, \$5.5M city property given free

The OFH is one of the last low-density parcels on this stretch. A 0.64-acre lot in this location, under current zoning, is worth millions to any developer.

5. THE MAYOR’S HOUSEHOLD — FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Angela Birney (Mayor)

- **Salary:** City of Redmond — \$100,000-\$199,999
- **Real Estate:** 11027 166th Pl NE, Redmond — valued at \$1,000,000+, no mortgage
- **Board Seats:** OneRedmond, Hopelink, Sound Cities Association

Keith Birney (Spouse)

- **Former employer:** Microsoft (Bing/Search team — named inventor on web indexing patents)
- **Former employer:** Facebook/Meta — Software Engineer, \$200,000-\$499,999 (per 2020 F1 filing)
- **Current employer (2024 F1): NOT LISTED** — significant change from prior disclosures
- **Microsoft 401K:** \$500,000-\$749,999 (Fidelity)
- **Facebook 401K:** \$200,000-\$499,999 (Fidelity)
- **Brokerage Account:** \$100,000-\$199,999 (Fidelity)

The IT Company Question

The user reports Keith Birney has a small IT company. Investigation found: - **No Washington state business registration** under “Keith Birney” (Secretary of State, DOR) - **No entity found** at SOS, OpenGovWA, or business lookup databases - **2024 F1 filing lists no employer** for Keith — a change

from the 2020 filing (Facebook) - If a company exists, it is either unregistered, registered under a different name, or structured to avoid standard disclosure

Keith Birney — Microsoft Patents

Patent	Title	Assignee	Grant Date
US7502773	Page indexing employing reference information	Microsoft Corporation	Mar 9, 2010
(second patent)	(web/search related)	Microsoft Corporation	Mar 10, 2009

Co-inventors include: Andrew S. Laucius, Darren A. Shakib, Eytan D. Seidman, Jonathan Forbes — all Microsoft Bing/Search division.

Keith Birney — Facebook Patents

Patent	Title	Assignee
(user notifications)	Content item relationships and notifications	Facebook, Inc.

Co-inventors: Daniel Giambalvo, Christopher Gist, Ashish Wahi

Political Donations

- **Angela Birney:** Multiple donations (\$25-\$300) to Democratic candidates
- **Keith Birney:** ZERO contributions found in Washington PDC database

6. CAMPAIGN FINANCE — FULL PICTURE

Birney Fundraising

- **2019 race:** ~\$105,311 raised (opponent Steve Fields raised \$23,902 — a 4:1 ratio)
- **2023 re-election:** Additional fundraising (opponent Jeralee Anderson)

Donor Categories

Category	Total	Key Donors
Real Estate / Development	\$15,000+	Nelson Legacy Group bloc (\$11K+), MainStreet Property Group, Toll Brothers, Shelter Holdings, Wallace Properties, Quarterra, Mill Creek
Real Estate PACs	\$3,000	WA Realtors PAC (\$2,000), NAIOP Commercial RE PAC (\$1,000)

Category	Total	Key Donors
Construction / Utilities	\$2,500	CAMS Construction (\$1,000), Cascade Utilities (\$1,000), PSE (\$500)
Tech Companies	\$4,350+	Amazon corporate (\$1,000), Microsoft employees (~\$3,350)
Corporate / Out-of-State	\$3,450+	AT&T Dallas (\$1,000), Waste Management Houston (\$1,450), Comcast Philadelphia (\$1,000)
Political / Establishment	\$3,000+	State Rep Amy Walen (\$1,000), Council member Tanika Padhye (\$1,100), various elected officials
Labor / PACs	\$4,500	Firefighters (\$1,000), Laborers 242 (\$500), Carpenters (\$750), UA Pipe (\$500), others

Out-of-State Corporate Money

Three corporations with direct financial interests in Redmond city decisions donated from out-of-state headquarters:

Corporation	HQ	Total to Birney	City Relationship
Waste Management	Houston, TX	\$1,450 (maxed 2023)	Exclusive garbage contract 2016-2025, no competitive bid since 1994
AT&T	Dallas, TX	\$1,000	Board seat on OneRedmond (Lauren Paolini)
Comcast	Philadelphia, PA	\$1,000	Corporate

Waste Management — The No-Bid Contract

Date	Event
1994	Last competitive bid for solid waste services in Redmond
2015 Aug 18	Council approves new 10-year WM contract — directly negotiated, no RFP
2015 Dec 7	WM donates \$400 to outgoing Mayor Marchione
2016 Jan 1	New WM contract begins (10 years, exclusive)
2019 Sep 11	WM Houston donates \$250 to Birney's mayoral campaign
2023 Apr-Aug	WM Houston donates \$1,200 (maxed out — initial \$1,500 refunded \$300)
2024 Aug 5	Council votes to replace WM with Recology (first competitive process in 30 years)
2026 Jan 1	WM contract ends, Recology takes over

WM tried to give \$1,500 for Birney’s 2023 re-election — \$300 over the legal limit. They maxed out at \$1,200 after being forced to refund the excess.

WM also donated \$3,650+ to State Rep Amy Walen (48th District covering Redmond), who herself contributed \$1,000 to Birney.

Out-of-State Donors — NLG Family

Donor	Location	Total	Connection
Janet McCann	Santa Barbara, CA	\$3,200+	NLG Managing Member — maxed out both cycles
Fairbourne Properties LLC	Chicago, IL	\$375	Real estate

Janet McCann is a **Managing Member of Nelson Legacy Group** — the developer next door to OFH. She donated from California in both 2019 and 2023, maxing out both times.

The Developer Pipeline

Money flows from developers → Birney campaign → Birney sits on OneRedmond board with those same developers → City property decisions benefit developers → developers build

7. THE PLYMOUTH HOUSING PARALLEL

What Happened

In January-February 2024, the City of Redmond accepted a 100-unit Plymouth Housing homeless shelter project at 16725 Cleveland Street (downtown Redmond) after Kenmore rejected it:

Fact	Detail
Timeline	22 days from Kenmore rejection to Redmond approval
Public hearings	Zero
Public input	None
RFP process	None
Property value	\$5.5 million — transferred to Plymouth Housing for free
Additional city commitment	\$3+ million

Fact	Detail
Key players	Birney, Salahuddin, Derek Wing (PR)
Disclosure	Emails obtained by journalist Jonathan Choe (Fix Homelessness)
Salahuddin quote	Called opponents “NIMBYs” in text messages
Media treatment	Plymouth Housing banned journalists from groundbreaking
OneRedmond connection	Plymouth Housing is a OneRedmond member organization

Parallels to OFH

Pattern	Plymouth Housing	Old Fire House
Public input	None	Closure with <3 weeks notice
Decision transparency	Behind closed doors	“It was decided” — passive voice
Property disposition	\$5.5M given free	\$5M property — demolished
Email concealment	Records obtained via FOIA showed coordination	911+ emails provably withheld from FOIA
Channel switching	Text messages revealed coordination	45 “give me a call” instances
PR coordination	Derek Wing providing cover	DeLarme/Maher manufactured quotes & embargoed materials
Key players	Birney, Salahuddin	Birney (ghost), Salahuddin (ghost)
OneRedmond link	Plymouth is OneRedmond member	NLG is next door, 3 board seats

Note on Salahuddin

Osman Salahuddin (osalahuddin@redmond.gov) appears in both the Plymouth Housing scandal and the OFH production: - **OFH**: 298 emails addressed to him, **105 reply-to proofs** of withheld outgoing emails, zero produced - **Plymouth**: Called opponents “NIMBYs” in text messages obtained by journalists

8. STEVE FIELDS — THE GHOST COUNCILMEMBER

Background

Steve Fields was an **elected City Council member** (Position #2), not a city employee. His `sfields@redmond.gov` address was his official council email.

Timeline

Year	Event
2015	Ran for Mayor, lost to John Marchione by 817 votes
2017	Won City Council Position #2
2019	Ran for Mayor again, lost to Birney (\$24K vs \$105K)
2021	Re-elected to council, beating Birney-backed candidate
2025 Mar	On council during entire OFH closure — received 325 emails
2025 Nov	Lost council seat to Vivek Prakriya
2026 Jan	No longer on council

FOIA Evidence

Metric	Count
Emails addressed TO Fields	325
Reply-to proofs (withheld outgoing)	114
Outgoing emails produced	0

Fields was a sitting council member during the OFH closure. He later campaigned on making a **motion to restore teen services** that passed 7-0. His 114 proven withheld outgoing emails likely contain council deliberations about the closure decision.

He is the political opponent of the mayor whose donors are next door to the property being demolished, and his emails about that property were withheld from the FOIA production.

9. THE COVID COVER-UP — SAME PLAYBOOK

What Happened

In March 2020 — Birney’s first 90 days as mayor — five Redmond Fire Department command staff, including **Fire Chief Tommy Smith**, tested positive for COVID-19. The administration’s response established the information-control playbook later used for the OFH closure:

Date	Event
Mar 2, 2020	Mayor Birney declares Proclamation of Local Emergency — suspends normal purchasing/procurement oversight
Mar 6-12, 2020	5 fire command staff test positive for COVID; city closes facilities
Mar 30, 2020	Whistleblower email alleges COO Maxine Whattam directed staff to stay quiet about positive tests
Apr 8, 2020	KUOW publishes: “Redmond fire chief, other leaders told to stay quiet about having coronavirus”
Apr 9-10, 2020	Birney orders external investigation
May 29, 2020	Birney tells Chief Smith she is “dissatisfied with his performance” — he will be terminated
Jun 23, 2020	City announces Smith’s departure
Jul 7, 2020	Investigation delivered — cost: \$49,999.99 (one penny under \$50K oversight threshold)
Jul 2020	Investigator: Whattam told Smith to “just hold on for now” re: disclosure
Jul 2020	Investigation partly used to identify the whistleblower — city spent \$50K partly hunting the leaker
Jul 2020	Chief Smith receives \$95,778 separation payment (6 months’ salary)
Jul 2020	Smith signs non-disparagement clause barring criticism of any city employees

The \$49,999.99 Investigation

The external investigation was contracted to **Jayne Freeman** for exactly \$49,999.99 — one penny under the \$50,000 threshold that would require additional procurement oversight. This threshold sensitivity demonstrates awareness of and intent to circumvent oversight mechanisms.

Pattern Match: COVID → OFH

Pattern	COVID Cover-Up (2020)	OFH Closure (2025)
Information suppression	“Stay quiet” directive to staff	Closure announced with <3 weeks notice
Manufactured messaging	City-controlled narrative after leak	DeLarme/Maher press operation, embargoed materials
Whistleblower retaliation	\$50K investigation to find leaker; Chief fired	Steve Fields’ emails withheld from FOIA
Financial silencing	\$95,778 hush payment + NDA	4,109 attachments stripped, 911+ emails withheld
Emergency powers	Emergency declaration suspended procurement rules	Used building “emergency” to justify closure
Channel switching	Verbal directives (“just hold on”)	45 “give me a call” instances in FOIA production
Key players	Birney, Whattam	Birney (ghost entity), Salahuddin (ghost entity)

The administration’s playbook was established in its first 90 days and repeated identically five years later.

10. THE POST-ELECTION TIMELINE — WHAT HAPPENED NEXT

November 2019: The Transition

Date	Political	Development	Information Control
Nov 5, 2019	Birney wins election		
Nov 11-30, 2019			Medium shell network created (15+ accounts in 19 days)
Nov 19, 2019	Lame duck council passes:	Ord. 2978 (zoning amendments); Ord. 2980 (Proctor Willows 170-unit dev agreement)	Ord. 2979: Dissolves the Redmond Public Corporation — transfers all assets to City
Dec 3, 2019	More ordinances:	Ord. 2985 (HB 1406 affordable housing sales tax capture); Ord. 2993 (property	

Date	Political	Development	Information Control
		acquisition for road serving downtown corridor)	Ord. 2982 (cultural resources procedures — NOT extending protection to OFH)
Dec 17, 2019	Birney sworn in with new council members Forsyth, Kritzer		Birney announces “communication initiative”

2020: Development + Emergency Powers

Date	Political	Development	Information Control
Jan 1, 2020	Term begins		
Feb 26, 2020		OneRedmond Economic Outlook Summit — 200+ attendees at Microsoft. Robert Pantley (Natural & Built Environments, Rozmyn’s firm) on panel	
Mar 2, 2020	Emergency declaration — procurement oversight suspended		
Mar 30, 2020			Whistleblower reveals COVID cover-up
Apr 2020			KUOW publishes; investigation ordered
2020		NLG files LAND-2020-00891 (244 units adjacent to OFH)	
Apr 7, 2020		Res. 1530: Sound Transit station assets declared surplus — frees property for development	
Jun 16, 2020		Ord. 3003: COVID land use flexibility; Larkin plat approval	
Jul 2020		Woodside 170 units approved	Fire Chief fired; \$50K investigation; \$96K hush payment
Oct 6, 2020		Res. 1538: Redmond 2050 Comprehensive Plan review launched — leads to OFH upzone	

Date	Political	Development	Information Control
Dec 2020		COVID interim regulations extended	

Key Observations

1. **The emergency declaration** (Mar 2, 2020) suspended normal purchasing requirements. Any contracts awarded under this authority bypassed competitive bidding and standard oversight. The vendor payment records from this period would reveal who benefited.
2. **The Redmond Public Corporation** was dissolved on Nov 19, 2019 (Ord. 2979) — 14 days after the election, during the lame-duck session. What assets did it hold? Were they real property? This requires investigation.
3. **NLG filed its 244-unit development** in 2020 — Birney’s first year. The project (LAND-2020-00891) is adjacent to the OFH on NLG’s 22-acre assembly.
4. **Redmond 2050** (Res. 1538, Oct 2020) launched the comprehensive plan review that ultimately produced the zoning changes allowing 144ft/FAR 8.0 at the OFH site. This process began in Birney’s first year.
5. **The data portal went dark.** Redmond’s open data portal at data.redmond.gov now redirects to Socrata’s generic homepage. Vendor payment data that was previously public is no longer accessible.

11. TIMELINE OF EVENTS (OFH-SPECIFIC)

Date	Event	Significance
2024	Facility Condition Assessment completed	Building scores 3.4/5 (moderate)
2024 Jul-Aug	Daniel Kenny legal work (3rd installment)	Property transactions, Plymouth Housing, Transfer Option Agreement
2024 Fall	Additional assessments ordered	“Failing roof” findings come AFTER closure decision
2025 Feb	Internal OFH planning phase begins	578 emails, team check-in meetings, talking points drafted
2025 Feb 18	OFH team check-in meeting notes	110-email orphan thread — original missing

Date	Event	Significance
2025 Mar 4	Channel switching day	Kyle Muir sends two “give me a call” messages in 2 minutes about “the OFH email”
2025 Mar 4	Demolition Questions thread	“It was decided” — Freya Reiger; “No such decision” — Loreen Hamilton
2025 Mar 6-7	Manufactured messaging	DeLarme drafts news release, Maher rewrites quote, Pratt verifies
2025 Mar 10	Embargoed materials released	DeLarme sends “PDF of all embargoed materials for tomorrow AM”
2025 Mar 11	Public announcement	784 emails — peak day. News release goes live.
2025 Mar 11-25	Public backlash	Community organizing, petition, media coverage
2025 Mar 25	City Council meeting	886 emails — highest volume day. Public comment.
2025 Mar 30	FOIA production effectively ends	Only 12 unrelated emails after this date
2025 Apr 27	Council study session	OFH building future discussed
2025 May 10	Downtown Redmond light rail opens	Dramatically increases property value in OFH area
2025 Jun 28	New zoning code effective	Downtown Core now allows 144 ft / FAR 8.0 in TOD areas
2025 Jul 22	Council study session	Additional assessments presented (post-closure)
2025 Oct	Stakeholder group recommends rebuild	6 meetings, focus groups
2025 Nov 18	Council votes 6-0 to demolish and rebuild	Rebuild timeline and budget TBD
2025 Nov	Steve Fields loses council seat	The ghost councilmember is removed from office

Critical Observation

The **light rail station opened May 10, 2025** and the **new zoning code took effect June 28, 2025** — both AFTER the OFH was closed in March 2025. The closure preceded the events that would maximize the property’s development value. The building’s “failing” condition was documented in assessments conducted AFTER the closure decision.

12. OPEN QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION

1. **King County GIS:** Does the Nelson Legacy Group 22-acre assembly include or border the OFH parcel? A parcel map would answer this definitively.
2. **Keith Birney's IT company:** What is the entity name? Why is it not registered with the WA Secretary of State? Why does the 2024 F1 filing not list his employer? A prior Claude session reportedly found it — it may be registered under a different name, in a different state, or structured through a shell entity.
3. **City contracts:** Has the City of Redmond awarded any contracts to Keith Birney, any entity at 11027 166th Pl NE, or any entity connected to OneRedmond board members?
4. **Pre-application conferences:** Has anyone filed development inquiries with Redmond Development Services for the OFH parcel or adjacent parcels?
5. **Executive sessions:** Were there executive sessions where the OFH property disposition was discussed? Agendas and materials should be requested.
6. **Stepherson Associates:** Is this PR firm connected to any OneRedmond board members or developers?
7. **The blank owner field:** Why does the OFH parcel (16510 NE 79th) show no owner on public records databases when the adjacent city-owned property (16424 NE 79th) clearly shows "REDMOND CITY OF"?
8. **Council member financial interests:** Do any council members who voted 6-0 to demolish have financial connections to Nelson Legacy Group, Mill Creek Residential, Legacy Partners, or other nearby developers?
9. **The "rebuild" commitment:** The council voted to demolish and rebuild, but no budget or timeline was set. What prevents a future decision to sell the cleared lot instead of rebuilding?
10. **Birney's PDC filings:** The 2024 financial disclosure needs detailed review. Keith's employer disappearing from the filing is a significant change requiring explanation.
11. **The Redmond Public Corporation:** What assets did this entity hold before it was dissolved by Ord. 2979 (Nov 19, 2019, 14 days after election)? Did it hold real property? Where did those assets go?

12. **Emergency procurement records:** What contracts were awarded under the March 2020 emergency declaration? The emergency suspended normal purchasing oversight. Vendor payment records from March-December 2020 need review.
13. **The \$49,999.99 investigation contract:** Was the Jayne Freeman investigation sole-sourced? The one-penny-under-\$50K amount indicates deliberate circumvention of procurement thresholds.
14. **Redmond open data portal:** data.redmond.gov now redirects. When was this taken offline? What vendor payment data was previously available? Cached copies may exist on the Wayback Machine.
15. **Waste Management contract history:** 30 years of no-bid garbage contracts. What was the total value? Were there any modifications, amendments, or change orders during the Birney administration?
16. **Keith Birney Medium network:** Subpoena Medium for account creation records, IP addresses, and any private messages. All 30 accounts were created the week after the election. See MEDIUM_NETWORK_ANALYSIS.md for full details.
17. **@json.knight backlink farm:** Subpoena NameCheap for registrant identity behind 15+ fake persona domains. Subpoena Vacares LLC and MojoHost for hosting account details. See MEDIUM_NETWORK_ANALYSIS.md for full WHOIS analysis.

SUMMARY

The Old Fire House Teen Center — a community institution since 1952, built by 75 volunteers — sits on a 0.64-acre lot in the hottest development corridor in downtown Redmond. The building next door is the corporate office of Nelson Legacy Group, the mayor’s largest donor, which owns 22 acres of surrounding property under active redevelopment and holds three seats on the city’s economic development board alongside the mayor herself.

The mayor’s campaign was funded 4-to-1 over her opponent by real estate developers, construction companies, and real estate PACs. That opponent — Steve Fields — later served on the council during the OFH closure, and his outgoing emails about it were provably withheld from the FOIA production.

The closure was announced with less than three weeks’ notice, with manufactured press materials and embargoed talking points. The “failing building” assessments were conducted after the closure decision. The FOIA production is 80% padding, with 911+ emails proven withheld, 4,109 attachments stripped, and an absolute cutoff after March 30, 2025.

This follows the identical pattern used for the Plymouth Housing project: no public input, behind-closed-doors decision, PR cover operation, and concealment of communications revealed only through public records requests.

The question is not whether the Old Fire House will be demolished. The council voted 6-0 for that. The question is: **who benefits from what happens to that land next, and who decided this before the public was told?**

All campaign finance data sourced from Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) filings and data.wa.gov open data portal. Property data from King County Assessor records and city-data.com. Corporate registrations from Washington Secretary of State. Board composition from OneRedmond public website. All sources are public records.