

# High Desert Museum reopens

The High Desert Museum was to reopen to the public on Wednesday, June 17. In accordance with state and local parameters, new practices will be in place at the Museum to ensure the health of visitors and staff.

“We’re cautiously optimistic about welcoming visitors again for the first time in three months,” said Museum Executive Director Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D. “We miss our community and of course are excited for visitors to return. We’re committed to reopening in a manner that is responsible to visitors and staff while also providing the inspiring High Desert Museum experience people value.”

The Museum closed on March 17 as part of measures aimed at mitigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Museums are now allowed to open again under the state of Oregon’s guidelines.

“We view the health of the public and staff as a top priority,” said Museum Board Chair Ryan J. Hagemann. “Staff have analyzed every aspect of our facility to ensure we have the best possible safety procedures in place.”

As part of reopening, the Museum will require visitors and staff, both in front of and behind the scenes, to wear face coverings. They will not be required for those who experience health issues or disabilities that make wearing a face covering difficult, as well as for those younger than age two. They will also not be required for wildlife curators in certain situations.

Visitors will also experience other changes at the Museum: Physical distancing signs and reminders are present throughout the grounds. The number of people at any given time inside certain exhibit spaces will be limited. Hands-on elements in exhibits remain closed for the time being, as well as a few other areas of the Museum, such as the “Whose Home?” indoor play space.

And while the Museum encompasses both indoor and outdoor space, the number of people visiting at any given moment will be capped to ensure adequate space for physical distancing.

A timed entry system with advance ticket purchase is being put in place to help manage visitor numbers: Find details at highdesertmuseum.org/tickets. Some tickets will also be set aside on a first-come, first-served basis for Museum members and walk-ins.

“This time is uncharted territory for all of us,” Whitelaw said. “We’ll be observing and assessing what works and adjusting as needed as we navigate these first couple of weeks.”

For those most at risk if they contract coronavirus, the Museum will open an hour early on Sundays at 8 a.m. This hour is for vulnerable populations and their families only. Those interested in visiting during this time can sign up at highdesertmuseum.org/vulnerable-populations-hour.

More information about new safety measures at the Museum can be found at highdesertmuseum.org/reopening.

New experiences await at the Museum. Visitors will enjoy an exhibition yet to be seen by the public called “Natural Wanderment: Stewardship. Sovereignty. Sacredness.” a collection of portraiture by photographer Matika Wilbur (Swinomish and Tulalip). The exhibition that debuted on March 20, during the Museum closure, will be extended to September 7.

Wilbur journeyed 250,000 miles creating images of Native Americans from the nation’s more than 562 federally recognized tribes. The photographs, black and white with coloration, feature indigenous people of all ages, dressed in contemporary and traditional clothing, often in natural landscapes.

The resulting photography and the stories of her subjects highlight contemporary Native America and the ways that native

people seek to protect ancestral ways of life. Learn more at highdesertmuseum.org/natural-wanderment.

The run of the original High Desert Museum exhibition “Infinite Moment: Burning Man on the Horizon” has been extended to January 3, 2021. The exhibition had been in the gallery less than two months at the time of the Museum’s closure. Visit highdesertmuseum.org/infinite-moment.

The Museum’s Kids Camps are also slated to proceed with modifications for safety in place. The Museum has been communicating with caregivers about camps. Slots remain open in several camps: To learn more go to highdesertmuseum.org/kids-camp.

The public may continue to enjoy the Museum’s virtual offerings at highdesertmuseum.org/resources, a hub for virtual field trips, educational activities for children to do at home and other resources. A virtual launch of Ellen Waterston’s new book, “Walking the High Desert: Encounters with Rural America along the Oregon Desert Trail” will take place on the evening of Wednesday, June 17. Find registration information at highdesertmuseum.org/walking-the-high-desert.

### CITY OF SISTERS - URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

\* For supplemental budgets proposing a change in any fund's expenditures by more than 10 percent.

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for CITY OF SISTERS - URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY (District Name) for the current fiscal year will be held at 520 E. Cascade Ave. Sisters, OR 97759 (Location)  AM  PM.

The hearing will take place on June 24 6:30 (Date) (Time)  AM  PM.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons.

A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after June 15, 2020 (Date) at 520 E. Cascade Ave. (Location), between the hours of 8:00 (Time)  AM  PM. and 5:00 (Time)  AM  PM.

#### SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES

AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE REVISED TOTALS IN THOSE FUNDS BEING MODIFIED

Resource	Amount	Requirement	Amount
1 Debt Service			700
2 Reserve for Future Expenditures			(700)
<b>Revised Total Fund Resources</b>	<b>627,720</b>	<b>Revised Total Fund Requirements</b>	<b>627,020</b>

**Comments:** Increase in Debt service for additional principal payment.

Resource	Amount	Requirement	Amount
1 Capital Outlay			2,100
2 Operating Contingency			(2,100)
<b>Revised Total Fund Resources</b>	<b>104,219</b>	<b>Revised Total Fund Requirements</b>	<b>104,219</b>

**Comments:** Increase in Capital Outlay for remaining expenses involved with Adams Avenue Streetscape project

### CITY OF SISTERS - URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY NOTICE OF BUDGET MEETING

FORM UR-1

A public meeting of the Sisters Urban Renewal Agency will be held on June 24, 2020 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers, 520 E. Cascade Avenue, Sisters, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 as approved by the Sisters Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are:

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2018-19	Adopted Budget This Year 2019-20	Approved Budget Next Year 2020-21
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	395,207	420,795	565,522
Federal, State and All Other Grants	0	0	0
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
All Other Resources Except Division of Tax & Special Levy	11,258	4,000	3,000
Revenue from Division of Tax	280,580	275,000	285,000
Revenue from Special Levy	0	0	0
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>687,045</b>	<b>699,795</b>	<b>853,522</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	0	0	0
Materials and Services	3,891	60,627	28,200
Capital Outlay	65,724	0	0
Debt Service	172,737	157,271	142,061
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
Contingencies	0	43,592	68,567
All Other Expenditures and Requirements	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	444,693	438,305	614,694
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>687,045</b>	<b>699,795</b>	<b>853,522</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Urban Renewal Agency	687,045	699,795	853,522
FTE	0	0	0
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>687,045</b>	<b>699,795</b>	<b>853,522</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *			
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0	
Other Bonds	\$0	\$0	
Other Borrowings	\$412,599	\$0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$412,599</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

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To The Editor,

On Saturday, June 13, about 90 Sisters residents held a second vigil/demonstration for justice in memory of George Floyd and all those who preceded him in death at the hands of police and vigilantes, named and unnamed.

The day was windy and cold with occasional light rain, but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of those participating. The demonstrators included all ages from children to seniors. There were participants on all four corners of Spruce and Hwy. 20. Being Saturday, the traffic on Hwy. 20 was heavy. Response of those passing by was very positive in support although there were a few detractors hand signaling their disagreement or shouting words out of their windows that cannot be repeated here. This only reinforced the sense of need for such vigils.

After arriving home from the vigil, we were greeted with the images of the shooting death of another unarmed, young African American in Atlanta, Georgia. His name, Rayshard Brooks. His crime, falling asleep in a Wendy's drive-through line. He was shot in the back after breaking away from the two police officers and fleeing. In today's climate of killings, I can only imagine his fear. After the shooting, they were filmed altering the crime scene before investigators arrived, by picking up all of their shell casings.

This morning, Sunday, we were greeted by two new stories of African American men being found hung from trees in Southern California. One, Robert Fuller, was in Palmdale, near the city hall and the other, Malcolm Harsch, in Victorville near the library. The police called them suicides but the coroner in Palmdale refused to call that death a suicide. Only then was an investigation opened. The other in Victorville has not even had an autopsy yet. These are stark examples of institutional racism. This is what our demonstrations are about.

W. Joe Weick

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Resource	Amount	Requirement	Amount
1 Contracted Services			7,000
2 Sewer System Repairs			8,000
3 Operating Contingency			(15,000)
<b>Revised Total Fund Resources</b>	<b>2,234,176</b>	<b>Revised Total Fund Requirements</b>	<b>2,234,176</b>

**Comments:** Increase in Contracted Services Locust St. Sewer Line relocation and Sewer system repairs

Resource	Amount	Requirement	Amount
1 Capital Outlay			13,000
2 Reserve for Future Expenditures			(13,000)
<b>Revised Total Fund Resources</b>	<b>600,718</b>	<b>Revised Total Fund Requirements</b>	<b>600,718</b>

**Comments:** Increase in Capital Outlay for Village Green Park play structure project

### CITY OF SISTERS NOTICE OF BUDGET MEETING

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2018-2019	Adopted Budget This Year 2019-2020	Approved Budget Next Year 2020-21
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	9,580,697	10,039,143	11,907,014
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	4,565,967	4,370,662	4,124,734
Federal, State and All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	669,009	210,468	250,458
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	20,000	52,000	52,000
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	708,959	541,145	500,907
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	1,090,298	1,115,001	1,165,000
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>16,924,930</b>	<b>16,328,409</b>	<b>18,000,113</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	1,540,196	1,824,870	1,914,789
Materials and Services	2,216,541	2,744,909	3,062,152
Capital Outlay	1,563,254	2,092,750	2,275,750
Debt Service	463,618	467,943	464,617
Interfund Transfers	20,000	52,000	52,000
Contingencies	0	729,563	796,157
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	10,731,321	8,416,874	9,434,148
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>16,924,930</b>	<b>16,328,409</b>	<b>18,000,113</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
Council-Manager	321,247	429,308	387,491
FTE	1,20	1,20	1,00
Finance and Administration	197,793	229,375	228,147
FTE	1,15	1,25	1,00
Facility Maintenance	179,895	135,042	141,602
FTE	0,95	0,80	0,75
Tourism	0	0	253,659
FTE	0	0	0,40
Parks	406,968	488,168	425,586
FTE	1,65	1,70	2,00
Police	588,316	611,849	728,200
Community Development	360,873	440,915	558,072
FTE	2,75	2,95	2,75
Economic Development	0	0	100,500
FTE	2,75	2,95	0,00
Water	524,686	2,111,632	2,351,609
FTE	3,25	3,30	3,30
Streets	1,109,091	1,597,042	1,833,333
FTE	3,30	3,30	3,35
Sewer	847,335	2,234,176	2,870,217
FTE	3,00	3,00	2,95
Streets SDC	375,893	795,045	1,083,115
Sewer SDC	481,532	1,658,899	1,939,594
Water SDC	14,260	2,811,249	2,925,964
Park SDC	0	600,718	653,001
Parking District	0	230,401	250,939
City Hall Debt Service	52,610	60,939	58,061
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	11,084,441	1,893,851	1,567,263
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>16,924,930</b>	<b>16,328,409</b>	<b>18,000,113</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>17,25</b>	<b>17,50</b>	<b>17,50</b>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING			
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES	Rate or Amount Imposed 2018-2019	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2019-20	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2020-2021
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$2,6417_per \$1,000)	2,6417	2,6417	2,6417
Local Option Levy	0	0	0
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	0	0	0

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
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