



**CITY OF ROSEBURG
MEMORANDUM**



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DATE: March 27, 2020
TO: Parks & Recreation Commission
FROM: Kris Ammerman, Parks & Recreation Program Manager
SUBJECT: **Meeting Cancellation**

City Manager has directed that commission meetings in April be **CANCELLED** due to the precautions being taken in light of the Coronavirus. The Parks & Recreation Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2020 has been **CANCELLED**.

Staff has attached a brief update of parks related activities.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 8:15 a.m.



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DATE: March 27, 2020
TO: Parks & Recreation Commission
FROM: Kris W. Ammerman, Parks & Recreation Program Manager
SUBJECT: **Parks Update**

Park Closures

The City of Roseburg, in compliance with Executive Order 20-12, has closed all City playgrounds and sports courts until further notice. City parks, with the exception of Sunshine Park, are still open to the public for individuals and families, but group gatherings are not allowed.

The closure comes as a response to Governor Kate Brown's Executive Order, titled "Stay Home Save Lives," which imposes requirements for outdoor areas that may increase the spread of COVID-19. In an effort to promote social distancing, as well as mitigating the potential spread, the City of Roseburg are implementing these closures to maintain compliance with the Executive Order.

Item number 20 of the order calls for the immediate closure of all pools, skate parks, outdoor sports courts, and playground equipment areas. We are currently complying with this order by putting out signs and press releases to notify the public.

Item number 21 of the order refers to public areas that are permitted to remain open such as the golf course, open spaces, natural areas, and trails. In these areas staff is posting signs at entrance/exit points that require users to strictly adhere to social distancing guidelines.

We have also closed our park rest rooms and brought/bringing in portable rest rooms in a few key locations.

Sunshine Park has also been closed since it is essentially a "drive to" park and does not support any walkable neighborhoods.

This executive order is a public health law enacted by the Governor and requires full compliance until further notice.

Beulah Park Project Update

At the March 23rd Council meeting, Council approved the purchase of the play equipment for Beulah Park Project. It is expected to take 4-6 weeks for the equipment to arrive and with everything going on with the current Coronavirus issue the project will be on pause until that equipment actually arrives.

Equipment Purchase

Money has been budgeted and is available to purchase a new large area turf mower (Toro Groundmaster 4000-D). Staff received a quote of \$67,360.73 from Turf Star (the Oregon supplier for Toro products) utilizing Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN) contract pricing. The request for authorization to purchase the mower will be presented to Council at their April 13th, 2020 meeting.

Natural Area Signage Project

There has been an organic movement to improve the signage at the Natural Area & Wildlife Pond at the North end of Stewart Park near Fred Meyer. The goal of the project is to provide educational signs for the area to replace the existing outdated ones. The new signs will discourage feeding and hopefully reduce the problems that arise from the current overpopulation of wildlife - problems such as poor nutrition, wildlife dependence, dangerous interactions with humans, and poor water quality.

There are several great partners and individuals involved that have been willing to provide their expertise, design skills, creativity and even funding. City staff has been working in collaboration with the Local Audubon Society, Wildlife Safari Conservation Committee, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, and potentially others to bring this project to fruition. The initial concepts are nearly complete. More on this exciting development soon!