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FAIRVIEW PARK

MASTER PLAN:

A guide for tomorrow

Park Update....

Stewardship at Fairview Park – Ravine Restoration

Severe damage of vegetation and slopes along a small ravine on the north side of the bluff area of Fairview Park by motocross bicycle enthusiasts has prompted the City of Costa Mesa to take action to protect and restore the area as a natural habitat.



Bicycle riders have cut into existing slopes to create jumps and obstacles for recreational use with shovels, picks and other hand tools. This has resulted in the slopes becoming denuded and the natural flow of water being impeded. In order to close the area for restoration, boulders have been placed in the areas of greatest environmental damage to prevent riding. The size of the boulders, 2'-3' in diameter, weighing approximately 1,000 pounds each, acts both as an impediment to bicyclists attempting to use the slopes and as a naturalizing feature for re-establishment of the ravine. The boulders will also slow water movement during rainy seasons and retain soil.



The surrounding areas have been scarified slightly and additional soil added as needed to promote natural healing of the area and reintroduction of plant material. Signs stating "Habitat Restoration in Progress – Area Closed" will be posted around the ravine area. The posting will also allow specific enforcement by Park Rangers. The Fairview Park Friends Committee encourages Park users to report any trespassers or activities in the ravine area to the City's Park Ranger Division/Police Department at (714) 754-5281.

Placentia Bridge

City staff is presently reviewing the Request for Proposals (RFP) document for geological work for the Placentia Bridge. The bridge will provide pedestrian and bicycle access from the east side of the Park to the west. The contract is anticipated to be awarded by the end of June 2004. An RFP is being developed for structural engineering of the bridge abutments, and bridge concepts are presently being developed. These items will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at the meeting of June 26, 2004.

Multi-Purpose Trail

All engineering, archeological, and environmental work on the multi-purpose trail has been completed. CalTrans has reviewed the multi-purpose trail project and it is currently in a sixty-day review period by the Federal Highway Administration. Once this is completed, the City is looking to bid the project by the end of September 2004. Construction is anticipated to begin by the end of the year.

For any additional information pertaining to Fairview Park, please call Ron Molendyk, the Fairview Park Plan Administrator, at 714-754-5303.

PARK-O-RAMA

CONCLUDING WITH THE LAST CONCEPT OF THE SUMMER CONCEPT IN THE PARK SERIES IS OUR 3RD ANNUAL PARK-O-RAMA. FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 5:30 AND THE CONCERT FEATURING "THE ANSWER" BEGINS AT 6:15. THE EVENT INCLUDES:

- ⊙ FIRE AND GLIDES PLANE DEMONSTRATIONS
- ⊙ EXHIBITS BY THE HARBOUR SCUBING SOCIETY, THE ORANGE COUNTY MODEL ENGINEERS AND THE COSTA MESA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- ⊙ A 50-50 OPPONENTRY RAFFLE DRAWING
- ⊙ BARBECUES, BURGERS, HOT DOGS, BEVERAGES AND OTHER TREATS



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL THE FAIRVIEW PARK FRIENDS HOTLINE.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

JULY 6—AUGUST 10 6:15-7:45
SEE OUR LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MORE INFORMATION.





On May 22nd 25 dogs and their walking buddies explored the trails in the park during our 3rd Annual Paws Around the Park Event. Although the event was very low key, the event raised over two hundred dollars for the park. Everyone enjoyed the day with the great weather and the delicious BBQ'd lunch. Larry

Courter won first place for collecting the most pledges. Check out our website for more pictures of the event.



A big thanks to all of our volunteers and sponsors for making Earth Day at Fairview Park a success.

Check out our website for more pictures of the event and participants.



ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHT



TWILIGHT PARK TOUR & TRAIN RIDE

Saturday July 17th, 2004

6:00 p.m.

Meet at Picnic Shelter



Our seasonal tour will be led by Bob Graham and train rides will immediately follow the tour, courtesy of the Orange County Model Engineers.

Bring comfortable walking shoes, a jacket, and your flashlight!

JUST AROUND THE CORNER....

Summer is right around the corner, and the number of daily park visitors is sure to be on the rise. Students will be out of school and adults will be enjoying the perfect coastal weather and longer sunlight hours. With the increase of park use, it is the goal of Costa Mesa's Public Services Department to complete a few of the smaller scale park master plan improvements as early as June.

- © The Master Plan for Fairview Park clearly defines a Nature Park Theme, with emphasis on passive recreation. While some informed park users are aware of Fairview's natural and cultural significance, the majority of the users only look at the area as an open piece of land. It has been recommended that a small-scale educational component be implemented throughout the park. The goal of this program will be to educate park users on the environmental and cultural significance within the park, through the use of interpretive exhibits.
- © Currently upon entering Fairview Park from Placentia Avenue, a number of metal street signs are located near the driveway. A total of nine (9) different signs fixed to four (4) metal poles, creates a cluttered look upon entering the park. It is being recommended that the information from the nine signs be condensed to fit on one general welcoming sign to display the park's rules and regulations.
- © To further enhance the natural feel of Fairview Park, it is being recommended that three park benches be placed along the bluff trail. These benches would create an opportunity for park users to take a rest and enjoy the magnificent view from the bluff. Along with the benches, five decorative trash receptacles would be strategically placed throughout the park's trail to improve on litter within the park. The aesthetically-pleasing, "wooden-slat" designed receptacles and benches are to be made of 100% recycled plastic.



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Orange County Model Engineers (949) 631-3418
ReLeaf Costa Mesa (714) 540-5811

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Events in Purple are Concerts in the Park 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. at Fairview Park

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 6th: The Doo-Wah Riders
July 13th: Orange Colored Sky
July 17-Twilight Park Tour @ 6 p.m.

July 20: Myke Jones & The Young Guns
July 27th: Savor

July 3rd: Red & The Red Hots

August 10th-3rd Annual Park-O-Rama with Concert in the Park band, The Answer @ 5:30

Every 3rd Weekend of the Month: Free train rides on the Eastside of the park provided by the Orange County Model Engineers Club