



Spring 2007

Fairview Park Update

Master Plan

The Fairview Park Master Plan was originally approved in March 1998 and revised in February 2001 and November 2002. A feasibility study for Planning Area F of the Master Plan (southwesterly end of the park) will begin in the Summer of 2007.

Staff is actively seeking grants for the implementation of the various elements of the Master Plan.

Planting Area A – Coastal Sage Scrub Community

Installation of the sandy coast scrub and coastal strand plants has been completed in the northwest Coastal Sage Scrub community (Area A). Staff is now monitoring the area, waiting for plants to take hold. This period includes a maintenance program to remove weeds and non-natives, and to replace any dead native plantings. The area will also be monitored and reassessed by biologists and the California Department of Fish and Game. An 90% success rate must be achieved in five (5) years, according to the Department of Fish and Game, in order for this area to be considered a successfully reestablished native plant community.

Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project

This project is within Planning Areas A and C and proposes to restore the historic Fairview Channel by developing a Wetlands and Riparian Habitat in the northwest quadrant of Fairview Park. The construction of these improvements is expected to be financed through grants, donations and mitigation credits.

The Army Corps of Engineers have expressed interest in partnering with the City in the construction of these improvements. A Memorandum of Understanding is being developed.

Staff has submitted grant applications totaling \$2.56 million to the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the California Resources Agency to partially fund construction of these improvements.

The City has awarded a contract to consultants Moffatt and Nichol for the design of the project. The consultants are working on the 90% complete submittal package. Additional water quality testing and coordination with the Orange County Water District (OCWD) is required to satisfy compliance with groundwater regulations.

County of Orange staff has taken additional samples from Fairview Channel and these are being analyzed. The results of these tests, as well as a detailed action plan, will be submitted to the OCWD for review and approval in early April.

Fairview Channel Multipurpose Trail

The Fairview Channel Multipurpose Trail Project (between Placentia Avenue and the Santa Ana River Bike Trail) has been approved to receive a grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$256,000. Design and construction phases will be coordinated with the Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project.

Restoration of Area D

A grant has been awarded to the Public Services Department from the California Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$225,000 for the restoration of the upper mesa, Area D, of Fairview Park. The restoration will include the construction of an interpretive center, decomposed granite (DG) trails, observation platforms, benches, trash cans, signage, bicycle racks, and vernal pool protection. The City will match the grant with \$250,000 in park development funds for a total project cost of \$450,000. The design for this project will begin in early 2007.

In addition, this project will include the recently approved Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for the reconstruction of the asphalt bike path, between the Placentia Avenue parking lot and Canyon Drive, and improvements to the Placentia Avenue bridge abutments.

For further information on the implementation phasing areas of the Master Plan elements at Fairview Park, please contact the Public Services Department at (714) 754-5323.