

ATTACHMENT 2

Option 2: Evaluate Longer-term Proposal to Re-locating the Fly Field to the East Side of the Park

- a. The review of the Fly Field would be included in the Fairview Park Master Plan Update that is scheduled to kick-off next year. This process will take approximately 2-3 years. The objective of including the review in the Master Plan process is to combine efforts that may eventually require approval of improvements in both efforts, by a public vote, per Measure AA passed in 2016 as a protection measure for the park.
- b. The relocation presents a new opportunity to create a public educational STEM program between the City and other partner organizations such as OCC and UCI, and that would feature HSS (planes) and OCME (trains). The membership of both organizations is primarily retired engineers that have expressed an interest in developing such a program through the Parks Department.
- c. Given the location, the east fly field would allow for a more efficient management and enforcement of the hobby of flying. Improvements that exercise best practices such as fencing the runway, scheduling of operations, and overall runway/observation areas would be designed per AMA recommendations.
- d. The ability / opportunities for enforcement of fly field rules are improved by having a fenced and gated runway that is only open when required Safety Managers (HSS members) or staff are present.
- e. The area has less potential for environmental impacts because it is not in sensitive habitat area. However, additional environmental analysis will be required in the review process.
- f. The move would allow staff to continue restoration plans for the maximum benefit of the vernal pools, the park and the environment on the west side of the park.
- g. Known challenges to this option include an uncertainty of suitability of the air patterns for different types of planes; the ultimate size of a fly field within the given parameters of available space; and the unknown environmental conditions of the site.
- h. If the east side relocation is determined to be feasible, and environmental compliance concerns are addressed, the City should seek assistance from the AMA to design and implement a new field and solicit a club partnership to build upon the existing engineering theme already offered in that portion of the park.