

Fairview Park Master Plan Update Recommendations					
Rec. #	Consultant Team Rec. (June 2024)	Fairview Park Steering Committee Rec. (Oct. 2024).	Parks and Community Services Commission Rec. (Oct. 2025)	Location referenced in the Oct. 2025 Draft	Present in existing Master Plan (revised 2008)
1	Provide clearly defined trails and establish a designated trail system for the park.	As-is.	Include language to adhere trails plan to City's adopted Active Transportation Plan and south bluff stairs.	Pages 11, 64, 75-76	Yes, described in graphic master plan and environmental documentation.
2	Adopt design standards for the designated trail system, including widths, materials, and designated modes of travel by trail type.	As-is.	As-is.	Pages 75-76, 96-99	Yes.
3	Finalize and adopt the habitat restoration and enhancement opportunities technical report for Fairview Park.	As-is.	As-is.	Appendix C, Pages 78-85	Partially. Habitat restoration opportunities are described generally in the high value conservation areas including the vernal pools and associated grasslands.
4	Establish a boardwalk or similar pedestrian pathway allowing for pedestrian access in both wet and dry seasons from the north end of Pacific Avenue to the north end of Canyon Drive. The pathway shall be planned and designed in a manner that protects the integrity of the vernal pools and the vernal pool watersheds.	Establish functional and pedestrian pathways allowing for pedestrian access in both wet and dry seasons for approved trails (see Rec 1), including from the north end of Pacific Avenue to the north end of Canyon Drive. The pathway shall be planned and designed in a manner that protects the integrity of the vernal pools and the vernal pool watersheds.	As-is.	Pages 76, 82, 98	Yes, partially. Seasonal ponding and drainage issues are described generally in the area, and potential improvements are discussed to maintain use/access.
5	Provide for long-term preservation of the vernal pools and their associated watersheds using suitable fencing, interpretive displays, and the removal of unauthorized user-defined trails that have formed through the vernal pool watersheds.	As-is.	As-is.	Page 69, 75,81-82, 85, 96, Appendix B	Yes, partially. Fencing and other physical protective barriers are described in the 2008 master plan and adopted as mitigation measures in CEQA environmental documentation.
6	Relocate the fly field activity currently located within the vernal pool watershed, due to detrimental impacts to sensitive biological resources associated with the activity and required maintenance of the fly field. Staff is working with the model flying club to identify potential alternative flying sites for the activity.	Relocate the fly field activity currently located within the vernal pool watershed to outside Fairview Park, due to detrimental impacts to sensitive biological resources associated with the activity and required maintenance of the fly field.	As is. Revise to exploring outside of Fairview Park. (3-2)	Page 69, Appendix B	The 2008 Master Plan does not use the term "fly field", but refers to the "silent flyer launch/land site", which is to be adjacent to the restroom facility in the lawn area.
7	Revegetate and restore excessive areas of barren ground and exposed soil using ecologically appropriate native vegetation.	As-is.	As-is.	Pages 50, 102	Yes. Fill removal and native plant revegetation are identified in 2008 Master Plan and are adopted as a mitigation measure in the CEQA documentation.
8	Provide for a potential native plant growing space on the east side of Fairview Park in a location that avoids impacts to native habitat. The growing space shall be planned and designed in consultation with a qualified restoration ecologist.	As-is.	As-is.	Pages 11, 100, 102	No.
9	Provide for improved and updated signage and interpretive materials to highlight the exceptional conservation value of the site, and the importance of local and global biodiversity preservation.	As-is.	Add multi-language content, accessibility, all ages, and diversity of cultural perspectives.	Pages 12, 18, 55, 64, 67, 69, 73, 77, 100	Yes, partially. Interpretive opportunities are described in the 2008 Master Plan.
10	Utilize the site to enhance community education about the nexus between human mental and physical health, and ecological health and conservation of natural open spaces.	Utilize the site to enhance community education about the nexus between (1) human health and (2) ecological health and conservation of natural open spaces.	As is	Pages 77, 99	Yes, this theme is discussed partially in the 2008 plan.
11	Provide for improved and updated signage and interpretive materials to highlight the cultural history of the site, indigenous ecology, and to recognize the site's significance to tribal communities.	As-is.	As is	Pages 12, 55, 58, 64, 69, 73, 77, 100	Yes, partially. Interpretive opportunities are described in the 2008 Master Plan.
12	Provide for an on-site maintenance and storage facility, or designated area on the east side for efficient storage and use of Fairview Park restoration tools and equipment, and to support the operations of the native plant growing space.	As-is.	As is	Pages 100, 102	Yes, partially. A museum/multi-purpose building is shown on the east side of Placentia Ave.
13	Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for unsuitable fill removal and restoration of the Fairview Park mesa.	Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for the removal of unsuitable fill material (imported fill material placed on the Mesa in the late 1980s), protection of culturally sensitive resources, and habitat restoration of the Fairview Park mesa.	As is	Pages 11, 56, 65, 69, 71-72, 82, 87, 100, 102, Appendix C	Yes, fill removal is recognized in the 2008 Master Plan, which calls for the City to prepare a phasing plan to remove the unsuitable fill in a manner that protects the vernal pools, sensitive biological resources, and prevents damage to the cultural resources site.
14	Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for stabilization and restoration of the Fairview Park west bluffs.	Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for stabilization and habitat restoration of the Fairview Park west bluffs to protect natural resources and public safety.	As is	Pages 64, 71, 83, 88-89, Appendix C	Yes.
15	Continue the operation of the model train railroad facilities, and integrate environmental interpretive content and ecological enhancements along the model train network to provide educational opportunities to the youth while onboard the model train circuit.	Continue the operation of the model train railroad facilities, and integrate environmental interpretive content and ecological enhancements along the model train network to provide educational opportunities to all ages while onboard the model train circuit.	As is	Pages 3, 57, 59, 67, 73	Yes.
16	Adopt the Maintenance, Operations, and Management Plan for Fairview Park, including the Invasive Species Management Plan for Fairview Park.	Develop and adopt the Maintenance, Operations, and Management Plan for Fairview Park, including the Invasive Plant Species Management Plan for Fairview Park.	Broaden scope to address public safety, enforcement with adequate staffing resources and/or technology.	Pages 81-86, Appendix C	No. No O&M plan was prepared at the time of the 2008 Master Plan.

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17	Continue to build community partnerships with local organizations invested in environmental conservation, and expand opportunities to participate in community-based restoration, stewardship, and nature-based educational activities.	Continue to build partnerships with organizations invested in environmental conservation, and expand opportunities to participate in community-based restoration, stewardship, and nature-based educational activities.	As is.	Page 64, 77	Yes, partially.
18	Provide continuing opportunities for tribal coordination and participation in the implementation of the Updated Fairview Park Master Plan.	As-is.	Revise to include participation in public facing communications around historical storytelling.	Pages 10-11, 39-40, 82, Appendix D	No.
19	Provide an ADA-accessible pathway from the main parking lot to the existing paved multipurpose path west of the main parking lot.	Provide ADA-accessible pathway(s) from the main parking lot to the existing paved multipurpose path west of the main parking lot.	As is.	Pages 96, 98	No.
20	Provide a service and emergency vehicular access point into the park from Pacific Avenue, to be accessible only by authorized public safety vehicles and maintenance vehicles.	Provide an emergency and service vehicular access point into the park from Pacific Avenue. Develop protocol guidelines for vehicular use of this access point.	As is.	Page 75, 96	Partially. 2008 Master Plan calls for a small parking lot at the northern terminus of Pacific Ave.
21	Provide for the incorporation of a central interpretive area.	As-is.	As is.	Page 99-102	Partially. The 2008 Master Plan reflects multiple small interpretive areas in the park.
22	Incorporate viewing platforms and scenic viewpoint features to enhance environmental interpretive opportunities while preserving sensitive features.	As-is.	As is.	Page 82	Yes.
23	Incorporate a nature play area near the central interpretive area.	Incorporate nature play elements throughout the park and a nature play area within the existing lawn area.	As is	Page 11, 64, 81, 99, 102	Partially. The 2008 Master Plan shows a small play area on the south end of the park near Canyon Drive, but not in the lawn area.
24	Incorporate a native pollinator area to attract butterflies and other pollinators. The native pollinator area would replace the ornamental vegetation including invasive species currently located in the planter area.	As-is.	As is	Pages 68, 100	No. The 2008 Master Plan shows a small play area on the south end of the park.
25	Based on community input - consider renaming the site to reflect the site's natural and cultural resources.	Modify and refine the name of the Fairview Park site to a more nature-oriented name, such as "Fairview Nature Park" to reflect the site's exceptional natural resources, significant conservation value, and lasting legacy as Costa Mesa's premier natural open space asset.	As is	N/A	No.
26			Request City Council to consider the impact of Measure AA and the possibility that elements of the Master Plan Update may need a public vote.		

Note: On October 15, 2025 the Fairview Park Steering Committee reviewed the Fairview Park Master Plan Draft. Discussion ensued with no formal vote and/or recommendation changes. The Committee verbally re-emphasized their recommendation that Fairview Park should be renamed and that the fly field should be relocated out of Fairview Park.