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Secretaries Notes

On Tuesday February 18, 2003 at Costa Mesa City Hall, the meeting to finalize the Fairview Park master plan was held. Several areas of the park were still in question including the Harbor Soaring Society (HSS) flying site. Several HSS officers were in attendance as well as several club members. Thank you to those who showed support for your club.

Flash-back: over the last several months, the flying site and what it would look like, both in size and shape had been in question. At one point in the dialog with the city, the proposed site had become too small to allow safe take-offs and an appropriately sized landing area. Sensing the immediacy of the issue, the president of HSS, Karl Hawley, and Roger McGregor met with city officials to voice concerns over the reduced site boundaries. These talks negotiated a flying site that would be large enough to accommodate all flyers. The new site, if approved, would be located on one side of the path, rather than being split into two separate areas by the path, a safety concern that needed to be addressed.

Flash-forward: the meeting at city hall was quite a victory for HSS and all those involved in the behind-the-scenes dialog with the city. The city showed its support by voting unanimously to work with HSS to ensure that all aspects of the project meet our needs. Further, in talks with the architect from David Evans & Associates, they will keep the dialog open to create a great flying site. Let's hope that we have closed this chapter and will move onto the construction phase as money becomes available to be budgeted for our new flying site.

Again, to those who have participated in the process, thank you. Let's name a few names worthy of mention. Karl Hawley, thank you for giving back as you say. We really appreciate all the hard work you have put into this round of Fairview Park negotiations as well as general club administration. For those who spoke at the city hall meetings like Karl and Troy, thank you. Your comments demonstrated the vision of a safe and responsible use of our area and held HSS in a respectable light. Steve Hendry, thanks for the quick updating of the website and putting together an email list to get people involved. And finally, to all of you who just love the park and who use it responsibly. HSS appreciates your safe use of the site and your flying north of the school to mitigate noise concerns of our neighbors to the south. To those I forgot to mention, please forgive my error. Now that the planning phase is essentially complete, let's continue to work together to see this project through to completion. Here is to another 30 years of HSS at the Costa Mesa bluffs!

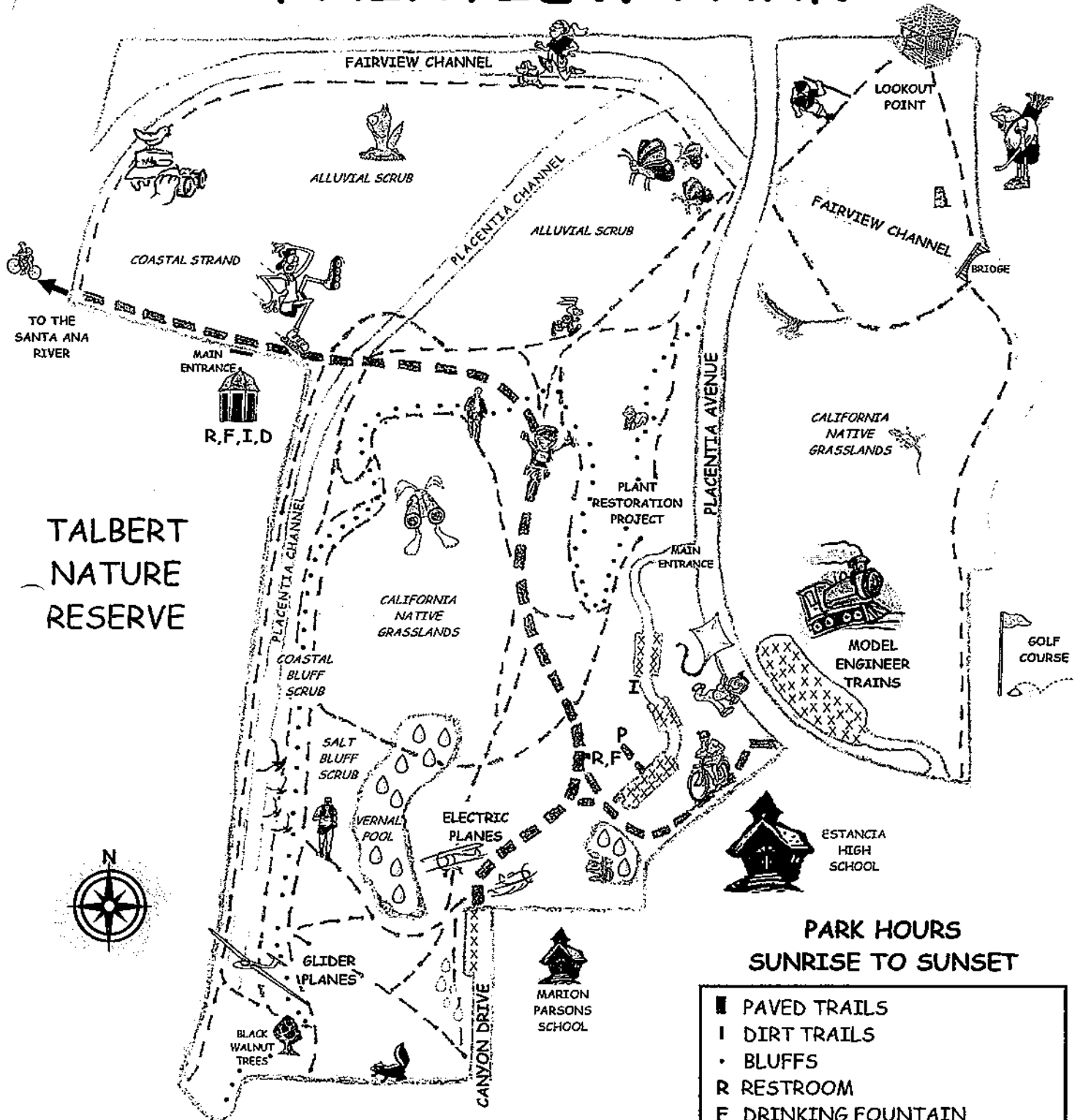


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FAIRVIEW PARK



PARK HOURS
SUNRISE TO SUNSET

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FAIRVIEW PARK CHECK OUT THE FRIENDS OF FAIRVIEW PARK COMMITTEE'S WEBSITE WWW.CMFAIRVIEWPARK.ORG OR CALL THE HOTLINE (714) 754-5698

An Open Letter to the Membership of Harbor Soaring Society

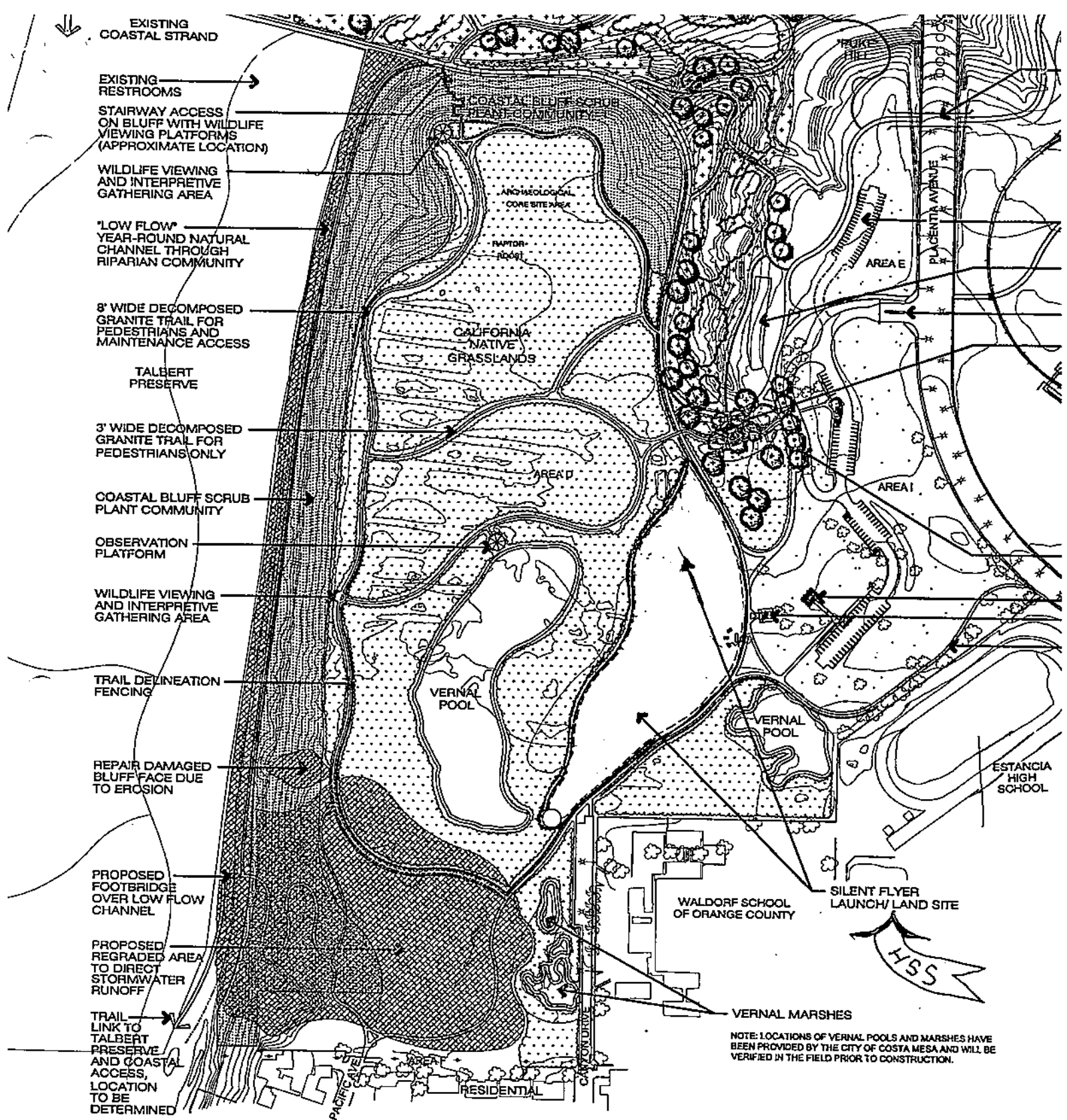
The Harbor Soaring Society (HSS) club has the oldest R/C Soaring Club charter in AMA. This is a greater achievement than you would expect. It has required a lot of time and commitment by a relatively few individuals. Their service was generally thankless and driven by a love of the activity. The current situation in HSS is a very sad one. A once very proud, energetic, high achieving club has degenerated into a group of celebrity flyers and a large number of "I don't care as long as I get to Fly" members. Celebrity flyers are typically those who have reached a high level of achievement in our sport and by their actions appear to feel that they are not expected to help out in any way. The club should be "honored" to have them present at our field and using the equipment. The "I don't care as long as I get to Fly" group are to a large part made up of the group that has migrated from Mile Square Park but certainly is not limited to those individuals. They certainly represent the largest population at the field. To my knowledge I have never seen any of them at club meetings or helping in any club or park activities. The club roster has over 100 members, but currently only 6 or so, show up for meetings. Many times club officers are not even present.

Why is this happening? Some of the responsibility falls on the shoulders of the current officers and perhaps some of the prior ones. But to the greatest extent the problem lies with the membership. As long as we can fly our planes (some people say toys) and use the equipment to launch our sailplanes we really don't feel obligated to put any effort into club activity. We don't have any respect for the effort and funds that went into winches, turn-arounds, retrievers or the other equipment and facilities. Or "I don't use the darn equipment, because I fly electrics, why should I be concerned"? Nor do we care that some one else takes their time to attend local government meetings to represent us and protect our privilege to fly on Costa Mesa park property. "I pay my dues, so what's the problem."

The problem is if the Harbor Soaring Society ceases to exist there is no longer a single coherent voice to represent us with the organization that holds our flying future in its hands. Does that mean that we are going to lose the ability to fly in Fairview Park? Not today. But two other long time flying organizations have lost their fields this year. The Pasadena Soaring Society and the Soaring Union of Los Angeles. In both cases it was caused by sporting organizations that basically showed "better utilization" of the open area. Making the HSS a presence to local government is really about making it a strong organization with active membership. This requires a larger number of members to handle the load. This requires attendance and participation at the monthly meetings.

This is where the responsibility transfers to the club officers. The meetings have to be more than hearing the latest gripes about noise or planning the next contest. A lot of people don't like to fly in sailplane contests so there must be other club activities for them. More "show & tell" by members needs to be encouraged, sailplane and electric types. Guest speakers need to be contacted and reminded to show up. Would a new meeting place, more centralized, make it easier for members to attend? Would a raffle of useful modeling supplies, done on a consistent basis, help attendance? And most important of all can a newsletter be sent out that tells of activities, giving recognition to all types of club members, their efforts and contributions.

Look at it this way – If we, the people who fly at Fairview Park, don't take an active interest in protecting our privilege to fly there – who will.



REVISED FINAL PLAN

AIRVIEW PARK
CITY OF COSTA MESA

2003 Contest Announcements & Results

Historical Winch Competition Summary (since 1974) 11/02/01

Historical HLG Competition Summary (since 2000) 11/17/01

Individual Year End Standings - Winch
 Team Year End Standings - Winch
 Year End Standings - HLG

Date	City	(SC) ² Contest	Link to Club	Launch Method	Map	Dir.
Sun, Mar 30	Poway	YES	Torrey Pine Gulls #1-TPG	Winch		
Sun, April 27	Covina	YES	Silent Wings Soaring Society- SWSA	Winch	MAP	DIR
Sun, May 18	Long Beach	YES	El Dorado Silent Fliers-EDSF	Winch	Map1 Map2	DIR
Sun, June 7-8	Poway	NO	International Hand Launch Glider Festival (IHLGF) - TPG*****	Hand	MAP	DIR
Sun, June 29		YES	Torrey Pine Gulls #2-TPG	Winch	MAP	DIR
Sun, Aug. 24	Thousand Oaks	YES	Thousand Oaks Soaring Society- TOSS	Winch	MAP1 MAP2	DIR
Sun, Sept. 28	Perris	YES	Inland Soaring Society-ISS	Winch	MAP	DIR
Sun, Oct. 26	Costa Mesa	YES	Harbor Soaring Society-HSS	Winch	MAP	DIR

* Caution — Map Location Approximate

It is important to do a "reality check" when comparing the MAP with directions given by Yahoo Maps. If there is a conflict, use the map, or map1.

** Not an (SC)² Contest. This contest does not count toward year end standings and may not be flown according to (SC)² rules.

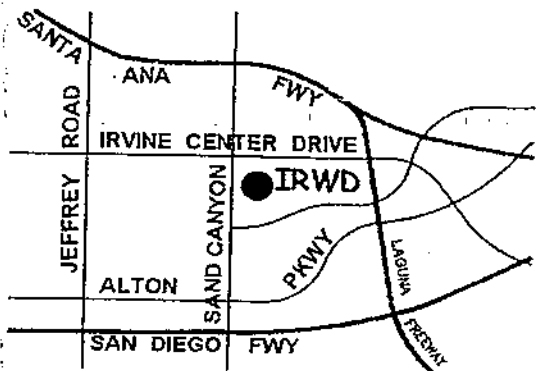
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Southern California Soaring Clubs - (SC)²

Promoting Radio Controlled Soaring Competition in Southern California

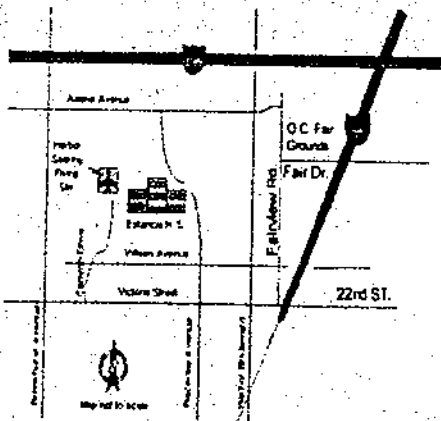
Meeting Location: Irvine

Water District located at 15600 Sand Canyon Ave. 1/2 mile West of 5 fwy., south side of street.
(note: Board Meetings are Held 30 Minutes Before Club Meetings)



Note: The Irvine Ranch Water District neither sponsors nor endorses the listing or activities of Organizations which use the District's meeting rooms, but are hereby included as a public service.

Flying Site



Master Plan of Parks and Open Space

The 2002-2003 Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation provides a comprehensive review of the recreation programs and facilities in Costa Mesa. The Master Plan process has involved a significant amount of community input, from four well-attended workshops to a statistically random telephone survey. This process provides for a balanced assessment of the recreational needs of the City based on community desires. The Master Plan will guide recreational planning during the next five years.

Both the Planning Commission, and Parks and Recreation Commission have reviewed the Master Plan. The Parks and Recreation Commission adopted the document at the November 20, 2002 meeting. Upon approval by the City Council the Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation will be implemented.

The Master Plan document can be viewed on the City website at www.ci.costa-mesa.ca.us, and is available at all City recreational facilities, the Newport Mesa Unified School District, and both Costa Mesa libraries.

For Sale By Kenneth Hildreth
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Piper J3	71"	Sig	\$60.00
Piper J3	108"	Bolsa USA	\$125.00
Piper J3 Floats to match		Bolsa USA	\$75.00
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March 4

HSS Club Meeting
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and tell, 7:30 Meeting

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From the President:

I would like to thank you all for renewing your membership. We have eight new members, which gives us a total of eighty five. I have made up and mailed the membership cards, so you should all have received yours by now. I am now working on the nametags for the new members, and I should have them available soon. If I do not see you sooner, I will mail them with your April News Letter.

Coming up in Fairview Park

Saturday, May 10th, 2003.

2ND ANNUAL Paws around the Park.

This means that from about 8 AM to noon, dog owners will be doing a fundraiser by walking their dogs around the park. [Registration is \$20.00 if you want to participate with your own pooch.]

While this event is going on,

DO NOT Fly over them or anywhere near them.

April 5th, which is Earth Day, there will be a "pick up trash" and "have a walk through the park" event going on.

What do you think of the Master Plan for HSS, for the SILENT FLYER Launch/Land site? It looks like we have more square feet than the "Vernal Pool." I think it is really going to work out well for all of us.

How soon will it be done? Well, that is a good question. The work to be done on Fairview Park is being paid for by grants and donations. We might consider getting on the Band Wagon and doing some sort of a fundraiser. Lets have a little feed back on this at the next club meeting.

Things that need to be done!

#1. HSS needs a brochure made up. Please help us make one up.

Carol Proctor, with the Community Center asked for a brochure. She wants to put it at the Kiosk so people that walk the park will know what is there.

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9:00am till 2:00pm

FAIRVIEW PARK

COSTA MESA, CA

Contest format will be the same as F3J with the exception planes will be powered by electric motors. Contest format 4 / 10 minutes rounds man on man with precision landing. Only non powered flight time will count toward competitors score. Sign up 7:15am - 8:45am. Entry fee \$10.00 per event. For complete rules, and map contact Jim Hanson, or visit or web site (1hss.org).

CD Jim Hanson 949 646-3603

February 2003 Harbor Soaring Society minutes

Note: secretaries comments in ().

Hello everyone.

Two Saturday's ago at HSS field, Larry Jolly was elected VP and Tom Copp was elected contest coordinator.

Karl will be having a class for the next twelve or so weeks, so our new VP orchestrated the meeting.

Discussion was on the current state of affairs on Fairview Park . Roger says we should approach the park administrator. If we get no positive results, then approach the Parks and Rec. department. If we cannot get back on track, then we need to go to the city Council and remind them what had been agreed on previously.

We need to post field rules. Who ever has the latest copy of the field rules, please give them to Karl so he can post them. (Can we post them on the 1HSS site?)

Talk was made about moving the picnic benches farther to the east in an effort to increase safety. (This sounds like a good idea).

The city council said that we may not limit the field to any one type of flying. In other words, we cannot exclude one group at the expense of another. (So, let's work together on our common interest, flying. This is a flying problem, not an electric/glider problem).

May is set for an F5J (electric glider) competition. Jim Hanson will head up this event.

Who is taking care of the membership cards and name tags? A new member brought this up.

Talk on meeting at the Duck Club or the Costa Mesa facility. (Anyone have a good site to meet at?)

Warren Greer will go to Fairview Park meeting to see what we can do to patch things up.

Dennis brought a beautiful "Something Extra". Uses a bunch of batteries and looks like it fly's super. Thank you Dennis for your show-and-tell. Very nice model construction and a great presentation.

Larry Jolly will bring several indoor models next month. Demos will be setup for upcoming meetings.

Meeting adjourned.

(Come on out to the meetings. Suggest how HSS can be better in the future. It's your club too!).

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Planned HSS Dates for 2003

Note: Board Meetings Are Held 30 Min Before Club Meeting

- March 2nd HSS contest. Tom Copp F3X Contest F3J Type With Winches
Bring Your Winch And Get A Free Entry. *The Ultimate Radio Control Expo*
- April 6th HSS contest.
- May 4th or 11th, HSS contest.
- June 1st HSS contest.
- July 13th, HSS contest.
- August 13th, HSS contest.
- September 14th, HSS contest.
- October 12th, HSS contest. Visalia.
- November 2nd, HSS contest.
- December 9th, no contest. HSS award banquet dinner.

MAY 3 & 4, 2003
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