

Fitch Mountain Park and Open Space Preserve

Proposed Revised Framework for Management Plan

- Remove Park Improvement Area 2 designation at the Upper Summit and all associated uses from the Management Plan, as well as all references to PIA2 in the Management Plan.
- Continue with Park Improvement Area 1 at the Villa site (technically outside of the Fitch Mountain Park and Open Space Preserve property).
- Allow groups who conduct events at Park Improvement Area 1, at the Villa, or another site to conduct a “ceremonial hike” on the Park and Open Space Preserve and gather for a short time (e.g. 15 minutes or less) to celebrate, remember, etc.
- Per Open Space District, run/walk events are allowed to use the trail system so long as they are not congregating at one location during the event. For example the start/end could not occur on the Park and Open Space Preserve.
- All group use, ceremonial hikes, and any run/walk events would be subject to the City’s permit process and associated fees (fee amounts TBD).
- Conduct an annual public meeting to review of the Park and Open Space Preserve operation with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Additional public meetings may be called as needed.
- Develop a user group that would meet as needed with the Open Space Subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Commission (or the Commission’s designees if they choose not to assign a subcommittee at some point in time) in the format of the Recreation Park User Group.
- Conduct periodic (e.g. 3 year) review of the Management Plan through a community focused effort.
- Engage individuals, user groups, and Fitch Mountain Association in ongoing efforts to support the operations of the Park and Open Space Preserve through volunteer and fundraising efforts.