



Delthorne Park contains 9.7 acres and is located at 3401 Spencer Street. Before the City acquired the land in June of 1971, it served as a junk yard and marine storage center. In July of 1971, the City entered into an agreement with two separate owners to purchase the 9.71 acre site.

The primary source of funding for acquisition of land came from the City capital improvement monies in the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund. The City purchased 4.8 acres at the corner of Madrona Avenue/Spencer Street and later picking up an additional 4.9 acres of land. In September 1976, the City Council approved the master plan and appropriated the funds for the first phase of development of the park.

The groundbreaking ceremonies were held August 8, 1977. The unusually heavy winter rains "greened" the park in a short time. Park planning was done in conjunction with a neighborhood citizen group whose ideas were included in the final draft of the master plan.

It is one of the few parks in Torrance to be completed in only one development stage. Council members at the time: James Armstrong, George Brewster, Council woman Katy Geissert, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Harold Smith, and Mayor Ken Miller helped get the project started on its dedication day by taking the first "digs" at the City's new park.

Delthorne Park boasts a unique blend of winding open space accented by trees, brooks, and bridges. It affords park visitors a rubberized (recycled tire material) jogging track (.50 mile), multi-purpose game courts, children's play equipment and picnic area. The park has supervised activities for children. Supervised hours and special events are listed in the "Torrance Seasons". Delthorne Park now provides a wide range of recreational opportunities (with handicapped access) for the high density population of Central Torrance.