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Houston City Council Member Anne Clutterbuck Announces Additional Funding for Libraries and Trees

Houston City Council took decisive action on a number of items at the December 30, 2008 City Council meeting, several of which directly affect District C.

Council Member Anne Clutterbuck today announced that City Council has passed an ordinance appropriating \$400,000 out of the Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund for the Morris Frank Library, located in District C. The money has been designated for the purchase of IT equipment, materials security systems, as well as self check out machines that will allow members to check out their own materials. The library will now offer 35 public access computers and 20 new laptops available for use. The Morris Frank Library is located at 10103 Fondren Road, Houston TX 77096.

On December 30, City Council also approved \$30,000 out of the Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund for design services for renovation to the McGovern-Stella Link Library, also located in District C. This project will remodel several areas of the library, including the creation of a quiet reading room for adults. "The McGovern-Stella Link Library is one of the most frequently visited in the City. In the afternoons, especially, the library is often filled with school children from the neighborhoods," said Clutterbuck. "I have been working with community members and the library to rethink the layout and design so that residents of all ages may use and benefit from the space." The McGovern-Stella Link Library is located at 7405 Stella Link, Houston TX 77025.

Council Member Clutterbuck is also pleased to announce that a contract was awarded by City Council for the planting and maintenance of trees under Mayor Bill White's "Million Trees + Houston" program. This campaign is a public-private partnership that seeks to plant over a million trees throughout Houston. In the initial phase, nearly 20,000 trees will be planted in the medians of four major thoroughfares and in parks proposed in Super Neighborhood Action Plans (SNAP).

Three parks in District C were among the locations selected for new plantings. Hagar Park will receive 100 new trees – 34 Bur Oaks, 33 Crape Myrtles, and 33 Cedar Elms. Westbury Park will receive 50 new trees – 17 Bur Oaks, 17 Winged Elms and 16 Crape Myrtles. Chimney Rock Park will receive 11 Crape Myrtles. Several medians in the Willowbend area are also scheduled for new plantings. Over 500 trees will be planted among the four median locations; on Hillcroft between Willowbend and Hwy. 90, on W.

Airport between Chimney Rock and Fondren, on Chimney Rock between Willowbend and W. Airport, and on W. Belfort between Willowbend and Hillcroft.

“One of the hallmarks of our neighborhoods in southwest Houston is our beautiful tree canopy, and this program will help preserve our green neighborhoods for generations to come,” said Clutterbuck. “I am excited about this first round of plantings in District C and I am eager to identify additional locations in our community that will benefit from new trees in the next phase.”

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