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Metropolitan Multi-Service Center Re-Opens Following 2015 Water Main Break

New Entryway and New METRO Stop Location Added to Center To Enhance Visitors Experience

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand re-opening of the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray 77019, on Friday, September 30, 2016 at 10:00 am. The ribbon cutting marks the completion of repair work to the center caused by a water main break in 2015.

The Metropolitan Multi-Service Center (MMSC) is the headquarters for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department's Adaptive Recreation Section. In April 2015, the Center suffered a major water main break that caused extensive damage to the building and required many of its quality of life programs and services for people with disabilities to be temporarily relocated to other sites.

"We are excited to cut the ribbon on the completed project and let the public know that the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center is back with new improvements and enhancements for our guests," said Joe Turner Director Houston Parks and Recreation Department.

Other activities taking place include the dedication of the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center's green room in honor of Jay Stiteley the former director of the Mayor's Office on Disabilities, the announcement of a US Department of Veteran's Affairs Adaptive Sports Grant, and festivities to highlight the beginning of October is Disability Awareness Month.

Total cost for damage repairs to the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center was \$1,442,145. Cost for these repairs was funded by HPARD bond funds and \$1.2 Million reimbursement from the insurance coverage. Walter P. Moore was contracted to provide structural damage assessment and mitigation. Horizon Group International was the General Contractor. The scope of work included the replacement of all damaged work, including concrete slab in the Green Room, floor tiles, floor finishes in Gymnasium and Workout Room, doors, sheet rock, paint, and carpet.

In addition to the repairs made to damaged portions of the center a new entrance was added to the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center. This project was funded through Parks Consolidated Construction Fund (\$ 1,023,000) and Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund (\$234,200) for a total cost of \$1,257,200.00. The scope of work included a new lighted entry canopy so passenger loading and unloading could be out of the weather, it is design for two vehicles side by side to cars/Metro lifts can pass and adds to the appeal of the building, the elimination of the existing double door front entry portal to reduce congestion, the removal of existing concrete pavers on the walk and service drive and addition of new concrete paving and the construction of a new

drive designed around an existing live oak which was protected throughout the project, the relocation of the METRO stop so patrons would not have to cross the entry drive and cross the parking lot to get to the building entry; a lighted covered walkway links the bus stop to the new entry canopy and detention, tree planting with associated irrigation. White Oak Studios was the design consultant, PGAL was the subconsultant/Architect, Gadberry Construction Company, Inc. was the contractor, and the project was managed by the General Services Department, with Chip Perry, Senior Project Manager.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,851 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstont.gov/parks.