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Groundbreaking Ceremony Scheduled for \$1.9 Million Busby Park Improvements

On Thursday, January 11, 2018 the Houston Parks and Recreation Department together with Council Member Jerry Davis, District B; Dan Reece, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and community members will break ground on a Busby Park Improvement Project. The \$1,908,541 project is funded through a combination of Parks Consolidated Construction Funds (\$1,039,441), Parks and Recreation Dedication Funds (\$39,100) and a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant (\$830,000). The project is scheduled to begin in January of 2018.

- WHO:** Steve Wright, Director Houston Parks and Recreation Department
Council Member, Jerry Davis, District B
Community Members
- WHAT:** Busby Park Groundbreaking Celebration
- WHEN:** Thursday, January 11, 2018
10:00 a.m.
- WHERE:** Busby Park
6700 Hirsch
Houston, Texas 77026

Busby Park is a 5.83 acre park that was acquired by the City of Houston in 1979. The scope of work for this project includes: demolition, site grading, detention and drainage; construction of a 2,151 linear foot trail system; a half basketball court; an outdoor shaded exercise area with two elliptical stationary workout stations, one stationary recumbent workout bike and one upper body strength workout station; fencing along the southern portion of the park site, a new playground unit for 2-5 year olds and swings. The project will also include trail lighting and electrical upgrades; a new picnic pavilion with lighting, picnic tables, benches and drinking fountain; landscaping with associated irrigation and the planting of 210 trees. The General Contractor is Times Construction, Inc., Design Consultant is M2L Associates and the City of Houston General Services Department will manage the project for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department.

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.houstonparks.org.