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HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO UNVEIL IMPROVEMENTS TO CATHERINE DELCE PARK IN KASHMERE GARDENS

Delce Park is the fifth to see improvements under Mayor Sylvester Turner's Complete Communities Initiative

Mayor Sylvester Turner, the Mayor's Office of Complete Communities, and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate improvements to Catherine Delce Park on Saturday, April 23, 2022. The park is located at 5700 Collingsworth in Kashmere Gardens. To celebrate the event the Parks Department is hosting its fifth *Love Our Parks Fest at Delce Park* from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a ceremony at 11 a.m. The fest will feature family-friendly activities and programming from Houston Parks and Recreation, Houston Public Library, HPD's Greater Houston Police Activities League (GHPAL), and other City departments.

"As the fifth park to receive improvements under the Love Our Parks Complete Communities initiative, Delce Park is a testament to improving park equity in neighborhoods across our city," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "By reviving neighborhood parks, Houstonians will have access to greenspaces that they can point to with pride. I thank all the city department employees and our partner, Cheniere Energy, for their hard work in making this project a tremendous success."

The Catherine Delce Park improvements include a new soccer mini-pitch court, a resurfaced basketball court with a new roof, pergola, new furnishings, lighting upgrades, barbeque pits, and landscaping. New playground equipment is on order and is expected to be installed in a few weeks. Supply chain issues have caused unexpected delays in the playground production industry. Houston artist, Alex Arzu, is creating art for the park, courtesy of Cheniere Energy. Cheniere Energy, the largest producer of liquified natural gas in the United States, is a strong supporter of the "Love Our Parks" initiative and has donated over \$180,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department for the five-park project.

"We are excited to see the completion of Catherine Delce Park, the fifth park we have had the privilege to work on with the Houston Parks and Recreation Department," said Zach Davis, SVP & CFO, Cheniere Energy, Inc. and Board Member, Cheniere Foundation. "We look forward to continuing our partnership and finding even more opportunities to support our communities throughout Houston."

"When Mayor Turner tasked me with improving our neighborhood parks, I saw it as a tremendous opportunity to make a difference," said Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation

Department. "We identified parks in need and worked hard to make them places that neighborhood residents can visit with pride. We hope they understand that the Parks and Recreation Department has their best interests at heart, and we look forward to continuing this good work."

The *Mayor Sylvester Turner Love Our Parks Complete Communities* initiative is a collaborative effort created by the Mayor to improve and upgrade neighborhood parks in under-resourced Houston communities. The first phase focuses on five neighborhood parks – Malone Park (completed July 2021) and Our Park (completed September 2021) in Third Ward, Woodruff Park (completed October 2021) in Magnolia-Manchester, Earl Henderson Park (completed November 2021) on the Near Northside, and Catherine Delce Park (to be completed May 2022) in Kashmere Gardens.

Catherine Delce Park is in City Council District B, represented by City Council Member Tarsha Jackson. It was acquired by the City of Houston in 1973. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, please visit www.HoustonParks.org.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages 381 parks and over 39,501 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all ages and abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.