

Public Notice

1) The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), is proposing to allocate \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the SPARK Parks Program from CDBG funds currently in the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities line item in the 2011 Annual Action Plan. The SPARK Parks program is a collaboration between the City and the Houston Independent School District (HISD), Spring Branch Independent School District (SBISD), and Alief Independent School District (AISD) to provide improvements to public school facilities in low-to-moderate income areas. The renovations at these public school facilities will include the installation of playground equipment, trees, benches, picnic tables, walking trails and other items. The SPARK Parks scheduled for improvements are:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Council District</u>	<u>School District</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Treasure Forest Elementary School 7635 Amelia Road	G	SBISD	\$87,500
Sneed Elementary School 9855 Pagewood Lane	A	AISD	\$87,500
Berry Elementary School 2310 Berry Street	H	HISD	\$87,500
Tijerina Elementary School 6501 Sherman	I	HISD	\$87,500

2) The City, through its HCDD, is proposing to allocate \$3,000,000 in CDBG funds to purchase 6 fire trucks from CDBG funds currently in the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities line item in the 2011 Annual Action Plan. The fire trucks will ensure the protection of health and safety to the low-to-moderate income population within a 1.5 mile radius surrounding the fire stations. The fire stations scheduled to receive the fire trucks are:

<u>Fire Station Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Council District</u>
12	1502 Terry	H
32	8614 Tidwell at Mesa	B
30	6702 Irvington	H
43	7330 N. Wayside	B
47	2615 Tidewater	K
58	10413 Fulton	H

3) The City, through its HCDD, is proposing to allocate \$675,000 in CDBG funds to the St. Monica Food Pantry located at 8421 W. Montgomery Rd. from CDBG funds currently in the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities line item in the 2011 Annual Action Plan. The funds will allow for expansion of the St. Monica Food Pantry and will be used for construction of a new building that will help to meet the increasing demand for their services. Currently on average the food pantry serves 400 - 500 low income people per month.

The public has thirty days (30) to comment on the three proposed items above. The thirty-day period extends from Wednesday, February 1, 2012 through Friday, March 2, 2012. Following the public comment period, the items will be submitted to City Council for approval. For information on these projects, contact David Godwin at (713) 868-8351. You may access HCDD's website at www.houstonhousing.org for more information on its programs.