



MEDIA ALERT

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HOUSTON PARKS DEPARTMENT WILL HOST MASTER PLAN MEETINGS IN COUNCIL DISTRICTS F and H

WHAT: *A Parks master plan community meeting will be held in Council Districts F and H to outline parks and facilities development in the Houston area.*

WHEN: **Council District F**
Monday, April 30, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.
Sharpstown Community Center, located at 6600 Harbor Town

Council District H
Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.
Montie Beach Community Center, located at 915 Northwood

WHO: **Council Member M. J. Khan, District F; Council Member Adrian Garcia, District H; Houston Parks and Recreation Department representatives; and Richard McNamara, Clark Condon and Associates, will attend and offer remarks. Council Members will attend their district meeting, respectively.**

NOTES: The 2007 Houston Parks Master Plan Update will entail a multilevel public outreach campaign and review process before its adoption by City Council in December 2007. Public forums will be held in all council districts to ascertain the needs of the community. The information gained from the public forums, special focus group meetings and random telephone sampling will be integrated into the updated master plan. The final step of the process will entail public presentations and Council review.

Once it is adopted, the updated parks master plan will be submitted to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). TPWD requires master plan updates every five years to be eligible for state grants. Houston City Council adopted the Parks Department's last master plan in 2001.