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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES THE RENAMING OF TWO CITY OF HOUSTON PARKS

W. 11th St Park and Park on San Felipe to be named after community leaders in City Council Districts C and G

Houston City Council today approved the renaming of two City of Houston Parks. West 11th Street Park, located at 2400 W. 11th Street, will be renamed the Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve. The Park on San Felipe, located at 1702 Post Oak Lane, will become Martin Debrovner Park. The parks are being renamed to honor two community-minded Houstonians who helped improve their neighborhoods. Dr. Lorraine Cherry led the campaign to acquire the property that became W. 11th Street Park. Her efforts helped the park get several amenities, including gardens, a trail system, and a wireless cellphone tour. Dr. Cherry passed away in 2017. Martin Debrovner was an admired and respected force in the Tanglewood community. He and his wife Linda were very involved in improving the Tanglewood community and surrounding areas for decades. Mr. Debrovner died in 2017.

"The Parks Department is pleased to honor the memory of these two outstanding Houstonians with the renaming of these parks," said Kenneth Allen, Interim Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "The City of Houston is so much better when concerned citizens take ownership of their parks and greenspaces. These two individuals went the extra mile, and then some, to make their neighborhoods better. Thank you to everyone who made this possible."

Petition campaigns in the Timbergrove and Tanglewood communities helped kickstart the park renaming efforts which later met all the criteria set forth by the Park Naming Committee of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department. The newly renamed Lorraine Cherry Nature Preserve is approximately 20-acres in size and is located in City Council District C, represented by City Council Member Abbie Kamin. Martin Debrovner Park is located at the intersection of San Felipe and Post Oak in Uptown, in City Council District G. It is represented by City Council Member Greg Travis. The work to replace signage at both parks will begin in the coming weeks.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages 380 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.