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HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO UNVEIL IMPROVEMENTS TO HOBART TAYLOR PARK IN NORTHEAST HOUSTON

Park is the first to see improvements under round two of 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 kick off round two of the Mayor's Complete Communities Initiative with a "Love Our Parks" fest at Hobart Taylor Park on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The park is located at 8100 Kenton in northeast Houston. 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.

"I am proud to begin round two of my transformational Love Our Parks Complete Communities initiative at Hobart Taylor Park," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "Reviving neighborhood parks is a priority of my tenure as mayor, and our important work is making a difference for Houston families. I am grateful for all our partners, including Cheniere Energy, for their commitment to making the Love Our Parks project a big success."

The Hobart Taylor improvements include a resurfaced walking trail, ballfield upgrades, new picnic tables and benches, fencing, barbecue pits, landscaping, and artwork by Houston muralist, Gelson Lemus. Because of supply chain issues, new playground equipment is on order and is expected to be installed in January. Cheniere Energy, the largest producer of liquified natural gas in the United States, is a strong supporter of the "Love Our Parks" initiative. After donating \$185,000 for phase one of the initiative, Cheniere is donating an additional \$200,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department for phase two of this multi-park project.

"Cheniere is once again excited to help breathe new life into our Houston parks," said Zach Davis, EVP & CFO, Cheniere Energy, Inc. and Board Member, Cheniere Foundation. "We hope that Hobart Taylor Park will serve as a safe and enjoyable space for families to spend quality time for years to come."

"Mayor Turner's Love Our Parks Complete Communities initiative is having a huge positive impact on our underserved communities," said Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "Each completed project is another example of why the City and the Parks and Recreation Department value neighborhood parks and what they mean to the community residents who visit them every day."

The *Mayor Sylvester Turner Love Our Parks Complete Communities* initiative is a collaborative effort created by Mayor Turner to improve and upgrade neighborhood parks in under-resourced Houston communities. The first phase included 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 (completed February 2022) in Kashmere Gardens. Phase two of the initiative includes Irvington Park, Lincoln Park, Evella Park, Independence Heights Park, in addition to Hobart Taylor Park.

Hobart Taylor Park is in City Council District B, represented by City Council Member Tarsha Jackson. It was acquired by the City of Houston in 1959. 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 382 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.