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HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT NAMES CHRIS CARROLL AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GREENSPACE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Carroll has 35 years of exemplary service in the Houston Parks and Recreation Department

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department has named Chris Carroll as Deputy Director of the Department's Greenspace Management Division. Kenneth Allen, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, made the announcement on Monday, June 26, 2023. Mr. Carroll is a longtime Houston Parks and Recreation Department employee, and began his career in 1988 as part of the Greenspace Management team. He has served as interim director of the Greenspace Management team since March 2023.

"Chris has been one of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department's most valuable assets for years," said Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "He brings a 'boots on the ground' approach to the job that I fully expect will have a positive and long-lasting impact on Houston Parks and Recreation Department operations. He's a native Houstonian who loves his hometown and will work extremely hard to make the City and the Parks and Recreation Department better for everyone."

Mr. Carroll has a long record of success at the Houston Parks and Recreation Department. A fast riser in the Department, he was named Division Manager of HPARD's South Central unit in 2016. There he guided the management, coordination, implementation, administration, and operation of a number of systems, plans, and projects. He also developed strategies for park maintenance cycles, including a program that moved City parks in the South-Central region to a 14-to-16-day mowing cycle. One of his top priorities as Deputy Director of Greenspace Management will be refocusing and reaffirming the commitment to park maintenance, as part Mayor Sylvester Turner's vision of making neighborhood parks more accessible and appealing to all Houstonians.

"I am looking forward to the challenges of this job in the Houston Parks and Recreation Department," said Chris Carroll, Deputy Director of Greenspace Management, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "I have worked toward this opportunity for more than 30 years. Houston is my hometown, and I want to lead the effort to make our parks and greenspaces special places of pride for all the Houstonians who visit them. I am ready to get to work."

Mr. Carroll's vision for the Department includes - continued improvements to park maintenance,

elevating staff, training and development, boosting equipment acquisitions, and building a robust staff that is adaptable and flexible. He is also a graduate of the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) School of Maintenance. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, visit www.houstonparks.org.

About the Houston Parks and Recreation Department

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.