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\$4.3 Million Moody Park Community Center Renovation Brings New Amenities to Northside Community

Moody Park Community Center (3725 Fulton, 77009) will open to the public on Saturday, February 8, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A grand opening ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. The renovations and upgrades were made possible through a combination of approximately \$3.8 million in capital improvement funds and a \$500,000 Housing and Community Development Block Grant.

“We are excited to welcome everyone to the new Moody Park Community Center,” said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. “It is a beautiful facility that increases meeting and classroom space, improves the weight room and so much more.”

Moody Park was acquired by the city in 1925 for \$18,000. The park’s community center was built in 1986. This recent renovation has expanded the existing center with a 7,000 square foot addition that brings the total indoor space to 19,400 square feet.

The renovated and expanded center’s amenities include: an expanded and upgraded weight room, an upgraded arts and crafts room with a higher ceiling and server space, the creation of new areas for office and storage spaces and improvements to the existing gym. The new construction has added space for a large multi-purpose room with a serving area, a classroom, restrooms, lobby and electrical/mechanical rooms. Surrounding areas are landscaped with native plants, and include a new entry courtyard and new interior courtyard. LEED certification is being sought for this project.

The City of Houston General Services Department managed the design and construction of the project for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department. The project was designed by Clark Condon Associates, architects were Rey de la Reza Architects, and the general contractor was Times Construction.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,832 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.