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Ribbon Cutting Opens \$2 Million Phase III Improvements At Keith-Wiess Park Improvement Project *Opening is scheduled to coincide with East Aldine District Fall Festival*

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department will cut the ribbon on the Phase III Park Improvements Project to Keith-Wiess Park (12300 Aldine-Westfield Road) at the Fun Fall Festival on Saturday, October 18, 2014. The East Aldine District Fall Festival runs from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with the ribbon cutting taking place at 12:00 noon.

New park amenities include: a new 135 space parking lot; sidewalks; picnic tables; barbecue grills; soccer goals; site lighting and bleachers on concrete pads.

“In 1979, James and Margaret Elkins donated almost 500 acres of land to create Keith-Wiess Park as a park space for the public to enjoy and recreate in,” said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. “The new amenities that have been added will allow more people to appreciate the natural beauty of Keith-Wiess Park while enjoying its many recreational amenities.”

Since its donation in 1979, Keith-Wiess Park developments in partnership with the Harris County Flood Control District have included the creation of 122-acres of detention basin lakes with a fishing pier and boardwalk, and a new playground and soccer fields, trails and bridges that have provided access to the large park.

The current Phase III Park Improvements were completed in late September of 2014. The Project Scope of Work includes: a new parking lot with 135 additional parking spaces (175 total), sidewalks, picnic tables, barbecue grills, soccer goals, bleachers on concrete pads, site and field lighting, lighting for the large pavilion, new electrical services, repainting the three pavilions, underground irrigation storage tank with booster pump and lines, detention basin, site grading and associated landscaping and irrigation for three soccer fields. Design Cost for Park Improvements was \$227,000. The Landscape Architect was White Oak Studio. The Project Construction Cost is \$1,773,264.00, which includes the Musco Sports Field Lighting. The Contractors: Times Construction and Musco Sports Lighting, LLC.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,851 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.