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## Media Alert

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### **\$20,000 Parks Build Community Grant Funds Futsal Court at Ingrando Park** *New Courts Will Benefit Soccer for Success Youth*

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 7:00 pm–7:30 pm to open Ingrando Park's new Futsal Court. Renovations were made possible through a \$20,000 Parks Build Community grant from the National Recreation and Park Association, in partnership with the Walt Disney Company, including Disney Citizenship, Disney|ABC Television Group and ESPN, and the Darden Foundation. Other funding partners include the U.S. Soccer Foundation and the Major League Soccer Players Union.

**WHO:** City of Houston Council Member Robert Gallegos, District I  
Bob Foose, Executive Director, Major League Soccer Players Union  
Joe Turner, Director Houston Parks and Recreation Department  
Kenneth Allen, Assistant Director Houston Parks and Recreation Department

**WHAT:** Ribbon Cutting and Celebration

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 29, 2016  
7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Ingrando Park  
7302 Keller  
Houston, TX 77012

As part of the NRPA's Parks Build Community initiative, the public was invited to vote for local park projects to receive a \$20,000 grant from the NRPA and Disney. Fifteen park projects were selected by popular vote and received a \$20,000 grant to help make improvements or expand programs. The sixteenth park project, Ingrando Park's Futsal Court, was a write-in winner. The new courts will benefit schoolchildren registered with HPARD'S Soccer for Success program, as well as soccer players of all ages.

*The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,859 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.houstontx.gov/parks](http://www.houstontx.gov/parks).*