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HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO UNVEIL IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR PARK IN THIRD WARD

Project is part 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 celebrate improvements to Our Park on Saturday, September 18, 2021. The park is located at 2604 Alabama, next to the Shape Community Center in Third Ward. To celebrate the event the Parks Department is hosting a Love Our Parks Fest at Our Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a ceremony at 11 a.m. 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.

"Neighborhood parks are among the most important pieces to building a complete community. We want people to feel proud of their parks and for each one to be a gathering place for families and children," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "Our Park, its next-door neighbor the Shape Community Center, and its founder, Deloyd Parker, are touchstones in the Third Ward. The names carry weight across the City. The improvements are proof that the investment and commitment we've made to neighborhood parks are essential to the communities they serve."

The Our Park improvements include new playground equipment, new furnishings, sidewalk upgrades, fencing improvements, and landscaping. Cheniere Energy, Inc. is a strong supporter of the "Love Our Parks" initiative. The company generously donated more than \$180,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department for the project.

"Houston is more than just Cheniere's headquarters, it's home. We invest in our surrounding communities, and we become involved in local initiatives such as "Love Our Parks," to create positive and lasting impacts," said Zach Davis, Cheniere SVP and CFO, and Cheniere Foundation Board Member. "In addition to our financial contributions, the Third Ward's Our Park is the second park we've helped rebuild and beautify—by rolling up our sleeves and building retaining walls or painting fences--and we're excited to continue our partnership with Mayor Sylvester Turner and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department."

"The Parks and Recreation Department is working diligently to uplift parks in under-resourced communities," said Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "Our Park and Shape Community Center are neighborhood treasures. We are proud of the work we've done here, and we hope the community enjoys and appreciates the love we've put into this special park

project. Thank you again to Cheniere Energy and all of our City of Houston partners.”

The Mayor Sylvester Turner Love Our Parks Complete Communities initiative is a collaborative effort created by the Mayor to improve and upgrade neighborhood parks in under-resourced Houston communities. The first phase focuses on five neighborhood parks – Our Park and Malone Park in Third Ward, Catherine Delce Park in Kashmere Gardens, Earl Henderson Park in Near North Houston, and Woodruff Park in the Magnolia-Manchester community.

Our Park is in City Council District D, represented by City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz. 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 380 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.