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### **HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT NAMES MICHEAL EVANS AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

*Evans joins HPARD following 4 years in City of Houston's General Services Department*

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) has named Micheal Evans as Deputy Director of the Department's Facilities Management Division. He comes to the Houston Parks and Recreation Department from the City of Houston's General Service Department where he served as a Senior Project Manager.

"The Houston Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to add to our team someone with such a strong skill set in project management, design development, and construction administration," said Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "Micheal's four years working in the City's General Services Department gives him important insight on the inner workings of the City of Houston. I expect him to hit the ground running and lead our dedicated team as we continue working to keep our parks in tip-top shape."

Mr. Evans' vision for the department includes improving response times for repair and replacement projects, and working to make sure HPARD facilities receive the attention and care they deserve. A top priority for him as Deputy Director of Facilities Management will be carrying out Mayor Sylvester Turner's vision of making neighborhood parks more accessible and inviting to everyone.

"I am looking forward to the challenges of this job leading the Facilities Management team in the Houston Parks and Recreation Department," said Micheal Evans, Deputy Director of Facilities Management, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "Over the years I have used my experience managing and leading projects that have ultimately made a positive impact on the communities they serve. I am committed to making this Department successful and accountable with the able assistance of my talented team."

Mr. Evans holds a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from The Ohio State University, and a Bachelor of Architecture and a Master of Science in Urban Design from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. He was Southeast Regional Vice President of the National Association of State Facilities Administrators from 2014 to 2016 and earned the Presidential Award from the American Institute of Architects Cincinnati Chapter in 2006. To learn more about Micheal Evans click here:

<https://youtu.be/RSjbDK7pDtQ>. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, visit [www.houstonparks.org](http://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](http://www.houstonparks.org).*