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HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT & HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT ONE JOIN FORCES TO UPGRADE LINCOLN PARK

This marks the ninth park to receive improvements as part of Mayor Sylvester Turner's Complete Communities Initiative

Mayor Sylvester Turner, Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, the Mayor's Office of Complete Communities, and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate improvements to Lincoln Park on Sunday, December 17, 2023. The park is located at 979 Greshaw Street in the Acres Home Complete Community. To celebrate the event the Parks Department is hosting a **Love Our Parks Fest at Lincoln Park from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with a ceremony at 12:15 p.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.

"I am happy to celebrate the completion of improvements to Lincoln Park," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "The Love Our Parks initiative under my leadership has brought unprecedented change to neighborhood parks across the city. These park upgrades have helped transform communities. Thank you, Cheniere Energy, the Parks and Recreation Department, and Commissioner Rodney Ellis for your collaborative efforts in enhancing this park that will serve this community for generations to come."

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"Every neighborhood deserves access to beautiful parks," said Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Harris County Precinct 1. "This is especially true in areas like Acres Homes, which for too long has lacked access to quality greenspace. While we have made significant improvements, this is just the beginning of what is in store for all who visit Lincoln Park. Thank you for your partnership and to the people of Acres Homes, whose vision for this park guided our efforts."

Cheniere Energy, Inc. also remains a strong supporter of the "Love Our Parks" initiative. The company has generously donated more than \$200,000 for Round Two of the Love Our Parks initiative.

"As the year is coming to a close, we are appreciative of the improvements made to this and all of the parks projects we have had the privilege to participate in during 2023," said Zach Davis, Executive Vice President and CFO, Cheniere Energy and Board Member, Cheniere Foundation. "We

hope that Lincoln Park brings a safe and relaxing space for all of the community to enjoy.”

The Lincoln Park improvements include resurfacing of the tennis court and new lighting, upgraded walking trail, new playground equipment, new fencing, barbecue pits, swimming pool upgrades, new bleachers, landscaping, and parking lot improvements. Commissioner Rodney Ellis’ office is pledging an additional \$1.5 million in future improvements at Lincoln Park.

“Lincoln Park’s makeover is a big deal for the Acres Home community,” said Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. “This is a neighborhood park that’s responsible for countless wonderful memories for community residents. To see it in tip-top shape and knowing the new memories it will inspire is especially rewarding to me as Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. Thank you Cheniere Energy and Commissioner Ellis, for making another local park a source of pride.”

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 featured five neighborhood parks – Our Park and Malone Park in Third Ward, Woodruff Park in Magnolia-Manchester, Earl Henderson Park on the Near Northside, and Catherine Delce Park in Kashmere Gardens. Phase two kicked off in August 2022 at Hobart Taylor Park, Irvington Park in December 2022, and Independence Heights Park in October 2023. Phase Two of the Love Our Parks initiative will wrap up on December 29, 2023, with improvements to Evella Park.

Lincoln Park is located in City Council District B, represented by Council Member Tarsha Jackson. It was acquired by the City of Houston in 1973. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, please visit 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 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.