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H-GAC Recognizes Pasadena Parks & Recreation

{January 11, 2021 – Pasadena, TX} The City of Pasadena Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce its *Healthy Parks Plan* was selected for recognition in the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) annual Parks and Natural Areas Award Program. H-GAC established the Parks and Natural Areas awards program in 2006 to highlight best practices and innovative approaches to parks planning and implementation. H-GAC honors projects in the categories of Projects Over \$500,000, Projects Under \$500,000, Planning Process, and Policy Tools.

“Pasadena has over 40 parks and a mix of 15 trails/tracks that thousands of our residents enjoy every month. This Healthy Parks Plan provides a great roadmap to enhance our Parks System even more” said Mayor Jeff Wagner

“This Master Plan represents the voice of the community. The plan was sponsored by Houston Endowment and Pasadena Vibrant Community through MD Anderson and emphasis was placed on park equity. It will be the guiding document for the City of Pasadena’s efforts to improve the quality of life for all citizens and make Pasadena a great place to live, work and play.” said Parks and Recreation Director, Jed Aplaca

Projects recognized by this awards program are selected by a panel of expert judges and industry professionals. The City of Pasadena and other winners will be honored during an online celebration at 9 a.m. February 5, 2021. The event is free and open to the public. Registration is required at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEsfuqvrT4pHdK8RmnQPh01-XzROD0yEY98>

For more information about Pasadena’s Parks & Recreation programs, visit www.pasadenatx.gov/parksandrec.

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