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Pasadena Unveils New Inclusive Abilities Playground

{MARCH 28, 2022 – Pasadena, TX} The Pasadena Parks & Recreation Department will host a ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of Pasadena’s newest all-inclusive playground.

*Ribbon Cutting for the Sunset Park All-Abilities Playground
Thursday, March 31, 2022
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
914 W. Hart, Pasadena, TX 77506
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Almost two years in the making, the new Sunset Playground will feature amenities that create an enjoyable experience for children with physical and/or cognitive challenges. The \$350,000 project was identified through the *2020 Pasadena Healthy Parks Plan*, which includes input from thousands of residents and was funded in part, by the Houston Endowment. The 7500 square-foot playground features pour-in-place surface technology to enable easy mobility and additional safety. Another feature is the Brava Universal Swing, which redefines the swinging motion to use other parts of the body rather than just the legs. The Brava also mimics stimming behaviors for children with autism, opening the door to independence and group activity participation. Sunset Park is located on Pasadena’s historic north side. This is the second abilities-inclusive playground in Pasadena; the first is located at the Verne Cox Adaptive Recreation Center on the city’s southeast side.

“We reached out to our staff and participant families from Verne Cox for design input and the results are truly a group effort,” said Pasadena Parks & Recreation Director, Jed Aplaca.

Pasadena Mayor, Jeff Wagner, will be in attendance, as well as design representatives from *FunAbounds*. Local families and educators of children with disabilities have also been invited.

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