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New Precinct Two Park Recognized

Harris County Precinct Two Commissioner Sylvia R. Garcia's Parks Master Plan received more recognition Tuesday for the planning and design work done on the Beltway 8 Sports Park.

Deputy Commissioner for Parks, Judson Robinson, attended the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board meeting to receive the Planning Honor Award for 2006 along with representatives of the consulting firm of Asakura Robinson Company, LLC which has been working with Precinct Two on this project.

The 230-acre park will be the first in Harris County to meet the U.S.A. Building Council "Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design" (LEED) standards. The park design includes construction methods that will lead to decreased energy and water use over the lifetime of the park.

The park has been designed with input from youth in the area and will include space for team sports, artistic performances and Xtreme sports activities.

All of these elements will be included in the park theme of "Adventure in Motion." The laws of physics will become evident to park users as signage explains and illustrates the mechanics and principles behind, for instance skateboarding.

The park is scheduled to be improved in two phases. Phase One, which will begin later this year, will include the Xtreme Park facilities (including a BMX Bike Track), a multi-purpose meeting area with restrooms, an amphitheater, and basketball and tennis courts.

Phase Two for the park (scheduled to go out for bids in 2008), will include a lake with hiking and nature trails, and an island with access from a pedestrian bridge.

The Beltway 8 Sports Park is located at Beltway 8 near southeast corner of the intersection of the Beltway and Highway 90.

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