

## Public Notice

1) The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), is proposing to allocate \$400,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the SPARK Parks Program from CDBG funds currently in the unallocated Neighborhood Facilities line item in various Annual Action Plans where funds are available. The SPARK Parks program is a collaboration between the City and the Houston Independent School District (HISD) and Spring Branch Independent School District (SBISD) to provide improvements to public school facilities in low-to-moderate income areas. The renovations at these public school facilities will include the installation of playground equipment, trees, benches, picnic tables, walking trails and other items. The SPARK Parks scheduled for improvements are:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Council District</u>	<u>School District</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Pine Shadows Elementary 9900 Neuens	A	SBISD	\$98,500
Piney Point Elementary School 8921 Pagewood Lane	J	HISD	\$98,500
Robinson Elementary School 12425 Woodforest Dr.	I	HISD	\$98,500
Lyons Elementary School 800 Roxella	H	HISD	\$98,500
Eastwood Academy 1315 Dumble	I	HISD	\$6,000

2) On December 19, 2012, City Council approved an Ordinance approving and authorizing an agreement between the City and Johnson & Johnson Activities, Inc to provide a \$975,000 CDBG grant for the acquisition and construction of a facility located in the vicinity of 14750 Fondren Road, which will serve low to moderate income seniors with special needs and persons with mental disabilities. HCDD is proposing to amend its contract with Johnson & Johnson Activities, Inc to allocate an additional \$200,000 in CDBG funds, for a new total grant amount of \$1,175,000, to cover the existing construction budget shortfall that has occurred due to increasing construction costs that have occurred over the past year.

The public has thirty days (30) to comment on these proposed items. The thirty-day period extends from Wednesday, November 20, 2013 through Friday, December 20, 2013. For more information on these projects, contact Chris Butler at (713) 865-4196. Written comments can be submitted by mail to Derek Sellers, HCDD, 601 Sawyer Suite 400, Houston, TX 77007. Following the public comment period, the projects will be submitted to City Council for approval. For more information on HCDD and its programs, you may access HCDD's website at [www.houstonhousing.org](http://www.houstonhousing.org).