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Heritage Pool makes big splash; Beacon Hill Linear Park gets started

CIMS and the Parks & Recreation Department teamed up for two ceremonies in June.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 10 celebrated the improvements at Heritage Neighborhood Pool and a groundbreaking ceremony June 13 started construction on Beacon Hill Linear Park Phase 1.

New District 4 City Councilman Rey Saldaña joined City staff and the Heritage Neighborhood Association in the grand opening for the renovated pool, located at 1423 S. Ellison Drive.

Enhancements in the \$950,000 project, which was funded through the City's 2007-2012 Bond Program, included:

- Renovation of the existing bath house structure to make the restrooms accessible under the Americans with Disabilities Act;



New District 4 Councilman Rey Saldaña, Bexar County Commissioner Kevin Wolff, City staff, and community members get the party started at Heritage Neighborhood Pool.



District 1 Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros, City staff, Bill Cleary from Charlie and Company, and Beacon Hill Area Neighborhood Association President Cosima Colvin break ground for the new linear park.

- Zero-entry structures, sidewalks, swimming pool with shade, parking lot, pool equipment

with associated plumbing, lighting, planting, and irrigation at the park;

- Replacement of the asphalt parking lot with concrete, pool equipment, sidewalks and fencing due to poor condition.

Terra Design Group was the design consultant and Greco Construction Inc. was the contractor. **Pat Schneider** was the CIMS Project Manager.

The neighborhood association donated 2.3 acres to the City in 2008 for a park including an existing swimming pool and bath house. The City proceeded with renovations of the pool, which will now be maintained by Parks & Recreation.

Councilman Saldaña thanked former District 4 Councilmen Philip Cortez and Richard Perez for their role in bringing the Heritage Neighborhood Pool to fruition.

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From the Director's Chair - *By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer*

Hello, CIMS co-workers and friends! Welcome to hot July. We are now in the second half of 2011 and less than one year from substantial completion of the 2007-2012 Bond Program.

Ninety percent of the 150-project Bond Program is complete or under construction. Specifically, 84 projects (56 percent) are finished and 51 projects (34 percent) are in construction.

The Bond Program is in good position to be substantially complete by June 2012.

We are also less than one year from a proposed 2012 Bond Program, which is planned for \$596 million. CIMS is working with client departments, including Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Library, and Fire on projects for the next Bond Program.

Much more information about the 2012 Bond Program will be forthcoming in the next few months.

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The photo below shows



yours truly at the Heritage Neighborhood Pool ribbon-cutting ceremony in June. The pool and adjoining bath house were renovated through a \$950,000 project.

The project was a team effort between CIMS and Parks & Recreation, which will now maintain the pool previously managed by the neighborhood association.

Our department mission is, "Together, dedicated to our community...Building a great San Antonio." The "together," I believe, represents, in part, the CIMS working relationships with City departments to deliver diverse projects such as streets and drainage, park enhancements, libraries, public safety facilities, and others.

For example, Real Estate, under the leadership of Assistant Director **Mike Etienne**, is responsible for land acquisitions for these projects. Real Estate also handles closures, vacating and abandoning of streets and alleys so that certain projects can proceed.

Technical Services, led by Assistant City Engineer **Razi Hosseini**, provides construction inspection, surveying, in-house design, and Geographic Information Systems services to CIMS and other departments, including Public Works. At groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies for park projects, I introduce our construction inspectors as being directly involved in the work.

These are just a couple of examples of the teamwork needed to build a great San Antonio. I look forward to sharing more highlights in future issues of *The CAPital Letter*.

Thank you.



Mike Frisbie speaks at the Heritage Neighborhood Pool ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 10. In the background are new shade structures around the pool.

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District 1 City Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros, City staff, and the Beacon Hill Area Neighborhood Association turned ceremonial shovels to start construction on the City's newest park.

The groundbreaking for Beacon Hill Linear Park Phase 1 was at the northeast corner of West Gramercy Place and Capitol Avenue.

Enhancements in the \$629,000 project, which are funded through Certificates of Obligation and the Housing and Urban Development 108 Loan Program, include:

- a playground
- swaying bridge
- basketball court
- walking trails
- lighted crosswalk on West Elsmere Place to connect park trails from West Lynwood to West Gramercy Place
- picnic units
- herb garden with a water tap for watering
- signage
- other park amenities, such as benches, hardscape sitting areas, drinking fountains, and trash receptacles.



Heritage Neighborhood Pool, previously maintained by community volunteers, is now a property of the Parks & Recreation Department.



Numerous community members, City staff, and media attended the Beacon Hill Linear Park Phase 1 groundbreaking.

RVK Landscape Architects Inc. is the design consultant and Charlie and Company is the contractor. **Alma Nuñez** is the CIMS Project Manager.

Phase 1 starts at the corner of West Gramercy and Capitol Avenue, and ends at West Lynwood, near Michigan Avenue. Construction is scheduled for completion by November 2011.

The project has been coordinated through the Historic and Design Review Commission and Texas Historical Commission, who endorsed the proposed work.



Even man's best friend was at the Beacon Hill Linear Park Phase 1 groundbreaking ceremony.



Heritage residents wait for the start of the neighborhood pool's ribbon-cutting ceremony June 10.

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LEFT PHOTO: New District 4 Councilman Rey Saldaña talks to residents at Heritage Neighborhood Pool. RIGHT PHOTO: District 1 Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros (right) holds flowers given to her at the Beacon Hill Linear Park ceremony. Cisneros' tenure ended in June due to term limits. Standing with her is Beacon Hill Area Neighborhood Association President Cosima Colvin.



Happy birthday in July

CIMS wishes our employees a happy birthday in July:

Jesus Rodriguez, Horizontal (2nd); **Jaime Lalley**, Contract Services (3rd); **Jesse Acosta**, Web Portal (5th); **Alan Mota**, Contract Services (7th); **William Idar**, Technical Services (11th); **Juan Tapia**, Technical Services (12th); **Mauro Moncada**, Technical Services (13th); **Carlos Gallegos**, Technical Services (14th); **Mary L. Fors**, Real Estate (18th); **Julio**

Gomez, Technical Services (20th);

Monica Vasquez, Fiscal Services (21st); **David Sanchez**, Real Estate (23rd); **Henry Estrada**, Public Art San Antonio (25th); **Jackson Whalen**, Technical Services (25th); **Johnny Saldaña**, Real Estate (26th); **Theresa Larson**, Environmental Management (27th); **Juan Mata**, Technical Services (29th); **Claudia Valles-Tovar**, Horizontal (30th); **Manuel Garcia**, Technical Services (31st).



Have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July!

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CIMS Mission Statement

Together,
Dedicated to Our Community ...
Building a Great San Antonio

Our Core Values

- Accountability & Integrity
- Enjoying every day
- Respecting our customers
- Valuing our diversity & history
- Forward thinking

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