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Faulconer, Emerald, Cole break ground at Charles Lewis III Memorial Park Ceremony

SAN DIEGO (May 16, 2014) – Today Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer and City Councilmembers Myrtle Cole and Marti Emerald held a groundbreaking ceremony at the Charles Lewis III Memorial Park Project site at 4750 Home Avenue, which will provide a recreation area for members of the community of all ages. The project includes \$4.1 million in park amenities, improvements on Home Avenue, and enhancements to Auburn Creek Channel.

Mayor Faulconer paid tribute to the park’s namesake with, “This park will memorialize the spirit of servitude that Charles L. Lewis III brought to this Mid City - City Heights community. As a dedicated civil servant and City councilman, he fought for many parks and it is only fitting that we honor his legacy through this park in his district.”

“The Charles Lewis III Memorial Park has been long-awaited by the community and will provide much needed open space for children and families. Neighbors have been actively working to see the opening of this park for years, and this neighborhood jewel will no doubt honor the memory of the late Charles Lewis III for decades to come,” Emerald said.

“It is an honor to break ground on a \$4.1 million investment in our neighborhoods named in honor of my friend Charles Lewis III. We are putting our neighborhoods and the people in our neighborhoods first,” said Cole.

Joining Faulconer, Emerald and Cole were those who helped make the project a reality, including representatives from the City of San Diego’s Park and Recreation, and Public Works Departments, Charles Lewis III family members, and local residents.

The new park will provide many amenities including a children’s play area, basketball court, picnic area, parking, restroom, a dog park area, nature trails and accessible walkways.

In addition, improvements on Home Avenue will include a new traffic signal at the intersection of Menlo and Home Avenues, street lights along the park frontage, pedestrian ramps, crosswalks, sidewalks, and landscapes.

Enhancements to Auburn Creek Channel adjacent to the park site will provide habitat restoration, native plant vegetation and natural drainage, trail linkage throughout the park and public walkways, and interpretive signage.

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