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New Central Avenue Mini Park Provides Picnic Area and Skate Plaza

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San Diego – Today Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, and City Councilmember Marti Emerald hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the new \$2 million Central Avenue Mini Park, a model City park that improves recreation opportunities while also improving community use. The ceremony was attended by community leaders and local residents.

The new Central Avenue Mini Park will include two children's play areas (2-5 years old and 5-12 years old), a small open turf area for passive recreation, plaza area with game tables, site furnishings, a bike rack, 3-foot decorative fence, walkways, and landscaping, and other improvements (curb/gutter, side walk, curb ramp and parking). Another main feature of the Central Avenue Mini Park that will be constructed is a skate plaza with associated skate ramps, rails, perimeter fencing, and landscaping.

"This park is yet another example of the City taking action to help our City Heights community thrive. On behalf of the City of San Diego, I'd like to thank the devoted community groups and dedicated staff with Public Works and Park & Recreation that worked together to make this possible," said Mayor Faulconer.

"I would like to thank all of our community advocates who have been pushing for this project for years, especially our City Heights youth, some of which are represented here today by our Mid City CAN group. This new park is a great example of community collaboration. The community came together and designed this park according to what they'd like to see! We all know how much City Heights needs park space. I am so happy that this project will not only include open space to play, but also a safe place for our youth to skate. This will keep our youth off our streets, away from cars. I look forward to creating more park space in the community and look forward to working with all of you to do so." said Councilmember Emerald.

Joining Mayor Faulconer and Councilmember Emerald were City Park and Recreation Director Herman Parker, Public Works – Architectural Engineering and Parks Division Deputy Director Mark Nassar, City Heights Recreation Council representatives, and local residents.

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