

## Bun B appears at MacGregor Park for the Art Bike Parade

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Houston rapper Bun B announces winners during an art bike event and bike giveaway Saturday, May 11, 2024, at MacGregor Park in Houston. Jon Shapley/Staff photographer

Rapper, burger businessman and beloved Houston institution Bun B took the stage at the third annual Art Bike Parade and Festival at MacGregor Park and looked up at the sky.

“It’s not hot,” he said. “It’s not raining ... yet. You know Houston: We can get three seasons in one day.”

But the rain held off Saturday, and the event pulled in a strong crowd of people and their customized bicycles on a pleasant mid-May day.

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The event also allowed the Houston Parks Board — which, with the Orange Show for Visionary Art and Houston Independent School District, presents the Art Bike Parade and Festival — to engage community members about the forthcoming \$54 million renovation.

Between statements from Houston Parks Board president and CEO Beth White and HISD visual art coordinator Rickey Polidore Jr. — whose remarks were prefaced with a nod to UGK’s “It’s Supposed to Bubble” — Bun B presented several schools with prizes bearing names like “You Call This School Spirit?” and “Repurpose With Purpose.”

Mandarin Immersion Magnet School may have had the most enthusiastic response to its win for the “You Call This School Spirit?” award. “That’s how you act when you win,” Bun said.

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Prior to the awards, Bun told the Chronicle he was excited to be involved with the event, having visited MacGregor Park for decades.

“It’s great to see Houston culture perpetuated by our parks services,” he said. “They’re not just here to pick up trash. They’re here to spread Houston culture. Having them in a partnership like this with the Art Bike Parade, it’s just beautiful.”

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