

Houston Parks Board launches public art opportunity at MacGregor Park

Installations will integrate artwork into the ongoing revitalization of one of Houston's most beloved and historic parks

HOUSTON — June 5, 2026 — Houston Parks Board (HPB) is seeking experienced public art artists and artist teams to create two site-specific installations that will help define the next chapter of MacGregor Park, one of Houston's most treasured civic and cultural greenspaces. Preference will be given to Houston artists with ties to MacGregor Park, Third Ward, and surrounding communities.

As part of the park's ongoing improvement project led by HPB, the commissioned artworks will serve as visual expressions of the community's history, creativity, and aspirations. The installations will be located at two prominent gathering spaces within the park: the Homer Ford Tennis Center and the recreation center wall adjacent to the basketball pavilion.

For more than a century, MacGregor Park has brought people together through recreation, culture, and shared experiences. The public art initiative is intended to deepen that legacy by creating meaningful, place-based works that reflect the vibrancy of the park's community.

"MacGregor Park is more than a park — it is a place where generations of Houstonians have gathered, connected and created lasting memories," said **Justin Schultz, president and CEO, HPB**. "As we invest in the park's future, we have an opportunity to elevate the stories, culture, and creativity that make this community unique. Public art plays an important role in creating spaces that inspire civic pride and reflect the identity of the people they serve."

The opportunity is open to Houston-based professional artists, artist teams, and creative entities whose work demonstrates artistic excellence and a thoughtful connection to place.

"MacGregor Park and the communities surrounding this treasured greenspace have a rich history of nurturing and celebrating creativity. From musicians and visual artists to athletes and cultural leaders, generations have been nurtured in the park. These new artworks will build upon the neighborhood's historic legacy while strengthening cultural and economic vitality," said consultant **Necole S. Irvin**.

The deadline for submission of qualifications is **July 28, 2026, at 7 pm CST**. No late submissions will be accepted. Potential applicants can review the full submission guidelines and project timeline at houstonparksboard.org/MacGregor. Inquiries can be directed to macgregorparkpublicart@gmail.com.

Houston Parks Board — in partnership with the City of Houston and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, and with catalyst support from Kinder Foundation — is advancing a long-envisioned transformation of MacGregor Park that honors its historical significance while preparing it to serve future generations.

The revitalization will enhance recreational amenities and create new opportunities for gathering, wellness, and community life. Together, these investments will reinforce MacGregor Park's role as a cornerstone of southeast Houston and one of the city's most significant greenspaces.

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About Houston Parks Board

Houston Parks Board expands, improves, and protects parks and greenspace throughout the Houston region. Since 1976, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization has utilized public-private partnerships and its extensive philanthropic, government, and community relationships to provide equitable access to over 15,000 acres of parks and greenspace. In addition to leading the transformational Bayou Greenways initiative, Houston Parks Board maintains more than 3,400 acres of the region's greenspace and has supported over 250 park projects large and small. For more information, visit houstonparksboard.org.