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## **Harlingen to Break Ground on Lon C. Hill Destination Park**

**Harlingen, Texas**– City of Harlingen officials and State Representative Oscar Longoria will mark the start of construction of the Destination Park with a short ceremony next week. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for November 26 at 9 a.m. at Lon C. Hill Park located at 1517 Fair Park Boulevard.

Phase 1 of the park is partly being funded with a grant of \$1,000,000 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department thanks to Representative Longoria.

The money is part of the 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act, enacted by the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature (House Bill 1) which included Rider 37 authored by Representative Longoria with appropriations to the TPWD. The appropriations included a grant of \$1,000,000 to the City with no match requirement specifically for the continued development of the Amalie L. “Amy” Koppel Memorial All-Inclusive Playground and the Lon C. Hill Destination Park which houses the all-inclusive playground.

The park includes an entry court, center plaza, water features, landscaping, improvements to L & L ½ Streets, and a parking lot. The project is expected to be finished in the Fall of 2020.

