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Callen's Castle All Abilities Park Special Presentation and Community Meeting

New Braunfels, Texas — The City of New Braunfels, in partnership with the Callen Hughs Foundation, is inviting the public to participate in a community meeting regarding the development of Callen's Castle All Abilities Park featuring a special presentation and discussion by Dr. Ines Palacios, PlayCore's Center for Outreach, Research and Education. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Das Rec located at 345 Landa Street. Dr. Palacios will discuss the principles of inclusivity and inclusive play.

On Monday, June 25, 2018, City Council approved the preliminary engineering contracts for multiple proposed 2019 bond projects, including Callen's Castle All Abilities Park. The preliminary engineering contract for Callen's Castle has been awarded to Luck Design Team. The preliminary engineering report will assist the City Council in identifying project feasibility for the 2019 Bond.

Luck Design Team developed the approved master plan for the park in 2015. The master plan features special equipment that will allow children and adults, regardless of their abilities, to play together. The plan includes three primary elements - all ability playscape areas, an all abilities multipurpose field and a miniature city area for walking and learning – as well as air-conditioned family restrooms.

“It's been three years since City Council approved the master plan,” said Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Dicke. “Since then we've seen many new all ability parks come online in the state offering us new ideas to consider.”

This first meeting will give the community a chance to revisit the master plan and provide more detail to the park and play elements desired by the community. All interested individuals, organizations and businesses from New Braunfels and the surrounding area are welcome to attend, learn about the project, and offer input.

“I hope that businesses, families, veterans and our community leaders will come and listen to Dr. Palacios and learn about inclusive play and understand why Callen's Castle is important for families, with and without disabilities,” expressed Lauren Clawson, Callen Hughs Foundation President and founder. “This park will let all kids play together.”

The Callen Hugh's Foundation is non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping children with cognitive and/or physical disabilities to have the opportunity to have fun in a recreational environment.

This meeting is the first in a series over the next few months where the public is invited to participate in community meetings regarding the development of Street, Drainage, Park, Public Safety, Library and other

municipal facility projects as part of the proposed 2019 Bond Program. These meetings will occur at various times and locations over the next several months and will be announced by the local media, on www.facebook.com/CityofNewBraunfels and www.nbtexas.org.

For details on Callen's Castle All Abilities Park and other proposed 2019 Bond Projects visit, www.nbbond2019.com. For more information on the Callen Hughs Foundation, visit www.callenhughsfoundation.com.

For additional information on this public meeting contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 830-221-4358.

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