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### **Presentation of 2019 Texas Recreation and Park Society North Region Awards**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Farmers Branch Parks and Recreation team, and Parks and Recreation Board Emeritus, Margaret Young, received three awards at the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) North Region awards luncheon held November 8, 2019.

TRAPS provides advocacy, resources, education, and connection opportunities for thousands of parks and recreation professionals throughout the state of Texas. Each year the North Region recognizes a handful of agencies that have displayed excellence in various capacities.

Margaret Young was recognized as Advocate of the Year for more than 37 years of service to the City of Farmers Branch Parks and Recreation Department. Margaret has been an avid volunteer, served nearly four decades on the Parks and Recreation Board (including 13 as the Chair), and is a staunch advocate for those who might not otherwise speak for themselves. Margaret believes it is imperative to offer ample recreation amenities and opportunities that can be enjoyed by all abilities and income levels.

City staff were awarded the Excellence in Park Design award for the design and construction of the Barney Wood Bark Park. When citizens made it clear there was a strong need for a dog park in Farmers Branch, staff set out to create and build a one-of-a-kind experience that included splash pads, lighting, ample seating, and a contemporary concessions space conducive for special events and community gatherings. The park was designed and built almost exclusively with in-house staff and has been a big hit since the grand opening in July.

Finally, staff were awarded the Excellence in Maintenance for the Ladonia House renovation at the Farmers Branch Historical Park. The Ladonia House restrooms underwent an interior and exterior renovation which transformed the structure from 1980's era motif to a vintage look complete with entirely new flooring, wall treatments, fixtures, and finishes throughout. This project was also completed almost entirely through in-house staff, resulting in substantial savings.

#### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. TRAPS Award Photos