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HIMMEL PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT COMPLETION CELEBRATION SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Tucson Parks and Recreation and The Himmel Park Beautification Project Committee invite you to celebrate the newly-renovated landscaping in front of Himmel Park Library. Three years ago, organizers of the Sam Hughes Home Tour began thinking about how to spend some of the proceeds in a highly-visual, sustainable, collaborative, and aesthetic project. What beckoned their attention was the unwelcoming space in front of the well-used Himmel Park Public Library, the oldest branch in the Pima County Library system.

The Himmel Park Beautification Project Committee enlisted input from the UA School of Landscape Architecture to develop a plan, which the public was invited to view and offer suggestions. Continuing with the collaboration goal, the committee partnered with the Association of Professional Landscape Designers for design expertise. Northwest Landscaping provided the drip irrigation, created swales and mounds using decomposed granite, set the donor pavers, and oversaw the installation. Tucson Parks and Recreation prepared the site, poured cement foundations, and installed the bike racks and benches. Civano Nursery provided trees and shrubs at a discounted price. Neighborhood artists created bike racks and tiled benches. Edge High School students painted the traffic bollards and Pima County Public Library painted the soffits on the library. On May 21, 62 volunteers gathered to complete the project by planting 130 native plants and shrubs, 12 trees, and spread 62 tons of decomposed granite. Special thanks to Dunn Edwards and Ace Hardware for donating paint and Blake's Lotaburger for feeding the volunteers.

Funding for this project included partial proceeds from two Sam Hughes Neighborhood Home Tours and numerous donations from midtown residents, the first of which came from a little boy, for 50 cents. Please come see what a small group of dedicated individuals, in partnership with the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation, can accomplish, using their vision as inspiration to take on similar missions.

Where: Himmel Park Library, 1035 N. Treat Ave.

When: Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m.

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