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\$500,000 Renovation Underway

City and Desert Ridge Break Ground on Park Improvements

(Phoenix, Ariz.) – Renovations of Cashman Park at Desert Ridge officially commenced this morning following a groundbreaking ceremony including City of Phoenix representatives, the Desert Ridge Community Association (DRCA) Board of Directors, the association management team and a host of community partners.

"Keeping the park beautiful and updating these features will cement its central role in the life of Desert Ridge for years to come. The CPEC committee and its partners are proud to collaborate with the city of Phoenix on this wonderful project," said Reginald Younger Jr., Vice President of the Desert Ridge Community Association and Chairman of the Cashman Park Exploratory Committee (CPEC).

This innovative partnership between a community association and the City Parks and Recreation Department is the first of its kind in the City of Phoenix. The \$500,000 commitment by Desert Ridge homeowners, who voted for these improvements, will fund a new playground, fitness/workout stations, resurfaced basketball courts, reorientation of the volleyball courts, additional shade and bench structures, asphalt and restriping maintenance of the parking lot and improvements to the park's landscape and irrigation system.

In April, three years of planning and negotiations came to fruition when the City and DRCA formalized the Cashman Park Development Agreement, allowing the DRCA to set a timeline for renovations that coincide with the hot summer months when the park receives the least activity. Under the direction of FirstService Residential and AAA Landscape, the DRCA management company and landscape contractor, park renovations are scheduled for completion by mid-August and a grand re-opening event will be scheduled shortly thereafter to welcome all the community to enjoy the improvements.

Cashman Park at Desert Ridge is located at 22222 North 44th Street in Phoenix is the only public park in Desert Ridge, a community that presently serves 6,300 households with future expected growth to exceed 19,000 households and more than 50,000 residents. The 10-acre park, built in 1996, also has several picnic ramadas, with grills, lighted basketball courts, two lighted sand volleyball courts, a multi-purpose field, restrooms and a drinking fountain.

Updates to the schedule and construction information will be posted to the DRCA website at desertridgelifestyles.com.

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