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**CAMERON COUNTY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE DEDICATION
CEREMONY OF THE OLMITO NATURE PARK**

Cameron County is pleased to announce the Dedication Ceremony of the Olmito Nature Park will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Frank Michael McKinney and Mrs. Jane E. McKinney donated a 39-acre tract of land with approximately 3,240 lf. of waterfront, dedicated to the development of this nature park located adjacent to Lake Olmito Resaca.

The proposed park amenities include: nature trails, fishing piers, birdwatch overlooks, wildlife viewing areas, kayak launching area, educational pavilions, nature scape playground, interpretive signage, wildlife friendly lighting, green open space, indoor recreational/educational facility, comfort stations, butterfly gardens, native landscaping and other supporting amenities. Parking areas will consist of low impact development (LID) constructed with permeable material that will allow water run off to infiltrate through the system.

Other developments include: Recreational Vehicles (RV's) sites to allow visitors to stay in the park and enhance their experience, and concession areas with rentals for kayak, paddleboats, and canoeing. Revenues generated from the RV sites and concessions areas will assist with the maintenance and operation of the park.

Cameron County has recently been awarded the following three grants from Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for the development of this nature park:

- Outdoor Recreational Grant Program-Olmito Nature Park: \$750k
- Recreational Trail Grant Program-Olmito Nature Park: \$200k
- State Boating Access Program-Planning Grant Olmito Nature Park Kayak Launch: \$52,500

“We’re pleased to announce the dedication of this grand nature park, soon to break ground, and welcome all to enjoy the array of great amenities. This park will be an additional great quality of life location that our residents and visitors can enjoy and stay year-round,” stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

“I want to thank the McKinney family for the donation of property and this great opportunity to build a nature park in Olmito, on nearly 40 acres. I also want to thank Texas Parks & Wildlife for the funding opportunity to enhance this property. This park is for everyone, the young and older generations, to enjoy the fishing piers, nature trails, birdwatch overlooks and gardens, the native vegetation, scenery and the ecosystem that's one of a kind to the valley. We're excited to see this park come to fruition in Precinct 2,” stated Cameron County Commissioner Precinct 2 Joey Lopez.”

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“Olmito Nature Park will be a beautiful park where visitors will get to experience nature and enjoy a range of educational and recreational opportunities such as fishing, kayaking, walking, birdwatching, family picnics, and many more fun outdoor activities. It’s an exciting time for Olmito, the surrounding communities, and all park visitors,” stated Cameron County Parks & Recreation Director Joe E. Vega

Cameron County has contracted Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. for architectural and engineering services on this project. The proposed Olmito Park is located in the community of Olmito, Texas on Interstate 69E.

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