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Rio Grande City Parks & Recreation Hosts Skate Plaza Grand Opening

Rio Grande City, Texas (October 17, 2016) — The Rio Grande City Parks and Recreation hosted a grand opening of the Skate Plaza at Basilio Villarreal Municipal Park where officials, city residents and skaters attended the official ribbon-cutting event.

The skate plaza was a joint project of the Rio Grande City EDC, Texas Parks and Wildlife and the City of Rio Grande City. Its construction was made possible with a \$75,000 grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife and a matching investment from the Rio Grande City EDC. This project is the first of its kind in Rio Grande City. The Skate Plaza at Basilio Villarreal Municipal Park was designed by the American Ramp Company and was installed by the contractor Luxemburg Trading Company.

“We have individuals from Rio Grande City and other parts of the Rio Grande Valley coming to enjoy our parks. We welcome everyone to enjoy our skate plaza,” said Mayor Joel Villarreal.

“We are proud to partner with Rio Grande City on this project. These are the kind of local park projects we look forward to funding. Hearing how the youth of Rio Grande City approached the City and how the City, in turn, brought people together for this project is amazing,” said Lana Daniels, Project Coordinator, Texas Parks and Wildlife.

“Several years ago, we were approached about the possibility of building a skate park. Today, young skaters of Rio Grande City have a safe environment to practice their sport,” said Rey Ramirez, Rio Grande City EDC Board President, “I’d like to thank Mr. Omar Perales and the staff at the Rio Grande City Parks and Recreation for overseeing this project and developing skateboarding as another activity in the city’s parks and recreation growing program.”

The skate plaza measures over 12,000 square feet and features ramps, bowls, benches and urban elements such as rails and stairs. On hand at the grand opening, were professional skaters from the Corpus Christi area. The Rio Grande City Parks and Recreation provided a special thanks to David Canales, Jameel Joston, Teddy Nickleson, Becca, Ethan Swanson, John

Hartman and Ben Janshen for coming out and giving a demonstration of the sport to the local youth. Also, performing was the local rock band Insomia.

For more information on the many activities the Rio Grande City Parks and Recreation offer, contact Omar Perales at (956) 487-0672.

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Photo caption: Skate Plaza at Basilio Villarreal Municipal Park Ribbon Cutting