# HOUSTON, TEXAS

# FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended October 31, 2020

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# **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

To the Board of Directors North Houston District Houston, Texas

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of North Houston District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended October 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.



To the Board of Directors North Houston District

# **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District, as of October 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Other Matters**

# Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 9 and budgetary comparison information on pages 31 through 32 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Whitley FENN LLP

Houston, Texas February 23, 2021

Within this section of the financial report of North Houston District (the "District"), the District's Board of Directors provides a narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the independent auditors' report and the basic financial statements that follow this section.

# **Financial Highlights**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$4,602,708. Of this amount, \$3,200,440 was investment in capital assets, which represents the carrying value of the capital assets. The remaining amount is comprised of restricted net position in the amount of \$191,383 and unrestricted net position in the amount of \$1,210,885.
- The District's total net position increased by \$280,974 during the current fiscal year.
- The District's general operating fund reported a total ending fund balance of \$1,122,616 as of October 31, 2020. The entire amount is classified as unassigned and is available for spending at the District's discretion. This is a decrease of \$21,288 compared to the prior fiscal year. The unassigned fund balance represents 27 percent of total general fund expenditures.

# **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator regarding the financial position of the District. Other factors that are not included in the financial statements, such as increased assessment base within the District's boundaries, should be considered in evaluating the condition of the District's overall financial position.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

## Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements established by external parties, governmental statutes or regulations.

The District maintains four major governmental funds. The *General Fund* is used to account for administrative operations of the District. *Special Revenue Funds* are used to account for the activities of the Skate Park, Bike Park, and Greenspoint Community Partners.

## **Governmental Funds**

*Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of *spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Districts four governmental funds are considered major funds.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. The required supplementary information relates to comparison of the original adopted budget, the final amended budget, and the actual amounts for the fiscal year. This is required supplementary information for the general fund.

#### **Government-wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a District's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$4,602,708 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

A significant portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, equipment, park improvements, and leasehold improvements). The District uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens within the District; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

## **Government-wide Financial Analysis (continued)**

The District's overall financial position and operations for the past two years is summarized in the statement of net position as follows, based on information included in the government-wide financial statements:

	2020	2019
Current and other assets	\$ 1,745,502	\$ 2,147,887
Capital assets	3,200,440	2,943,960
Total assets	4,945,942	5,091,847
Other liabilities	293,650	732,743
Long-term liabilities	49,584	37,370
Total liabilities	343,234	770,113
Net Position:		
Investment in capital assets	3,200,440	2,943,960
Restricted	191,383	221,515
Unrestricted	1,210,885	1,156,259
Total net position	\$ 4,602,708	\$ 4,321,734

Net position in the governmental activities are restricted for various purposes as follows:

	 2020	2019		
Greenspoint Community Partners	\$ 442	\$	1,477	
Bike Park	33,513		110,663	
Skate Park	 157,428		109,375	
Total restricted net position	\$ 191,383	\$	221,515	

The remaining balance of net position in the governmental activities consists of an unrestricted net position of \$1,210,885 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. The District's total net position increased by \$280,974 during the current fiscal year.

# **Government-wide Financial Analysis (continued)**

The District's statement of activities for the past two years is summarized as follows, based on information included in the government-wide financial statements:

	2020	2019
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 1,070,000	730,000
Grants and contributions	-	9,000
General Revenues:		
Property assessments	4,249,222	4,057,398
Unrestricted investment earnings	1,199	1,451
Other	5,309	3,459
Total revenues	5,325,730	4,801,308
Expenses		
Public safety	859,733	797,837
Planning, operations and infrastructure	72,032	1,244,490
Field services	1,182,415	-
Marketing and public affairs	162,837	169,823
Skate park operations	451,947	484,625
Bike park operations	647,150	119,337
Greenspoint Commuity Partners	1,500	-
Financial and support services	1,667,142	1,593,550
Total expenses	5,044,756	4,409,662
Change in net position	280,974	391,646
Net Position - Beginning	4,321,734	3,930,088
Net Position - Ending	\$ 4,602,708	\$ 4,321,734

## **Governmental Activities**

Governmental activities increased the District's net position by \$280,974. Revenues are generated primarily from two sources. Property assessments and charges for services represent 99.9 percent of total revenues. The remaining 0.1 percent is generated from other revenues.

	Total Revenues	% of Total Revenues
Property Assessments	\$ 4,249,222	79.8%
Charges for Services	1,070,000	20.1%
Other revenue	6,508	0.1%
	\$ 5,325,730	100%

# **Governmental Activities (continued)**

The primary expenses of the District are financial and support services, field services, public safety, bike park operations, and skate park operations, which represent 95.3 percent of total expenses. The remaining expenses include marketing and public affairs, planning and infrastructure, and Greenspoint Community Partners operations, which represent 4.7 percent of the District's total expenses.

	Total Expenses	% of Total Expenses
Financial and support services	\$ 1,667,142	33.0%
Field services	1,182,415	23.4%
Public safety	859,733	17.0%
Bike park operations	647,150	12.8%
Skate park operations	451,947	9.0%
Other expenses	236,369	4.7%
	\$ 5,044,756	100%

# Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

As noted earlier, the District's general fund and special revenue funds are governmental funds. The focus of the District's governmental fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the District. At the end of the current fiscal year, the total fund balance of the general fund was \$1,122,616, a decrease of \$21,288 in comparison with the prior year. This entire amount represents unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the District's discretion. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare unassigned fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 27 percent of expenditures.

## **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Differences between the original appropriated budget and the final amended budget of the general fund are summarized as follows:

	 Budget			
	Original	Fina	al Amended	
Total revenues	\$ 4,171,340	\$	4,171,340	
Total expenditures	 4,350,060		4,350,060	
Net change in fund balance	\$ (178,720)	\$	(178,720)	

# **Capital Assets**

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of October 31, 2020, includes land, equipment, park improvements, and leasehold improvements. The following table summarizes the investment in capital assets as of the current and prior fiscal years.

	2020	2019
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:		
Land	\$ 259,607	\$ 259,607
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	259,607	259,607
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:		
Park and other improvements	4,905,814	4,369,607
Office equipment	64,648	54,211
Leasehold improvements	264,836	264,836
Park office equipment	5,698	5,698
Public safety equipment	59,614	59,614
Total capital assets, being depreciated	5,300,610	4,753,966
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,359,777)	(2,069,613)
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 3,200,440	\$ 2,943,960

The investment in capital assets (capital outlays) during the current fiscal year amounted to \$546,644 Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

## Long-term Liabilities

The following table summarizes the District's compensated absences payable as of the current and prior fiscal years.

	2020			2019
Compensated absences	\$	49,584	\$	37,370
Total long-term liabilities	\$	49,584	\$	37,370

The District's total long term liabilities increased by \$12,214 for the year ended October 31, 2020. Additional information on the District's long-term liabilities can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

## **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

#### Assessments

The District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas, created in 1991 by a special act of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature. The District levies an assessment on real property within its boundaries. Estimated assessment revenues for the year ending October 31, 2020, are approximately \$4,242,760, net of the refund reserve, amazon grant, and allowance for delinquencies. The District's assessment rate for the 2020 tax year is \$0.16742 per \$100 of assessed value.

# Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates (continued)

# Office space

The North Houston District has more than 20 million square feet of commercial development. The District continues to attract major companies, such as Amazon and Coca-Cola, and leasing activity remains strong in warehouse and distribution facilities.

## Hotels

The District's proximity to Bush Intercontinental Airport and the I-69 and I-45 Corridors continues to attract business travelers. Major brands in the area included Hilton, Marriott, Hampton Inn, Hyatt, Sheraton, DoubleTree and many more. These hotels provide an abundance of both guest rooms and meeting space to meet the needs of area businesses.

## **Recreational Development**

The N. Houston Development Corp. has been a partner with the District in the development of parks and recreational facilities within the area. The North Houston Skate Park and Dylan Park, developed by the Development Corp. and operated by the District, is seeing high attendance numbers and very positive feedback domestically and internationally. The Development Corp. also developed RockStar Energy Drink Bike Park, which opened in August 2019.

## **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to 16945 Northchase Dr., Suite 1900, Houston, TX 77060.

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**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

October 31, 2020

	Governmenta Activities			
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,554,595			
Receivables	190,907			
Capital assets, net of depreciation	3,200,440			
Total assets	4,945,942			
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	290,297			
Other payables	3,353			
Long-term liabilities - compensated absences	49,584			
Total liabilities	343,234			
Net Position				
Investment in capital assets	3,200,440			
Restricted	191,383			
Unrestricted	1,210,885			
Total net position	\$ 4,602,708			

## **NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT** *STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended October 31, 2020*

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

	Program Revenues				Governmental Activities		
Expenses		-	Grant	s and		Total	
\$ 859,733	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(859,733)	
72,032		-		-		(72,032)	
1,182,415		-		-		(1,182,415)	
162,837		-		-		(162,837)	
451,947		500,000		-		48,053	
647,150		570,000		-		(77,150)	
1,500		-		-		(1,500)	
1,667,142		-		-		(1,667,142)	
\$ 5,044,756	\$	1,070,000	\$			(3,974,756)	
						4,222,043	
						27,179	
						1,199	
						5,309	
						4,255,730	
						280,974	
						4,321,734	
					\$	4,602,708	
	72,032 1,182,415 162,837 451,947 647,150 1,500 1,667,142	Expenses   \$ 859,733 \$   72,032 1,182,415 162,837   162,837 451,947 647,150   1,500 1,500 1,667,142	Expenses Charges for Services   \$ 859,733 \$ - 72,032   1,182,415 - 162,837   451,947 500,000   647,150 570,000   1,500 - 1,667,142	Expenses Oper Charges for Services Oper Grant Contrib   \$ 859,733 \$ - \$ 72,032 \$ -   1,182,415 - 162,837 -   451,947 500,000 647,150 570,000   1,500 - - -   1,667,142 - - -	Expenses Operating Grants and Services Operating Grants and Contributions   \$ 859,733 \$ - \$ -   72,032 - -   1,182,415 - -   162,837 - -   451,947 500,000 -   1,500 - -   1,667,142 - -	Program Revenues   Charges for Charges for Services Operating Grants and Contributions   \$ 859,733 \$ - \$ - \$   \$ 859,733 \$ - \$ - \$   \$ 1,182,415 - - 1   162,837 - - -   451,947 500,000 - -   1,500 - - -   1,667,142 - - -	

# BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

October 31, 2020

	General Fund		Special Revenue Fund - Skate Park		ial Revenue Ind - Bike Park	Rever	Special 1ue Fund - GCP	Go	Total vernmental Funds
Assets									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,342,447	\$	186,083	\$ 25,623	\$	442	\$	1,554,595
Assessments receivable		137,853		-	-		-		137,853
Other receivables		3,054		-	50,000		-		53,054
Due from other funds		53,245		-	110,663		-		163,908
Total assets	\$	1,536,599	\$	186,083	\$ 186,286	\$	442	\$	1,909,410
Liabilities									
Accounts payable	\$	272,777	\$	-	\$ 17,520	\$	-	\$	290,297
Other payables		3,353		-	-		-		3,353
Due to other funds		-		28,655	135,253		-		163,908
Total liabilities		276,130		28,655	 152,773		-		457,558
Deferred Inflows of Resources									
Deferred inflows - assessments		137,853		-	-		-		137,853
Total deferred inflows of resources		137,853		-	 -		-		137,853
Fund Balances									
Restricted		-		157,428	33,513		442		191,383
Unassigned		1,122,616		-	-		-		1,122,616
Total fund balances		1,122,616		157,428	 33,513		442		1,313,999
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of		<u> </u>		, - <u>.</u>	 <u> </u>				
resources, and fund balances	\$	1,536,599	\$	186,083	\$ 186,286	\$	442	\$	1,909,410

## NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION October 31, 2020

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 1,313,999
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. Capital assets at historical cost, net of accumulated depreciation, where applicable	3,200,440
Assessments receivable have been levied and are due this year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, these assessments and related penalty and interest amounts (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts).	137,853
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:	
Compensated absences	(49,584)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 4,602,708
See Notes to the Financial Statements	

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Year Ended October 31, 2020

	Fund - Skate Fund -		Special Revenue Fund - Bike Park	Special Revenue Fund - GCP	Total Governmental Funds	
Revenues						
Assessments	\$ 4,133,915	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,133,915	
Penalties and interest	27,179	-	-	-	27,179	
Investment earnings	734	-	-	465	1,199	
Charges for services	-	500,000	570,000	-	1,070,000	
Reimbursements and contributions	2,303	-	-	-	2,303	
Other	3,006	-	-	-	3,006	
Total revenues	4,167,137	500,000	570,000	465	5,237,602	
Expenditures						
Current:						
Public safety	859,733	-	-	-	859,733	
Planning, operations and						
infrastructure	608,239	-	-	-	608,239	
Field services	1,182,415	-	-	-	1,182,415	
Marketing and public affairs	162,837	-	-	-	162,837	
Skate park operations	-	451,947	-	-	451,947	
Bike park operations	-	-	647,150	-	647,150	
Greenspoint Commuity Partners	-	-	-	1,500	1,500	
Financial and support services	1,375,201	-	-	-	1,375,201	
Total expenditures	4,188,425	451,947	647,150	1,500	5,289,022	
Net change in fund balances	(21,288)	48,053	(77,150)	(1,035)	(51,420)	
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,143,904	109,375	110,663	1,477	1,365,419	
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 1,122,616	\$ 157,428	\$ 33,513	\$ 442	\$ 1,313,999	

## **NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT** *RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended October 31, 2020*

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ (51,420)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period. Capitalized expenditures reclassified to assets.	546,644
Depreciation expense taken to Statement of Activities.	(290,164)
Assessment revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	88,128
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Increase in long-term portion of accrued compensated absences	(12,214)
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 280,974
See Notes to the Financial Statements	

# Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the North Houston District ("the District") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and reporting principles. The following is a summary of the most significant policies:

# Creation

The District was organized, created, and established pursuant to an act of the Texas State Legislature, effective under the terms and provisions of Article III, Section 52 and Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution. The Board of Directors held its organizational meeting on August 27, 1991. Additional disclosure regarding significant legal provisions contained in the legislative act creating the District follows.

The District has all the rights, powers, privileges and authority conferred by the general law of the State of Texas applicable to districts created under Chapter 375, Local Government Code, as added by S.B. No. 232, Acts of the 72nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1991. The Board of Directors may not finance services and improvement projects unless a written petition has been filed with the Board requesting those improvements or services signed by:

- a) the owners of a majority of the assessed value of real property in the District as determined by the most recent certified county property tax roll; or
- b) If there are more than fifty persons who own property in the District as determined by the most recent certified county property tax roll, by at least fifty persons who own land within the District.

Because the District is created in an area that is devoted primarily to commercial and business activity, the District may not impose an impact fee or assessment on a detached single-family residential property or a residential duplex, triplex, quadruplex or condominium. A condominium is exempt under this section only if, for the year in which the impact fee or assessment is imposed on the condominium, the condominium receives a residence homestead exemption.

## **Reporting Entity**

The District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas, governed by an appointed eighteen member board, and is considered a primary government. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these financial statements have been prepared, based on considerations regarding the potential for inclusion of other entities, organizations, or functions, as part of the District's financial reporting entity. Based on these considerations, no other entities, organizations or functions have been included in the District's financial reporting entity. Additionally, as the District is considered a primary government for financial reporting purposes, its activities are not considered a part of any other governmental or other type of reporting entity.

Considerations regarding the potential for inclusion of other entities, organizations, or functions in the District's financial reporting entity are based on criteria prescribed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These same criteria are evaluated in considering whether the District is a part of any other governmental or other type of reporting entity. The overriding elements associated with prescribed criteria considered in determining that the District's financial reporting entity status is that of a primary government are: that it has a separately elected governing body; it is legally separate; and it is fiscally independent of other state and local governments.

# Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

## **Reporting Entity (continued)**

Although not considered significant in the District's reporting entity evaluation, other prescribed criteria under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America include considerations pertaining to organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and considerations pertaining to other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The District's primary activities include security, landscaping, maintenance, and marketing for the benefit of the Greenspoint area's commercial property owners.

Greenspoint Community Partners is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit entity, which is dedicated to strengthening programs that enhance the quality of life and establish a renewed sense of area identity and pride. It was established by the Greenspoint District in 2004 to sustain and grow financial and community support for programs that would otherwise be absent in the community. Greenspoint Community Partners is governed by a volunteer board of directors, composed of business partners and residents. Although a separate entity, the board of Greenspoint Community Partners works in partnership with the North Houston District to support community programs that focus on three key areas: developing parks and trails, ensuring public safety, and creating an attractive community.

## **Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities* normally are supported by property assessments and charges for services.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges for services or users who use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Assessments and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

## Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property assessments are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

# Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

## Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, expenditures related to compensated absences, are recorded only when payment is due.

Grant revenues and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

The District has four major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is used to account for administrative operations of the District. The principal sources of operating revenue are from assessments. The principal source of non-operating revenues is from property assessments and donations. Expenditures include all costs associated with the daily operations of the District.

The *Special Revenue Fund* is used to account for financial resources that are restricted by law or contractual agreement for specific purposes other than debt service or major capital projects. The District has three Special Revenue Funds as follows:

The North Houston Skate Park was developed by the Greater Greenspoint Redevelopment Authority and opened in 2014. The facility includes over 77,000 square feet of skateable surface and is the largest skate park in North America. The District operates and maintains the facility through an agreement with the Greater Greenspoint Redevelopment Authority.

The North Houston Development Corporation's 20-acre Bike Park opened in August 2019. The park is located next to the North Houston Skate Park and Dylan Park and features a world-class BMX race track and event center that can seat approximately 3,500 people. The District operates and maintains the facility through an agreement with the North Houston Development Corporation.

GCP is used to account for the activities of the Greenspoint Community Partners. The principal sources of revenue are from contributions and grants. Expenditures include operational activities and special projects relating to parks and recreation, public safety, and beautification.

## **Deposits and Investments**

Investments for the District are reported at fair value. The funds of the District must be deposited and invested under the terms of a depository contract, the contents of which are set out in the Depository Contract Law. The depository bank may either place approved pledged securities for safekeeping and trust with the District's agent bank or file a corporate surety bond in an amount sufficient to protect district funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract. The pledge of approved securities is waived only to the extent of the depository bank's dollar amount of FDIC insurance. The depository cash balances were covered by FDIC insurance and by collateral held by the District's agent in the District's name.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

# Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

## **Deposits and Investments (continued)**

The District categorizes fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The District's local government investment pools are recorded at amortized costs as permitted by GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain Investment Pools and Pool Participants*.

## Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. At October 31, 2020, no allowance is recorded as all receivables were considered collectible.

## Prepaids

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. As of October 31, 2020, the District did not have any prepaid items.

## **Capital Assets**

Capital assets are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. The District defines capital assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. All purchased capital assets are valued at cost where historical records exist. Donated capital assets are valued at their acquisition value on the date received. Assets are depreciated over their remaining useful lives using the straight-line method. Capital assets include improvements, machinery, and equipment depreciated over useful lives of five to 20 years.

## **Net Position**

Net position represents the differences between assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings, used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net investment in capital assets excludes unspent bond proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use through external grantors, laws, or regulations of other governments. As of October 31, 2020, the District did not have any borrowings, used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of assets.

# **Fund Balance**

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report classifications of fund balance based on controls placed upon the funds. Fund balance classifications are recorded as follows:

• Non-spendable fund balance – amounts that are not in spendable form or are required to be maintained intact.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### **Fund Balance (continued)**

- Restricted fund balance amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of local, state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors. The fund balances for the Special Revenue Funds are classified as restricted. At October 31, 2020, the District reports a restricted fund balance of \$191,383.
- Committed fund balance amounts constrained to specific purposes by the District itself, using its highest level of decision making authority (i.e. the Board of Directors). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purposes unless the District takes the same highest level of action to remove or change the constraint. The District has not committed any fund balance.
- Assigned fund balance amounts the District intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by a governing board or by an official to whom the Board of Directors delegates the authority. The District has not assigned fund balance.
- Unassigned fund balance amounts that are available for any purpose. As of October 31, 2020, the District reports an unassigned fund balance of \$1,122,616.

For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first and then unrestricted. Expenditures incurred in the unrestricted fund balances shall be reduced first from the committed fund balance, then from the assigned fund balance, and lastly, the unassigned fund balance.

## **Compensated Absences**

The District's employees earn vacation leave, which may either be taken or accumulated, up to certain amounts, until paid upon termination or retirement. The amounts are recorded as a liability on the Statement of Net Position.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **Deferred Inflows of Resources**

A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of a government's net assets (an increase in assets in excess of any related increase in liabilities or a decrease in liabilities in excess of any related decrease in assets) by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. The District has one item that qualify for reporting in this category:

• Deferred inflows of resources for unavailable revenues – Reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet, unavailable revenues from assessments arise under the modified accrual basis of accounting. The amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

## Note 2 - Deposits and Investments

# **Cash Deposits**

In the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. As of October 31, 2020, the District's cash in bank totaled \$206,110 while the carrying value was \$88,191. Pledged collateral and FDIC insurance for these deposits totaled \$4,510,159.

## Investments

The District has adopted a written investment policy to establish the principles by which the District's investment program should be managed, which is in compliance with the *Public Funds Investment Act* (Chapter 2256.016 Texas Government Code). District funds can only be invested in the following: (1) obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, (2) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities, (3) certain collateralized mortgage obligations, (4) other obligations, which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the State of Texas or the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities, (5) certain A-rated or higher obligations of states and political subdivisions of any state, (6) bonds issued, assumed or guaranteed by the State of Israel, (7) insured or collateralized certificates of deposit, (8) certain fully collateralized repurchase agreements, (9) a qualified securities lending program. (10) bankers' acceptances with limitations, (11) commercial paper rated A-1 or P-1 or higher and a maturity of 270 days or less, (12) no-load money market mutual funds and no-load mutual funds, with limitations, (13) certain guaranteed investment contracts, and (14) certain qualified governmental investment pools.

In fiscal year 2020, the District invested in the State of Texas' TexPool. TexPool operates in a manner consistent with the Security and Exchange Commission's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

TexPool is a public funds investment pool created by the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company (Trust Company) to provide a safe environment for the placement of local government funds in authorized short-term, fully-collateralized investments, including direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed by, the United States or State of Texas or their agencies; federally insured certificates of deposit issued by Texas banks or savings and loans; and fully collateralized direct repurchase agreements secured by United States Government agency securities and placed through a primary government securities dealer.

The Trust Company was incorporated by the State Treasurer by authority of the Texas Legislature as a special purpose trust company with direct access to the services of the Federal Reserve Bank to manage, disburse, transfer, safe keep, and invest public funds and securities more efficiently and economically. The State Comptroller of Public Accounts exercises oversight responsibility over TexPool. Oversight includes the ability to significantly influence operations, designation of management, and accountability for fiscal matters. TexPool uses amortized cost rather than fair value to report net position to compute share prices. The fair value of the position in TexPool is the same as the value of TexPool shares. Accordingly, the District's investments in TexPool are stated at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. TexPool is currently rated AAAm by Standard and Poor's. This rating indicates excellent safety and a superior capacity to maintain principal value and limit exposure to loss.

# Note 2 - Deposits and Investments (continued)

## **Investments (continued)**

As of October 31, 2020, the District's investment balances and the weighted average maturity of these investments were as follows:

			Weighted
	F	'air Value	Average Maturity (Days)
Investments			
TexPool	\$	1,466,404	39
Total investments	\$	1,466,404	39

## **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates may adversely affect the value of the investments. The District monitors interest rate risk utilizing weighted average maturity analysis. In accordance with its investment policy, the District reduces its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting the weighted average maturity of internally created pooled fund groups to no more than 24 months.

# **Credit Risk**

State law and the District's investment policy limits investments in all categories to top ratings issued by nationally recognized rating agency. As of October 31, 2020, the District's investment in TexPool is currently rated AAAm by Standard and Poor's. This rating indicates excellent safety and a superior capacity to maintain principal value and limit exposure to loss.

## **Concentration of Credit Risk**

The District's investment policy requires the investment portfolio to be diversified in terms of investment instruments and maturity in order to reduce the risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of assets in a specific class of investments, specific maturity, or specific issuer.

The District reports its local government investment pools at amortized cost as permitted by GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. In addition, TexPool does not have any limitations and restrictions on withdrawals such as notice periods or maximum transaction amounts. This pool does not impose any liquidity fees or redemption gates.

## Note 3 - Receivables and Assessments

The Board of Directors has authorized annual assessments to commercial property owners in the District to finance the cost of improvement projects and other authorized services. These annual assessments become liens on the property effective January 1 of each assessment year, they are billed each December of the assessment year and are levied based on commercial property values established by the Harris County Appraisal District as of January 1 of the assessment year. Assessments become due when billed and become delinquent February 1 of the year following the assessment year. The total assessment for fiscal year 2020 was \$4,663,371, which is based on an assessment rate of \$0.016742 per \$100 of commercial property value. The adjusted property value used for the assessment for fiscal year 2020 (the 2019 assessment year) was \$2,785,423,441 after reductions and exemptions.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## Note 3 - Receivables and Assessments (continued)

Assessments receivable by year as of October 31, 2020, are shown below.

Fiscal Year	Tax Year	Receivable		
2020	2019	\$	110,433	
2019	2018		8,826	
Prior	Prior		18,594	
		\$	137,853	

Receivables in the governmental activities include \$137,853 of assessments receivable and \$53,054 of other receivables.

#### Note 4 - Interfund Receivables and Payables

Interfund balances consist of short-term lending/borrowing arrangements that result primarily from payroll and other regularly occurring charges that are paid by the general fund and then charged back to the appropriate other fund.

The composition of interfund balances as of October 31, 2020, is as follows:

	Interfund Receivable		Interfund Payable		Total	
<b>Governmental Funds</b>						
General Fund	\$	53,245	\$	-	\$	53,245
Special Revenue Fund - Skate Park		-		28,655		(28,655)
Special Revenue Fund - Bike Park		110,663		135,253		(24,590)
Total governmental funds	\$	163,908	\$	163,908	\$	-

# Note 5 - Capital Assets

A summary of changes in capital assets, for the year ended October 31, 2020, is as follows:

	Balance as of November 01, 2019		Additions		Balance as of October 31, 2020	
Capital assets, not being depreciated						
Land	\$	259,607	\$	-	\$	259,607
Total Capital Assets, not being depreciated		259,607		-		259,607
Capital assets, being depreciated						
Park & Other Improvements		4,369,607		536,207		4,905,814
Office Equipment		54,211		10,437		64,648
Leasehold Improvements		264,836		-		264,836
Park Office Equipment		5,698		-		5,698
Public Safety Equipment		59,614		-		59,614
Total capital assets, being depreciated		4,753,966		546,644		5,300,610
Less accumulated depreciation for:						
Leasehold Improvements		(70,018)		(25,024)		(95,042)
Park & Other Improvements		(1,938,562)		(248,431)		(2,186,993)
Office Equipment		(43,413)		(4,787)		(48,200)
Park Office Equipment		(5,698)		-		(5,698)
Public Safety Equipment		(11,922)		(11,922)		(23,844)
Total accumulated depreciation		(2,069,613)		(290,164)		(2,359,777)
Net Governmental Capital Assets	\$	2,943,960	\$	836,808	\$	3,200,440

Depreciation expense amounted to \$290,164 in the current fiscal year. The District did not have any capital projects in progress as of October 31, 2020.

## Note 6 - Long-term Liabilities

The District's Long-term liabilities consist solely of accrued compensated employee absences. Employees must have worked a minimum of six months before taking any vacation. Vacation accounts may accumulate up to 240 hours; however, only one half of your annual accrual may be carried into the following year. Vacation not used by the anniversary hire date that would surpass the 240 hours limit will be lost and no more vacation may accrue until the employee uses some of the 240 hours.

The following summarizes the District's liability and the changes for the year:

Balance, November 1, 2019	\$ 37,370
Additions	55,416
Reductions	 (43,202)
Balance, October 31, 2020	\$ 49,584

Eligible vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have met the District's retirement eligibility requirements.

# Note 7 - Line of Credit

On November 1, 2020, the District renewed a line of credit with Amegy Bank for \$400,000. The line of credit is payable upon demand and expires in October 2021. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 365-day year and the actual days elapsed with a fluctuating rate per annum equal to The Wall Street Journal prime rate of interest. As of October 31, 2020, there have not been any draws against this line of credit.

## **Note 8 - Operating Leases**

The District has entered into various operating leases for office space and equipment. The total cost under these leases in the current fiscal year was \$337,998. The District's lease for office space is one of the most significant of these leases with monthly payments of approximately \$11,203 per month for base rent and related costs. In addition, the District pays monthly rent of \$16,000 per month for a temporary space for the Houston Police Department to increase security in the area. Future minimum lease payments for the leases are as follows:

Year ending			
October 31,	Off	ice Space	HPD
2021	\$	134,439	\$ 192,000
2022		136,501	-
2023		138,563	-
2024		138,563	 -
Total	\$	548,066	\$ 192,000

## Note 9 - Pension Plan

The District established a simplified employee pension plan (SEP) that covers substantially all of the District's employees on November 6, 1991. A SEP is a tax-deferred retirement plan, with an individual account for each participant, which provides pension benefits in return for services rendered and specifies how contributions to the individual's account are to be determined instead of specifying the amount of benefits the individual is to receive.

Under a defined contribution pension plan, the benefits a participant will receive depend solely on the amount contributed to the participant's account, the returns earned on investments of those contributions and forfeitures of other participants' benefits that may be allocated to such participant's account. As established by the plan, all full-time employees over the age of 21 with 12 months of service are eligible to become a participant under the plan. Contributions made by the District vest immediately. An employee who leaves the employment of the District is entitled to all contributions, plus any accumulated earnings, in that employee's account.

The amount set by the District to be paid into the plan is determined by the Board of Directors and the rules that govern SEP plans. For the year ended October 31, 2020, the District contributed \$55,633 (8% for each covered employee).

The plan is fully funded on a current basis and is administered by an independent brokerage firm.

# Note 10 - Deferred Compensation Plan

The District offers its employees a Deferred Compensation Plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Employees may participate in the plan upon completion of one year of service. The plan permits employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The District matches employee contributions up to 6% of total compensation, depending on a combination of the employee's tenure and contribution level. Employees may contribute above the 6% match, up to the limit set annually by the Internal Revenue Service. The plan is administered by Vantagepoint Transfer Agents. For the year ended October 31, 2020, the District contributed \$32,895 to the Deferred Compensation Plan.

# **Note 11 - Related Party Transactions**

Effective January 1, 2013, the District entered into an agreement with Greens Bayou Corridor Coalition (GBCC) whereby the District will provide "basic services" as outlined below.

The District will provide the necessary personnel to accomplish the management and administrative services for the Coalition described as:

- Administrative services, basic financial services and program monitoring systems that are necessary to assist in the management of the GBCC for the hourly rate of \$30.00;
- Use of the District's office space, furniture and such shared basic office equipment needed to enable the Coalition to function at no additional costs;
- Coordinate with and help the Coalition to arrange for engineering, planning, legal, financial, real estate, accounting, and other services through consultants engaged by the Coalition as may be requested by the Coalition.

The GBCC reimburses the District at cost for expenses incurred specifically on behalf of the GBCC.

The project fee for special services shall be determined on a project-by-project basis consistent with the written proposal for special services as agreed to from time to time by the District and GBCC.

## Note 12 - Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; personal injuries; and natural disasters. The risk of loss is covered by commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** 

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# SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL

GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended October 31, 2020

	Budgeted	l Amounts			
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance with Final Budget	
Revenues					
Assessments	\$ 4,150,340	\$ 4,150,340	\$ 4,133,915	\$ (16,425)	
Penalties and interest	15,000	15,000	27,179	12,179	
Investment earnings	1,000	1,000	734	(266)	
Reimbursements and contributions	5,000	5,000	2,303	(2,697)	
Other	-	-	3,006	3,006	
Total revenues	4,171,340	4,171,340	4,167,137	(4,203)	
Expenditures					
Current:					
Public safety	910,726	910,726	859,733	50,993	
Planning, operations and					
infrastructure	611,000	611,000	608,239	2,761	
Field services	1,171,723	1,171,723	1,182,415	(10,692)	
Marketing and public affairs	200,000	200,000	162,837	37,163	
Financial and support services	1,456,611	1,456,611	1,375,201	81,410	
Total expenditures	4,350,060	4,350,060	4,188,425	161,635	
Net change in fund balance	(178,720)	(178,720)	(21,288)	157,432	
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,143,904	1,143,904	1,143,904		
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 965,184	\$ 965,184	\$ 1,122,616	\$ 157,432	

See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information.

## NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The District has complied with all material budget requirements for the year ended October 31, 2020.

An annual unappropriated budget is adopted for the General Fund by the District's Board of Directors, using the same basis of accounting as for financial reporting.

Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the functional level (i.e. public safety, planning and infrastructure, etc.). Expenditure requests that require an increase in total budgeted appropriation, must be approved by the Board of Directors through a budget amendment. At any time during the fiscal year, the Board of Directors may make emergency appropriations to meet a pressing need for public expenditure in order to protect the public health, safety, or welfare. The Board of Directors has the power to transfer any unencumbered funds allocated by the budget from one activity, function, or department, to another activity, function, or department, to re-estimate revenues and expenditures, and to amend the budget.

Amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements represent the adopted budgeted amount plus all supplemental appropriations.