

***PRESERVING THE PAST, DEFINING THE FUTURE***  
**A CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE GUS WORTHAM PARK GOLF COURSE**

In January 2015, Houston City Council unanimously agreed to a public-private partnership between the City of Houston and Houston Golf Association to restore Gus Wortham Park Golf Course (“Gus”), which is located in the historic East End of Houston. Through this powerful coalition, the golf course and its facilities will accomplish three significant goals:

- ❖ teach children character development and healthy habits through the game of golf
- ❖ engage the community through amenities such as meeting rooms, reception areas, and a full-service restaurant
- ❖ stimulate economic development through corporate, convention, and individuals’ use.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What programs will be available to neighborhood kids?**

- ❖ The First Tee program will be available to youths aged seven to 18 and is open on a first-come, first-served basis. Through the game of golf, The First Tee provides character-building opportunities and promotes healthy habits. The program expanded to Gus in June 2015 with a first-time enrollment of 30 young people. A minimal fee is charged to participate in this exceptional outdoor program. A Junior Golf program will also be available to area youths.

**What amenities can residents and businesses of the East End access? Will there be fees for using the amenities?**

- ❖ A prime initiative of the restoration project is to build a beautiful clubhouse/community center that accommodates events ranging from business meetings to civic gatherings to wedding receptions. Depending on the type of usage requested, some events will incur a charge competitive with other facilities in the area; in other instances, the usage fee will be small.

**What is being done to improve the golf course? How much will it cost to play there?**

- ❖ Experts in golf course architecture, environmental planning, and historic preservation are diligently developing the plans for restoration of the course, which has been continually played since 1907. With the requisite elements in place, designers will closely follow the footprint of the original golf course. The greens fees will be comparable to other public golf courses in the City of Houston and, for area residents, remain affordable.

**Why is this project important to the East End?**

- ❖ Restoration of Gus Wortham Park Golf Course is seen as an important part of the economic development and revitalization of the historic East End under the aegis of the Greater East End Management District that was formed by the Texas Legislature in 1999. With its convenient access to downtown, Gus is expected to draw players from the corporate sector, out-of-town convention attendees, and sports enthusiasts coming to Houston for major athletic events.

**How much does the restoration cost and where is the money coming from?**

- ❖ Restoration of Gus Wortham Park Golf Course is projected to cost \$15 million. The majority of funds will come from private foundations, corporations, and community-minded individuals. Five million dollars must be raised by December 31, 2015, to trigger the City’s release of the property to Houston Golf Association, which will then be responsible for its management and maintenance.