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Harlingen and UTRGV Partner to Build New Campus

Harlingen, Texas– The donation of land by the City of Harlingen to the University of Texas Rio Grande will result in the development and construction of a brand new educational facility and campus in Harlingen. The donation was approved by the University Of Texas System Board Of Regents on February 26.

UTRGV President, Dr. Guy Bailey has been a strong proponent of expanding their educational programs in Harlingen.



“We want UTRGV to be a university for the entire valley, and our partnership with the City of Harlingen and Harlingen CISD is a great example of that. We are excited about expanding our partnership with the Early College High School, and we look forward to other collaborations with will benefit Harlingen students and their families.”

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City Manager Dan Serna says this joint effort will provide additional educational opportunities for students. “We look forward to the many successes this partnership will bring not only to our community but the entire region.”

The land donated is located on Hale Drive and UTRGV has committed to build a facility where students can take post-secondary classes while also providing high school students enhanced educational opportunities through Dual Credit Educational Programs. UTRGV, through a separate inter local agreement, will partner with the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District and will jointly operate the Educational Programs within the facility.

Mayor Chris Boswell says he’s excited that Harlingen was able to do this. “The commission is more than delighted about this new partnership and what it will bring. “It’s really going to be a great project for the City of Harlingen and the entire area of UTRGV and HCISD.”

Harlingen City Commissioners echoed their excitement during a recent Special Meeting with Commissioner Tudor Uhlhorn saying this has always been the intent for this property. “I think it’s important to remember that we acquired this property shortly after the creation of UTRGV and the merger with the two universities specifically for the purpose of being able to have property that we could offer UTRGV to expand their programs within the City of Harlingen. We didn’t think it would happen this fast, but that it is happening this fast, is even better. It’s always great when a plan works out.”

UTRGV and HCISD will share the cost of the project. The first phase is expected to be completed by 2021.

(Pictured left to right- Commissioner Tudor Uhlhorn, Commissioner Richard Uribe, UTRGV Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Rick Anderson, Mayor Chris Boswell, City Manager Dan Serna, Commissioner Michael Mezmar, Commissioner Ruben De La Rosa, and Commissioner Victor Leal)

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