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Commissioner Steve Bradshaw to allocate \$250,000 for new Tobie Grant Recreational Center

DECATUR, Ga.—Commissioner Steve Bradshaw plans to allocate \$250,000 in park bond funds for the construction of a new Tobie Grant Recreational Center located in District 4.

Commissioner Bradshaw introduced the allocation during a May 1 Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole meeting. The allocation becomes official with a vote by the Board of Commissioners in the May 8th business meeting.

“A new Tobie Grant Recreational Center will be a long sought-after amenity for DeKalb County,” Commissioner Bradshaw said. “It will be a center focused on the intergenerational physical well-being of the community.”

The current center, located at the intersection of Parksdale Drive and Tobie Grant Lane in Scottdale, will be demolished and a new recreational center will be constructed.

The \$9.3 million, 29,835-square-foot recreation center will offer intergenerational programming and will include a library, multipurpose rooms, administrative offices, multipurpose court, gymnasium and a track.

In addition to the District 4 park funds, the construction will be funded by \$6.3 million from DeKalb County general funds and \$2.75 million from federal Community Development Block Grant funds.

The current center, which opened in 1962, was named for Mrs. Tobie Grant, a well-known Scottdale philanthropist, spiritual adviser and fortune teller.

In 1960, Mrs. Grant donated 40 acres to the Scottdale community for a community recreation center and library. Since its opening, the Tobie Grant Recreational Center has afforded the residents of Scottdale a place to gather for sports, recreation and meetings.

This allocation is the next step in Commissioner Bradshaw’s commitment to improve the quality of life for the Citizens of District 4.