

# KINDER FOUNDATION

## **Kinder Foundation names Sarah Newbery as Director of Parks**

HOUSTON – June 1, 2018 – The [Kinder Foundation](#) today announced that Sarah Newbery has joined the foundation as Director of Parks. Guy Hagstette, FAIA, has been elected Vice President of Parks and Civic Projects.

According to Kinder Foundation President and CEO Nancy Kinder, “With the foundation’s growing investment and partnership with many of our city’s civic and park projects, we are adding to our team. Together, Guy and Sarah represent some of the most talented professionals in their field, and we have every confidence in their ability to work collaboratively and shepherd our initiatives.”

Prior to joining the foundation, Newbery served as Project Director for Memorial Park at Uptown Houston. During her tenure, she managed the planning process for the Memorial Park Master Plan in close partnership with Memorial Park Conservancy and Houston Parks and Recreation Department, which was adopted by City Council in 2015, and further, led the implementation of TIRZ-funded projects within the park. Newbery previously served as principal at Curtis & Windham Architects where she was responsible for the development of an integrated landscape architecture studio within the practice. Prior to moving to Houston, she was a project architect at Robert A.M. Stern Architects in New York where she contributed to a broad range of institutional, planning, and residential projects. Newbery holds a bachelor of arts from Yale University and concurrent master of architecture and master of landscape architecture degrees, from Harvard University Graduate School of Design. She currently serves on the board of Trees for Houston, the Steering Committee for Houston Botanic Garden, and the advisory boards of Hermann Park Conservancy and the Peckerwood Garden Conservation Foundation.

In his new role, Hagstette, who joined the organization in 2016 as director of parks and civic projects, will continue to direct the foundation’s mission for Houston’s parks and greenspaces as well as its focus on community and civic projects. Most recently, he facilitated the foundation’s \$70 million gift to accelerate the Memorial Park Master Plan. To date, the Foundation has committed over \$175 million to parks and greenspaces in Houston.

Both Newbery and Hagstette assume their roles effective immediately.

### About the Kinder Foundation

The Kinder Foundation, a family foundation established in 1997 by Rich and Nancy Kinder of Houston, Texas, provides transformational grants that impact urban green space, education, and quality of life. More at [kinderfoundation.org](http://kinderfoundation.org).

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