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KENNER WILL BE IMPROVING CITY PARK AREA WITH \$551,000 IN GRANTS

Kenner, LA. – Kenner has received grant money totaling more than \$551,000 from the federal government to improve intersections, build sidewalks and make other improvements to the area surrounding Kenner City Park in north Kenner.

The city applied for and received a pair of grants – Safe Routes to Schools and Safe Routes to Public Places, said Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn.

“These are improvements that will help to more easily connect the surrounding neighborhood with City Park,” Zahn said. “Even better news is the money we spend under this grant is 100 percent reimbursable from the federal government.”

The popular park is in Councilman Dominick Impastato’s district, and has undergone a series of significant recent improvements orchestrated in part by Impastato.

“Upgrading City Park has been a focus for Councilman Impastato since he took office,” Zahn said. “This grant will make it easier for residents to enjoy the additions and improvements that have been made to the park.”

Those additions include protective ceramic coating to the Pavilion and outdoor bathrooms, an enlarged walking track, a garden terrace area for outdoor events such as weddings and the city’s first-ever Dog Park.

While the park is a major attraction for residents throughout the city, as well as visitors, adding sidewalks and intersection upgrades will be a big benefit for residents within walking distance of the park.

“It only makes sense that more people will be able to enjoy City Park if it is easier and safer to walk from nearby homes,” Impastato said. “This is great news for District 5 and for the rest of the city as well.”

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Design work is underway by Digital Engineering, said Community Development Interim Director Mike Ince, who secured the grants for the city. He said there is no timetable yet on when construction work might begin. The city's grant application calls for:

- Enhancements to the Loyola Drive/Vintage Drive intersection
- Sidewalks on the perimeter of the park from the Safe Routes to School grant
- Two years of bicycle safety training with Kenner Discovery School by Bike Easy of New Orleans
- Americans for Disability Act improvements to the intersections near the park

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