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RIBBON CUTTING FOR KENNER'S FIRST DOG PARK SET FOR FRIDAY

Kenner, LA. – A ribbon-cutting for Kenner's first Dog Park, located in Kenner City Park, 3800 Loyola Drive, will be held Friday at 11 a.m.

City officials have hoped to add a dog park for years, but plans have been stalled due to money issues. Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn, along with District 5 Councilman Dominick Impastato, who represents the area where the park is located, provided much of the money necessary to open a first phase.

Zahn dedicated \$66,000 to the dog park while a Jefferson Parish council member, and Impastato donated \$30,000 of his council district funds. Another \$50,000 came from the city capital project fund and \$15,000 was raised during last year's inaugural Hot Diggity Dog Fest.

The first phase features watering stations, landscaping, lighting and benches, along with 1,200 linear feet of attractive fencing.

"This has been a priority since we took office in January," Zahn said. "Dog parks are extremely popular, and there's no reason a Kenner dog owner should have to leave the city to search for this type of recreation outlet."

The original design for the dog park called for a \$350,000 facility with three distinct sections – a passive large dog area, an active large dog area and a small dog area. Future attractions could include a splash pad and agility play equipment, as well as a memorial brick paw walkway.

Fundraising will continue to come up with the money necessary to complete all phases of the dog park.

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"This is already a wonderful place for dog lovers," Impastato said. "It's the kind of amenity you are proud to have in your city and that you look for when you are choosing a place to live, so we will be working very hard to come up with the additional funds to open all of the planned phases of this park."

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