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GROUNDBREAKING FOR KENNER'S FIRST DOG PARK TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Kenner, LA. – The city of Kenner is proud to announce phase one of construction of its first dog park, to be located in Kenner City Park.

A groundbreaking for the initial phase of the new park will be held on Friday, May 5 at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

The dog park – which joins just three others in Jefferson Parish - will be located in the southeast corner of City Park, 3800 Loyola Drive, and will initially offer watering stations, benches, lush landscaping and decorated fire hydrants, along with 1,200 linear feet of attractive fencing.

An estimated 44 percent of all households in the country have at least one dog, according to national statistics.

"This is a great attraction for dog owners to enjoy with their pets," Mayor Ben Zahn said. "Now Kenner residents can make a quick and convenient visit to Kenner City Park, and we invite dog owners from throughout the area to bring their four-legged friends here, as well."

Mayor Zahn committed \$66,000 in funds from his former Jefferson Parish council district, Kenner District 5 Councilman Dominick Impastato contributed \$30,000 and another \$15,000 was raised from last summer's inaugural Hot Diggity Dog Fest, providing enough funding to begin phase one now. Additional phases will be constructed as more funds become available. Fundraising efforts will continue, and this year's Hot Diggity Dog Fest is scheduled for Sept. 30.

"This dog park is a tremendous addition for Kenner's City Park, and it's the kind of quality of life feature that families look for when choosing a place to live," Impastato said. "This is part of a master plan to transform City Park into a premier destination for Kenner residents and others in the region."

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Plans call for the park to eventually be divided into 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 wall and a memorial brick paw walkway.

The dog park is a key element of a series of significant additions to City Park. A garden terrace area just behind the Pavilion that can host outdoor events such as weddings and parties has recently been completed, and work is ongoing to enlarge the small walking track. In addition, the park will host an expanded Christmas Village beginning this year that will include a 2,400-square-foot synthetic ice skating rink.

It is scheduled to open in September.

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