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City of Capitola Dog Park Receives Donation

Plantronics donates \$2,000 to the Ozzi Dog Park

CAPITOLA—The City of Capitola received a \$2,000 donation from Plantronics, Inc for the Ozzi Dog Park on McGregor Drive.

The City of Capitola recently began construction on a multi-use recreational park at the City-owned McGregor Drive property, located near the entrance to New Brighton State Beach. The new park will have three important recreation elements; a skate park, a dog park and a bike pump track.

The City has funded the installation of basic park infrastructure, including: ADA accessible paths, porta-potties, water service, parking and fencing. Funding for each specific recreation element, such as skateboard ramps, water fountains, dog park and pump track, was not funded by the City and therefore the donors were needed.

Capitola Mayor Sam Storey noted that, "Partnerships like this with local business provide such a win for our community. This thoughtful donation by Plantronics will help the City provide a wonderful new dog park for everyone to enjoy."

"Plantronics is dedicated to community engagement, providing resources to organizations and programs that improve quality of life for the residents of Santa Cruz County and surrounding areas," said Kelli Greene, Community Relations Manager, Plantronics. "The Capitola Ozzi Dog Park will provide a safe, clean and enjoyable space for local residents to appreciate with their canine companions. Plantronics is pleased to support the enhancement of recreational and environmental resources in our community."

The McGregor Dog Park was named after Joshua Laven's dog, Ozzie. Two years ago, bicyclist Joshua Laven was killed in a hit-and-run accident on Highway 1 near Wilder Ranch. Laven's dog Ozzie which was in the crate attached to the bike, was found by his side by a Capitola couple who were riding along the same road when they came upon the accident. Laven was riding with his beloved dog Ozzi, from Massachusetts to California. Laven's mother, Jenifer Putnam established a reward fund in hopes that someone would come forward with information.

Unfortunately that reward was never claimed, and the reward fund was donated for the Dog Park.

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