

Dog park at Woodside could break ground soon

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Plans for a new dog park in Woodside Park were

unveiled at the Dec. 17 meeting of the Viera East Community Development District at Faith Lutheran

Church in Viera. Melbourne Mayor Paul Alfrey explained to the Board of Supervisors and about 50 residents how Viera East's proposed park will be similar to two other dog parks in Brevard County — one at 400 W. Florida Ave. (Southwest Park) in Melbourne, the other at 1550 Mosswood Drive in Eau Gallie.

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Mark Pieloch, president and owner of PE Inc., formerly known as Pet Flavors, and founder of the American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne, is donating \$50,000 to help create VECDD's park.

The total cost of the project — which includes a section for large dogs and another for small dogs — will be about \$125,000.

Alfrey said the remaining money will come from grants and donations from other companies and organizations.

The mayor said the VECDD's park will include numerous water features,



VIERA VOICE Courtesy of Melbourne Mayor Paul Alfrey
A Dalmatian enjoys one of the five hydrant water fountains at the Pieloch Dog Park in Eau Gallie.

ramps, jumps, dog houses and tunnels. The park will take up about three-fourths to 1½ acres of land in Woodside Park.

"It's going to be beautiful," Alfrey said. "The park will have the latest state-of-the-art technology."

VECDD chairman Robert Dale said he hopes to break ground by mid-January or early February.

Alfrey said the free park will be open from dawn to dusk and will include numerous trash cans and bags to dispose of waste.