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BOARD APPROVES FUNDING FOR FLORAL COUNTY PARK

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved funding for upgrades and improvements at Floral County Park in Pleasure Point, bringing new life to a well-loved neighborhood park.

Located at 656 38th Ave. in Pleasure Point, Floral Park includes a play structure and play surface in need of refurbishment. Tuesday's vote completes funding for the project, which is primarily funded by community donations.

County Park Friends raised \$275,000 for the project, which includes a new play structure and play surfacing. Supporters of the project include big wave surfer Shawn Dollar, Rowland and Pat Rebele and Bud and Rebecca Colligan, among many others. Under direction from Supervisor Manu Koenig, the County is contributing an additional \$100,000 to the project.

"Floral County Park is a fantastic community asset and gathering place for neighbors," Supervisor Koenig said. "After the hard work and fundraising by community members, I'm pleased to be able to move the final piece of the puzzle into place to make this dream a reality."

"County Park Friends is proud that in addition to new equipment, this project funds accessibility improvements such as rubberized surfacing," Friends Executive Director Mariah Roberts said. "Local input shaped the project and design and will delight young and old. We look forward to rededicating this wonderful park."

"We're so excited to have a safe new play space for kids in the Pleasure Point neighborhood," lead community volunteer Derek Draper said. "This outcome was the result of a great partnership between the County, County Park Friends, and the community and we're so appreciative of everyone's support in making this vision a reality. Our three boys will enjoy this new space for years to come."

Park improvements are likely to be completed in 2024.