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Ormond leaders break ground on beachfront park
Staff Report

ORMOND BEACH – City leaders celebrated a milestone Monday evening during the groundbreaking ceremony for Ormond Beach's Andy Romano Beachfront Park.

Despite overcast conditions, about 100 city leaders and residents attended the 6 p.m. ceremony for the long-awaited park at 839 S. Atlantic Ave.

City Commissioner Troy Kent said construction is expected to start immediately and the park is on track for a public opening in January 2013.

"This has been a three-year love affair," Kent said about the time it took to execute the project. "We are now are the stage that we are breaking ground and it's very exciting."

Saboungi Construction of Ormond Beach won the bid to build the park. The total construction cost is \$2.6 million. In 2010, Ormond Beach partnered with Volusia County to purchase the 4-acre plot of land. The current plan provides about 200 parking spaces for beachgoers.

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