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Nebraska Scores Victory: MultiSport Complex to Open in La Vista

LA VISTA, Nebraska (May 27, 2022) – Nebraska and the City of La Vista score a victory: the Nebraska MultiSport Complex will open this fall with all-turf, lighted multipurpose fields. Phase 1 of the project includes 12 fields that will be home to several sports, which include soccer, baseball, fast-pitch softball, lacrosse, flag football and rugby.

In addition, the facility will host national and regional tournaments and competitions, which will attract out-of-state teams and their supporters to Nebraska. Several fields will be ready for play this fall. All 12 fields will be ready by spring 2023.

“We are excited that the vision of a premier multisport facility in Nebraska is becoming a reality that will benefit the community and region surrounding the City of La Vista, as well as our entire state,” said Mike Cassling, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Nebraska MultiSport Complex. “The Nebraska MultiSport Complex will not only provide access for all ages to high-quality, year-round athletic facilities and sports programming needed to pursue a healthy lifestyle and competitive goals, the facility will host local, regional and national events that will have significant and recurring economic impact for the City of La Vista and Nebraska.

“Thank you to the City of La Vista and to the donors and supporters of the project for their investment in helping to create a world-class, championship facility.”

The Championship Field Complex with 12 multipurpose fields is forecast to have an annual economic impact of \$9.9 million with \$401,000 impacting local sales and lodging taxes each year. The complex is expected to draw more than 32,000 overnight visitors plus 39,200 local visitors. The facility also will create jobs during and post construction.

“This is an exciting day for the City of La Vista,” La Vista Mayor Doug Kindig said. “The Nebraska MultiSport Complex will encourage economic development, growth and bring visitors to our city. We will have a significant increase in room nights and out of town visitors to the complex that will drive tourism development.”

“In Nebraska, we love sports and we’re committed to creating opportunities for our kids to compete – which is why we need a facility like the Nebraska MultiSport Complex. Now our



youth and other individuals can compete at home,” Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts said. “The Nebraska MultiSport Complex is an expression of our community coming together, working to build a facility that will greatly benefit not only La Vista but our great state.”

Nebraska MultiSport Complex leaders listened to the input of the community. They understood there is a significant need for multisport fields in the region.

“Local and regional sports teams currently leave Nebraska to compete due to limited venues in our state. We revisited the design of the facility layout and added baseball and fast-pitch softball fields in addition to other field sports,” said Lisa Roskens, a member of the Nebraska MultiSport Board of Directors. “The new facility also will offer more fitness opportunities for adults, while providing a place for young children to learn sports in a supportive atmosphere.”

The Nebraska MultiSport Complex is pleased to have valued partners, which include Alliance Soccer Leagues, AstroTurf, Bellevue University, Evolution Soccer Club, KC Sports and NCSL. Project leaders also want to recognize the development team of JE Dunn Construction, Olsson Engineering & Design, CBRE Real Estate, Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture and ETI Engineering Technologies.

“We have several Letters of Intent from organizations that will utilize the facility,” said Craig Scriven, the Nebraska MultiSport Complex executive director and vice president, who has vast experience in designing sports facilities and programming. “We are excited to share more details about the facility this fall when several of the fields will be open for competition and practice play.”

