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To whom this may concern,

Will Magie, with SOK Global Sports, came to my attention last year in 2022 regarding bringing Rugby to Kuntz Stadium in Riverside Regional Park. He wanted to not only show me the plans for the physical structure but also, to ask how he could make himself available to as many community members as possible so that he could hear their critique, desires, and objections of the plan. He also asked to meet with the local school leaders to introduce this plan and to find ways to include the school kids in it as well.

Soon after our conversation, his whole team came to an APPS (Arts, Parks, and Public Spaces) meeting at Kuntz Stadium to talk with community members about the whole plan. At first, a lot of residents were concerned about the assumed roughness of the sport but, after much definition of how the game is played and a clear explanation of how the game differs between age groups, we saw a lot of residents with more ease of mind.

I brought up the program at every meeting since then and gained more support as the meetings progressed.

Will came again to update the community about the progress being made with the initiative and got very good responses from the residents as well. Not too long ago, at an All-Girls Field Day, the sport was introduced to k-8 young girls along with 6 other sports. What we saw was a HUGE interest and excitement for Rugby more than the other sports there proving that if we introduce our kids to new things, they will take to it like fish to water.

We as the NNW community highly recommend SOK Global sports and the initiative to get a professional team in to Kuntz stadium in Riverside Regional Park. This not only fits in with our goals and desires with the Quality-of-Life plan we have but also, with the Riverside Park Masterplan that we approved of!

Thank you for your time!

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