MEMORANDUM

Date: January 16, 2020

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: Kino Sports Complex South

The Kino Sports Complex (KSC) South has been completed. Attached is a brochure demonstrating the amateur and professional sports assets that are now available for the entire KSC.

KSC was constructed over a period of 26 years, beginning with the Kino Community Center in 1994, which is now the Kino Event Center. This was closely followed by the two-team Major League Baseball Spring Training Complex for the Arizona Diamondbacks and Chicago White Sox. In 2011 the County converted one baseball quad north of Ajo Way into soccer facilities to facilitate professional and amateur soccer. This complex has hosted FC Tucson (recently purchased by Phoenix Rising) since its inception. In addition, a 5,000 person soccer stadium was constructed north of Ajo Way in 2013.

The latest addition of 12 soccer facilities, 20 pickleball courts, parking, concession stands, restrooms and other facilities makes the KSC the largest amateur and professional baseball, softball, soccer, rugby, football and pickleball facility in Arizona.

KSC will be the host of the largest Fort Lowell Shootout, hosting 385 soccer teams from Utah, Colorado and Mexico starting this Friday.

Final improvements for this phase of the KSC South project will include the extension of a reclaimed water delivery line to the Complex to enable the fields to be watered with reclaimed water in lieu of potable groundwater.

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Attachment

c: Jan Lesher, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer, Health and Community Services
Maureen Ochoa, Director, Stadium District
The Best in the Southwest

A top-flight facility for sporting and community events
ABOUT

Located in beautiful Tucson, Arizona, Kino Sports Complex is the best sporting and entertainment venue in the southwestern United States. Born as a baseball-centric facility in 1998, this Complex has evolved into a premier multi-purpose venue used year-round for a variety of youth, amateur and professional sports, concerts and community events.

Footprint

The Complex spans more than 300 acres and features over 5,000 free parking spaces, making it a prime destination for regional and national tournament sporting events. What’s more, because of its unique layout, the venue can accommodate multiple events on the same day.

The facility includes a major league style baseball stadium, a professional level soccer stadium, an indoor event center, five full-service clubhouses, 20 pickleball courts, 22 soccer fields, seven baseball fields and more.

Access

Conveniently located near Interstate-10 and Interstate-19, and in close proximity to the Tucson International Airport, this facility provides easy access to residents and visitors alike. There’s also safe pedestrian and bicycle access to the venue via The Chuck Huckleberry Loop, a multi-use path with over 120 miles of paved pathways and bike lanes.

Who We’ve Served

Over the past 20 years, Kino Sports Complex has welcomed several U.S. and International major league sports, including Major League Baseball, Major League Soccer and the Mexican Pacific Baseball League; college sports including NCAA soccer, rugby and football, and Pima Community College soccer; and renowned rock stars like Blink 182 and Linkin Park. It’s also home to one of the largest Gem & Mineral Shows in the Country. On a more regular basis, the Complex also serves local sporting leagues, community organizations and the general public’s various venue needs.

MANAGEMENT

The Complex is managed by the Pima County Stadium District, which is comprised of a highly-qualified group of staff with over 20 years’ experience in facility operations and maintenance, event planning, grounds keeping, event management and site coordination.

While maintaining a top-notch facility is their priority, District staff find it equally important to make the Complex a pleasant experience for guests and occupants alike. Beyond services offered in-house, staff can assist with custodial, security, concessions, catering, parking and transportation, and other amenities.

FACILITIES

Kino Sports Complex is divided into three main areas: the Kino Main Complex, Kino North Complex and the Kino South Complex. Together these spaces have the capacity to serve multiple events at the same time and transform existing fields or spaces for other use, including different sports or community events.

Every year, Kino’s Main Complex plays host to over a dozen youth and amateur baseball tournaments. Baseball accommodations include one major league style baseball stadium with lights, seven full-sized regulation baseball fields and two half-sized fields.

Soccer is another on-demand sport that plays at Kino Sports Complex. Between the complexes, the venue has 22 full-sized soccer fields (16 with lights) suitable for national and regional tournament play. These fields can also be used for other long-field sports including lacrosse, rugby and football.

Additionally, the Complex has outdoor and indoor venues that can cater to other types of sporting events, such as volleyball, basketball, pickleball and softball; and spaces for community or private non-sporting events, such as weddings, job fairs and concerts.
COST AND BOOKING INFO

At Kino Sports Complex, rental costs are tailored to events depending on amenities used, event duration and other details. To obtain a quote, check venue availability or simply ask for more information, send an email to: info@kinosportscomplex.com.
Today, the Main Complex is the center hub of the overall Kino Sports Complex, where more than 20 years ago, it was the venue that started it all. Kino Sports Complex debuted in 1998 as an official Major League Baseball spring training site for the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Chicago White Sox. The Main Complex, which houses the Veteran’s Memorial Baseball Stadium, was built to MLB standards complete with clubhouses, private parking, practice fields, batting cages and more.

Since the departure of MLB, the Main Complex has evolved into a multi-purpose venue that serves a variety of clients. Annual events held here include the Rock KFMA Day concert, the Mexican Baseball Fiesta, Lights of the World, Cops & Rodders Car show and one of the largest Gem & Mineral Shows in the Country.

A highlight of the overall Kino Sports Complex is the number of free parking spaces available. About 3,500 of those are found just at the Main Complex.

**VENUES**
- Kino Veteran’s Memorial Stadium
- Batting Cages (indoor and outdoor)
- Clubhouses

**SPORTING AMENITIES**
- Major league style baseball stadium with seating for 11,000 (8,000 permanent seats, with an additional 3,000 lawn)
- Seven full-sized regulation baseball fields (4 with lights) and two half-sized (infield only) baseball fields
- 33 pitching mounds
- Two lighted soccer fields
- Full-service clubhouses with showers, lockers, dressing areas, laundry room, training and weight rooms

**OTHER AMENITIES**
- Ticket office and novelty shop
- Press box
- Eight private suites
- Conference rooms
- Observation towers
- Snack bar/Concession stands

Kino Main Complex
2500 E. Ajo Way

See more at www.kinosportscomplex.com
The North Complex was the first expansion at Kino Sports Complex. Since its debut in 2013, this venue has been used for professional soccer during the Major League Soccer pre-season and year-round for amateur and youth play. While it’s a soccer venue at its core, the area within the North Complex has several venues that can accommodate other long-field sports and various community events. Additionally, it’s equipped with over 600 free parking spaces.

Past events held at the North Complex include the MLS Mobile Mini Sun Cup, the 2019 Rugby 7s National Championships and the Sunsounds Annual Great Beer Fest.

**VENUES**
- Event Center
- Kino Environmental Restoration Project (KERP)
- North Clubhouse
- North Stadium
- North Grandstand
- Willie Blake Jr. Park
- Sam Lena Park

**SPORTING AMENITIES**
- Eight soccer fields, two regulation-sized, lighted and with permanent seating
- High school sized indoor basketball/volleyball court
- Outdoor basketball court
- Two lighted softball fields
- Disc golf course
- Pool
- Two full-service clubhouses
- Horseshoes

**OTHER AMENITIES**
- Outdoor pavilion
- Indoor meeting space for 25 to 1,000 people
- Snack bar/Concession stands
- Weight room
- Children’s playground
- 2.2-mile KERP path with exercise stations
- Ramadas with BBQ grills
- The Chuck Huckelberry Loop

A spectacular venue for outdoor community events featuring professional-grade fields and exclusive indoor amenities for sports and other public or private gatherings.

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The 167-acre South Complex addition is the most recent expansion at Kino Sports Complex. Phase one, which opened January 2020, added 12 lighted natural grass long fields for rugby, football, soccer, lacrosse and other sports; a 20-court pickleball facility; concessions; free parking for over 700 vehicles and other amenities.

With this expansion, Kino’s overall footprint now exceeds 300 acres and has more capacity than current major facilities in the Phoenix metropolitan area, making it a prime destination for regional and national tournament sporting events.

These initial amenities are the foundation for the South Complex. Opportunities exist for public/private partnerships to develop other amenities within the Complex. Future improvements may include a stadium, indoor court facility or other outdoor recreational uses and sports-related private hospitality support services such as hotels, restaurants and retail components.

**SPORTING AMENITIES**
- 12 long-sport fields
- 20 pickleball courts

**OTHER AMENITIES**
- Ticket office
- Snack bar/Concession stands
- Picnic-style seating
- Locker rooms
- Conference Room

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