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### **Public and private leaders in Williston welcome ND Governor to unveiling of master plan for Sloulin Field Redevelopment**

**Williston, N.D.** - City of Williston leaders presented the public with the first look at the master plan for the Sloulin Field Redevelopment tonight, along with in-person support from North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum. The plan unveiled how City Commissioners, the Williston Mayor, Williston City Staff, and the private development company Cardon Global integrated public opinion gathered over the past two years into future phases designed to take 800+ acres of prime property and transform it from what will be the old airport location in Williston to a fully-connected community of the future.

“This exciting public-private partnership and the resulting Sloulin Field Redevelopment master plan is going to lead to great additions to the heart of our community,” said Williston Mayor Howard Klug. “We feel that not only will the innovative spaces, new public amenities, and diverse housing opportunities benefit existing residents, they will also help Williston and the greater community continue attracting new, life-long residents.”

“Congratulations to the developers and the city of Williston on the proposed Sloulin Field Airport Redevelopment project,” said North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum. “We look forward to seeing how this exciting infill development will connect to the current downtown, utilizing space that might otherwise sit idle and adding value to helping solve the pressing workforce attraction and retention needs of the Williston region.”

According to the master plan, the Sloulin Field Redevelopment will repurpose and preserve the site; enhance the connecting transportation corridors and focus on pedestrian walkability; introduce new “live/work” commercial and housing options; establish diverse housing types; and improve quality of life amenities by focusing on performing arts, special events, aquatics, and family-friendly gathering spaces.

“We are grateful for the Governor’s participation in the unveiling tonight and grateful to be continuing the conversation with city leaders and the public as to exactly how the Sloulin Field Redevelopment will play out,” Don Cardon, CEO of Cardon Global. “It’s exciting to be at this point in the process, and while we have come a long way in the past two years, we know there is a lot of work left to be done.”

A three-phase approach to the overall enhancement of the 800+ acre site includes space in the first phase for commercial, retail, housing and public amenities located at the front and easterly side of the project, near U.S. Highway 2. The second phase of work is primarily for future single-family housing options near the rear and westerly wide of the site, by the Williston Public Golf Course. The center of the overall property will be the emphasis in phase three, including commercial/office operations, Williston’s Foreign Trade Zone and commercial innovation pursuits.

City leadership assured the public tonight that the public input process is not over but will continue throughout the multi-phase redevelopment process. Along with the mayor, governor and Cardon, other presenters included Williston City Administrator David Tuan and CEO of Design Workshop, Kurt Culbertson. The evening’s public meeting was a part of the City of Williston’s Economic Development Week.

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