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Super Bowl Committee to Highlight Legacy Projects

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The Indianapolis 2012 Super Bowl Host Committee is updating progress on its civic legacy projects, which include the NFL Youth Education Town and a new practice facility. The committee is also announcing today that a second practice facility will be located at the University of Indianapolis. The school was already planning an expansion of its athletic facilities.

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Indianapolis – Officials from Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS), Near Eastside neighborhood representatives and the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee shared progress updates on key elements of the Super Bowl’s Legacy project, including details of the NFL Youth Education Town (YET) and the practice facility this afternoon in a briefing session.

“When we bid on the Super Bowl, we wanted to show the NFL that hosting the game in Indianapolis could provide a long-term impact in our community that would last far beyond the reach of game week,” said Mark Miles, chair of the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee. “Our Legacy project, including the YET, on the Near Eastside provides that cornerstone legacy focused on supporting the community’s revitalization strategy.”

The NFL Youth Education Town (YET) will be built as part of the Near Eastside Education and Wellness Center in the heart of the Arsenal Tech High School campus adjacent to the football stadium. The combined facility will serve as a major hub offering comprehensive programs for neighborhood residents and youth development activities in partnership with Indianapolis Public Schools.

Dr. Eugene G. White, superintendent of IPS, stated, “The NFL’s Youth Education Town ushers in a new day in the relationship between Arsenal Technical High School and the Near Eastside of Indianapolis. IPS is excited to welcome the community onto our campus, and we look forward to strengthening the sense of community that exists between the schools on this campus and our Near Eastside neighbors.”

The facility will be owned by IPS and the John H. Boner Community Center will partner with them to coordinate neighborhood programming with organizations like the YMCA and Girls, Inc. The facility will focus on community sports leagues and educational programs including math, science, technology, literacy, arts, fitness and urban farming. The design also incorporates sustainability features that will make this an environmentally friendly building. For example, stormwater runoff will be mitigated with a green roof and, outside the facility, educational garden plots will help demonstrate the benefit of gardening.

“This center fills a void on the Near Eastside,” said James Taylor, chief executive officer of the John H. Boner Community Center. “It strongly supports the vision that the neighborhood has for our community. The central location and expanded programming of this facility will enhance the quality of life, health and vibrancy of our neighborhood residents for decades.”

Other improvements planned after the 2012 Super Bowl on the Tech campus include the installation of a new fieldturf football field and re-surfacing of the track inside the football stadium. “The field installation and track will enhance Tech’s stadium while enabling IPS to host football development programs and leagues for youth,” added Miles. “Additionally, the community will have access to the track and field for exercise and fitness when not scheduled for IPS activities.” These improvements, along with the establishment of a maintenance fund, bring the total budget to \$11.2 million.

Plans were also shared about the new location for the second practice facility. After careful review, the facility’s location will now be on the campus of the University of Indianapolis. The University of Indianapolis was already planning an expansion of its athletic facilities which included an indoor practice facility which meets the requirements outlined by the NFL during the bid process. This location will serve as the NFC practice site.

“With the facility going up on the Near Eastside as well as the enhancements being added to the University of Indianapolis facility, we will leave a legacy behind for those communities to enjoy for generations,” concluded Miles.

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