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Power Play Project to present at 1 Million Cups February 5

A group of Williston residents are spearheading an effort to build a multi-rink hockey facility in town. The Power Play Project will present at 1 Million Cups on Wednesday, February 5 at 8:30 a.m. at the Teton Lounge on the Williston State College campus. The meeting is free and open to the public.

The Power Play Project was recently featured on the Williston Works Podcast with host Shawn Wenko. Wenko is the executive director of Williston Economic Development.

Josh Kringen, one of the founders of the Power Play Project, told Wenko that the group organized about one year ago to bring more sheets of ice to Williston.

"Every other major city in North Dakota has a hockey facility with more than one rink," said Kringen. "(They have) two or three rinks under one roof, and it allows them to be able to host major tournaments and state tournaments and all kinds of different things."

The current proposal calls for converting the Sloulin Field International Airport's 30,000-square foot airplane hangar to a three-rink hockey facility. The hangar is part of the future Sloulin Field Redevelopment. Once Sloulin Field is decommissioned and funding is secured, the project can begin moving forward. Wenko likes the plan because it gives new life to the spacious hangar. "This is a great idea. This is going to help bring people to the community. It is going to provide a ton of spinoff of what I would call other economic development opportunities," said Wenko.

Kringen said the new facility will help accommodate current and future skaters.

"Hockey is growing all of the time," he said. "When other towns have built new facilities (Mandan, Dickinson and Minot) a lot of times their numbers have almost doubled."

The Power Play Project is fundraising for \$28 million. The facility, which will feature one sheet of all-season ice, may help attract a minor league hockey team to town.

"What we are trying to raise right now is \$28 million. The funding for that will be completely private. We are approaching different companies for naming rights. Sponsorships range from \$20 bucks to \$6-8 million," he said.

Kringen, who moved his business, MonDak Sports, to Williston in 2012, is excited about the Power Play Project and the potential for extra growth.

"Williston has amazing opportunity and amazing resources that people need to take advantage of," he said.

For more information attend 1 Million Cups on Wednesday, February 5 at 8:30 a.m. at the Teton Lounge or email Josh Kringen at josh.kringen@gmail.com.