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Mayor Jacobs Small Business Series Highlights One Knox SC

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs interviewed Drew McKenna, founder of One Knox SC, or One Knox Sporting Club as part of his small business series. The new USL2 team begins their inaugural season soon, with aims to win championships and grow the sport within the Knoxville community.

“We’re just playing for ourselves and we’re playing for Knoxville,” said McKenna. “There are 115 teams in our league across the country and we’re trying to win the national championship. So, every game matters. It’s about bringing championships home to Knoxville.”

Mayor Jacobs’ bi-weekly small business series is comprised of video interviews airing on the county and Mayor’s various social media platforms. The discussions offer folks the opportunity to talk about what they do; highlight their work; and share any plans for the future.

“Growing the game of soccer and using soccer as a force for good are two things that are key for us,” said McKenna. “Knoxville has got a great youth soccer culture but the more urban and populous you get less greenspace and, oftentimes, you get less access to pro soccer. So, those are things we are working on specifically in east and north Knoxville because we feel a Knoxville soccer community is both one with access and aspiration to play.”

One Knox SC will travel to regional stadiums across East Tennessee for their initial campaign – with goals of moving up in the world of pro soccer and sharing a home with the incoming Tennessee Smokies Baseball club at the proposed future mixed-use stadium in downtown Knoxville.

“We’re really excited about it,” McKenna said. “We think it adds another layer to that stadium. It’s baseball and professional soccer. The team at Boyd Sports has done a great job of mapping out what a stadium could look like to fit both, in a really positive way,”

Mayor Jacobs and McKenna further discussed the popularity and impact of pro soccer in our region, future plans for the club and what fans can expect this to see on the pitch this season.

To hear more of what was said during the interview, check out the [video](#).

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