



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, October 27, 2015**

**Council Session**

## **Item I-1**

**#2015-297 - Consideration of Approving a New Olympic Bunker  
Trap Range Venue at the Heartland Public Shooting Park**

**Staff Contact: Todd McCoy, Parks & Recreation Director**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Todd McCoy, Parks and Recreation Director

**Meeting:** October 27, 2015

**Subject:** Consideration of Olympic Bunker Trap Range Improvement to be donated at the Heartland Public Shooting Park

**Presenter(s):** Todd McCoy, Parks and Recreation Director

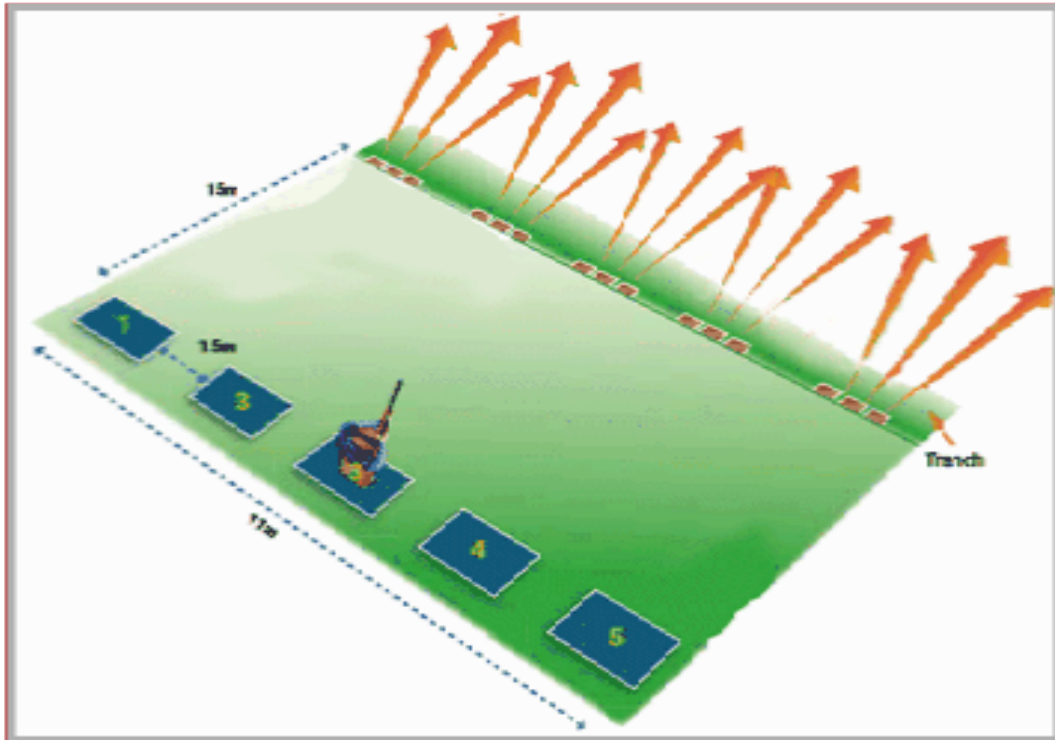
## **Background**

The Heartland Public Shooting Park (HPSP) consists of 420 acres of land just west of Grand Island. Currently the facility includes six skeet ranges, eight trap fields, a fifteen plus station sporting clays course, rifle and pistol ranges, 3-D archery, a seven acre lake, and a RV campground. The facility has been developed with a combination of City and private funds. HPSP has become regionally and nationally recognized as one of the premier shooting sports facilities in the country.

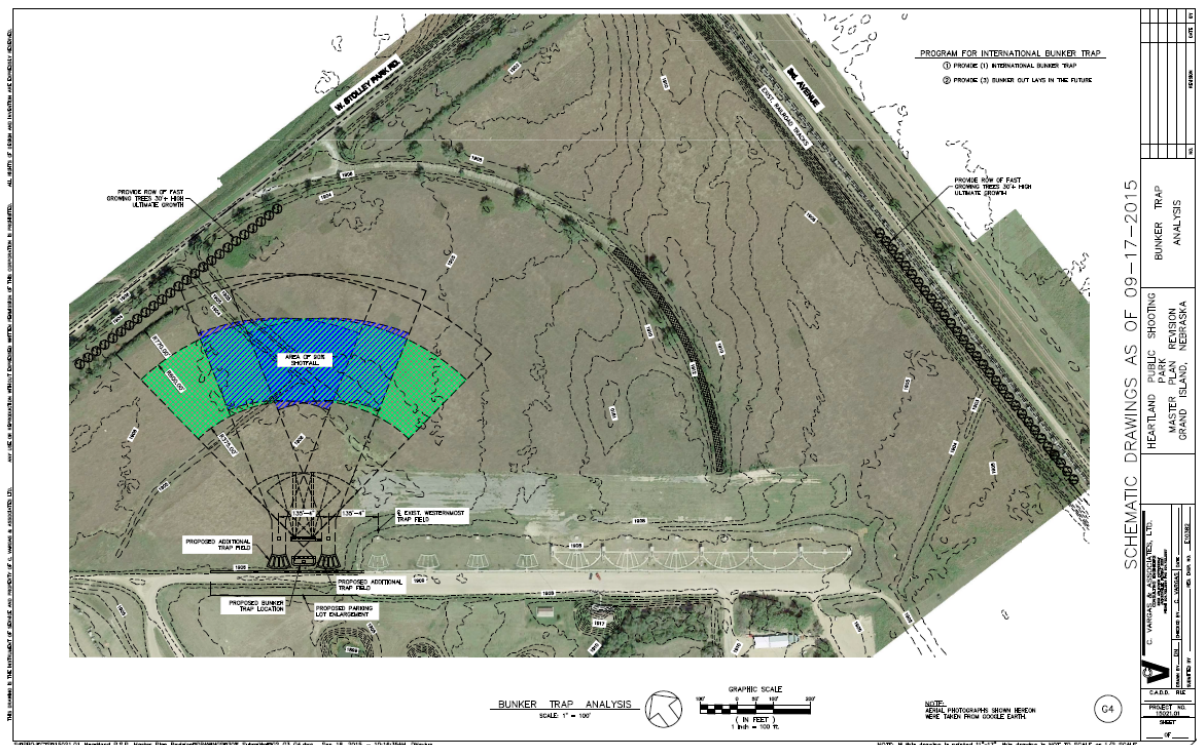
## **Discussion**

The Grand Island Skeet and Sporting Clays Club, Inc. recently approached the City with the idea of adding a new Olympic Bunker Trap venue at HPSP. GI Skeet and Sporting Clays Club propose to raise all the funds necessary to build the estimated \$270,000 improvement.

Olympic Bunker Trap is a discipline where a squad of five shooters take-aim at clay targets from fifteen machines. Targets are thrown away from the shooter at a height of 1.5 - 3.5 meters. Targets reach a 76 meter distance and can be thrown up to 90 mph. Bunker trap is no doubt challenging and competitive. Shotgun sports participants are prime users, but all can participate in this unique activity. There are less than 45 known bunker traps currently operating in the United States. The closest bunker traps to Grand Island are Coon Rapids, Iowa; Wichita, Kansas; and Kansas City, Kansas.



Because available infrastructure will be developed with the project, Grand Island Skeet and Sporting Clays Club proposes to build two additional trap ranges in addition to the bunker. Preliminary site master planning completed by the original HPSP design firm shows the new range just west of the existing trap ranges.



Although the improvement is funded privately, the City will have final approval of design and equipment prior to installation. Upon completion of the project the City will be responsible for maintaining the improvement. City staff will be responsible for servicing the equipment and operational expenses such as electrical for the bunker trap as it does the other venues at HPSP. At this time no additional FTE's are requested to support the additional range. It is very likely additional FTE requests may come forward in future City budgets as the bunker trap attracts additional events and to support the overall continued growth of the park.

## Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the City Council approve the resolution authorizing an Olympic Trap Bunker Range to be constructed at the Heartland Public Shooting Park with donated funds provided by the Grand Island Skeet and Sporting Clays Club, Inc.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the resolution authorizing an Olympic Trap Bunker Range to be constructed at the Heartland Public Shooting Park with donated funds provided by the Grand Island Skeet and Sporting Clays Club, Inc.

RESOLUTION 2015-297

WHEREAS, the Heartland Public Shooting Park is owned and operated by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Skeet and Sporting Clays Club approached the City with the idea of adding a new Olympic Bunker Trap Range venue at the Heartland Public Shooting Park; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Skeet and Sporting Clays Club proposes to raise all funds necessary to build the estimated \$270,000.00 improvement; and

WHEREAS, the City will be responsible for the management and operation of the proposed improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that they approve the construction of the Olympic Trap Bunker Range venue at the Heartland Public Shooting Park with donated funds provided by the Grand Island Skeet and Sporting Clays Club.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 27, 2015.

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Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
October 23, 2015	☐ City Attorney