



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 03, 2003

Study Session

Item -3

Discussion Concerning Locating ParaPlane Airport Runway Facilities on City Owned Property Located at CAAP

A request to use a portion of City owned property located in the SW corner of the former Ordinance Plant site has been received. Dr. Doug Camplin has made this request on behalf of the Husker Ultralite Club. (See attached request). Discussion will center on this request in regard to location, modifications requested and funding issues. Contact has been made with an abutting land owner who has stated he is not concerned about the proposed development. Members of the skeet range and sporting clays group have not voiced any concerns regarding this use either. The drainage ditch that currently bisects some of the area in question will need to be rerouted if this site is to be used. Some trees and the berm surrounding the old sanitary sewer lagoon will need to be removed as well.

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TO: The Grand Island City Council
FROM: The Husker Ultralight Club
TOPIC: Use of land owned by the City of Grand Island at the former Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant

The Husker Ultralight Club, (United States Ultralight Association Club # 140), is applying to lease approximately twenty-five acres of land from the City of Grand Island to create an Ultra-light airpark. This land is at about 40 degrees, 53.35 minutes North and 98 degrees, 27.74 minutes West.

The Husker Ultralight Club members would oversee necessary improvements to the land to insure its suitability for take-offs and landings by a variety of different ultra-light aircraft. This includes leveling the circular mound that now exists; removing obstructing vegetation; providing proper drainage of the area to the west for use as a public camping ground.

The anticipated time schedule will be to accomplish these improvements and seed the property this season with Buffalo grass. The club members will mow and maintain the airpark with no cost to the city. The only financial assistance the club will require is for purchase of seed for the property.

The only structures planned for the property would be a clubhouse and a hangar for some of the aircraft.

The members number around 80, flying enthusiasts from South Central Nebraska who have a love of flying and desire to share it with others. The priority of all members is safety, for the general public and themselves. The Husker Ultralight Club will sponsor several "Fly Ins" per year that will attract visitors to the community. The airpark would be a very appropriate place for Hot Air Balloon launches, which can also generate tourism.

**The web site for the club is
<http://www.angelfire.com/ultra/huc>.**

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