



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Study Session

Item -1

Presentation by SCORE Group

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To: Members of the Grand Island City Council

Fr: Brian Gallagher, Chairman

Greater Grand Island Sports Council

Re: Study Session

On behalf of the Greater Grand Island Sports Council, we wish to appear before you during your upcoming study session to discuss the merits of the Greater Grand Island Sports Council. Since forming our group (a subsidiary of the Grand Island/Hall County Convention and Visitors Bureau), we have successfully recruited, organized, and hosted a number of sporting events, providing our area with direct economic benefits through increased motel occupancy, patronage of restaurants, and other travel related income.

Due to our success, we are now being asked to host larger and more prestigious events, including the recently announced decision to award Grand Island and Hastings with the 2010 and 2011 NSAA State Volleyball Championships. We also have several other events planned in the next 18 months that will continue to put our area in the forefront and spotlight as a centrally located, family friendly, lower cost venue for state, regional, and national sporting events. We wish to provide you with details of the economic impact of the sports travel market on the City of Grand Island, and seek your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BRIAN GALLAGHER

Brian Gallagher, Chairman

Greater Grand Island Sports Council