

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, June 17, 2019

Regular Meeting

Item Reports2

Council to consider approval of using City owned property as target(s) and/or launch and land sites during the US National Hot Air Balloon Championship, August 10-17, 2019

Staff Contact: Nathan Johnson, City Manager



June 13, 2019

Dear Landowner,

This year US National Hot Air Balloon Championship will be held in conjunction with Old West Balloon Fest. The event will take place on August 10-17, 2019 throughout Scotts Bluff County.

Hosting a balloon event of this stature requires identifying hundreds of potential "target" locations owned by generous community minded individuals, and farmers willing to help by allowing us to use a small portion of their property as a possible target for our balloon competition. What does this mean? Here's an idea of how your property might be used:

- One car with a measuring team of about three people will park on the street or access road to your property near the target. They will let you know they are present and control access to your property from the public to ensure everyone's safety. No one will drive on planted fields or pasture areas.
- They will place a nylon target, or "X", on the property in such a manner to be visible from the air to approaching balloons.
- Pilots flying overhead will attempt to drop "baggies" weighing 2.5 oz. with a brightly colored nylon tail close to the center of the target.
- The measuring team monitors the area keeping spectators at a reasonable distance and upon completion of the race, the baggies are measured, and results recorded.
- Upon completion of their duties, they pick up all baggies, target material and any other supplies and pack them in their car. They make sure to clean up after themselves.



If you are willing to give permission to use your property or would rather not give permission, please fill out the form below and send it in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. It is our sincere desire to make sure that your property is used in the most respectful manner while hosting US National Championship activities. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me at (308)765-3493, or by email, skytrek23@gmail.com.

Warmest Regards,

Mike Johnson
Land Owner Relations

CONFIRMATION FORM:

Targets # 0636, 0834, 09361, 10372, 1138, 11381, 12341, 1238, 1535, 1536

Landowner Information:

NAME: City of Scottsbluff

ADDRESS: 2525 Circle Drive

PHONE: 308-630-6202

EMAIL: njohnson@scottsbluff.org

Confirmation for Possible Target Use:

- ☒ I give my permission for use of our property as a target during the US National Hot Air Balloon Championship
- ☒ I give my permission for Balloons to launch or land on my property
- ☐ I prefer not to give permission
- ☐ I would like the landowner relations team to call if they plan on using my property as a target during the event.

Please list any special notes or restrictions regarding the use of the property by our scoring staff or balloonists.

Signature

Date