

MEMO

Attachment L



Date: October 31, 2016
To: Board of Directors
From: Roni Luckenbill, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Girl Scout Property – Update and Recommendations

Background: Over its first year, **the Outdoor Experience Task Group** has provided information to the board about:

- The Girl Scout Research Institute findings on the value of the outdoor experience to girls' positive development.
- The outdoor experiences provided by the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio – and the program effectiveness results associated with these activities.
- The status of Girl Scouts of Western Ohio camp and administrative property, and the strengths and gaps to improve the opportunities provided to volunteers and girls.

In addition the Outdoor Experience Task Group led the board discussion to develop the ***criteria for property decision-making***. (Attachment M)

Recommendation: The Outdoor Experience Task Group is working with paid staff and volunteers to make recommendations for the development of the administrative and camp properties. The task group will present an overview of the proposed plans, including the following recommendations.

1. The administrative center development task group recommendations to renovate the Cincinnati, Dayton and Lima administrative centers to efficiently use staff space more efficiently, address maintenance and safety issues, and increase options for volunteer and girl program support at the council service centers. Recommendations also include the sale of the Toledo office and the purchase or lease of a new office. The presentation will also include cost projections for initial phases of the project. (Attachment N)
2. The camp task group recommendations for a multi-year camp plan for camp facilities that better attract and meet the changing needs of volunteers and girls, including increasing access to onsite program support, toilet and shower facilities at all camps, renovated lodge facilities, and introduction of best practices for tent units, kitchen shelters, and program shelters. (Attachment O)

Motion:

That the board supports the recommendations for the multi-year camp plan and the administrative facility plan, including the investigation of options to sell the empty lot in Lima, the Toledo office and the purchase or lease of a new Toledo office. The board authorizes the budget presented for the administrative facility renovations.

