

Outdoor Experience and Property Task Group Charges

10/25/16

Purpose: To support and educate the board about the role and status of administrative and camp property, and outdoor program in Girl Scouts; to prepare the board for discussions and decisions related to administrative and camp property, and asset protection, using Board Guidelines for Decision Making on Property and as defined in the Board Policy Manual.

Charges:

1. Ensure that the board is informed about current information on:
 - a. Girl Scout Research Institute and other current research and recommendations on the contribution of the outdoor experiences in healthy development, especially related to the goals and outcomes of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.
 - b. Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and Girl Scouts of Western Ohio (GSWO) outdoor program resources, activities and outcomes, including current trends, challenges and successes.
 - c. Camp property usage data and trends, health and safety standards and challenges, asset valuation and protection considerations and current conditions.
2. Facilitate board decision-making based on the Camp/Outdoor Program Values Statement and the Board Guidelines for Decision Making on Property or other outdoor program/property guidelines needed, based on GSUSA, GSWO, and industry data and standards related to the reports of the Administrative Facility Improvement Task Group, the Camp Improvement Task Group, property sale proposals or any other property questions that come to the board of directors.
3. Support communication between the board and the (operational) Administrative Facility Improvement Task Group and Camp Improvement Task Group by:
 - a. Providing the task groups with GSWO board updated guidelines and principles.
 - b. Working with the Administrative Facility Improvement Task Group to share findings and recommendations with the board regarding:
 - i. Facility usage – medium and long term trends, including changes in staffing patterns, volunteer use and/or technology needs.
 - ii. Recommended facility improvements or modifications, including cost estimates and timeline.
 - iii. Facility sale, purchase or lease.
 - c. Working with the Camp Improvement Task Group to share findings and recommendations with the board regarding the priorities for camp development and improvement to address health and safety needs, program outcomes and trends in girl and volunteer needs and preferences, including:
 - i. Facility usage – medium and long term trends, including changes in staffing patterns, volunteer use and/or technology needs.
 - ii. Recommended facility improvements or modifications, including cost estimates and timeline.

Composition:

- Sue Gantz-Matz, Chair
- Kimber Fender

Projected Timeframe/Benchmarks: June 2016 to December 2017

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| August – November, 2016 | Administrative Facility Improvement Task Group reviews existing offices, develops programming, and solicits preliminary cost estimates Market Lake Pointe property Camp Improvement Task Group initiates review and proposal for multi-year camp improvement plan |
| November, 2016 | Presentation to board: Administrative facility overview of recommendations and preliminary cost estimate; Camp Improvement Task Group – initial findings and feedback |
| December, 2016 | Begin implementation of administrative facility improvement plan |
| January, 2017 | Establish detailed plan and cost estimates for 2017-2019 camp plan |
| Spring, 2017 | Complete Woodhaven |
| Winter, 2017 | Complete Phase 1 of camp improvement plan |

