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RESOLUTION
KIMBALL SCOUT RESERVATION / LEVI LEVI CAMP

Background:

In May of 2018 the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced that it will discontinue its sponsorship of Scouting units after December 31, 2019 to provide a global program to its children and youth around the world. This has led the Council to look at overall operations with a focus on program impact, revenue and cost associated with activities and facilities that it conducts. The Operations Transition Team previously recommended that a committee be engaged to look at the overall operation of the Kimball Scout Reservation to understand impact on youth as well as the revenue/cost profile. The team has also been tasked with reviewing the Levi Levi camp operations and the relationship with the county through a non-documented no cost lease of the property. This recommendation led to a resolution to the Council Executive Board that was passed at the November 2018 Board meeting.

The Council President, Travis Brady, appointed such a committee that is comprised of Joel Eacker as the committee leader, with team members that include Darren Adair, Howard Bulloch, Jeff Chain, Jeff Cooper, Jim Ness, Bruce Rowe and Dick Wimmer. This team has subsequently met and is studying potential options for the future of the Kimball Scout Reservation and the unofficial lease of the Levi Levi camp site.

Significant reduction in youth is anticipated at Kimball Scout Reservation and there is a high likelihood that the Committee will recommend potential asset disposition options be considered for the property. In addition, projected camping volumes after 2019 indicate that a direct cost loss from operations is anticipated at more than \$100k/year with a maximum of only 125 non-LDS Scouts served. The reduced overall budget of the Council cannot support this type of direct loss, along with an indirect loss of over \$300k/year (considering insurance, depreciation, and staff time spent supporting the camp). Youth signups to date are only in the range of 30 Scouts and it is anticipated that there could be a significant reduction in 2019 over the limited participation of around 300 Scouts each of the past five years.



The Committee unanimously felt it is prudent to not operate Kimball Scout Reservation as a summer camp based on the high potential value of the camp, the low sign-ups to date for 2019, and the likelihood that the continued loss cannot reasonably be sustained with a reduced budget going forward. This action would need to be taken early to allow the limited participants who have signed up, as well as other potential users of the camp, to find other options for camping. The Committee wants to ensure that the Council is proactive in working with the Troops that had shown interest in 2019 as well as Troops that have attended in the recent past with information on available options in the area where they can meet their youth camping needs.

The Executive Board just passed a budget resolution in January 2019 for the operating year and it incorporated operation of Kimball Scout Reservation from both a revenue and cost perspective. An analysis has been done on the financial impact of mothballing the camp and it would represent a net loss of roughly \$10,000.00 from the approved budget.

The Committee also considered the current status of the Levi Levi property, the attendance and cancellation of previously planned camping, as well as the relationship with the property and the county. The Scout Executive and the Committee team leader also met with the Board representative for Levi Levi who has singlehandedly supported maintenance at the site. All parties agree that the challenges with needed upgrades financially, the county's requirements on such upgrades, and the lack of attendance justified pursuing options for return of the site to the county. The Levi Levi camp operations had already been removed from the 2019 approved budget so there are no budget implications from this recommendation.

Resolutions:

1. The Las Vegas Area Council shall not operate Kimball Scout Reservation as a summer camp for Boy Scout camping in 2019. Communications will occur with prospective and past Troops to show them alternative locations to meet their summer camping needs. The adjusted proposed budget shall be adopted that amends the approved budget from the January Annual Meeting. Actions will also be taken to begin mothballing the camp after potential use by individual Troops during normal camping months of 2019.
2. The Las Vegas Area Council senior staff and the Committee are authorized to work with the county to return the Levi Levi site to the county's control.