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RE: Northwest I-75/I-575 Corridor Cobb and Cherokee Counties, Georgia Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS")

Dear Mr. Fedora and Mr. VanMeter,

Thank you for soliciting comments on the EIS. We are the Boy Scouts of America, Atlanta Area Council and our Volunteer Service Center is located at 1800 Circle 75 Parkway, SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. Certainly, we agree that the objectives of the EIS are critical to all of us within the impact area. Traffic and the related infrastructure issues are one of the major problems that our community faces. But as you know, our community faces many other problems and we at the Boy Scouts work to address problems just as you do. So we are familiar with the process that goes into finding solutions and compromises when attempting to address identified problems. We know that it is critical to any solution-finding process that the interested parties voice their concerns and provide constructive ideas for the solution. We offer this letter in that spirit.

As background, we want you to know that the Boy Scouts worked closely with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to select our site. Many factors went into that selection including its central location to our members. Approximately 80% of the members that we service are located within 15 miles of our Volunteer Service Center, we currently serve approximately 58 thousand youth, and adult Scouts and Learning for Life participants. Our facility received the Small-Scale Project of the Year Award from the Urban Land Institute -- Atlanta. I enclose an article which discusses that award and our facility. As you can tell, we are proud of this facility and the services it provides to the community.



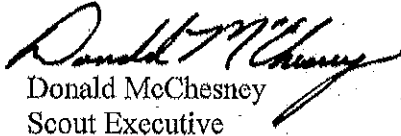
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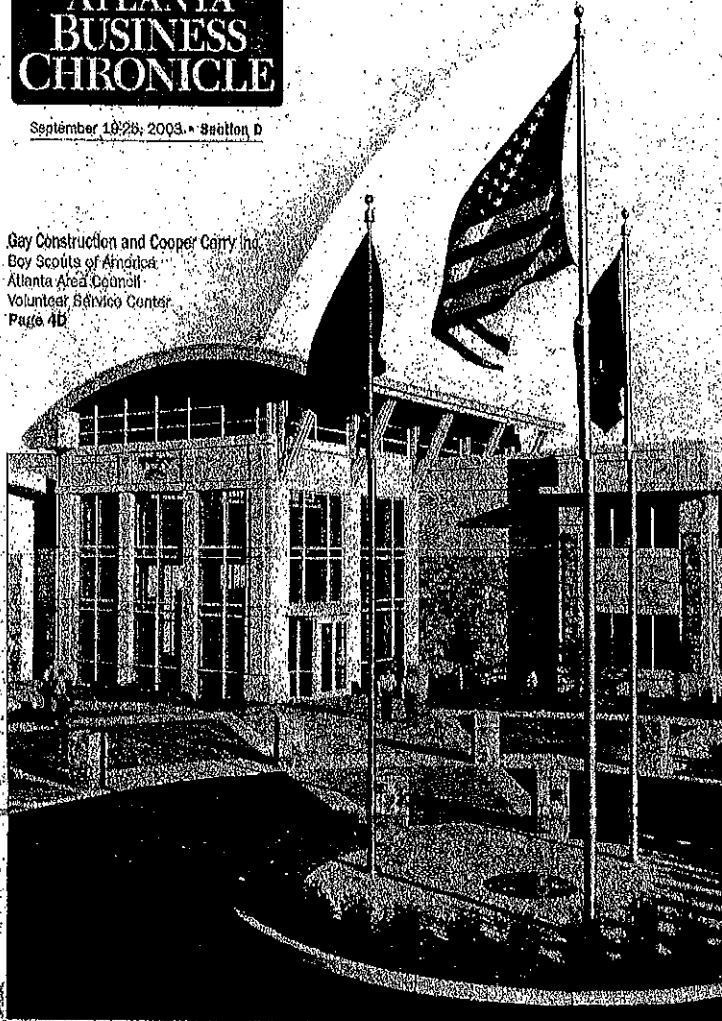
  
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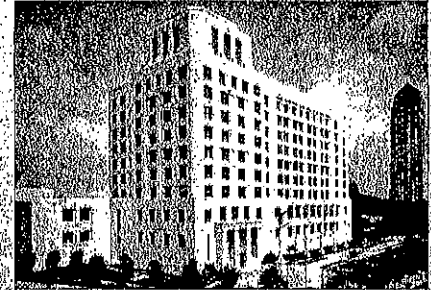
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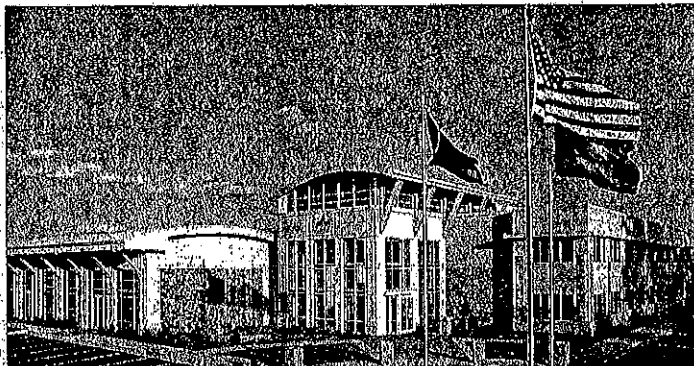
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# Scout motto reflected in new center



Prepared: The Boy Scouts' new Volunteer Service Center opened in October 2002 and includes a leader program center and training rooms.

By Lillian Lee  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

From conception to planning, from construction to the building's inception, the Boy Scouts of America Atlanta Area Council Volunteer Service Center remains true to the organization's all-encompassing motto: Be prepared.

David Larkin, executive director of the Boy Scouts of America - Atlanta, said the new building allows the administration to be prepared to best serve its Scout leaders and troops; something its previous location at the Robert Woodruff Service Center was inhibiting.

Sean McLendon, the project director at Cooper Carry Inc., the project's design firm, said the 87,500-member organization (consisting of 74,000 youths and 13,500 adult leaders) was growing too big and too fast for its old location.

"The Boy Scouts has been a tenant of the United Way Building for over 20 years and (has) been shoehorned in there," he said. "There were people in shared offices, in closets, all over one another, and in a space just under 20,000 square feet."

Functionally speaking, he said, the organization wasn't able to efficiently serve Scout leaders who come into the office for training, program help and other needs. But the nonprofit's administration wasn't sure how best to address the problems.

"When Gay Construction contracted Cooper Carry to work on this project, we found out that the Boy Scouts didn't really know what they wanted. They knew, however, that they had to operate better and change the status quo," McLendon said.

"When we were coming up with the building plan with Cooper Carry, we knew it had to fulfill three requirements," Larkin said. "We wanted it to be a place where Scout leaders can receive training, get program help such as signing their troops up for camp, and where they can get uniforms and supplies."

The location of the new service center was also an important factor for Larkin and the organization.

"We wanted it to be very accessible and also be visible in the community," he said.

In order to come up with some potential locations, the Boy Scouts went to the Atlanta Regional Commission to map the ZIP codes of Scout leaders.

"When profiling a site, we looked at it as if we were hiring a person. Where are we now, we're in a 15-mile radius of 80 percent of our members," he said.

The service center is at the corner of Circle 75 Parkway and Windy Ridge Parkway. The negotiation and purchase of this site was headed by Don Perry, president and CEO of Lavista Associates Inc., a commercial real estate firm in Atlanta.

The group launched a capital campaign nearly three years ago to raise money for the new service center, among other projects. To date, \$23 million has been raised through corporate, foundation, family business and individual contributions, only \$2 million shy of the original \$25 million goal.

Phil Rutledge, of Gay Construction, said the project, which took a year to complete, cost an estimated \$60 million.

The new council building is approximately 53,000 square feet and was completed with some services donated from individuals, design and companies.

Just to name a few, Acuity Brands donated the building's light fixtures, Fred Mortensen of Mortensen Woodwork in Union City, Georgia, donated the wood paneling and engraving work in the Bagle Room, and the office furniture was donated by BellSouth," Larkin said. "Gay Construction also donated some work, including a huge wooden Boy Scout emblem."

The administration moved into the new service center in September 2002 and opened for business a month later.

Sixty percent of the building is conventional administrative spaces. The rest is a leader program center and training rooms, the lobby and public corridors, and the largest Scouts retail store in the nation.

"It was interesting working with the building guidelines stipulated by the prop-

erty seller," McLendon said. "They weren't going to approve any log cabin design, but we wanted to have the natural look and feel that's reflective of the organization."

The balance between contemporary office space and the spirit of the Boy Scouts is exemplified by features in the design of the building.

The lobby integrates the use of natural materials, such as Tennessee field stone, and also features exposed trusses and wood decking in the ceiling.

The exterior features one-of-a-kind bas-relief sculptures of the Boy Scout merit badges located on pre-cast piers around the building.

"This project involved team members and contributors who were all once Scouts themselves," McLendon said.

Yance White, senior vice president of Bears & Skunk Inc. and a member of the ULI-Atlanta awards committee, said the dedication and pride of the people involved in the project weighed heavily in the decision to recognize the building as the small-scale project of the year award winner.

"One of the main things we look at in all the entries is the financial success of the project," he said. "However, since the Boy Scouts of America is a nonprofit organization, its entry presented us with a more challenging decision-making process."

White said they looked at how the project serves the organization and how well the organization uses its space to serve the community.

"It was evident to us that the building mirrored the Boy Scouts' mission, which is character-building and service for its Scouts and leaders," he said.

Larkin couldn't be more pleased or proud of the organization's new service center.

"I think we need the functionality of the building and also created an opening and welcoming appeal to our visitors," he said.



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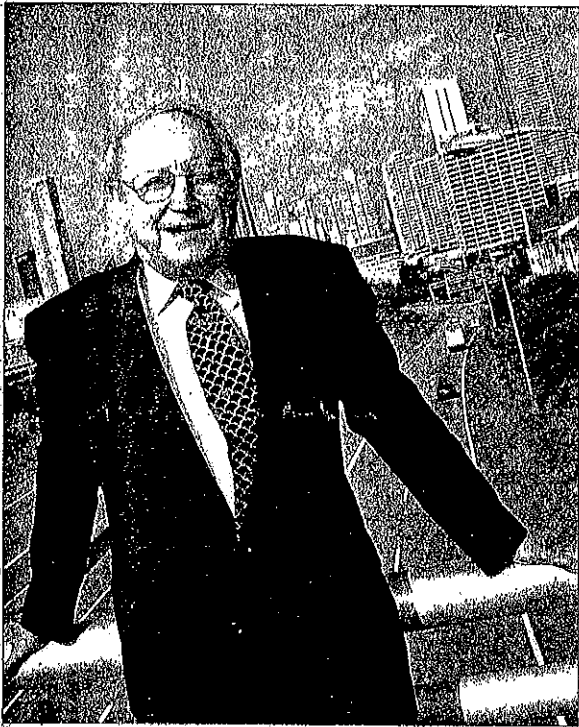
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# Former city planner focuses on communities



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**Photo-focused:** Leon S. Eplan, who was city planner during the Olympics, has inspired another generation of urban designers to keep the city dweller in mind.

By Paige Bowers  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Leon S. Eplan is known as a visionary city planner who has spent almost 50 years making communities — and colleagues — more people-friendly. As a result, the Urban Land Institute awarded him the 2003 Dan Sweat Community Leadership

award, which is given to nonprofit leaders or public servants who have advocated responsible land use. "I respect the heck out of him," said Jim Durrett III, executive director of ULI Atlanta. "Leon is passionate about responsible planning and development and lives out that passion by being active in trying to bring best

practices to the region." Eplan, a native Atlantan, said he inherited his commitment to Atlanta from his grandfather and father, both of whom were active in the community. "From them, I inherited a feeling that the city was very important and that it was very important for me to give back to the city," Eplan said. "My children have inherited that same feeling. The city is not just something you're a part of, but something you give back to."

Eplan has given back by serving on the following boards: the Atlanta Urban League, American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia, Emory Alumni Association, Metropolitan Atlanta Crime Commission, Atlanta Urban Design Commission, Ansley Park Civic Association, Grady High School Foundation, Boys High Alumni Association, Homeward Inc., Anti-Defamation League, In-town Jewish Life Center and Ahavath Achim Synagogue.

He also has given back through his work as a planner. His work on MATA was not just about transportation, but about revitalizing communities and bringing people together in public spaces such as Decatur's town square. His development of neighborhood planning units gave residents more say in how their neighborhoods were developed. His economic feasibility studies led to the construction of Fulton County Stadium, which brought the Braves to Atlanta. His planning work for the 1996 Olympics was about more than the event itself; it was about making Atlanta a more walkable and beautiful city.

The list of his self-described work-holic's achievements goes on. It's hard to believe that Eplan, father of three and grandfather of five, fell into city planning by accident. Educated first as a sociologist, Eplan earned a regional planning degree at the University of North Carolina before joining town planning at the London School of Economics in 1966. He co-founded Eric Hill and Associates in 1961, worked for the city of Atlanta in the mid-1970s, taught at Georgia Tech and worked as a consultant. Former Mayor Maynard Jackson brought him back to public office as chief planner in the 1990s to prepare the city for the

1996 Olympics. "To tell a planner to come back to get the city ready for the biggest event in its history, is like Raquel Welch telling you to come to her apartment," said Eplan, who now works as a consultant out of his Ansley Park home. "It was fantastic!"

It was also a lot of work, Eplan said. Between 1993 and 1996, he said, he and his colleagues planned 25 years' worth of improvements to the city.

Eplan's public and private work has inspired and challenged another generation of city planners.

"He inspired me to try to be as creative as he is, to think outside the box, to consider things that people hadn't thought about in planning," said Myles Greene Smith, chief affairs adviser at Georgia Power Co., who cut his teeth back in the '60s as an intern at Eric Hill. "He encouraged me to be involved with people and learn about public policy because if we have a stupid policy, he said, we got stupid planning."

Winter Properties President Bob Silverman said Eplan gave him the courage to pursue community-minded developments in Bass Lake and Midtown Heights.

"Every step of the way Leon was there to tell me not to let the bankers talk me out of it," Silverman said. "He told me that in the long run, what I was doing would be proven right. Without him, I don't think I would have had the courage to do the things I've done. He's a remarkable, wonderful person and a great friend."

Atlanta still faces its share of challenges, though. As inner city neighborhoods gentrify, Eplan said, there need to be infrastructure repairs, a stronger tax base and improved transportation. He would also like to see public servants regain the trust of the people they serve.

Troubled by building quality, Eplan said Atlanta should do what it can to model itself after Chicago, with its wide sidewalks and great architecture.

"This man loves Atlanta more than anyone I've ever known," Silverman said. "He wants the city to grow up and be great and grand, and he has tried to teach us all about the steps we must take to make it that way."

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Our congratulations and best wishes for continued success to the Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Our thanks go to the Boy Scouts for inviting us to join their team in this wonderful endeavor.

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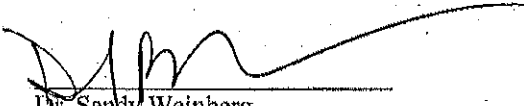
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Gentlemen:

As you are aware the EIS significantly impacts on the Volunteer Service Center of the Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America at 1800 Circle 75 Parkway SE, Atlanta, GA 30339. As a member of the board of that fine service organization I urge you to consider a reasoned compromise involving the lease or purchase of air rights over the facility parking lot, leaving the building in place.

That building site, located in close cooperation with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), was carefully selected to maximally serve the 58,000 youth in our program. Relocation would significantly degrade that program. While the significant financial hardships can be compensated, the loss of centrality of location and the disruption of program during relocation represent very real impacts upon the youth of Greater Atlanta. I hope that our social service environment carries appropriate weight in your Environmental Impact analysis and Statement. Our community environment would be substantially degraded by the displacement of this fine award-winning facility.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
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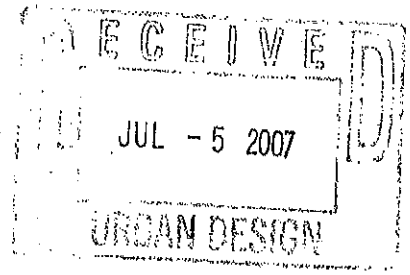
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Dear Messrs. Fedora and VanMeter,

I serve as a volunteer on the Executive Board of the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and work in the metro area as an attorney with a large Atlanta-based firm.

I am writing to ask your consideration of the issues relating to the Volunteer Service Center located at 1800 Circle 75 Parkway, SE, Atlanta. I appreciate the significant challenges that you face on a daily basis in attempting to resolve the many competing considerations that impact transportation decisions in the metro area. Given my long commute every day, thank you for your efforts to address urban congestion.

The new Boy Scout volunteer service center represents a significant financial and emotional investment by thousands of our volunteers that was many years in the making. Losing it at this early point in its lifespan would be tragic. This particular building has the distinction of being one of the finest council service centers in the United States. As you know, the Boy Scouts worked closely with the Atlanta Regional Commission in the selection of the new site, a factor that I hope will factor favorably in your analysis.

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Letter to Messrs. Fedora and VanMeter

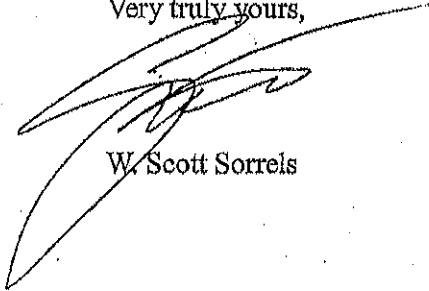
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I am confident the leadership of the council would welcome the opportunity to explore alternatives with you that can satisfy the needs of all involved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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W. Scott Sorrels

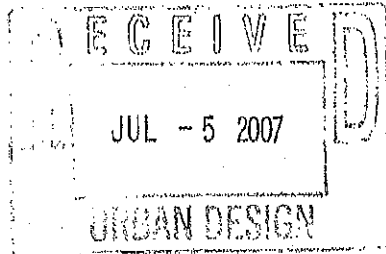
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I fully support the efforts in Atlanta to reduce traffic congestion and delay, including improvements to the I-285 and I-75 interchange in Marietta. That said, I feel strongly that it is very important to the Boy Scout program in Atlanta to preserve its new volunteer service center, if at all possible. The center is extremely well designed and located and has served the Atlanta Area Council extremely effectively during the five years since it was built. Its demolition, and the dislocation which would result from having to relocate the Council's operations, would adversely impact the Boy Scout program in our community for two to three years. Also, any new site will surely be less convenient to our scouts and their adult leaders than the present location.

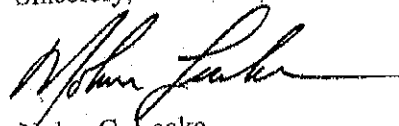
The Atlanta Area Council wants to work with your agencies to explore alternatives, including air rights over the center's parking lot, in order to accomplish your agencies' goals, while preserving the Council's center of operations. I urge you to give such alternatives serious consideration so as to minimize harm to the scouting program in our community.

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or if I can provide you with anything further, please give me a call.

Sincerely,



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cc: Don McChesney, Scout Executive

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We are very proud of this facility and the services it provides to the metro area communities. However, if the recommended construction is done based on the EIS, the facility will ultimately be displaced, thus disrupting services for over 58,000 participants. Moreover, the relocation costs would easily exceed \$20 million and involve more than 3 years of disruption to current members of the Boy Scouts.

As an alternative, perhaps you consider to purchase air rights over the parking lot, which would leave the facility in tact. The Scout Executives would be more than pleased to discuss other options that might be available in lieu of relocating the facility.

Please feel free to contact Donald McChesney, Scout Executive to arrange future discussions. Your consideration and assistance in this matter is very much appreciated.

Best regards,



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 Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS")

Dear Messrs. Fedora and VanMeter:

Since 1998, I have had the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In that time, I have seen the Scouting program touch the lives of tens of thousands of youth and their families throughout our area. I am convinced that the phenomenal impact of Scouting is due to the combination of an outstanding program and an incredible corps of volunteers. Our Volunteer Service Center is located at 1800 Circle 75 Parkway, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30339. The Volunteer Service Center (VSC) has become a source of tremendous activity and support for the many adults that serve the youth of our community.

I was on the Board during the time that the Boy Scouts worked closely with the Atlanta Regional Commissions (ARC) to select our site and it has proven to be a great location. Many factors went into that selection including its central location to our members. Approximately 80% of the members that we service are located with 15 miles of our Volunteer Service Center; we currently serve over 55,000 youth and adults. Our facility received the Small-Scale Project of the Year Award from the Urban Land Institute - Atlanta. We are proud of this facility and the services it provides to the community.



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I understand the need for solutions to the growing traffic challenges in our community. However, we also understand the severe impact that the destruction of our Service Center would have on Scouting. Obviously, we would love to see this be done without the destruction of the VSC. The substantial and effective work done by many along with the relocation that would be required would have a detrimental effect on Scouting in the Atlanta area – potentially for years. We estimate that the relocation costs would easily exceed \$20 million and involve more than 3 years of disruption of services to our 58,000 members. We would like to think that an alternative solution or modifications could be made that would allow us to continue to serve our volunteers and strengthen our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this important project.

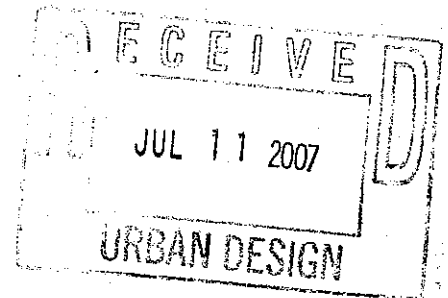
Very truly yours,

KPMG LLP

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Tim E. Bentsen  
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Dear Mr. Fedora and Mr. VanMeter,

I was very dismayed to learn that there is a possibility that the highway department was considering a road plan for the I-75 corridor that would necessitate demolishing the beautiful new Boy Scout Volunteer Center.

It is puzzling to me how a new facility like this that was planned and coordinated so closely in its construction with the Department of Transportation could now be subject to demolition.

We have been so proud of this award-winning facility. It is convenient and exceptionally functional. It would be a significant burden and disruption to the scouting program to have to start from the beginning in finding a new location, planning a new building and constructing a new center. There is almost no way that the Scouting program will be made whole financially from condemnation.

I call upon you to choose an alternative route to accomplish your ends.

Sincerely,

Hugh Morton  
President