

## ASSET MANAGEMENT PART 1 – YOUR ROLE

Module 10 - Video 4

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### VIDEO OVERVIEW

#### What's covered:

- Your role as Asset Manager
- 1. Increase asset value
- 2. Report to lender
- 3. Report to investors
- Managing the Manager (Part 2)
- Understanding the Reports (Part 3)





#### YOUR ROLE – INCREASE ASSET VALUE



- At its most basic, your role as asset manager is at least to maintain, and preferably to increase, the value of your asset
- Thus, your role is to:
  - Approve annual budgets prepared by management company
  - Monitor performance of asset through review of financial statements, discussions with manager, and site visits
  - Make major decisions about the property, such as approving bids for work
  - Monitor the market to understand rent levels, expense levels, and comp sales
  - Seek ways to improve Net Operating Income:
    - ✓ Cut expenses and seek efficiencies
    - ✓ Improve revenues new sources of income, better processes, etc.
  - Decide when time/market is right to sell the property

#### YOUR ROLE – INCREASE ASSET VALUE



- Some ideas for cutting expenses:
  - ✓ Reduce turnover costs by being careful with rent increases
  - ✓ Requiring renter's insurance claims paid, insurance increases avoided
  - Reducing utility expense by installing low-flow toilets and showers, identifying and stopping leaks, installing LED lighting in common areas, etc.
  - ✓ Closing down the pool saves water and insurance costs
  - ✓ Review and re-bid all provider contracts every year
  - ✓ Buy other properties nearby and share staff or bid out all vendor contracts together for volume discounts
  - ✓ When you grow big enough, ensure all properties on a single policy to save costs
  - ✓ Challenge all property tax reassessments

#### YOUR ROLE – INCREASE ASSET VALUE



- Generally easier to add new revenue than to cut expenses
- Some ideas for increasing revenues:
  - ✓ Water/sewer chargebacks (RUBS) and pest/garbage chargebacks
  - ✓ Laundry machines and vending machines
  - ✓ Pet rent
  - ✓ Application fees and early termination fees
  - ✓ Storage space & bike parking rentals
  - ✓ Covered parking or reserved parking
  - ✓ Rent clubhouse for tenant events
  - ✓ Billboards and cell phone towers
  - Converting non-revenue spaces into new units



#### REPORTING TO LENDER



- As asset manager, it's your role to report to the lender
- Submit financial statements according to loan documents
  - Often: monthly for first 12 months and quarterly after that
  - Annual budgets and annual reports
  - Annual personal financial statements for Key Principals, Guarantors, etc.
- Ensure that property is meeting required DSCR levels
  - Must make sure that property manager understands how they are calculated, because lenders differ (ex. MTM leases, etc.)
- Can delegate reporting to your property manager, but it's your job to make sure manager is complying with lender requirements
- Also coordinate between lender and others, such as insurance broker, accountants, etc.



#### REPORTING TO INVESTORS



- Report on same schedule you report to lender (monthly, then quarterly)
- Send financial statements from property manager along with commentary summarized from your discussions with manager:
  - Routine operational matters
  - Staffing changes
  - Unplanned capital work since the last report
  - Upcoming planned capital work
- Inform investors immediately of any material issues affecting property
- Oversee accountants in preparation of K-1s, tax returns, and annual reports
- Make distributions (monthly, quarterly, or annually, etc.)
- Goal: never have an investor call or email asking for information





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Asset Management - Part 2
Managing the Manager

