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SUBJECT: EXPO CENTER – FURNITURE PURCHASE FOR THE INTEL  
COMPUTER CLUBHOUSE

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer funds within Recreation and Parks for the purchase of furniture for the Intel Computer Clubhouse as follows:

FROM: Fund 301, Department 88, Account 060M EXPO Program	\$11,108.33
TO: Fund 302, Department 89, Account 806M EXPO Center Operations	\$11,108.33

SUMMARY:

The Intel Computer Clubhouse Network (ICCN) is an after-school community-based technology learning program that enables youth in underserved communities to acquire tools necessary for personal and professional success. ICCN operates as a program of the Boston Museum of Science in cooperation with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab.

EXPO Center became an officially recognized ICCN Computer Clubhouse location in March 2007. A Computer Clubhouse is more than just a safe environment for youth; it is also a creative place where a “community of learners” – young people working with adult mentors and staff – use technology as a tool for learning and creative expression. The supportive learning environment within the Computer Clubhouses enables young people to build skills as well as self confidence. The philosophy of the ICCN is “beyond access,” a place where young people use professional hardware and software to create computer-based projects inspired by their own ideas.

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On February 6, 2008, the Board approved the acceptance of a \$60,000 donation from ICCN, for EXPO Center to purchase 15 computers and music studio equipment for the Computer Clubhouse (Board Report 08-46). In order to utilize the music equipment, dedicated studio furniture must be purchased. The music studio workstations will be utilized by teens that are enrolled in the Intel Computer Clubhouse program. Currently, EXPO Center has over 600 youth participates in the Intel Clubhouse program. The inclusion of the music studio will greatly enhance the programming opportunities while attracting new teen members to EXPO Center. It will also satisfy ICCN's requirement for EXPO Center to provide a dedicated music studio.

Approval of this request for transfer of funds in the amount of \$11,108.33 will provide for the purchase of the furniture to implement the Intel Computer Clubhouse music studio program.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The transfer of funds will have a zero net impact to the Department's General Fund and will strengthen our partnership with ICCN.

This report was prepared by Belinda Jackson, Executive Director, EXPO Center.