BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: EXPO CENTER – DONATION OF COMPUTER HARDWARE FROM INTEL COMPUTER CLUBHOUSE NETWORK FOR EXPO TEEN CLUB

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept the donation as noted in the Summary of this Report and that appropriate recognition is given to the donor.

SUMMARY:

EXPO Center has received six (6) computers valued altogether at $8,723 for the Intel Computer Clubhouse program through a refresh grant from the Intel Computer Clubhouse Network (Network). The donation includes five (5) Apple iMac 17-inch computers and one (1) Apple iMac 20-inch computer.

The Intel Computer Clubhouse Network is an international community of 100 Computer Clubhouses located in over 20 different countries around the world. The Computer Clubhouse provides a creative and safe out-of-school learning environment where young people from underserved communities work with adult mentors to explore their own ideas, develop skills, and build self confidence through the use of technology. With over 500 members, EXPO Center has the largest number of youth participants in the entire Network.

The Intel Computer Clubhouse Technology Refresh Initiative is designed to help Clubhouses upgrade technology hardware and software and strengthen the Clubhouse’s overall technology infrastructure. As a Network member, EXPO Center is required to have specific computer software and hardware that enables Teen Club members to participate in Intel projects and
activities. Completion of these projects is mandatory for a Clubhouse to remain a member of the Network. Periodically, opportunities for funding to purchase new hardware and software become available, and over the past seven (7) years EXPO Center has received over $100,000 for equipment upgrades.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Acceptance of this donation results in no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund, except for unknown savings, as donations may offset some expenditures.

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