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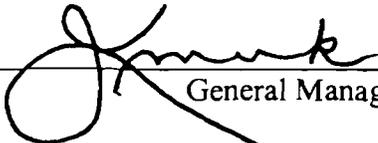
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SUBJECT: OPERATIONS EAST - EXPO CENTER - DONATION FROM INTEL
COMPUTER CLUBHOUSE NETWORK

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept the following donation and that appropriate recognition be given to the donor.

SUMMARY:

Operations East Branch, EXPO Center received \$60,000 for new computer equipment from the Intel Computer Clubhouse Network.

The Intel Computer Clubhouse Network is an after-school community-based technology learning program that enables youth in underserved communities to acquire tools necessary for personal and professional success. The Intel Computer Clubhouse Network 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 Computer Clubhouse location in March of 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 Intel Computer Clubhouse Network 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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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

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

Report prepared by Belinda Jackson, Executive Director, EXPO Center.