

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: OPERATIONS EAST - EXPO CENTER – DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF EXPO CENTER



RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

- 1. Accept the following donation and direct staff to give appropriate recognition to the donor and;
- 2. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to make a stipend payment to the summer interns of the EXPO Center Summer Employment Internship Program (EC SEIP).

SUMMARY:

Operations East, EXPO Center has received \$11,752 from the Friends of Expo Center for the EC SEIP. The funds were deposited into Fund 302, Department 89, Account 837M. The funds are to be used to pay stipends to the interns who participated in the summer 2008 program.

The EC SEIP is committed to positive youth development by providing healthy alternatives through job and life skills training to teen members at EXPO Center. The program consists of a six-week camp counselor leadership training. During this training, the participants, as counselors in training, work a maximum of 20 hours a week and receive a stipend of \$8.00 an hour.

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The program focuses on the following:

- Learning about teamwork
- Building job skills and a strong work ethic
- Improving leadership skills
- Learning tolerance of others
- Developing a sense of responsibility

Interns gain practical knowledge of after school and day camp programs. They participate in, and conduct activities in, a day camp setting. Weekly themes are utilized to enhance creativity and teach planning of activities. Activities include arts and crafts, cooking (outdoor and traditional), games, science and nature and various sports.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this donation results in no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund.

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