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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 12, 2017

TO: Susan Friend, Director
Accounting Division

FROM: ^{DW} Dan West, Director
Parks and Recreation Division

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of 18 Employees to attend the Florida Recreation and Park Association 2017 Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, from August 28 through August 31, 2017

I respectfully request approval for 18 travel requests, summary attached, for Parks and Recreation Division (Division) staff to attend the annual Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA) Conference. The Conference will be held in Orlando, Florida, from August 28, 2017, through August 31, 2017.

The Division recognizes that the FRPA 2017 Annual Conference provides staff invaluable learning opportunities, and is an exceptional forum to support professional development, networking, and to gain knowledge of industry resources. To best equip the future leaders of our Division, 18 participants are receiving support for registration costs only to support their professional development objectives, career enhancement goals and fulfill their CEU requirements to maintain their professional certification. The decision of who to sponsor was based on previous conference attendance and the Division's management succession plans.

The Division benefits from staff who are committed to the ideals of this professional organization and the certification associated with it. Training sessions include designing parks for sustainability and resiliency, bridging the gaps between multiple generations, strategic financial and operational management, improving communications, diversity in leadership, aquatics management, active shooter training, inclusive fitness, and other crucial topics. Keeping up with this level of industry professionalism is critical to the Division's accreditation with the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.

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County funding for registration in the amount of \$5,150.00 will be paid from the General Fund, Travel – Conference Registration, 10010-48100010-519060. No travel, hotel accommodations or meals will be funded.

The Division requests that this item be included on the June 6, 2017, Regular Meeting Agenda of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 954-357-8106 or at danwest@broward.org.

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Attachments