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Portland Parks & Recreation Announces New Assistant Director

(Portland, OR) –

Portland Parks & Recreation today announced the appointment of Warren Jimenez as the Assistant Director of Portland Parks & Recreation.

For nearly six years in City Hall, most recently as Mayor Sam Adams' Chief of Staff, Jimenez has demonstrated leadership and commitment in his public service.

"As I looked for a person who was familiar with all aspects of City government, understood the role of Portland Parks & Recreation in the community, could manage complex organizational initiatives and was respected by a diverse cross-section of community partners, Warren's name kept coming up," says Portland Parks & Recreation Director Mike Abbaté. "I reached out to Warren and was delighted that he has agreed to join my leadership team."

Jimenez brings a proven record for developing collaborative partnerships and strategic solutions. His extensive network of relationships in the community will help PP&R continue to provide "Gold Medal" services and programs Portland has come to expect.

"Portland Parks and Recreation is fortunate to have Warren join their leadership team," Mayor Sam Adams said. "In his years working for me, Warren has consistently demonstrated his dedication to the community, a keen focus on delivering effective and efficient city services, and a passion for ensuring equity. He will be deeply missed by me and my team, but this is great news for Portland, and we wish him all the best on this exciting new opportunity."

Jimenez will assume his new duties on April 2, 2012.

About Portland Parks & Recreation

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) manages more than 11,000 acres of property, comprised of natural areas, developed community and neighborhood parks, and urban plazas.

Recreational, educational, athletic, cultural and social activities are available at over 200 locations throughout the city. The bureau has 441 full-time employees and more than 3200 part-time and seasonal employees. In 2011, PP&R reaped the benefit of more than 450,000 volunteer hours.

Portland Parks & Recreation received the prestigious National Gold Medal Award of Excellence as the best park system in the U.S. in 2011, presented by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration and the National Recreation and Park Association.

Mike Abbaté has served as Director of Portland Parks & Recreation since October 2011.

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