




PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland

Date: November 22, 2013
To: City Council
From: Mike Abbaté, Director Portland Parks & Recreation 
cc: Patti Howard, Tim Crail
RE: 2014 World Cup Soccer Tournament

In 2014, Portland Parks & Recreation will be hosting the fifth annual World Cup Soccer Tournament. In past years, more than 300 youth representing dozens of countries around the world have come together each July to play for the championship cup - Youth Soccer team in the City of Portland. This year, we plan to have 20 teams with almost 400 participants.

But this is not just about soccer. For several months prior to the tournament, teams are introduced to programs and partnerships throughout the city and with our partner agencies. Agencies including Portland Parks & Recreation, the Portland Fire and Police Bureaus, the FBI, the Water Bureau, African Youth Community Organization, IRCO, the Bhutanese Refugee Community of Oregon, Office of Equity and Human Rights, the David Douglas School District and many others also play a key role.

In the months leading up to the tournament, participants are given the opportunity to learn about integrating into our community. They learn about jobs with the City of Portland, they learn about our culture, they gain access, experience and relationships. While soccer is the entry point - the product is a community of new Portlanders who have had an experience that demonstrates to them that they are valuable part of our city.

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In return, the City of Portland also gains valuable cultural knowledge. Strategic use of this knowledge will help immigrants and refugees integrate into our culture, and it will also help us adapt and accommodate new lifestyles and values. This event demonstrates how thoughtful and intentional planning can bring different worlds together to create new, stronger and more relevant opportunities - for all Portlanders.

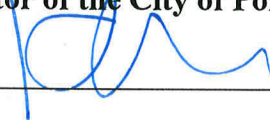
2014 World Cup Soccer Tournament (Presentation introduced by Commissioner Fritz)

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