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Parks Foundation Appoints New Board Members

VANCOUVER, Wash. – Bryan Cole, Rob Nielsen, and Megan Strand have been appointed to the Parks Foundation Board of Directors.

Cole, Vice President of Landscape Architecture for MacKay Sposito, Inc., brings more than 19 years of experience and expertise in park and recreation design including the development of neighborhood, community, and regional parks, trails, and environmental restoration projects to the foundation board. Cole earned his bachelor's of landscape architecture from University of Idaho. He currently serves as board chair for Affordable Community Environments and prior board secretary for the Prune Hill Homeowner's Association. As a foundation board member, Cole will also serve as a member of the organization's membership committee.

Nielsen, Western Regional vice president for Waste Connections, Inc., earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maine and studied environmental engineering as a graduate school student. Nielsen, who joined Waste Connections in 1999, is accountable for 96 operating locations in his geographical territory which spans seven states, employs more than 3,000 individuals, and has annual revenue of \$700 million. As a foundation board member, Nielsen will assist with fundraising efforts and serve as a member of the foundation's golf tournament committee. Nielsen also serves on the board of the Southwest Washington Red Cross.

Strand, a marketing/communication professional with a focus on cause-related marketing and project management, brings experience in both the public and nonprofit sector to the foundation. Strand earned a bachelor's degree cum laude in marketing from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio and a Project Management Professional (PMP) Credential from the Project Management Institute. Strand will focus on providing strategic direction to the foundation in the realm of corporate partnerships, membership recruitment, events, and

campaigns. Strand will serve as a member of the foundation's marketing and events committees.

About the Parks Foundation

The Parks and Recreation Foundation of Vancouver and Clark County was established in 1999 to accept and administer donations, gifts and bequests for the enrichment and enhancement of our communities' parks, trails, and recreational programs.

The mission of the Parks Foundation is to raise funds through public and private partnerships for parks, trails, and recreational programs throughout Clark County. The Foundation is a 501 C 3 non-profit corporation and all gifts are tax deductible. The Foundation is governed by a board of directors comprised of local citizens who oversee, invest and administer donations made to the Foundation.