

New Leaders

This Fall, I selected new Directors for both the Portland Housing Bureau and Portland Parks & Recreation.

Traci Manning

In September, I appointed Traci Manning, former COO of Central City Concern, to lead our housing team. Traci brings strong relationships with our community and jurisdictional partners, a commitment to PHB's Strategic Plan and Equity Agenda, and nearly 20 years of experience in housing and community development.

As Director, Traci will continue our commitment to equity and social justice, strengthen our partnerships, and build on the successes we achieved with PHB's inaugural Director, Margaret Van Vliet.

Mike Abbate

Following a national search, I selected Mike Abbate to lead the team at Parks. Mike's demonstrated skills in leadership, strategic thinking, diversity and equity, relationship-building, and communication impressed me and my team.

His commitment to problem-solving and innovating thinking will serve the bureau well as we advance the *Parks 2020* vision, increase diversity and equity within the bureau and for those we serve, and creatively address funding challenges.

It's been an honor to get to know Traci and Mike and to work with them over the past few months. With Parks and Housing on strong footing, I look forward to continued success in 2012.