

Statement from Don Mazziotti

Thursday, March 3, 2005

”Today I am announcing my resignation as Executive Director of the Portland Development Commission. My resignation has been accepted by Matt Hennessee, PDC’s chairman as well as Mayor Tom Potter.

I am extremely proud of my work while at the helm of PDC but would never make the assumption that I have done it all by myself. Beside me every step of the way were the talented staff members at PDC, our Board, City Council members and the many committed citizens who make Portland the great city it is. Together we have completed the Eastbank Esplanade, light rail to the Airport and Interstate Avenue, furthered the emergence of the Pearl District and Brewery Blocks and started the expansion of the city southward to the South Waterfront District – to name a few accomplishments. There is still much work to be done. Especially in neighborhoods that have not yet realized the benefits of urban renewal.

My announcement should not be a reflection on the good work being done by the staff at PDC. They are some of the most talented, professional and skilled individuals I have ever worked with. The position as Executive Director entails long hours and great commitment. In the short term, it is my desire to concentrate on more time with my family. I also intend to spend some time weighing various private sector opportunities, but will not rule out continuing work in the public sector.

My resignation will not be effective for 90 days. This will allow a smooth transition to a new Executive Director and will assure the important projects and programs we are all working on do not lose momentum due to my announcement.

It has been my great pleasure to serve the citizens, Mayor, City Council, PDC Board, and PDC staff over these past four years. Helping grow, design and develop this great city has been an honor and privilege I will never forget.”

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