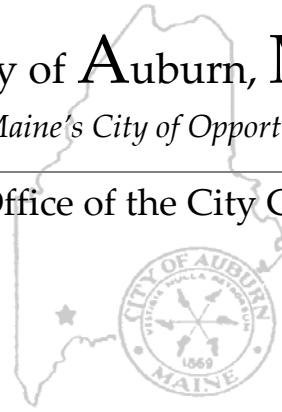


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Council Meeting Agenda Packet

August 7, 2007

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Cities of Lewiston and Auburn

City Councils, Lewiston and Auburn, Maine

Date: August 7, 2007

TITLE: RESOLVE – RENAMING OF SOUTH BRIDGE TO DR BERNARD LOWN BRIDGE

WHEREAS, Dr. Bernard Lown was born July 7, 1921 in Lithuania and is a naturalized citizen that was brought up in Lewiston, Maine where he graduated from High School in 1938 and went on to further his education at University of Maine and John Hopkins University Medical School; and

WHEREAS, his Uncle and guardian owned and operated Lown Shoe in Auburn; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lown founded two organizations, SATELLIFE and ProCOR, that use satellite and Internet Technologies to assist with the health communication and information need of developing countries, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lown developed the direct current (DC) defibrillator that has become a life saving device worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lown is a world-renowned peace activist who co-founded the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War with Dr. Evgeni Chazov of the then Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, In 1985 Dr. Lown was the co-recipient of the “Nobel Peace Prize” with Dr. Chazov.

Now Therefore be it Resolved by the City Councils of Lewiston and Auburn that the State of Maine rename the South Bridge the Dr. Bernard Lown Bridge.

Motion for acceptance:

Seconded by:

Vote:

Action by the City Council:

Date:

Attest:

Attest:

Lewiston City Clerk

Auburn City Clerk

“South Bridge” **(From Mayor Gilbert)**

A few months ago, Mr. Al Harvie of 37 Boulder Drive, Auburn, Maine approached me. He told me he had also approached Mayor John Jenkins of Auburn with a recommendation to re-name the “South Bridge” the **Dr. Bernard Lown Bridge** or the **Dr. Bernard Lown Peace Bridge** honoring Dr. Bernard Lown.

Dr. Lown is 86 years old and living in the Boston area. He was born on June 7, 1921 in Utena, Lithuania and is a naturalized citizen. As a boy he came to Lewiston to live with his uncle’s family. His uncle started Lown Shoe, which was located in the large brick building next to the Auburn Police Department. Dr. Lown graduated from Lewiston High School in the class of 1938. He then went on the graduate from the University of Maine-Orono and Johns Hopkins University Medical School. As a cardiologist he became a Professor of Cardiology at the School of Public Health, Harvard University (emeritus). He was Senior Physician at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, and Founder and Chairman, Emeritus, of the Lown Cardiovascular Research Foundation in Brookline, Massachusetts. He is an author and co-author of several books and hundreds of articles.

Dr. Lown founded two organizations, *SATELLIFE* and *ProCOR*, that use satellite and Internet Technologies to assist the health communication and information need of developing countries. He is a world-renowned peace activist who co-founded the *International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War* with Dr. Evgeni Chazov of the then Soviet Union. **In 1985 Dr. Lown was the co-recipient of the “Nobel Peace Prize” with Dr. Chazov.**

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Mr. Harvie wrote to Mayor Jenkins and me the following in paraphrased form:

To my knowledge the L/A communities have done nothing to honor our Nobel Prize Lauriat. My suggestion as we look at ways to be more cooperative in services between Lewiston and Auburn, I believe we should do something to honor Dr. Lown.

My metaphor of symbolism: What physically joins Lewiston and Auburn are “bridges.” Dr. Lown and his Soviet Counterpart built a “world peace bridge.” I am suggesting that we name the South Bridge between Little Canada and New Auburn in honor of Dr. Lown. I am sure the “south” bridge is not an official name but only called that because of its location. The South Bridge I believe is ideal because for decades it was the bridge used for our blue-collar workers from New Auburn crossing it everyday to work in the Lewiston mills and the Little Canada workers crossing it to Auburn to work in the Lown Shoe Mill.

Naming the bridge in his honor I believe is symbolic of the work he did to build a "world" bridge.

Not knowing where Dr. Lown now lives, I conducted some research and found that he lives in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. I was able to reach him by phone and talked to him. I found him to be a delightful man who at this age is very alert. He remembered the three street addresses he had lived in Lewiston to include the house numbers. He told me the book he is now writing will be published next April. He is quite a remarkable man.

I then informed him that Mayor Jenkins and I were proposing to bring to our joint city councils a proposal to name the South Bridge in his honor. He said he would be honored if that were to become a reality.

I told him with his agreement to accept such an honor; we will move forward to present this proposal at the joint Lewiston-Auburn City Council meeting in August. If we receive approval there, we will then forward this request to the Lewiston-Auburn Legislative Delegation to present the proposal to the Maine Legislature when they resume their session in December, as this is a state owned bridge, which I believe, requires legislation. Once we've obtained all the approvals, we would then work with him to set up a date for a naming ceremony. I also pointed out to him that this was simply a proposal at this time and that at any point along the way, we could meet with some resistance and obviously this isn't yet a *fait accomplis*.

Mayor Jenkins and I will present this at the joint city council meeting on August 7th. We are hopeful that this proposal will meet with your approval.

Cities of Lewiston and Auburn

City Councils, Lewiston and Auburn, Maine

Date: August 7, 2007

TITLE: RESOLVE - SISTER CITY – “COMMUNAUTE’ DE COMMUNES DU PAYS FOYEN

WHEREAS, The Cities of Lewiston and Auburn have enjoyed the many benefits from 133 years of joint cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the cities have promoted joint relationships between themselves and other cities to increase potential cultural, economic, and knowledge bases; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that there is a strong French heritage in both cities; and

WHEREAS, the connection with other French cultures have provided opportunities to enrich our own community; and

WHEREAS, Francois Gauthier, the Consul General De France has visited our community and enjoyed the vitality of pride of our French heritage; and

WHEREAS, Consul General Gauthier has established a relationship between the “Comunaute’ De Comunes Du Pays Foyen of France and the cities of Lewiston and Auburn; and

WHEREAS; both communities believe that there is a benefit from commencing relations between the students of both communities; and

WHEREAS; future successes will build from the foundation of these young relationships,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the City Councils of Lewiston and Auburn, that the cities enter into a “Sister City” international relationship with a region of Southern France near Bordeaux, known as the Communaute De Communes Du Pays Foyen.

Motion for acceptance: Seconded by:

Vote:

Action by the City Council:

Date:

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Lewiston City Clerk

Auburn City Clerk

Cities of Lewiston and Auburn

City Councils, Lewiston and Auburn, Maine

Date: August 7, 2007

RESOLVE – ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR THE CREATION OF A JOINT LEWISTON-AUBURN DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN

This agreement is made and entered into as of this day of , 2007 by and between the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn, both political subdivisions of the State of Maine, in accordance with Chapter 115 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes.

WHEREAS, Auburn and Lewiston have been recognized as statewide leaders in downtown development projects and are committed to pursuing economic development collaboratively in order to increase our ability to attract and maintain investment in our communities;

WHEREAS, the report Charting Maine's Future, developed by the Brookings Institution, recognizes that the quality of place in Maine's downtowns will be our competitive advantage in the 21st century economy if revitalized through focused land use planning and public investment;

WHEREAS, Lewiston and Auburn are unique among Maine communities in the current level of cooperative efforts and both Cities desire to explore the potential for increased cooperative efforts to more efficiently deliver services and public amenities;

WHEREAS, Auburn and Lewiston desire to set forth a uniform plan for the continued orderly development of downtown Lewiston-Auburn and both Cities currently have downtown development planning strategies that were created independently of each other;

WHEREAS, the City Councils of Auburn and Lewiston believe that the cooperation in creating a formal Joint Downtown Master Plan, intended to be a component of each

Cities' Comprehensive Plan, will benefit residents of both Cities by guiding future land use decisions and public and private infrastructure investments, promoting residency in our downtowns and attracting economic development in an orderly and collaborative manner;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn commit to pursuing a Joint Downtown Master Plan to guide future land use decisions and public infrastructure investments, through the process defined herein.

1. A Downtown Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC) will be established to guide the process for developing a Joint Downtown Master Plan. The DPAC shall consist of up to fifteen (15) members, which shall include five (5) members of the public appointed from each city by the Mayor in consultation with their respective City Council. Five (5) additional members shall be appointed jointly by both Mayors in the normal manner for such appointments. Those appointed shall represent diverse interests of residents of downtown, those conducting business downtown, and those who might seek entertainment or recreation in the downtown. At least two (2) of the five (5) members of the public appointed from Auburn shall be chosen from the Comprehensive Planning Committee for consistency with that planning process and the group shall function as a subcommittee of the Comprehensive Planning Committee.
2. Auburn staff in cooperation with Lewiston staff has incorporated an alternate item in the RFP for consultant services for the Auburn Comprehensive Plan to use the same consultant for the creation of the Joint Downtown Master Plan.
3. The parameters for a downtown master plan shall contain at a minimum, an analysis of market conditions and regional competitive advantages, zoning and land use, recreational and cultural assets, transportation including bicycle/pedestrian, public transit, and automobile parking and infrastructure and public amenities.
4. Both Cities staff will work to define preliminary geographic limits of Downtown Lewiston-Auburn, recognizing that the process of developing the plan with the DPAC will likely lead to an alteration of those boundaries based on data analysis and public input.
5. The initial charge of DPAC shall be to determine the scope and resources needed for creating the Joint Downtown Master Plan. Funding for the plan shall be shared by both cities and shall be subject to each Cities respective approval process prior to the authorization of any funds.

6. The intent of this plan is to be a more detailed component of each City's Comprehensive Plan focusing on the downtown area. The plan will need a Planning Board review and recommendation prior to action on acceptance of the plan by each City Council.

Motion for acceptance:

Seconded by:

Vote:

Action by City Council:

Date:

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Lewiston City Clerk

Auburn City Clerk