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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Standing Committee on Sustainability and Transportation

Councilor Spencer Thibodeau (D2), Chair

Councilor Belinda Ray (D1)

Councilor Brian Batson (D3)

Agenda

June 20, 2018

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. Review and approve minutes from June 13, 2018
2. Sustainability Updates / Smart City projects
3. Presentation regarding Ocean Avenue Landfill and Solar Project
4. Martin Luther King Recognition
 - a. The Committee will continue discussion regarding the recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King. Public comment may be taken.
5. Other Items



City of Portland
Martin Luther King Recognition Task Force
Concluding Report
May 10, 2018

On March 27, 2017, the Portland City Council established the Martin Luther King Recognition Task Force and asked it to:

Consider how the life and legacy of the Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King may be best acknowledged and recognized, in the form of renaming a street, park or similarly situated public space by the City of Portland (Order 173-A-16/17)

The Council took this action at the request of the Sustainability and Transportation Committee following a discussion on January 10, 2017 of a proposal to change the name of Franklin Street to Martin Luther King Boulevard. Committee members wished to learn whether there were other locations in the city that might be more appropriate locations to honor Dr. King.

The task force was comprised of the following members:

Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

Regina Philips

Dawud Ummah

Merita McKenzie

Danielle Conway

Matt Suslovic

Daniel Minter

Blanca Santiago

Herb Adams

This group convened their first meeting in June 2, 2017. They met seven times between that date and the end of the calendar year before their commission expired. The City Council re-instituted the Task Force in February, 2018. The reconstituted Task Force met two more times to



complete their work. During the course of a year, they examined several locations as possible candidates for renaming in honor of Dr. King. At the conclusion of their work they voted to recommend the Bayside Trail as the most appropriate location to rename in honor of Dr. King.

Locations Considered

Amethyst Lot (Portland Landing)

The Amethyst lot is a currently underutilized area on the Eastern Waterfront that was formerly used by Bath Iron Works. In early 2017 City staff unveiled an extensive plan to redevelop this into Portland Landing -- a welcoming park designed to provide a variety of amenities including recreational space, an event space, and features designed to protect parts of the waterfront from storm surge and waves in the event of large storms. City planners also imagine that Portland Landing will provide a location for community sailing programs, public temporary berthing, and water taxi access.

Task Force members visited the location and found that it had many elements that would make it a suitable candidate for renaming in honor of Dr. King. Its location on the waterfront and proximity to Thames Street and the Eastern Prom Trail make it easily accessible to Portland residents and visitors alike. It is also located in part of the city experiencing economic revival and investment.

Committee members noted that there is a long history of African American involvement with the waterfront. The Abyssinian Church, located on Newbury Street, was built in 1827 by African American seamen who sailed out of Portland. Many church members perished in the wreck of the steamship *Portland* in 1898. It is also likely that escaping slaves arrived in Portland via ship on their journey to freedom.

To learn more about the plans for Portland Landing, the Task Force invited Waterfront Coordinator, William Needelman, to meet with them and discuss each element in detail. It was clear that plans for the the park were well developed and would be difficult to modify. Members discussed whether it would be appropriate to name a portion of the space after Dr. King but ultimately decided that the maritime nature of the park did not make this a great fit. They did feel that installing educational signage in the park describing African American contributions to the waterfront would be welcome.



Fort Sumner Park

At the suggestion of a resident, the Task Force discussed whether Fort Sumner Park would be an appropriate location to recognize Dr. King. It has an outstanding view of the City and is well loved by City residents, especially neighbors on Munjoy Hill. Despite this, members determined that its history as a military fortification and the fact that it serves mainly as a neighborhood park made it a less than ideal candidate site.

Congress Square Park

Congress Square Park has become a vibrant urban park hosting a variety of events and activities. There has been extensive community process and financial investment in a campaign to redesign this space for the past several years. These efforts have included collaboration between City staff, the private sector, and community organizations such as the Friends of Congress Square. There are two parts to this project: the redesign of the public open space known as Congress Square, and the creation of a public artwork to be integrated and located in the new Square design. The goal of the effort is to create Congress Square as a focal point for cultural activities and community programs, contribute to the economic vitality of the city, and improve the quality of life for Portland residents, workers, and visitors.

As part of their evaluation process, the Task Force discussed these plans with members of the Portland Public Art Committee. They learned that plans for the redesign of the Congress Square are very advanced. An artist, Sarah Sze, has already been commissioned to create the artwork that will be integrated into the overall square design. She has already established themes and concept for her project.

After this discussion Task Force members agreed that it would be important to respect the extensive planning and public engagement around the redesign of Congress Square and decided not to recommend this as a location to rename in honor of Dr. King.

Recommended Location: Bayside Trail

Bayside Trail runs through the Bayside neighborhood from the end of Commercial Street under Tukey's Bridge to Elm Street. Plans are underway to connect it to Deering Oaks Park as part of improvements to Kennebec Street. There are several plazas along the trail that currently include amenities such as benches and bicycle racks. The section of the trail between Franklin Street and Elm Street closely abuts businesses such as Whole Foods Market and Trader Joe's. There is also housing near the trail including Kennedy Park and Unity Village. New housing has been added recently with the redevelopment of the Schlotterbeck and Foss building. The Bayside



neighborhood has great opportunity for development including additional housing with the recent sale of the City owned properties on Hanover Street and Portland Street. Parcels along Somerset Street also await development.

In 2008, a previous task force charged with identifying a location to honor Dr. King recommended the Bayside Trail as a suitable location. According to their report:

The Task Force members unanimously concluded that the Bayside Trail was the preferred site...The site is central, visible, and accessible... Because the Bayside Trail is new, it does not require anything to be re-named. (Martin Luther King Jr. Task Force Report & Recommendations, 2008, pp. 3 - 4)

The current Task Force determines that these conditions still exist and it remains appropriate to rename the Bayside Trail in honor of Dr. King.

In 2008 the trail was still in the planning phase and presented a great opportunity to imagine its use from the ground up. The Task Force at that time recommended that a number of amenities be built during trail construction including specially designed benches and a statue and/or educational signage to commemorate Dr. King. Several members of the current Task Force served on the Task Force of 2008. They see an opportunity to reaffirm the work of the previous group and further recommend that the re-named Bayside Trail include some of the elements imagined by the Task Force in 2008.



Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Renaming Franklin Street

1 message

priscilla webster <pwebster1802@gmail.com>

To: thm@portlandmaine.gov

Sun, Feb 19, 2017 at 8:06 PM

While I have no objection to Martin Luther King Jr. at all, it seems like Portland is becoming Anywhere, USA. MLK has no connection that I am aware of to Portland or to Maine. If we want to honor a black person, Maine's Visible Black History. by Gerald Talbot and Harriet Price, is full of people who have contributed significantly to our state and are part of the fabric of the city and the state. People might say they have no name recognition, but I still would prefer it be named for someone with a local connection.

Fwd: Franklin Arterial / MLK Boulevard

1 message

Belinda Ray <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>
To: Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 5:11 PM

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From: **Jim Duchesne** <jb007sns@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 2:44 PM
Subject: Franklin Arterial / MLK Boulevard
To: "bsr@portlandmaine.gov" <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>

Good afternoon Belinda.

I am writing to express my concerns with the potential action by the City Council to rename the Franklin Arterial. To begin I feel that I speak for many living in the East End and in fact for most Portland residents when I say it would be a wonderful thing to find a way to honor Dr. King in the city of Portland. He was a man of conviction and sound wisdom and we all owe a debt of gratitude to a man who spoke the truth about discrimination and educated us all on the importance of racial equality. This I am sure of cannot be disputed.

Having said that I am quite certain...though there may be no official proof of it...that Franklin Street was more than likely named after one of our Founding Fathers and an abolitionist in his own right Benjamin Franklin. His contributions to our country and fellow man were also not without risk to life and limb and as such cannot be disputed in my view. It was Franklin who began to philosophically argue that Blacks were not inferior and were capable of learning and he could see that one day blacks would find equal footing in this country. In the latter years of his life after visiting a school where black children were being educated he remarked.

"I was on the whole much pleased, and from what I then saw, have conceived a higher opinion of the natural capacities of the black race, than I had ever before entertained. Their apprehension seems as quick, their memory as strong, and their docility in every respect equal to that of white children."

Franklin ever the critical thinker whether it be on the subject of race or science was way ahead of his time. He continued to advocate for the eradication of slavery until his death.

As one who studies history as a hobby and who strives to think critically I would predict that to honor one man by taking an honor from another would serve neither the former or the latter in the true nature of its intention. In fact one could argue that it could divide a community at a time when

unification would serve us all better. I believe that if it is the will of the council and the City of Portland to honor Martin Luther King in some way then let it not be done by removing the historical memory of another. There are other ways to be sure.

Thank you for your time...I look forward on hearing your thoughts!

Best Regards,

Jim Duchesne

Morning Street

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Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Renaming Franklin Street

1 message

Alexander Endy <lxnd.v3@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 10:56 AM

To: thm@portlandmaine.gov

Cc: bsr@portlandmaine.gov

Mr. Moon,

I'm writing in support of the proposed renaming of Franklin Street to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I recently moved away from Portland, but I remain close to people there and expect to return often. My new home, Baltimore, has a major road named for Dr. King. The other cities I've lived in, Philadelphia and New York, also have streets, buildings and public spaces named for him and other civil rights icons. Having such a monument is not superficial. It speaks to a city's commitment to the ideals Dr. King championed - justice, equality, acceptance, and opportunity to transcend hardship and oppression. Every traveler on those streets is reminded of that.

Portland may not have a huge African-American population, but Franklin Street is a gateway into one of the most ethnically and economically diverse neighborhoods in all of New England (and my old neighborhood), East Bayside. It's full of new and established immigrants, hardworking, open-minded people, and a strong ethic of community and common purpose. I can't think of a place that better typifies the struggles and successes of Dr. King's legacy. I also can't think of a reason *not* to honor that legacy with a name change. It's really the least we could do.

Sincerely,

Alex Endy

P.S. If Franklin is not to be renamed, let me propose an alternative: Washington Ave. between Congress St. and I-295.

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Renaming Franklin Street

1 message

fsreilly@aol.com <fsreilly@aol.com>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 3:06 PM

To: THM@portlandmaine.gov

Cc: JPJ@portlandmaine.gov, estrimling@portlandmaine.gov

February 14, 2017

Abraham Lincoln or Lincoln Park Blvd vs. Martin Luther King Blvd

With all due respect to Dr. Martin Luther King, and he certainly deserves our respect, may I humbly, as a Friend of Lincoln Park, submit the above name change for Franklin Street. Lincoln Park is in the process of being restored to its 1866 glory days, including the hopeful return of the ¼ acre land that was lobbed off to accommodate the current road.

Furthermore, I'm sure the Reverend King would not object to this suggestion in that he would be only too happy to acknowledge what President Lincoln did for his people in 1865, for which gave his life.

Lincoln Park was dedicated to the slain President and it would reflect well on the City of Portland to keep his memory in perpetuity.

On behalf of the Friends of Lincoln Park I want to express my appreciation for your thoughtful consideration in this matter.

Thank you,
Frank E. Reilly
President, FOLP
(aka Chief Spear Carrier)

**Troy Moon** <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Renaming Franklin Street

2 messages

Brent Adler <brentadler@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 9:48 PM

To: thm@portlandmaine.gov

Cc: Belinda Ray <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>

Hello Mr Moon. My name is Brent Adler. I live in the India street neighborhood next to Franklin street. I am not in support of the name change but given the support the community has for it I would like to offer a suggestion for the inevitable change. Please take some money aside to budget for some type of plaque or historical mark on the new Martin Luther King street to describe the civil Engineering's feet of building franklin street and all the homes that were taken in eminent domain. And any other interesting notes about the streets previous name of Franklin. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.

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Brent Adler
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Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 11:42 AM

To: Brent Adler <brentadler@gmail.com>

Brent,

Thanks for your suggestion. I'm adding your message to the public comment file on this issue.

Troy

[Quoted text hidden]

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Troy Moon
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Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Fwd: re Renaming Franklin Arterial

Belinda Ray <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 10:28 AM

To: Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Cc: Spencer Thibodeau <sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov>, Jill Duson <jduson@portlandmaine.gov>

Hi Troy.

Here's another one. Again, let me know if I should be sending them elsewhere to ensure they become part of the public record.

Best,

Belinda

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From: <dolcedea@aol.com>

Date: Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 10:01 AM

Subject: re Renaming Franklin Arterial

To: bsr@portlandmaine.gov

Ms. Ray:

I certainly support Portland honoring one of the greatest Civil Rights icons, Martin Luther King, Jr., in our history and do wonder why it has taken so long. However, I cannot support the renaming of Franklin Arterial as the best choice.

As you likely have learned since this issue became public, Franklin Street neighborhood was a well loved and historic part of our city until it was taken by eminent domain for the construction of the Franklin Arterial. The history of that remarkable and, many still say ill advised, move by the city had negative repercussions that last to this day. Many families, including my own, have memories of the anger, fear, and helplessness that action created for Portland residents in every neighborhood of the City.

The name Franklin Arterial along with what is left of the Park are parts of Portland's history that, for good and bad, live in the hearts of long-term residents and, for many, are all that is left of a past that was stolen from us.

Our City Council has already made some of the worse decisions in regard to development since the destruction of Union Station and there seems to be no end to the folly. Allowing the type of construction on Munjoy Hill, one of the already most densely populated areas in the State to satisfy the money-lust of developers, is clearly destroying one of the most beautiful and historic areas of the City and long-term residents as well. Soon Munjoy Hill will be no different than other communities where the leaders have sacrificed quality of life for the sake of developers and the wealthy. There is always a negative price paid for such poor judgement and a ride through my neighborhood shows it is already underway.

Finding another, more appropriate and meaningful way to honor the life and service to this country of Reverend King would show many you have come to understand how your constituents, at least those of us left who were born and raised here, feel about being erased. Many have been physically removed already, at the very least our memories should be protected.

Perhaps a statue of MLK erected in the Park would be a more fitting and honorable way to mark his accomplishments and memory while keeping our's intact.

Thank you for your consideration of these views,

Dianne Cavanaugh

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Belinda S. Ray

City Council, District 1

2/24/2017

City of Portland Mail - Fwd: re Renaming Franklin Arterial

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Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Re: Comments Submitted to TSC regarding Franklin Street/MLK Blvd (revised)

Belinda Ray <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>
To: Zack Barowitz <zbarowitz@gmail.com>
Cc: Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 10:40 AM

Thanks, Zack. Good questions, all. I expect we'll spend some time answering them before we move forward (or backward or sideways) on this.

I'm cc'ing Troy Moon here so that your comments can be added to the public record.

Best,

Belinda

On Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 9:05 PM, Zack Barowitz <zbarowitz@gmail.com> wrote:

Honorable Councilors,

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For fifty years, Franklin has served as a living reminder of a failed urban policy that has favored highways over homes when it became ground zero for demolition of neighborhoods and displacement of poor and working class people. It is a physical barrier, that goes along with social barriers, for the under-served communities that it abuts. And the effect on the city as a whole has been detrimental economically, socially, and environmentally.

My questions for the committee are:

- Would the renaming of Franklin Street come with any physical changes to the corridor such as memorial plaques, statues, or buildings? I understand that some sort of physical monument has been discussed. What effect would a monument have on the planned redesign of the corridor?
- How would the renaming of Franklin Street effect the implementation of the current Franklin Street Plan?
- Is renaming of streets a specific charge given to the Transportation and Sustainability Committee?
- Would the City consider waiting until the plan has been realized, or at least underway, before rechristening the street?

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Zack Barowitz

On Tue, Jan 17, 2017 at 12:23 PM, Zack Barowitz <zbarowitz@gmail.com> wrote:

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Zack Barowitz

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Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Fwd: Franklin Street

Belinda Ray <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>
To: Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>
Cc: Spencer Thibodeau <sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 10:15 AM

Hi Troy. Can you add this to the public record for S&T? Thanks! And if I should be sending these to the City Clerk or someone else instead, please let me know.

Thanks,

Belinda

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **D Talbot** <dtalbot100@yahoo.com>
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017
Subject: Franklin Street
To: BSR@portlandmaine.gov

I can't make it to the meeting but I would like to go on record as being against changing the name of Franklin Street. It's an important piece of Portland's history that goes back a long time. It's a local thing and MLK is not. I admire MLK and believe his contribution to the USofA is very valuable. We should have some kind of monument to him but not Franklin Street.

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Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Renaming Franklin St.

Markos Miller <markossmiller@hotmail.com>

Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 4:00 PM

To: "sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov" <sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov>, Belinda Ray <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>, Jill Duson <jduson@portlandmaine.gov>

Cc: "thm@portlandmaine.gov" <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Esteemed TSE Chair Thibodeau and Councilors Duson and Ray,

I would like to offer my input as your committee discusses the issue of renaming Franklin Street to honor Dr. Martin Luther King.

Dr. King is one of the greatest leaders in the history of our country, and we would do well to honor him in our fair city. If we are to do so, we should seek to honor Dr. King in a manner that is commensurate with his legacy as a champion for social justice. Dr. King should be honored with a great street, a public park, or some other public edifice that speaks to his work for inclusiveness, justice, and beauty.

Unfortunately, Franklin Street does not satisfy any of these.

Today's Franklin Street physically and psychologically divides our city. The City has literally turned it's back to Franklin St, with only two buildings claiming it as an address. Fortunately, the City of Portland has a plan to make Franklin St. a great street.

Today's Franklin Street is a no-man's land, built only for the movement of cars, with little-to-no allowance for human-scaled activities, social, cultural, or economic. Fortunately, the City of Portland has a plan to make Franklin St. a great street.

Today's Franklin Street is ugly, with complete disregard for the historical or physical context of the Portland peninsula or the urban context. Fortunately, the City of Portland has a plan to make Franklin St. a great street.

Today's Franklin Street suggests an apartheid setting, putting poor and minority communities segregated into housing projects behind chain linked fences, leaving dangerous and circuitous routes to school, work, and basic amenities. Fortunately, the City of Portland has a plan to make Franklin St. a great street.

Today's Franklin Street is the result of one of Portland's greatest modern acts of social injustice: immigrant and ethnic neighborhoods were destroyed, displacing entire communities so that white folks that fled the city could easily drive in from the suburbs. Fortunately, the City of Portland has a plan to make Franklin St. a great street.

Portland has great streets that are much more worthy of Dr. King's name, and legacy. We have great parks and public spaces that speak to his vision of an inclusive community. We have wonderful schools and public facilities that touch hundreds or thousands in their daily lives. Such places might just be worthy for honoring Dr. King.

But Franklin Street is a long off-ramp for I-295 where people in cars wait in traffic, or people not in cars feel like they do not belong. It is not representative of Dr. King's vision of a great society.

If this committee is to recommend to the Council that our city honor Dr. King with this street, then I hope this committee also recommends that the City take immediate action for implementation of the Franklin Street redesign plan (<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14304>) to make this street worthy of Dr. King, a great street for a great American.

Thank you for your service,

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Re; Franklin St. Renaming

AJ Piteau <ajp@myfairpoint.net>

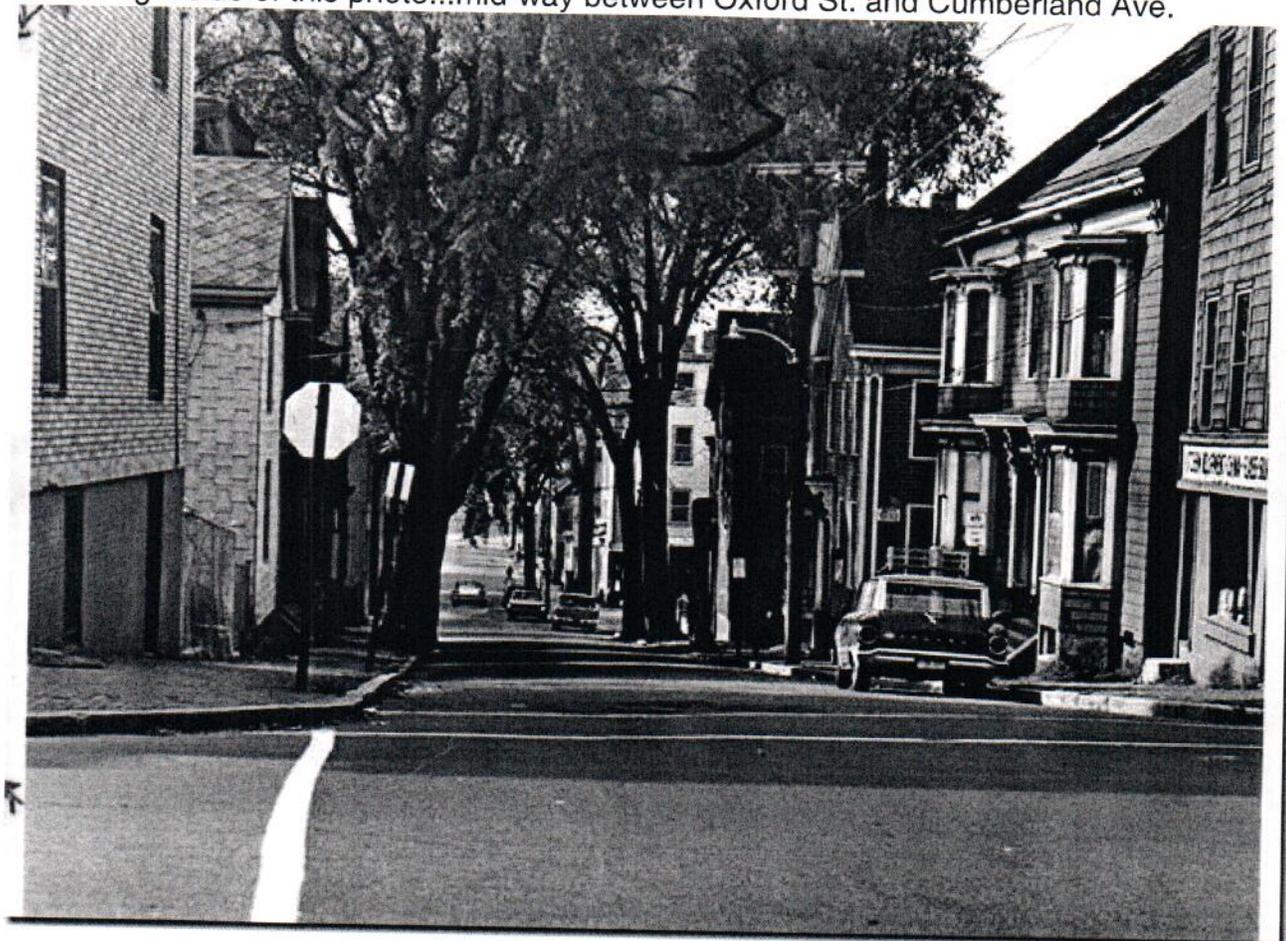
Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 2:23 PM

To: estrimling@portlandmaine.gov, bsr@portlandmaine.gov, sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov, bbatson@portlandmaine.gov, jcosta@portlandmaine.gov, dbrenerman@portlandmaine.gov, pali@portlandmaine.gov, nmm@portlandmaine.gov, jduson@portlandmaine.gov

Cc: thm@portlandmaine.gov, msm@portlandmaine.gov

Let me say right from the beginning that I support an appropriate memorial to be established in Portland to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

NOW I ASK YOU TO PLEASE HELP SAVE FRANKLIN ST. HERITAGE-- In the mid-1960's, the City of Portland multi-ethnically cleansed the neighborhood; stole property under forced eminent domain for mere pittances in payment to property and business owners; divided the peninsula; separated cross-culture friends and put undue hardship in every way imaginable upon all who lived and worked in the Franklin St. vicinity...all in the name of supposed progress. I know because I, my family and many others lived through it. Now the City of Portland wants to land the final blow, some 50 years later, and completely erase any memory and heritage of Franklin St. and the people, by a final slap-in-the-face name change to those who were uprooted and booted. **People's heritage should never be expunged just to create a new page in history.** My family home was on the right side of this photo...mid-way between Oxford St. and Cumberland Ave.



"A city spokeswoman said the street appears to be named after the wharf, but the details are not clear about whom the wharf is named after or of the details to how and when Franklin Street got its

name. "The history of Franklin Street makes it an interesting choice." "Franklin Street Wharf is noted as a place where stowaway slaves arrived in Portland aboard ships from the South, and where they boarded ships headed to Canada and England. It is a stop on the Portland Freedom Trail and is marked by a plaque mounted near the Commercial Street end of Franklin Street that reads: "Landing spot for many passengers on the Underground Railroad and embarkation point for their transit to Canada and England. Anti-slavery sympathizers were well-organized to greet stowaways from Southern cargo vessels, find them safe housing in Portland, supply clothing and passes, and send them on to Canada. The wharves and ships of Portland employed large numbers of African-Americans, providing well-paying jobs, thus adding to community stability."

However, in my opinion, it is doubtful that all immigrants, enslaved or others, entered Portland from only one Commercial St. wharf or docking place. So, why isn't the entire Commercial St. in consideration for the renaming if the above historical statements are valid?

The renaming proposal has received support from the Portland NAACP and Mayor Ethan Stirling. "The Portland Branch of the NAACP has had an interest in recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for some time and we're thrilled that we are now at a place in which we can honor this great American hero of African-American descent in a permanent way here in Portland," said Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross, D-Portland, president of the local group. "When we find ways to honor Dr. King's legacy, we remind everyone of his message of hope, justice and courage, a message we'd do well to live out every day," Stirling said in a written statement.

Councilor Spencer Thibodeau said in a news release: "I look forward to reviewing it with the Committee and hearing if the public is supportive." In a WMTW Ch 8 poll on Should Franklin Street be renamed MLK Boulevard?

Results: Yes 14% No 86% The results are the same in other media polls which have been taken and comments on social media as well.

A recent PPH article calls the eminent domain action of fifty years ago "a notorious urban renewal project in the 1960s which demolished entire neighborhoods and uprooted mostly immigrant families to expand Franklin Street and create a major thoroughfare into the city. The road disconnected the working-class and ethnic India Street neighborhood from the rest of the city. At that time of urban renewal, Portland Planning Director, William Dickson called attention to Franklin Street as one of the problems facing the city and warned it would mean a new burden on relocation housing in Portland. In the past decade, Portland has tried to 'reverse the effects of that project' by redesigning Franklin Street. Obviously without any conscience of their effect upon the former residents and businesses, both then and in recent times." **Notorious indeed! People, who built the city, could not find housing or afford to move in time as set by the city, had their power and water cut off. Some were forcibly evicted. Again, I know because I lived and saw it happen.**

"The Portland Branch of the NAACP has had an interest in recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for some time and we're thrilled that we are now at a place in which we can honor this great American hero of African-American descent in a permanent way here in Portland," said Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross, D-Portland, president of the local group.

The Portland Sustainability & Transportation Committee through and including the Mayor, City Manager, City Council and the NAACP, in their public statements, memos, letters and press coverage about the renaming proposal, sound as if it is already a done deal. If this proposal is ramrodded through, in spite of true public majority opposition to it, then the original shame of 50 years ago will pale in comparison to the ethnic cleansing forced upon all of the immigrants from all races and backgrounds by the city.

I hope that this is not the case. In summation, **I am not in favor of renaming Franklin St. The name should remain for posterity.**

I am in favor of an appropriate memorial for Martin Luther King Jr., but not at the expense of other peoples heritage. I believe that Dr. King would agree with me and all of those affected from a neighborhood and multi-ethnic culture, which was needlessly and unilaterally destroyed.

Art Piteau 207-894-4804 (cell) ajp@myfairpoint.net (e-mail)

Born and raised at 153 Franklin St. Portland, ME; attended Cathedral Grammar and Jr. HS; Jack Jr. HS; Portland HS; UMP / UMP-G

(Info from media articles and city documents are included in my letter)



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Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Fwd: Franklin St and Voting

Belinda Ray <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>
To: Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 2:48 PM

Received the comments below regarding the potential renaming of Franklin Street. Could you add to the public record?
Thanks!

Belinda

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Judith Cutler** <jcutlersp@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jan 18, 2017 at 6:07 AM

Subject: Franklin St and Voting

To: bsr@portlandmaine.gov

Dear Councilperson Ray,

1. A council meeting concerning renaming Franklin Street was, in my opinion, a waste of time. I understand the sentiment although doing so will upset many citizens who do not. And money to replace all the signs, maps, etc. will need to be allocated. That money would be better used to help those who are begging on Franklin Street and others. The lives and dignity of the homeless are more important than a gesture that is less meaningful.

2. Citizenship is a precious right. Those not born here must, at the least, pass an easy test. I know because I have tutored aspiring citizens. Portland has several categories of non-citizens to vote. Whom will you approve? Asylum seekers? Those with refugee status?

Efforts to enlarge suffrage would be better spent on the Portland citizens who have never seen the inside of a voting booth.

While I understand the sentiment, both of these initiatives are bound to irritate many who have proven what a backlash can do.

Respectfully,
Judith Cutler
Eastern Promenade

Sent from my iPad

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Belinda S. Ray
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Re: Proposed change name of Franklin St.

Spencer Thibodeau <sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 8:04 PM

To: Barbara Dalton <bjdalton@myfairpoint.net>, Jcosta@portlandmaine.gov, Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>, bbatson@portlandmaine.gov, bsr@portlandmaine.gov, dbrenerman@portlandmaine.gov, estrimling@portlandmaine.gov, jduson@portlandmaine.gov, nmm@portlandmaine.gov

Thanks for the message Barbara. I have cc'ed staff on this email so that it can be entered into the record. Have a great evening!

On Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 8:01 PM Barbara Dalton <bjdalton@myfairpoint.net> wrote:

In advance to the public hearing schedule for 15th regarding the renaming of Franklin Street, I am submitting to you a **"NO" vote. I am strongly opposed to renaming Franklin Street to Martin Luther King. Mr. King is remembered in many ways throughout this country including a Nat'l Holiday and history has and will remember him for all his accomplishments.**

Renaming Franklin Street will erase the ONLY reminder of multi-ethnic families and business who lived and worked in that vicinity all contributed towards building this city. In the name of progress, and eminent domain many, many hardships were heaved on these families who were tossed aside and FORGOTTEN. For many of us whose families were tossed aside, the name Franklin Street does have a place that should remain in the historic page of Portland's history - - a time when multi-ethnic families and business who lived and worked in that vicinity all contributed .

Q. I do not remember Mr. King being in Portland - but I do remember the sixties and what I and my family lost and suffered thru Urban Renewal (which now viewed by City Governmentas a mistake)

Grandiose thought by recommending committee to "bring attention . to Greater Portland" but why now ?

FRANKLIN STREET SHOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED - - thank you.

Barbara A Dalton



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-Spencer Thibodeau City Councilor, District 2 207-650-2147 Sent from Gmail Mobile



Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Renaming Franklin Street

Eleanor Morse <eleanor.morse@gmail.com>
To: thm@portlandmaine.gov

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 6:18 PM

I would like to comment on the possible renaming of Franklin Street. I am in favor of renaming the street to honor Martin Luther King. It would be a way not only to honor one of the twentieth century's greatest Americans but also to honor the growing diversity of Portland, Maine and King's indefatigable belief that we have it within our joint power create a just society for all people.

Thank you,

Eleanor Lincoln Morse
Peaks Island



Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Renaming Franklin Street

Kris Minister <krisminister@me.com>
To: thm@portlandmaine.gov

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 6:03 PM

Dear Mr. Moon: Please add my name to the list of citizens in favor of renaming Franklin St. to Martin Luther King St.
Thank you. Kristina Minister

Kristina Minister
101 North St., #4
Portland, Maine 04101
207-415-8274



Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Renaming Franklin Street

M Lowry <mnlowry@hotmail.com>
To: "thm@portlandmaine.gov" <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 6:03 PM

Troy - I would love to see Franklin Street renamed for MLK, Jr.

Thank you! for keeping this project moving forward and for keeping comments like mine organized.

Meri Lowry



Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

New Name for Franklin

Chris Hoppin <choppin@aol.com>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 5:59 PM

To: THM@portlandmaine.gov

Cc: bsr@portlandmaine.gov

Please add our names to the supporters of the proposal to re-name Franklin Street for MLK Jr. Nice, long overdue recognition of a Great American -

Barbara and Chris Hoppin

C. J. Hoppin www.cjhoppin.com

196 Seashore Avenue 207 766 2593

Peaks Island, ME 04108



Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Franklin Arterial

jduson <jduson@portlandmaine.gov>

Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 1:03 PM

To: J Wuesthoff <jwuest@maine.rr.com>

Cc: Spencer Thibodeau <sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov>, Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Hello

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns on the Franklin Street renaming proposal.

I am by copy this message sharing your e-mail with our committee chair and requesting that it be added to the committee record.

Thank you in advance for participating in the public hearing at 5:30 on Weds, February 15th .

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: J Wuesthoff <jwuest@maine.rr.com>

Date: 2/2/17 9:37 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: jduson@portlandmaine.gov

Subject: Renaming Franklin Arterial

Dear Councillor Duson,

I believe we met some years ago when you were with Virginia Hershey and I was trying to convince her to stay in town. Be that as it may, I have sat through a couple STR meetings you chaired and you deserve the courtesy of this letter as I expect to appear before the Sustainability & Transportation Committee on February 15 with a recommendation different from yours.

We know there has been, is, and will continue to be, major effort to prevent President Obama from claiming any legacy, to say nothing of a substantial one. His achievement is a major part, a substantial advancement, of Dr. King's dream. While Dr. King made it possible for an African- American to go to the front door of the White House it was Barak Obama who had the courage and fortitude to turn its key and bring a family of color into that house, fulfilling Dr. King's promise.

Rachel Talbot Ross was recently quoted as saying Portland would "...join hundreds of memorials throughout the world that honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." With all due respect to you, and Ms. Talbot Ross, for your efforts in this regard, Portland should have done this 40-50 years ago. We are decades late with this proposal and I question the value of its contribution at this hour. Dr. King's cause will not die but will benefit more from a fresh trumpet. I ask you, and fellow councillors, to be bold and respect Dr. King's legacy honoring him by renaming the Franklin Arterial "Barak Hussein Obama Boulevard". Were Dr. King able to speak to us from the grave I expect he would say the hundreds of monuments already dedicated to his memory are enough; that his cause & his legacy are burnished, and fulfill a dire need at this perilous time, by naming this boulevard after another truly heroic figure, the most visible sign of that legacy, Barak Obama.

What an uplifting message Portland would be sending to our diverse local, national and world citizens, as well as the politicians in Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. John Wuesthoff

11 Morning St.

Portland, Maine

Fwd: Martin Luther King

Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>
To: Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Sun, Jan 22, 2017 at 3:46 PM

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From: **Daniel T. Haley Jr.** <danielthaleyjr@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 13, 2017 at 12:06 PM
Subject: Fwd: Martin Luther King
To: jpj@portlandmaine.gov

Jon, Springs St is another good option. Dan

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From: "Daniel T. Haley Jr." <danielthaleyjr@gmail.com>
Date: Jan 13, 2017 7:25 AM
Subject: Martin Luther King
To: "Belinda Ray" <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>
Cc: "Nick Mavodones" <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>, "David Brenerman" <bren125d@aol.com>

Franklin St(Arterial) has always been known to divide the city. (unlike MLK who tried to unite all citizens)

Baxter Blvd is often just known as the Blvd. Thus it could be confusing to add another Blvd especially so near each other.

India St has always been an integral part of the city neighborhood and has similar historic ties to the past as Franklin.

Based on these few points I would recommend India St be renamed MLK Street.
Another option would be Newbury St with the Abyssian Church located there.

Thanks, Dan

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Re: Franklin Street

Spencer Thibodeau <sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov>

Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 5:19 PM

To: Jill Duson <jduson@portlandmaine.gov>, Nicholas Mavodones <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>, Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>, Wayne Duffett <wayne@tecassoc.com>, "bbatson@portlandmaine.gov" <bbatson@portlandmaine.gov>, "bsr@portlandmaine.gov" <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>, "dbrenerman@portlandmaine.gov" <dbrenerman@portlandmaine.gov>, "estrimling@portlandmaine.gov" <estrimling@portlandmaine.gov>, "jbj@portlandmaine.gov" <jbj@portlandmaine.gov>

Thanks for the note Wayne. We will add your comments to the record. Thanks!

On Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 5:18 PM Wayne Duffett <wayne@tecassoc.com> wrote:

Dear Councilors,

Below is a letter to the editor I sent today. I've lived in Portland 57 years and you could certainly call me a traditionalist. So I was dismayed not at having

something named for MLK but at loosing something named for Benjamin Franklin. Then I thought of an alternative at Congress Square Plaza. It's not named after anybody. What better way to unveil the reconstructed plaza than by naming it after Dr. King and

making it an educational tribute to him. It would be a place to go and learn about him. It's a better idea than a green street sign. I suggest this be proposed to the public and see what ideas might develop.

Regards,

Wayne W. Duffett

52 East Commonwealth Drive

Portland, Maine

From: Wayne Duffett

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 4:44 PM

To: Letters to the Editor

Subject: Franklin Street

Dear Editor,

Your story of January 18th

"Panel backs Franklin Street renaming to honor King" tells us that Franklin Street was most likely named for Founding Father Benjamin Franklin. Opinions by historians Earle Shettleworth and Herb Adams reinforce this likelihood. And we're told the street

was renamed after Franklin in 1798 just eight years after his death.

A better alternative would be to name the revitalized Congress Square Plaza park after Martin Luther King. A memorial there would describe Dr. King's life and legacy. It

would be meaningful and educational. It would be a place to gather on Martin Luther King Day and pay tribute to his life.

Benjamin Franklin and Martin Luther King both made larger than life contributions to America, and the City of Portland has the opportunity to honor both of them.

Regards,

Wayne W. Duffett

Portland, Maine

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2/24/2017

City of Portland Mail - Re: Franklin Street

-Spencer Thibodeau City Councilor, District 2 207-650-2147 Sent from Gmail Mobile



Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Franklin St.

Sara Matson <Sgalope@hotmail.com>
To: "thm@portlandmaine.gov" <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Fri, Feb 24, 2017 at 2:30 PM

Hi Troy,

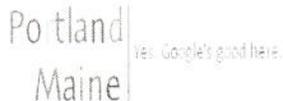
I wrote to my city councilman, Mr. Brenerman, but he didn't reply. Maybe you have connections and can forward my idea to the right person on the city council.

Is it possible to rename a different street after Martin Luther King, a street that isn't already (likely) named after a beloved Founding Father and patriot? Why not Marginal Way, Park Street, or a section of Forest Ave.? That way, both men can be honored. Just a thought.

Thanks for considering this and/or forwarding it.

-Sara

"God bless us, everyone!" ~Tiny Tim
Please consider our earth before printing this email.



Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Re: MLK

1 message

Spencer Thibodeau <sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov>

Tue, May 22, 2018 at 9:29 AM

To: David Doyle <doyoyle6@maine.rr.com>, Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

David,

Thanks so much for the input and I am excited about the discussion that we will have in June. The goal is not to bump anyone, but to make certain that our celebration of Dr. King's legacy correlates with his ideals and a celebration of his work. I supported the initial designation of MLK Boulevard because of the how it integrates both Lincoln and Kennedy parks, as well as the Freedom Trail. I also think it represents the work left undone (namely the future of that street). I have cc'ed Troy Moon to add this to the public record and ask that you continue to provide input as we take this up in June. Thanks again!

On Mon, May 21, 2018 at 7:33 PM, David Doyle <doyoyle6@maine.rr.com> wrote:

Hi Spencer;

Just a thought or two regarding Martin Luther King.

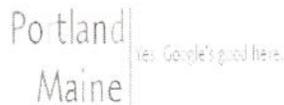
How about

The Martin Luther King Bayside Trail

And instead of renaming Franklin St

Rename Marginal Way to be Martin Luther King Way - runs parallel to the trail , and doesn't bump anyone else.

David Doyle



Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Martin Luther King Memorial

1 message

Sandra Olbrias <sandraolbrias@gmail.com>

Mon, May 28, 2018 at 8:33 AM

To: thm@portlandmaine.gov

Dear Mr. Moon,

I was very encouraged and pleased to hear Sustainability Sub-Committee Chair Pious Ali present that committees' recommendation to have a Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza educational memorial on the Back Cove Walkway.

However, I was very discouraged and saddened to hear some Councilors, City Manager Jennings and committee Chair Thibodeau propose to not only have the MLK Plaza memorial, but yet again, propose erasing the name of Franklin Street from history and renaming it to MLK Boulevard.

I was born and raised in Portland and witnessed the initial denegration of thousands of people (many of them friends) who were uprooted by eminent domain when Franklin Street homes were demolished to create the dividing Franklin Arterial. The only thing remaining of their roots and their families roots was that the name Franklin was maintained.

Recognizing Dr. King Jr, is a very worthy endeavor. I am asking, no I am pleading, that you reconsider your proposal to dismiss the importance of heritage to so many residents and constituents. Changing the street name is merely a token feather in the City's hat when compared to an educational memorial that will be seen and revered by the thousands who utilize the Back Cove Walkway.

Sincerely,

Sandra Olbrias
150 Lyman St
Westbrook, Maine. 04092



Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Fw: Audio documentary 2017 re: Franklin St. published by Alec Hirschberg @ USM

4 messages

AJ Piteau <ajp@myfairpoint.net>

Tue, May 29, 2018 at 6:23 AM

To: sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov, bsr@portlandmaine.gov, bbatson@portlandmaine.gov, thm@portlandmaine.gov

Cc: estrimling@portlandmaine.gov, jcosta@portlandmaine.gov, kcook@portlandmaine.gov, jduson@portlandmaine.gov, nmm@portlandmaine.gov

forwarded as requested by Councilor Ali re: info for Sustainability Cmte. & City Council

From: Pious Ali

Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 5:25 AM

To: AJ Piteau

Subject: Re: Audio documentary 2017 re: Franklin St.

if you can share it with all the councilors

Respectfully

Pious Ali City Councilor At-Large PALI@PortlandMaine.gov

On Mon, May 28, 2018 at 7:54 PM, AJ Piteau <ajp@myfairpoint.net> wrote:

<https://soundcloud.com/alec-hirschberg/then-it-felt-like-a-slum-the-story-of-franklin-st>

Councilor Ali:

Please pass the above audio link on to all concerned prior to the next Task Force and Sustainability meetings.

For the record, I fully support the Task Force recommendation to honor Dr. King at the Bayside Trail plaza location. I cannot support the renaming of Franklin St.

Thank You / Art Piteau

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Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Tue, May 29, 2018 at 5:08 PM

Bcc: Blanca Santiago <santib@portlandschools.org>, Caitlin Cameron <ccameron@portlandmaine.gov>, Daniel Minter <d1minter@gmail.com>, Danielle Conway <dconway@maine.edu>, Dawud Ummah <ummahgardens@gmail.com>, Herb Adams <hadams@smccme.edu>, Lin Lisberger <lin.lisberger@gmail.com>, Marguerite Fleming <marguerite.fleming@maine.edu>, Matt Suslovic <msuslovic@gmail.com>, Merita McKenzie <merita01m@gmail.com>, Pious Ali <pali@portlandmaine.gov>, Regina Phillips <wrlphillips@gmail.com>

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Troy Moon
Sustainability Coordinator
City of Portland, ME
207-756-8362

Herb Adams <hadams@smccme.edu>

Wed, May 30, 2018 at 12:44 PM

To: Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Hell Troy, and Committee Members, -- In interest of full disclosure, you will find I am a participant in the Franklin Street / Arterial radio documentary, , taped earlier this year at SMCC . The reporter journalist was quite young, well-prepared, and did a thorough job, I felt.

6/15/2018

City of Portland Mail - Fw: Audio documentary 2017 re: Franklin St. published by Alec Hirschberg @ USM

The documentary was widely distributed and drew a large response. There are many fond memories of the old neighborhood, leveled and lost to Urban Renewal -- I dare say, with the rise of Portland's current neighborhood movement (of which my own Parkside / Bayside is an active symbol) it would never be allowed to happen today.

Best Wishes

[Quoted text hidden]

Pious Ali <pali@portlandmaine.gov>
To: Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Wed, May 30, 2018 at 4:22 PM

Thanks !!!

Respectfully

Pious Ali

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On Tue, May 29, 2018 at 5:08 PM, Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

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Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Fwd: Franklin Arterial

1 message

Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>
To: Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Wed, Jun 13, 2018 at 5:24 AM

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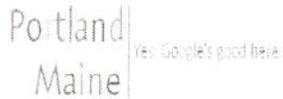
From: Carol Connor <balsamique@live.com>
Date: June 12, 2018 at 5:32:53 PM EDT
To: "sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov" <sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov>, "bsr@portlandmaine.gov" <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>, "bbatson@portlandmaine.gov" <bbatson@portlandmaine.gov>, "jpj@portlandmaine.gov" <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>
Subject: Franklin Arterial

Dear Council Members and City Manager,

With all due respect to the late Martin Luther King Jr. I explore you to reconsider renaming Franklin Arterial in honor of MLK. It is a much better idea to name a portion of the Bayside Trail and Plaza in his honor. As a long time resident of Munjoy Hill, I have lived through the destruction of properties including tearing up neighborhoods that cleared the way for this strip of road. It is fitting to anchor that period of history in place by allowing the arterial to keep its original name, Franklin Arterial. Please don't erase history.

Regards,

Carol M. Connor
12 Montreal St
Portland, ME 04101



Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Fwd: renaming Franklin arterial

1 message

Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>
To: Troy Moon <thm@portlandmaine.gov>

Wed, Jun 13, 2018 at 5:25 AM

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From: tom walker <tom_walker04101@yahoo.com>
Date: June 12, 2018 at 6:00:48 PM EDT
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Subject: renaming Franklin arterial

I do not want the name of franklin arterial to be changed to MLK , This is the town i grew up in and we are seeing so many things changing lets keep the street names the same