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Portland Public Library to hold Annual Meeting October 18 with guest Lee Urban, Director of the Planning & Development Department for the City of Portland, who will discuss the role of cultural entities in the vision for the Portland Peninsula.

Portland, ME -- October 13, 2006 -- The Portland Public Library invites the public to its 116th Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, October 18** with guest speaker **Lee Urban**. The program will take place from **6:15 - 7:30pm** in **Room #316** on the third floor of the Main Library, 5 Monument Square.

The meeting will begin with a brief overview of the Library's 2006 Fiscal Year. Peter Merrill, current Board of Trustees President, will announce the appointment of the incoming Trustees and Officers of the 2006-2007 Portland Public Library Board of Trustees. Immediately following Mr. Merrill's announcements, Lee Urban will present - *The Vision for the Portland Peninsula and the Role of Cultural Entities in that Vision*.

Urban is the Director of the Planning and Development Department for the City of Portland. The Department's activities include land use planning and review, historic preservation, economic development, building inspections, housing development and community development.

With thirty years of professional experience in real estate law, land use, business, strategic planning and community relations planning, Urban has a strong background in all facets of planning and development. He graduated from Colby College in 1968. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he received his law degree from Georgetown University in 1974 and began a career as an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, DC. He returned to Portland, where he was born and raised, in 1976 and joined the law firm of Perkins Thompson. Later, he joined the law firm of Pierce Atwood where he headed its Real Estate Department for many years. Lee then left the practice of law in a large firm to become, at various times, a mediator, the Executive Director of an AIDS hospice, a fund-raising consultant to non-profit organizations throughout New England, a solo law practitioner and in-house counsel to Maine's largest real estate brokerage company.

This program is free and open to the public with no advance reservations required. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, visit portlandlibrary.com or call 871-1700.

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