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## Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to the Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood, 4-23-12

**Cam's next Prospect Park Office Hours:**  
Pratt School, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11am

### Items:

- 1) Stadium Hearing
- 2) Protests in Plazas 9
- 3) Civilian Police Review System.
- 4) Officers of the Year
- 5) Temporary Park Road Closure Information Online
- 6) City Planner, Haila Maze, Honored by U
- 7) Stadium Village University Avenue Station Area Plan
- 8) Boeser Site
- 9) Fountain Residential
- 10) I-35W North Managed Lanes Corridor Study Open Houses
- 11) Don't Prune the Ash Trees
- 12) Mayor Rybak to Nominate Jeremy Hanson Willis as CPED Director
- 13) City Approves "Spirit Car" as 2012-13 One Minneapolis, One Read
- 14) Dining Out for Life! April 26th
- 15) Openings on Boards and Commissions

- 1) A Public Hearing on the Vikings Stadium will be held before the City Council on **April 24th from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. in room 317 of City Hall, 350 South 5th Street.** At that meeting we will likely consider adding support of the legislation to our legislative agenda.
- 2) Council President Barb Johnson has authored a resolution that would severely restrict the rights of protestors on City-owned plazas in Minneapolis, including Peavey Plaza downtown and the Cedar Riverside Plazas at 7 corners and near the May Day Book Store. I strongly oppose this resolution, and voted to send it to the Council's Public Safety, Civil Rights and Health committee, which set a public hearing for May 2 at 1:30 pm in the Council Chambers.
- 3) The Legislature has passed, and Governor Dayton has signed, a bill that prohibits the Minneapolis Civilian Review Authority from making "findings of fact" in cases of police misconduct. This law seriously diminishes the effectiveness of the CRA, and was passed despite Minneapolis' strong stance against it.
- 4) The Minneapolis Police have recognized seven officers as 2011 Officers of the Year. Lieutenant Bill Whisney and Officer Adam Grobove, who have worked for the Minneapolis Police Department for more than 38 and 21 years, respectively, are the Second Precinct's Officers of the Year. In 2011, these officers collaborated with the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the Barbara Schneider Foundation to start the Second Precinct's Homeless Veteran's Backpack Program.
- 5) The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board now has available online a list of temporary road closures due to permitted events and other activities through 2011. The information will be updated regularly and provides a quick, at-a-glance guide to Park Board road closures throughout Minneapolis. Starting July 13, the Park Board is launching an email subscription service for a wide variety of topics including road closures. For more, visit [http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/documents/mprb\\_road\\_closures.pdf#zoom=100](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/documents/mprb_road_closures.pdf#zoom=100)
- 6) Congratulations to Haila Maze who has received the 2011 University of Minnesota Outstanding Community Service Award—Partner. This award is the one of highest honors the University gives to a community partner for service to the University and the community. It recognizes the contributions Haila has made to the University community in her work with the University District Alliance and being a key City leader in development of the University Overlay District and, more recently, the development of the Stadium Area Small Area Plan.

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- 7) The work of the Stadium Village Station Area Plan Steering Committee is nearly complete. May 1st will mark the official kick off of the review period for the draft plan. My thanks goes to all steering committee members for their months of work and to all staff and others who have provided insights, information and feedback. Available at [http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/projects/cped\\_stadium\\_village](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/projects/cped_stadium_village), the plan seeks to provide a strong framework for land use, transportation, future development, public realm, and connectivity a station at one of the region's most significant population and employment hubs. Due to the complex, multi-jurisdictional nature of this area, this plan is being undertaken by a joint partnership of the City of Minneapolis, University of Minnesota, and Hennepin County.
- 8) In April the City Council submitted to Hennepin County Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Program for the Cornerstone's application is for \$1,000,000 amortizing loan to assist with acquisition of the 2.5 acre site located beside the Prospect Park Station to build approximately 250 units of housing including 20% that will be affordable for households making 60% area medium income. The project involves demolition of the existing warehouse structure, cleanup of contamination, and creation of pedestrian and bicycle connections to LRT, transit stops, and the intercampus transitway. Also in the Council also requested \$542,456 from the state, \$54,409 from the Met Council and \$43,396 from Hennepin County. These funds, if awarded, will be used for soil remediation and the abatement of asbestos and lead-based paint.
- 9) The Council has requested, a total of 48,000 in environmental clean-up grants on behalf of Fountain Residential for a proposed student housing development at 2635 4th St. SE. Fountain Residential Partners intends to demolish an existing building on this 1.64 acre site and construct 160,315 square feet of housing with 215 units, one level of underground parking and 4000 square feet of common space. This is a market rate student housing proposal. The developer has been in discussions with City planning staff on the conceptual design and layout for the site. One key policy concern is the need to dedicate right-of-way for the extension of 27th Avenue SE through the site. At present, the developer seems willing to work within this constraint, and the City's acceptance of any awarded brownfield grant funds will be contingent upon the developer's acceptance of this requirement.
- 10) Two open houses will discuss strategies to address rush-hour congestion on Interstate 35W north of downtown. One is in Blaine's City Hall on May 2 and the other is from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Thursday, May 10 in the Minneapolis Central Public Library – Doty Boardroom 300 Nicollet Mall. These will look at ways to better utilize existing and future infrastructure investments; increase transit ridership and the use of high occupancy vehicles by providing travel time advantages; provide a choice for commuters during the peak periods; and reduce congestion and improve safety along the corridor. For more see [www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wstudy](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wstudy).
- 11) The State Department of Agriculture is asking everyone not to prune Ash trees this time of year or move any part of an ash tree (firewood, branches, etc.). The Emerald Ash Borers are active and moving the pests helps them spread to uncontaminated areas. For more information on emerald ash borers, visit <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/saveourash.aspx> or <http://www.minneapolisparks.org/default.asp?PageID=1059>
- 12) In April Mayor Rybak announced that he will nominate his Chief of Staff, Jeremy Hanson Willis, to be the next director of the City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED). Hanson Willis has served as Mayor Rybak's chief of staff since 2009 and has been the Mayor's primary liaison with CPED.
- 13) Minneapolis has selected the next One Minneapolis, One Read book: "Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past" by local author Diane Wilson. It explores Wilson's Dakota roots and her own family's history, detailing the trauma of the Dakota War of 1862 and its aftermath. The selection of "Spirit Car" in the same year we recognize the 150th Anniversary of the Dakota War provides an unparalleled opportunity for us all to learn more about this tragic part of our history. One Read updates appear on Facebook and at [www.oneminneapolisoneread.com](http://www.oneminneapolisoneread.com).
- 14) Please join me for lunch at noon at the Republic at 7 corners or at any of the other participating restaurants who will be donating a portion of the day's sales to The Aliveness Project. The Aliveness Project is a local nonprofit organization that provides on-site meals, food shelf & other supportive services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families. You can help by eating out at a participating restaurant or by volunteering to act as a Dining Out Ambassador. Go to [www.diningoutforlife.com/minneapolis](http://www.diningoutforlife.com/minneapolis) for a list of restaurants and volunteer opportunities.
- 15) Openings on City Boards and Commissions. There are openings on the Animal Care & Control Advisory Committee, Bicycle Advisory Committee, Capital Long Range Improvement Commission, Family Housing Fund (McKnight), Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities, Neighborhood Community and Engagement Committee, Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC), Public Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Workforce Advisory Committee. To apply, call (612) 673-3358 or email [cityclerk@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:cityclerk@minneapolismn.gov).