

**News from Cam Gordon
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2013 Budget. In August the Mayor released his proposed 2013 budget to the City Council that includes increasing the total property tax levy by 1.7%. Each department will make budget presentations through mid-November, and there will be two public hearings before a final budget is approved in December. For a schedule of presentations go to www.minneapolismn.gov/finance/budget . All budget hearings will be broadcast live (and rebroadcast) on Minneapolis 79 (the City's cable channel). You can find the rebroadcast schedule and also view the hearings online at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/tv/79> . The public hearings on the tax levy and 2013 budget will be on **Wednesday, November 28, starting at 6:05 p.m.** and **Wednesday, December 12, 6:05 p.m.** in City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, room 317. For more information on the Mayor's recommended 2013 budget go to www.minneapolismn.gov/finance/budget . As always I welcome hearing from you about your priorities and concerns related to this significant city decision.

Capital Improvements. The budget process includes consideration of our Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee's (CLIC) recommended improvements to our public buildings, parks, streets, sewers and other infrastructure. Special thanks go to our Ward 2 CLIC members, Ann Jaede and Alex Tsatsoulis for all their work developing these. Projects recommended for funding in 2013 and 2014 that may be of special interest to Second Ward residents include the following: **University Research Park/Central Corridor** infrastructure improvements for a large redevelopment area near University Avenue in Prospect Park; **Riverside Extension – Reconstruction of 4th St/15th Ave** (2014) and the related paving improvements to these roads at the northern end of Riverside Ave.; **31st St E (Minnehaha to 28th Ave S)** street reconstruction; **Minnehaha Ave (24th to 26th St E)** reconstruction with bike lanes; **10th Ave SE Bridge Rehabilitation** (2014) to repair concrete on the spandrel columns, floor beams and arches; **Bridge 9 Improvements** (2014) to rehabilitate this pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the Mississippi River; **Hiawatha LRT Trail Lighting** (2014) to provide lighting along the Hiawatha LRT trail from 11th Ave S to 28th St E. The full CLIC report is available here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/goals/index.htm>

Dismantling Regulatory Services. The Mayor's proposed budget includes a significant change to the Department of Regulatory Services and the elimination of 3 - 5 upper management positions. As proposed, Regulatory Services would be reorganized by moving business licensing and development review functions to the Community Planning and Economic Development Department, Environmental Services (food inspection and healthy housing) to the Department of Health and Family Support, and keeping the remaining Regulatory Services' functions (housing inspections, animal control and possibly traffic) concentrated in a new Department of Inspections. The City Coordinator, Paul Aasen, will lead a Transition Committee to develop more details and a process that I am hopeful will include seeking feedback from residents as well as from Regulatory Services staff and other stakeholders.

Regulatory Services Director Departs. Following the Mayor's announcement of his proposal to restructure Regulatory Services, the departure of the new Regulatory Services Director, Greg Stubbs, was announced. The Executive Committee, with my support, then designated Jay Stroebel as interim director of Regulatory Services. Stroebel has most recently been Deputy City Coordinator, and prior to that, he served as Director of Results Management in the City Coordinator's Office.

Discussion on Municipal Power. Environment Minnesota's next *Green Ideas and Ham* event will be on the topic of municipal power utilities. The speaker will be Susan Osborne, former mayor of Boulder, Colorado. Ms. Osborne was mayor during last year's successful ballot initiative to authorize Boulder to become a municipal power utility. This should be a fascinating and timely conversation, given that Minneapolis' franchise agreements with Xcel Energy and Centerpoint Energy expire in 2014. The event is on **Tuesday, September 18th**, 8:00am, at the Red Stag Supper Club, 509 1st Avenue NE. If you are interested in attending visit here for details https://secure3.convio.net/engage/site/Donation2?idb=818693435&df_id=13561&13561.donation=form1

Equity in Employment Resolution. The resolution I authored *Supporting Equity in Employment in Minneapolis and the Region* unanimously passed the Public Safety, Civil Rights and Health Committee on August 22 and the full Council on the 31st. The resolution declares that institutional racism, discrimination and racial employment disparities in Minneapolis are serious problems that must be solved. It commits the City government to lead by example and better incorporate racial equity into City policies and directs the City Coordinator, Community Planning and Economic Development Director and the Civil Rights Director to engage with other department heads, staff and our Workforce Council to develop and implement an Equity Assessment Toolkit to inform city decisions including those related to the budget, hiring, promotion, contracting and purchasing. It also directs staff to assess and implement where appropriate, the other recommendations of the Equity in Employment Task Force report that was the inspiration for the resolution and recommend fair hiring provisions to be added to our code of ordinances. Additionally, it authorizes the City to formally join the Ramsey County Blue Ribbon Commission's *Everybody In* (<http://www.rcwib.org/aboutus/brc.htm>) regional collaboration. For more details see item 6 here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/psch/WCMS1P-094892> on the Committee agenda. This is a critically important next step for the City to take to make Minneapolis a more just city. I look forward to continuing to work on this at the City level and hope to officially join the *Everybody In* steering committee to better address, on a regional level, this complex, persistent and difficult problem of racial disparities in employment and poverty in the Twin Cities area.

Proposed Changes to the CRA. When the proposal was first unveiled to merge the current Civilian Review Authority with the Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit to form a new Office of Police Conduct Review and a new Police Conduct Oversight Commission, I moved to direct staff to convene community meetings and provide the City Council with some additional background information. As a result three community meetings were held in August and the matter is now set to return to Public Safety, Civil Rights and Health Committee for a public hearing on September 12 at 1:30 in City Hall. You can learn more about the proposal here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/psch/WCMS1P-094892>. In August the Star Tribune published an editorial opposing the change and I continue to have serious concerns about this proposal and will not support it in its current form.

Metro Transit Go-To Student Passes. This fall the Minneapolis Public School district has purchased close to 4,000 Go-To Student Pass which allow eligible high school students free access to city buses and light rail from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Regular school bus service will no longer be available to these students. This year represents the first phase of this program, which includes Edison, Henry, North, Roosevelt, Washburn and Wellstone. MPS plans to add South and Southwest in 2013-2014. The Minneapolis Youth Coordinator Board and the Youth Congress are working to assist with the transition. The Youth Congress participated in a pilot program last year and has released a fun YouTube video on how students can ride safely and conscientiously. You can find it here <http://www.ycb.org/news/>. The Youth Coordinating Board is helping provide youth workers to be at the busiest stops during the busiest times of the day to help youth who may need assistance.

2011 Neighborhood Programs Report. On August 30th the Council received a report on neighborhood programs from our Neighborhood and Community Relations department. This report covers the 2011 activities of the new Community Participation Program, an update on recent Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) activities and an overview of the Department's work with neighborhood groups. You can find it here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-097781.pdf>

Board and Commission Diversity Audit. On August 30th we also received a report on our second diversity audit of our boards and commissions. The results of the only 39% of people who responded to the survey indicate that we have made little progress since 2009 in terms of getting more diversity on our Boards and Commissions. While we have been effective in getting more applications, this has not resulted in more diversity on these groups. For example, in 2009 19% of responding members were nonwhite but in 2012 only 14% were. If you review the report here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-097676.pdf> you will see that the volunteers on our citizen committees tend to be Euro-American, home owning males over 40. Still, it is good to see this data (never collected before 2009) being collected regularly now and some efforts being made to ensure that our advisory community boards more closely reflect the rich diversity of our City. At the meeting the Council directed the Neighborhood and Community Relations director to work with the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission to develop principles or guidelines that would support increased diversity on our boards and commissions for the City Council and the Mayor to consider when filling vacancies, and make recommendations on the selection process. We also directed the City Clerk to review eligibility requirements for the City's boards and commissions to ensure their relevancy and to recommend to the City Council the elimination of unnecessary requirements. I am also interested in exploring unintended barriers and obstacles to better participation. A report back on this work to the City Council's Committee of the Whole by January 31st, 2013 is expected.

National Neighborhoods USA Conference Updates. In August the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board became an official co-sponsor of the National Neighborhoods, USA Conference is coming to Minneapolis May 22-25, 2013. The conference will be held at the Downtown Hyatt and registrations are open. The "Call for Presentation" is still open and can be found on the Neighborhood Community Relations Dept. website: - www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr (click on Neighborhoods, USA and you will find the application). Additionally, on September 1st the Exhibitor Registration will also be released. If your organization or any partner organizations would like to have an Exhibit, please complete and turn in the Exhibit form.

Fire Department Action Plan. On September 12 at the Public Safety, Civil Rights and Health Committee meeting the Fire Department will present its Implementation Action Plan based on the recommendations of the consultant's comprehensive review of the department conducted earlier this year.

Taxicab Meter Rates Frozen. On August 31 the Council voted to freeze the maximum permitted taxi cab meter rate at its current \$2.75 per mile. Without this vote the maximum permitted rate would have automatically increased to \$2.85. It is the intention that this freeze will help facilitate a metropolitan wide synchronization of rates. Eventually, it is my hope that taxi cabs can be regulated on a regional level. Currently licenses are administered by individual cities and the airport and this makes for a cumbersome and confusing system.

Summer 612 Event. The Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support has put together an event celebrating *Summer 612*, showcasing the efforts of talented Minneapolis youth to address youth violence in their communities. The event is on Saturday, September 22, from 2-5pm at the Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall. To RSVP, go to <http://summer612mpls.eventbrite.com>.

Step-Up. This summer 230 businesses and organizations employed 1,850 youth as part of the City's STEP UP internship program. At a celebration I attend on the 16th, special awards went to STEP-UP employers Wells Fargo and Project for Pride in Living. The STEP-UP program significantly benefits low-income youth and youth of color by helping them gain valuable work-readiness skills and long-term professional skills, and connecting them with business and community leaders. The STEP-UP program—which is managed in collaboration with AchieveMpls—has created valuable workplace experiences for nearly 18,000 Minneapolis youth, ages 14-21, since 2002 and was recognized as an outstanding model for youth employment and public-private partnerships at a White House conference in 2012.

One Minneapolis, One Read. This fall we are launching the second year of One Minneapolis One Read, a citywide “read” where the entire community is encouraged to read the same book and join in a community conversation. This year’s book is “Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past,” a book of vignettes that author Diane created to honor the lives of her Dakota family. “Spirit Car” is available in paperback at local bookstores, online booksellers and www.mhspress.org. It’s also available through Hennepin County Library and as an e-book. To help kick off the months of conversations there will be an evening with Garrison Keillor and author Diane Wilson at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 24 at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$10; \$5 for seniors, students and limited income (for those tickets, select the \$10 option and choose “apply discount” before purchasing). Tickets are available at www.ticketworks.com or 612-343-3390. For more information and to get involved, visit www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com , www.facebook.com/OneMinneapolisOneRead , www.twitter.com/minneapolisread or email oneread@minneapolismn.gov.

Electric Charging Stations at Haaf Ramp. Despite Xcel Energy’s changed requirements on installing PV systems on their “network grid” that required much more expensive equipment than expected, the publicly owned Jerry Haaf Memorial Ramp now has three solar-powered charging stations for electric car drivers. You can find them near the exit booth and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking rates apply, but currently the charging does not cost extra. The ramp is at 424 Fourth St. S., available to the public and open 24 hours a day. A grant from the Minnesota Department of Commerce Division of Energy Resources paid all the costs related to the charging stations.

City Calls for Shut Down of Child Trafficking Website. On August 17 the City Council passed a resolution calling on Village Voice Media to cease publication of its online classified section that facilitates the trafficking of minors for sexual exploitation. All 20 child sex trafficking cases Minneapolis Police have investigated so far in 2012 involved juvenile victims being marketed and “sold” via the this website. We also amended our federal legislative agenda to add support for legislation that works to end the sexual exploitation of youth by building a system that responds effectively to their needs, including sufficient resources and training for law enforcement and service providers. I am glad we joined the numerous advocacy groups, law enforcement officials and other organizations calling for the shutdown of this website.

Improved Bike Parking for City Employees. In 2013, the City will begin improving bike parking facilities for our employees. We will establish bicycle parking and access guidelines for City government worksites, establish a responsible party to install and maintain bike storage for City employees who commute by bicycle, provide for bike storage operating costs to be included in building/site costs, and authorize bicycle access and internal storage policies for City-owned and operated buildings.

Climate Action Planning Enters Next Phase. This fall the Climate Action Plan Steering Committee will begin reviewing the recommendations of its three work groups and prepare their report and final recommendations for the City Council. The first Steering Committee meeting (open to the public) will be held on **September 13th from 9 am – 11:30 am at the Minneapolis Central Library in the Doty Board Room.** Additionally this fall all the goals and strategies will be reviewed by a newly formed environmental justice group and a panel of public health professionals. These reviews will help inform the Steering Committee in shaping the final plan. For more about this process and plan visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/climate/index.htm>.

Rental License Changes Partially Passed. In August Council Member Glidden decided to only move a portion of her Committee-approved proposed rental license regulation amendments. These were passed by the full Council and included the provisions clarifying that a landlord cannot charge or accept rent without a valid license and adding a mandatory training requirement for landlords who have a property that has been determined "substandard" or who have had a license revocation. This did not include the change I supported that concerned me most that would have changed the mandated "2 strikes and you're out" provision that dictates that anyone who loses 2 rental licenses in Minneapolis will automatically have all their other rental licenses revoked. That provision, and the remainder of the amendments, have been referred back to staff for further review.

Rental License Posting Requirements. On September 10 at 1:30pm there will be a public hearing on Council Member Schiff's proposed amendments to the posting and display requirements for rental license holders. Check the Committee website for details that should be coming forward soon at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/ree/>.

Streetcar for Nicollet-Central? A series of open house meetings will be held in September about streetcar and bus options being considered for Nicollet Avenue from 46th Street to downtown and Central Avenue to 41st Ave NE. The meetings will help kick off the Nicollet-Central Transit Alternatives Study that will continue into 2013 and will identify a preferred transit enhancement for the corridor. Open houses are being held: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall; Wednesday, Sept. 26, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; 5th Precinct Police Station, 3101 Nicollet Avenue S; and Thursday, Sept. 27, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Eastside Food Co-op, 2551 Central Avenue NE. For more information, to sign up for email updates or to complete an online survey, go to the project website: www.minneapolismn.gov/nicollet-central.

Homebuyer Assistance Event. Neighborhood Housing Services of Minneapolis and Wells Fargo have organized a NeighborhoodLIFT event for September 7-8, from 10am-7pm both days at the Convention Center, 1301 2nd Ave S, Hall A. Wells Fargo is providing funds for up to \$15,000 in down payment assistance for up to 400 qualifying Minneapolis homebuyers. To register for this event, visit www.neighborhoodlift.com or call 866-858-2151.

Met Council Listening Sessions. The Metropolitan Council will be holding 10 meetings in September for local officials, community leaders and the general public to provide feedback on a vision for the Twin Cities metropolitan region over the next 30 years. The session in Minneapolis is on Monday, Sept. 24, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Pohlad Hall. You can RSVP at 651-602-1140 or public.info@metc.state.mn.us and you can contact the project team at thrivemsp@metc.state.mn.us if you have questions or comments. For more information about the Thrive MSP 2040 effort, visit thrivemsp.org.

Anti-Idling Reminder. If you drive a child to school please remember to turn off your engine while waiting. Most air pollution comes from fuel exhaust and exhaust from an idling car carries a higher load of pollutants than a moving car. Children's lungs are still developing and they inhale more pounds of pollution per pound of body weight than adults do, so they are especially vulnerable to vehicle air pollution. It's also the law. Minneapolis ordinance limits most idling to three minutes.

Downtown 100 Program Honored. The International Downtown Association has selected the Minneapolis Downtown 100 for the association's merit award. The award will be presented at the International Downtown Association's (IDA) annual conference Sept. 22 in Minneapolis. Launched in 2010, the initiative is a partnership among local government, business, non-profits and the community that focuses on the getting help for the city's most frequent 100 offenders. The partners work to address the most chronic livability, property, and drug crime offenders in the Downtown area through prosecution, probation, social services and housing. The Downtown 100 initiative has resulted in more individuals getting the help they need to break free from the revolving door of our criminal justice system. It is funded in part by the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (DID), and coordinates the work of the Minneapolis Police Department, Minneapolis City Attorney's office, DID SafeZone, Hennepin County Attorney's Office, St. Stephen's Human Services, Hennepin County Community Corrections, The Salvation Army, 1st Precinct neighborhood associations, and other community and business stakeholders.

Voting Registration. If you want to vote in the November 6 general election, but you're not yet registered, pre-registering can save time at the polls on Election Day. Registered voters who changed their name or moved since they last voted should re-register. Voter registration applications can be picked up at the Minneapolis Elections Office in City Hall or at the Hennepin County Government Center. The Voter Registration application is also available on the Secretary of State's website here <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=204> . If you call my office, 673-2202, we can mail you the application. All eligible individuals whose registration applications are received by elections officials by 5 p.m. on October 16 will be pre-registered for the Nov. 6 election and will receive a postcard notifying them where to vote. Individuals are eligible in Minnesota to vote if they will be at least 18 years old by Election Day, are a U.S. citizen and have lived in Minnesota for at least 20 days prior to the election. For more information about registering and voting in Minneapolis, or to serve as an election judge, visit www.minneapolismn.gov/elections or call Minneapolis 311, or TTY/TTD 612-673-2157.

Lauren Maker. On August 31 the City Council passed a resolution honoring the life of Lauren Maker and declaring September 7th, 2012 Lauren Maker Day in Minneapolis. Lauren passed away unexpectedly on July 27th, 2012, while attending the Riverfront Vitality Summit and Celebration. She had a long history as a community activist, political campaigner and City employee. There will be a celebration of Lauren Maker's life on Friday, September 7th, 2012, 4:00 pm, Boom Island - small pavilion closest to the River.

Welcome Back. This time of year many new residents typically move into the Second Ward as people return, or arrive for the first time, for the new school year at the University of Minnesota, and at Augsburg College. On Thursday, September 6th, I will be joining with other neighbors, city and U of M staff, to knock on doors to welcome students to the area. City of Minneapolis Housing Inspectors will also be available from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Joe's Market 1828 Como Ave SE and at the Purple Onion on University Ave. Housing Inspectors will have access to property information and be able to respond to individual addresses as needed.

Stadium Village University Avenue Station Area Plan. In August the City Council approved this new small area plan that looks at land use, urban design, housing, economic development, parking and transportation in the Stadium Village University Avenue Station area. The plan generally affirms the current land use framework for the area with its activity center and transit station areas designated for high density mixed use residential and commercial development. It also adds details as to the appropriate mix of uses and character of each subarea. The area

around the Prospect Park station is planned to have the most significant change consistent with the previously adopted University & 29th plan that supports changing to more housing and commercial uses in the older industrial areas while allowing for flexibility regarding the timing and character of that change. The plan also makes recommendations for the public realm including streetscape improvements; pedestrian, bicycle, and multi-modal connectivity; public open space, parks and plazas; and green infrastructure. Student housing, especially closer to the campus and stadium, remains a dominant presence in the market while senior and workforce housing are also called out. The plan also presents a range of parking options. It will now become a part of the City's Comprehensive Plan (pending Met Council approval). The University District Alliance was instrumental in assisting with the public outreach and review, including providing a forum to discuss ideas. Jan Morlock from the U of M and Ted Tucker, current chair of the Alliance, deserve special thanks. Thanks also goes to the many community members and staff from the City, county and the University involved including Haila Maze, Monique McKenzie, Dick Gilyard, Rebecca Lorence, Paul Buchanan, Martin Cech, Calder Hibbard, Tamara Johnson, Kari Lee, Michael McLaughlin, Nancy Rose Pribyl, Patrick Connoy, Andrew Gillett, David Frank, Miles Mercer, Emily Stern, Amy Geisler; and Heidi Hamilton. For more visit http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/projects/cped_stadium_village

Meeting on 4th, 15th and 6th. My office has scheduled a public meeting about 15th Ave and 4th and 6th Streets on Monday, October 1st at 6 pm at the Brian Coyle Community Center. My hope is that the meeting will help the neighborhood come to a consensus on the pedestrian, bicycle and parking improvements to be included in the reconstruction of 15th and 4th and pursued through separate funding sources on 6th.

Bluff Street Trail Tunnel. The City is planning to construct the Bluff Street Trail segment connecting the bike lanes on 2nd St via 13th Ave. S. to the Bridge 9 bike trail in 2013. A portion of the proposed trail falls within MnDOT's I-35W Bridge right-of-way, and last month the Council approved getting the required Limited Use Permit with MnDOT to operate and maintain the tunnel and other portions of the trail within their right-of-way. Funds in the amount of \$800,000 are appropriated to this project, Hennepin County has committed \$300,000, and additional funding is being sought.

Grandma's Site Development. The City Planning Commission has voted to approve a vacation of a sewer easement located at the southwest corner of the intersection of 2nd St S and 19th Ave S, as part of the redevelopment of the Grandma's site near Seven Corners.

Seward Childcare Coop. The City Planning Commission has granted the Seward Childcare Coop's request to amend their Conditional Use Permit. They are now required to comply with the MN Department of Human Services adult-child ratio requirements for child care centers, (in lieu of requiring four adults on the premises at all times) and can be open to the public within the hours permitted for the R1A district (rather than the more limited hours in the old CUP).

Cat Burned in Longfellow. As you have likely heard, there was an egregious incident of animal abuse in Longfellow earlier this week in which a cat was burned near an Obama lawnsign. I know that City staff are taking this very seriously, and will keep the neighborhood updated if any progress is made in this case. This kind of cruelty has no place in our community.

Sabo Bridge. Repair work has begun on the bike/pedestrian bridge that crosses over Hiawatha Avenue as part of the Midtown Greenway. Engineers have installed one retrofitted diaphragm plate on the bridge that will be monitored over the next month to see how it performs. Engineers will then plan and schedule repairs to the rest of the bridge's diaphragm plates later this year. Engineers concluded in June that wind-induced cable vibrations caused fatigue cracking in the diaphragm plates resulting in two cable connections fracturing earlier in this year. The retrofitted plate being installed is designed to withstand the fatigue that caused the cracking. The bridge was built by Hennepin County and turned over to the City of Minneapolis when construction was completed.

Longfellow Grill. The Longfellow Grill has asked for an expansion in their outdoor seating. A public hearing has been scheduled for **Thursday, September 6th**, at 6pm at the Brackett Park Recreation Center, 2728 39th Ave S.

Liquor Store on Hiawatha. A new liquor store at 4135 Hiawatha Ave has come before the Regulatory Energy and Environment committee on August 20th. The committee voted to recommend it and it was approved by the full Council on August 31st. I understand that the applicants are in compliance with all City requirements.

Apply to Serve on a Boards or Commission. There are more than 186 open positions on 24 boards and commissions that the City Council and Mayor will appoint this fall. The City is seeking applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to strengthen the work of the City. Boards/Commissions with open positions include: Arts Commission, Citizen Environmental Advisory Committee, Civil Rights Commission, Civilian Police Review Authority Vacancy, Dinkytown Special Service District, Disabilities, Mpls Advisory Committee, East Lake Special Service District, Heritage Preservation Commission, Housing Board of Appeals Vacancy, Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, Planning Commission, Public Health Advisory Committee, Senior Advisory Committee Vacancy, Stadium Village Special Service District, Telecommunications Network, Minneapolis ThincGreen Advisory Committee, Youth Violence Prevention Committee and the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Applications will be reviewed beginning Friday, October 19, however the positions are open until filled. For a full list of appointment opportunities and position descriptions visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/index.htm> To apply, call (612) 673-3358 or email cityclerk@minneapolismn.gov.

Ward Office Hours. Every Tuesday morning I hold "Office Hours" in the Ward from 9:30-11:00am. Please feel free to call for an appointment or just stop by.
1st Tuesdays, Hard Times Café (West Bank/University);
2nd Tuesdays, Muddsuckers Coffee, 1500 Como (SE Como);
3rd Tuesdays, Pratt School (Prospect Park);
4th Tuesdays, the Birchwood Cafe (Seward/Longfellow).

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