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Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to Southeast Como, 5-6-14

Cam's next Como Office Hours: Thursday, 5-8-14

Muddsuckers Coffee, 1500 Como Ave SE

Items:

- 1) Public Hearing on Van Cleve Wading Pool
- 2) Complete Communities in the U District
- 3) New Long-Term Carbon Reduction Goal
- 4) Indigenous People's Day Resolution
- 5) Bike Week
- 6) Updates on Bike Plans
- 7) Community Land Trust in the U District
- 8) Mobile Grocery Ordinance Public Hearing
- 9) Progress on Racial Equity Work
- 10) Environmentally Acceptable Packaging Ordinance Hearing
- 11) Organics Collection
- 12) Openings on City Boards and Commissions

- 1) The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will hold a public hearing tomorrow, **May 7th** at 6:30 pm to review the proposed renovation plan for improvements to the wading pool at Van Cleve Park. The hearing will be held in the Board Room at MPRB at 2117 West River Road in Minneapolis. All those attending the public hearing will have an opportunity to review the plans and share their comments. If you are interested in speaking at the hearing, you may sign up to speak just prior to the hearing. The wading pool was constructed in 1948 and the latest improvements occurred around 1971, with upgrades being made to pool mechanical systems. For further information about this project, visit the project page on the MPRB website: <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=34&calid=1194>
- 2) You are invited to a forum with Gil Penalosa **Wednesday, May 7**, 8:00-9:30am, at the Weisman Art Museum. From creating open streets in Bogota, Colombia to "Doable Neighborhoods" in four Ontario cities, Gil Penalosa is an implementer and activist for a people-friendly public realm, with sustainable and healthy mobility. Called "the Pied Piper of Sustainable Transportation," Mr. Penalosa has influenced thousands through his TED talks and consultations with cities in North and South America. For registration and further details, go here: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/complete-communities-in-the-university-district-a-forum-with-gil-penalosa-registration-11392121141>.
- 3) The Council has adopted a new long-term carbon emission reduction goal for the City of Minneapolis: we will strive to reduce carbon emissions by 80% or more by 2050, from a 2006 baseline. This is in line with the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recommendations and the 2050 goals already adopted by the State of Minnesota and Hennepin County, and was recommended by the City's Sustainability staff and the Community Environmental Advisory Committee. The work to draft this recommendation was in response to a staff direction I made back in February of this year. I enthusiastically support setting this goal, and hope that we can push well past reaching it. However, we need to be clear that this is a very aggressive goal. Reaching it will require a fundamental transformation of the way we use energy in buildings, in our transportation system, and how we deal with waste.
- 4) The City of Lakes Community Land Trust is holding a series of meetings on the opportunities they will be offering in the University District for people buying homes for the first time. The CLCLT can help households with incomes at 80% of the Twin Cities median buy homes, and can help keep homes owner-occupied and affordable in the long term. To find out more, come to the meeting on **Thursday, May 15**, from 4:30-5:30pm in room 2-228 of the Carlson School, 321 19th Ave S. For more information, see clclt.org.

- 5) I was proud to assist with and coauthor Council Member Alondra Cano's resolution to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day in Minneapolis. I see this move as building on the groundwork laid in the Year of the Dakota resolution from 2012 and a small step in the long path of healing that we need to do as a community and as a country.
- 6) Minneapolis Bike Week is a weeklong series of events and activities from **May 4** through **May 11** promoting all types of bicycling with a focus on encouraging those who do not normally ride to give it a try. Minneapolis Bike Week will showcase the ease, simplicity and enjoyment of going places by bike. Events and activities include group rides with City Council Members, classes, commuter pit stops, free breakfasts, celebration locations and much more. Whether commuting, getting in your workout, or just cruising around the neighborhood, Bike Week is a great opportunity to get out riding. Plus, we'll make it easy with fun events and activities. Check out mplsbikeweek.org for more information.
- 7) Join the City and Hennepin County to provide input and get an update on the county-wide bike plan and the City's protected bikeway plan on **Thursday, May 8**, from 4:30-7:30pm, at the Minneapolis Central Library. Find more information about the Hennepin County bike plan at www.hennepin.us/bikeplan. Find more information about the City of Minneapolis projected bikeway plan at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/projects/WCMS1P-123828>. The Minnesota Department of Transportation is also holding a public meeting about their Statewide Bicycle System Plan on Thursday, **May 15**, at the U of M Urban Research and Outreach Engagement Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Ave N. There will be a structured workshop from 4-6pm, and a community open house from 6-7pm.
- 8) The Council's Community Development and Regulatory Services committee will hold a public hearing on my proposed amendments to the Mobile Grocery Store ordinance on **Tuesday, May 13**, at 1:30pm. The intent of this ordinance is to allow mobile grocery stores to operate in more places in Minneapolis. Right now, they can only operate in the parking lots of "senior highrise buildings." If passed, my amendments will allow these businesses to operate in the parking lots of any high-density residential building, and any commercial or industrial building, with the permission of the property owner. The mobile grocery stores will have to exceed the current staple food requirements for fresh fruits and vegetables, and won't be allowed to operate closer than 100 feet to existing brick-and-mortar grocery stores or farmers markets. There are currently four businesses and nonprofits that are interested in operating mobile grocery stores in Minneapolis, including Honeybee Mobile Market (<http://www.honeybeemobilemarket.com/>). This ordinance has the support of the Minneapolis Food Council, because it will help increase access to healthy foods in all parts of the city.
- 9) On April 30, the Council's Public Safety, Civil Rights and Emergency Management took the next steps in moving forward the City's work on racial equity. We received a great report from the City's Civil Rights Director, Velma Korbek, on the status of the Racial Equity Toolkit, which is aimed at improving the equity of the City's workforce. We also passed a set of staff directions I authored, for staff to conduct a racial equity Study Session by the end of June, report back to committee on the continued development of the racial equity framework by June 23' and analyze budget impacts for implementation of the Racial Equity Framework, and ensure budget requests for 2015 are forward to the Mayor's and the City Council for inclusion in the 2015 budget process. Most excitingly, the committee created a Racial Equity Policy Workgroup convened and chaired by the Mayor and including me, Council Vice President Elizabeth Glidden, Council Member Blong Yang, and department heads and staff, to assist in ongoing oversight of the development of the Racial Equity Framework, as well as to develop tools appropriate for use by the City Council and Mayor to view policy decisions through a racial equity lens.
- 10) On **May 12**, the Health, Environment and Community Engagement committee will hold a public hearing on the proposed changes to the City's Environmentally Acceptable Packaging ordinance introduced by Council Member Andrew Johnson. This ordinance has been on the books since the late 1980s, but was weakened in the early 1990s. The proposal is to return the ordinance to its original strength by prohibiting non-recyclable takeout containers from restaurants. Instead, restaurants can use recyclable plastic containers, or compostable paper or plastic containers. I am very supportive of this ordinance, which my staff helped CM Andrew Johnson's staff and our Health Department to craft. I see this as one action that, along with many others, will allow the city to reach our zero waste goals.
- 11) The Council held a study session on organics collection on April 24th. Given what I heard at the study session, I am confident that we are moving towards collecting source-separated organics from all 1-4 unit dwellings in Minneapolis. I am enthusiastically supportive of this program, and will push for us to roll it out as soon and as effectively as possible.
- 12) Applications are now being accepted for a number of open board and commission positions that the City Council and mayor will appoint this spring. There are more than 40 open positions on the following six City boards and commissions: Civil Rights Commission; Bicycle Advisory Committee; Workforce Council; Public Health Advisory Committee; Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission; Pedestrian Advisory Committee; Applications will be reviewed beginning April 25, but the positions are open until filled. Visit the City's website for a full list of appointment opportunities and position descriptions.