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Open Letter Against Hate and Anti Muslim Bigotry. I am proud to stand with the more than 500 elected officials from all over the United States, including several of my colleagues on the Minneapolis City Council and others from St. Paul, who signed on to an open letter to our constituents and to the American people. It is a powerful statement of solidarity with the Muslim, Arab, and South Asian (MASA) communities across the nation. It states, in part, "The 2016 electoral season has featured dangerous levels of xenophobic, anti-Muslim, and racist rhetoric, as well as a devastating rise in hate crimes. This rhetoric and violence is not only a threat to our communities, but it also strikes directly against the most cherished and basic rights guaranteed by our nation's Constitution: liberty, due process, freedom of religion, and equality under law. We write this open letter to stand with the Muslims, Arabs, South Asians, and Sikhs across the United States as they endure threats, harassment, violence, and inexcusable political rhetoric. Our message is unmistakable: we thank you for serving your communities and we are proud to have you beside us as full and equal members of the American family." You can find the full letter here

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzQcoSYZoBLfNFRISzZPczl0VWc/view>

Zero Waste Plan Meetings. The City has contracted with Environmental Initiatives to facilitate three initial community meetings to help inform our Zero Waste Plan that will be drafted later this year and early in 2017. I expect there to be more meetings as we identify the specific goals, strategies and timeline of the plan in the months ahead. We are convening three stakeholder meetings this fall that will allow community leaders, businesses, and interested organizations to share input, ideas, and help influence the plan before it is drafted. Meetings are open to the public, but an RSVP is requested. The first was focused on multi-family, apartment building and condominiums and was held on September 22. The second, focused on the commercial sector was held Wednesday, September 28, and the third, with a focus on single family homes and duplexes will be on **Tuesday, October 18** from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Minneapolis Urban League, 2100 Plymouth Avenue N. To RSVP and more information see <http://environmental-initiative.org/our-work/environmental-policy/city-of-minneapolis-zero-waste-plan>

Street Sweeping Begins October 18. The four week long comprehensive fall street sweeping will begin Tuesday, October 18. To make sure the sweepers can do the best job possible, temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance so streets will be clear of cars when they're swept. Anyone who parks on the street will need to follow street sweeping parking rules or their cars may be ticketed and towed. Parking is banned from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the day a street is swept. In addition to the "No Parking" signs that will be posted the day before sweepers come through, the City will make about 3,000 automated phone calls each

evening to let residents know their street will be swept the next day. People can also use a feature on the City's website to find out when the sweepers are coming through their neighborhoods. The tool will be available by October 14 at www.minneapolismn.gov/streetsweeping and will show which week any street is scheduled to be swept. Then, starting on each weekend, the daily sweeping schedule for the upcoming week will display.

Early Voting in 2016. While Election Day is still a few weeks away, Minneapolis voters can cast early ballots both by mail and in person now. Early voting runs from **Friday, September 23rd** to **Monday, November 7th**. Early Vote Centers will be operating from **8:00am** until **4:30pm** at 217 S. Third Street (downtown); 2100 Plymouth Ave N (in the Minneapolis Urban League); 2516 Central Ave NE (in the Water Bar); and, 1860 E 28th St (in the Roof Depot). Voters must complete a request form to receive an absentee ballot. This form is available from the City's elections website, so voters should download and complete the form and bring it to one of the City's four Early Vote Centers. You can access the request form at www.vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/absentee. Visit vote.minneapolismn.gov, www.facebook.com/votempls, www.twitter.com/votempls, #WhereIVote, www.facebook.com/events/1072432446185951/ for more resources.

Register to Vote. If you are not registered to vote, please considering doing so before Election Day. Same-Day Registration was the single biggest factor contributing to long lines and wait times in the polls in 2012. The pre-registration cutoff for this year's general election is at 5pm on **Tuesday, October 18**.

2016 Voter Guide. I am delighted to report that we will be distributing an improved and expanded 2016 Election Voter Guide to all households this year. This is something I've advocated for since my first campaign for city council and builds on the success of the first voter guide we did in the 2013 municipal election. This year the guide will include a sample ballot that is an exact match of the specific ward-and-precinct, zip-code based official ballot for that household. These are intended to inform voters about ballot content and provide an opportunity to pre-mark selections as a guide to reduce time spent in the polls marking the official ballot. The voter guides will be arrival to all households one week before Election Day.

Kids Voting Minneapolis is a community-based, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to prepare Minneapolis' 50,000 K-12 students to be educated, informed voters. It is part of a national network of that combines civic learning in the classroom, with an authentic voting experience. Volunteers are needed to make this a success. To volunteer, sign up at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0aawZVRRi6yueiZsKXB5_Prm_LsvMXXYOpvH7xEBlm_rHWog/viewform?c=0&w=1

Election Judges. The City is hoping to hire a total of 2,000 election judges this year. I thank the estimated 1,883 people who have already stepped forward to serve as judges, but more are needed. Election judge are paid \$13.30 per hour. For more information visit vote.minneapolismn.gov or call 311 or 612-673-3000.

Police Stops. I am glad to report that, starting on September 15, Police began tracking demographic data, including race and gender, when conducting stops, even where this is no citation issued or arrest made. This includes suspicious vehicle stops, suspicious person stops, and traffic stops. This grew, at least in part, out of a motion I made in December 2014 directing the Attorney’s Office and Police Department to “make recommendations concerning the development of a policy and potential protocol for the recording and reporting of demographic information, especially race and location, of police stops that do not necessarily lead to an arrest.” As a result of this, and a subsequent report from the Police Conduct Oversight Commission in May of 2015 that showed how little information was being collected, the police have reaffirmed and strengthened their policy on data collection and added reporting software mechanisms that require officers to enter the information before they can clear a call. Demographic information will also be tracked on calls involving truancy, curfew and attempted pick-ups for individuals wanted for criminal activity. I commend the Chief for moving forward with this and for her commitment to report the results out to the public on a quarterly basis. The data that will be gathered by officers will include demographic information, the basis for the interaction, whether a search was conducted and what demographic information was provided to dispatchers if it was in response to a 911 call.

Police Complaint Report. In September the Public Safety, Civil Rights and Emergency Management Committee reviewed the results of a study the Police Conduct Oversight Commission conducted about the various methods available to people to submit complaints to the Office of Police Conduct Review. They also shared recommendations on how to improve current practices and processes and we heard from Police staff about progress already be made on several recommendations. The committee also approved a motion I made directing staff from the Civil Rights Department Office of Police Conduct Review to work with the Police Department staff to review the Commission’s recommendations and report back to the Public Safety Civil Rights and Emergency Management Committee on process improvements by March 31 of 2017. You can read news coverage of the report here: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/08/09/issues-found-filing-minneapolis-police-misconduct-reports>, and the full report here: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/www/groups/public/@civilrights/documents/webcontent/wcmosp-184609.pdf?elete>

Recycling Chute Requirements. The resolution I authored that would establish Recycling Chute Requirements for new apartment and condominium buildings passed the Community Development Regulatory Services committee on September 27. Approval by the full Council will give support to the Minneapolis Building Official to mandate that when a garbage chute is installed in new construction or major renovations, a recycling chute will also be installed in such a way as to provide equivalent access at all floors served by the garbage chute, as required by the State Building Code. This resolution clarifies how the city interprets this state requirement and will help us meet citywide recycling goals. I also plan to move an amendment to this resolution that would encourage – not require – builders to include organics chutes in their buildings as well. There is more info here <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/meetings/legislation/WCMSP-187016>

Organics Recycling. There will be a community workshop on organics recycling on **Thursday October 13 from 6 - 8 pm** at Windom Park at 2251 Hayes St NE. There, people can get organics recycling questions answered and participate in hands-on learning, demonstrations and pick up a yard sign to promote the organics recycling program. Organics kitchen collection containers will be distributed to attendees while supplies last. You can learn more and RSVP at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/solid-waste/index.htm> or contact Laura Horner at laura.horner@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-3318 for more information.

Diversity Audits. This year the city is surveying members of both city advisory bodies and neighborhood a group board members to better understand the basic demographics of the people who serve their communities and city in these important ways. Since 2009, at my urging, the City has been collecting basic demographic information on volunteers serving on the City's boards and commissions. We started this in response to repeated concerns we heard about some sectors of our city population not being well represented on our boards and commissions. In 2015 we also surveyed our neighborhood association board members. The information we have gathered from the surveys has helped us set goals and track progress and develop better recruiting strategies to increase the diversity of viewpoints and people engaged in guiding neighborhood and City decision-making. For past results on our diversity audits of boards and commissions see <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/boards/WCMS1P-124674>, and for the results of the 2015 Neighborhood Board survey visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/www/groups/public/@ncr/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-138467.pdf>. Clearly, the information we get from the surveys is useful and the more people who complete surveys, the better. If you serve on one of the bodies being surveyed and have completed the survey, I thank you, if not, I encourage you to do so.

2017 Budget. On September 21, the Board of Estimate and Taxation approved a maximum levy increase of 5.5%, consistent with the Mayor's proposed budget. This would raise the total amount levied by \$16.4 million, from \$297.6 million in 2016 to \$313.9 million in 2017. The council will approve the final levy in December, but it may not exceed this amount. From September 22 – November 17 the Ways and Means Budget Committee will review City departmental budgets (dates can be found at www.minneapolismn.gov/finance/budget). We will have two public comment hearings on the proposed property tax levy and budget in the City Council chambers. The first will be on **November 30 at 6:05pm**. Then, on December 2 the Ways and Means Budget Subcommittee will consider and vote on amendments starting at 9:30am at our annual "budget markup" meeting. The second hearing will be on **December 7 at 6:05pm**, after which the Council may consider additional amendments before taking a final vote on the budget that evening. You can watch the budget hearings on Minneapolis 79, or at www.minneapolismn.gov/tv/79.

Minimum Wage Study. The minimum wage study the City Council contracted for several months ago is nearly complete. I expect it to be released and presented to the City Council in early October, probably at Committee of the Whole on October 5th. I am hopeful that it will demonstrate how the economic impacts of a higher minimum wage would be positive on businesses, workers, families and the community at large as has been demonstrated in areas where it has already been implemented.

Intentional Communities. I am expecting the Intentional Communities ordinance amendments that I am co-authoring with Council member Goodman to come forward for a public hearing in October or early November. Because we are making changes to both the Zoning Code and Housing Code, there will be two public hearings, one before the Planning Commission and one before the Community Development and Regulatory Services Committee. You can find more information at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ward2/> under Current Projects. It has been written about in the press here: <http://www.southwestjournal.com/news/2016/06/calls-for-more-cooperative-housing/>, here: <http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-may-open-door-to-more-communal-living/381263841/> and here: <https://www.minnpost.com/cityscape/2016/05/changes-unrelated-adult-housing-rules-could-bring-intentional-communities-out-shad>.

Police Body Cameras. Body cameras are now being used by the police patrol officers in all the Second Ward neighborhoods that are west of the river. So far 363 officers have been trained and equipped with the cameras in the city's First, Third and Fourth police precincts. This week the remaining Ward 2 patrol officers (who work out of the Second Precinct, which serves all of Ward 2 neighborhoods east of the river) are being trained and equipped. Officers in the last precinct, the Fifth Precinct, will receive training and cameras in the third week of October. That means that 224 more devices will be issued over the next four weeks. All officers across the city will be wearing body cameras by the end of the year. I am very supportive of this roll-out of body cameras, and hope that they will significantly reduce violence between police and community members. There is good reason to believe that they will: a recent study by the University of Cambridge found a 93% decrease in complaints made against officers clearly wearing the cameras, which record what happens during police incidents, compared to the previous year. You can read more here: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/09/29/police-body-cameras-lead-to-90pc-drop-in-public-complaints-again/>

Bird Safe Skyway Ordinance. The ordinance amendment that I co-authored with Council Member Palmisano to better regulate skyways was passed unanimously by the full City Council on September 23. The amendment codifies standards and sets requirements for skyways, including a requirement for bird-safe glazing. It clarifies that skyways are only allowed in certain areas, like downtown and on large university or hospital campuses, and may only be built to connect 2nd stories. I am hoping that this is just a first towards seeing even greater consideration of bird-safe building practices in the future. I thank my co-author Linea Palmisano, lead staff Aaron Hanauer and stakeholders from the Audubon Society and elsewhere for their work on this ordinance.

Biking to Work. According to the latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2015 American Community Survey, which was released this month, **5 percent** of Minneapolis residents biked to work that year – an increase from 4.6 percent recorded in 2014. This is the highest percentage the survey has shown for Minneapolis bike commutes to date and the second highest per capita bicycle commuting of all major U.S. cities. Our City's [Climate Action Plan](#) sets a goal of having 15 percent of commuters biking to work by 2025. For more information on bicycling and walking in Minneapolis, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles and www.minneapolismn.gov/pedestrian.

U.S. Department of Health Grant. The City has been awarded a five-year, \$5 million federal grant to promote health and healing for those who have faced trauma due to the civil unrest connected to law enforcement issues and specifically the Jamar Clark killing. We are only one of eight cities in the country to receive this promising grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The City will be awarded \$1 million annually for up to five years to create a Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) program. The program will support community organizations that work with high risk families, provide training for staff, and align the work of the City and community organizations to promote community healing and better relationships between city government and residents. It will include a needs assessment, and focus first on community engagement/healing and intervention/prevention for high risk youth and their families, and, second, on training for city and community-institution staff in trauma informed approaches. Organizations identified in the grant application as being committed to being part of the program include the Youth Coordinating Board, Minneapolis Neighborhoods Organizing for Change, the Urban League and the UROC – Trauma Project (part of the U of MN’s Urban Research and Outreach Center). It is my hope that this program will build effectively on the work started by the National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice, and help us reduce implicit bias and foster reconciliation and healing needed as a result of systemic racism and historic trauma and tensions with law enforcement. The program will be operated out of the City Coordinator’s Equity and Inclusion division, under Joy Stephens, and a soon to be hired full time program manager.

Target Market Ordinance. The Council has approved a new program that will target some of our smaller contracts so that smaller businesses can more realistically compete for them. Qualified small businesses will have the ability to bid alongside other small businesses for City contracts up to \$100,000 instead of having to compete against larger companies. The program will launch January 1, 2017. To qualify for the Target Market Program, businesses must be independently owned and controlled, within the 13-county metro area and not exceed the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) size standards. The average annual gross receipts of the business for the previous three fiscal years must also not exceed the limit for its industry category. The program is race and gender neutral. The development of the program follows significant outreach work by the City’s Supplier Diversity Team to gather feedback from the small business community. The Target Market Program is part of a larger effort to diversify the City’s supplier base and see more of our public dollars going to support local, small businesses, often owned by people of color or woman.

Urban Forestry Policy. In response to the presentation in early 2015 by U of M Professor Gary Johnson of his Tree Failure Study Report and with input from the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission, the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities, the Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Forestry Department, in September the Council adopted an updated 2016 Urban Forestry Policy. The new policy makes changes to sidewalk and road construction repair procedures to better protect trees and clarifies that the urban forest and tree roots should be regarded as valuable public as utilities, similar to how underground water and sewer lines would be valued. Additionally, as a result of

this effort, the Park Board has created a new position called the Forestry Preservation Coordinator (FPC) to support tree health during design review and construction activities. To see the new policy, the study and more visit:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/meetings/legislation/WCMSP-185879>

New Community Action Agency Gets Final Approval. After a month's long process and Council approval this summer, as of August 26th, the Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin (CAPSH) passed its last step in a lengthy designation process, when it received Governor Dayton's Assurance Statement, officially recognizing it as the community action agency for Minneapolis. CAPSH had been providing services on an interim basis since in Minneapolis since October of 2014 and has a long history of receiving good audit reports from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, and independent auditors. It has worked in suburban Hennepin County for decades offering services such as energy assistance programs, homeownership services, food support, free tax assistance, legal services, employment counseling, and financial counseling. In the months ahead CAPSH will continue providing these services in Minneapolis, participate in a Community Needs Assessment, engage in a strategic plan (and name change), and expand the board of directors to include Minneapolis representation. To learn more contact info@capsh.org or visit <http://www.capsh.org/>

Downtown Public Realm Framework. The Council has approved a new downtown public realm framework and added it to our Comprehensive Plan. The framework builds on our Complete Streets Policy and Access Minneapolis plan and was a collaborative effort between Public Works and the Planning department. It creates another layer of guidance by designating and prioritizing downtown streets into three types: destination corridors, local commerce corridors, and connector corridors. You can see the full plan and much more at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/legislation/WCMSP-185230>.

Greening the Public Right-of-Way. In September, as a follow up to the passage of our Complete Streets Policy, the Council also received a report summarizing current work related to greening the public right-of-way and recommending possible future approaches. If interested, go here: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/meetings/legislation/WCMSP-185877>.

Minneapolis 2040. Early next month I expect the Council to approve the Minneapolis 2040 Civic Engagement calendar for the drafting of Minneapolis' next rendition of our 20 year comprehensive plan, Minneapolis 2040. Staff kicked off the process last April and a Civic Engagement process was presented in July. Engagement includes a mix of strategies for engaging through technology, in-person conversations, and large convenings over the course of the following five phases. The first phase is ending and included the launch and an exploration of emerging ideas and trends, current conditions, and existing policy. Phase 2 is starting in October and will focus on "Big Questions" and will refine key directions for the plan and will offer opportunities for people to share their ideas for the future of the city. The next phase, 3, will begin next spring and focus on the "Proposed Policy Framework" and includes drafting of City policy options and the tradeoffs associated with them as well as the chance to discuss and comment on more concrete recommendations from staff. Phase 4 will center on the Draft

Policy Document or plan itself and will run through the fall 2017 and winter 2018 with a special look at how the policies and parts of the plan fit together. The last phase, 5, will be the formal review and will last for several months in 2018 and will include a public hearing for anyone to comment on the plan in person, in writing, or online before final adoption by the City Council. To get involved this fall in helping to shape the plan you are invited to the following family-friendly, interactive open houses: from 5-7:30pm on **Tuesday, October 25 at the Midtown Global Market**, 920 E. Lake St; and, from 5-7:30pm on **Thursday, October. 27 at North Commons Park**, 1801 James Ave. N. Help us build on what's working and fix what isn't. You can also learn more at www.minneapolis2040.com and @MPLS2040 #MPLSBigIdeas on Facebook and Twitter.

Hearing Requirement for Alcohol Applications. The Community Development and Regulatory Services Committee is recommending amending Chapters 360, 362, 363, and 366 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances so that applications for new alcohol licenses will no longer require two hearings before a license can be granted by the City Council. You can find the proposed ordinance at www.minneapolismn.gov/licensing and can submit written comments to Linda.Roberts@minneapolismn.gov.

Energy Efficiency Home Evaluation. For a limited time, this fall the City will be offering **0%** financing for Minneapolis residents toward recommended energy efficiency improvements as well as free Home Energy Squad visits for income-qualified residents, including renters. Home visits in Minneapolis are regularly \$70 but families with annual incomes of less than \$48,100 for one person, \$54,950 for two people, \$61,850 for three people, or up to \$90,650 for eight people can get a home evaluation at no cost. The home evaluation includes installation of free materials including door weather stripping, a water heater blanket, high-efficiency light bulbs, water fixtures, and a programmable thermostat. It may also include a test to measure your home for air leaks; an insulation inspection using an infrared camera; a safety check of your home's heating system and water heater; and an "energy fitness plan" with a list of energy-saving priorities and financing information. For any recommended upgrades, participants will receive a personalized quote and an opportunity to schedule the work with a qualified contractor. And if the Home Energy Squad recommends insulation or air sealing, Minneapolis residents also get special access to 0% financing to complete the work. For more information call Beth today at 612-335-5874 or visit mncee.org/hes-mpls

Open Streets - University of Minnesota/West Bank. The Open Streets community celebration that will include the West Bank, Dinkytown and both sides of the U of MN Minneapolis campus will be held on **Saturday, October 1**, from 11 am – 5 pm. This is a great opportunity to promote healthy living, local businesses, sustainable transportation and our great local communities. For a map and more info visit http://www.openstreetsmpls.org/u_of_mn

Property at 30th Ave and 26th Street. Kraus Anderson reports that the property in Seward at 30th Ave and 26th Street has been sold to a church. I will be reaching out to meet with them soon for more information about what they plan to do with the property.

Habitat for Humanity Business in Seward. I was happy to see a new Habitat for Humanity “Restore” open on 27th and Minnehaha Ave in Seward just a block away Better Futures Minnesota. The two stores work to provide reused and recycled items from the deconstruction of buildings and/or donations. They offer building materials, appliances, cabinets, furniture, flooring, plumbing, lighting and more. To learn more visit <http://betterfuturesminnesota.com/> and <https://restore.tchabitat.org/shop>

New Prospect Park “office hour” Location. After enjoying months of meeting at Espresso Expose at 600 Washington for regular “office hours” in the ward, I was sorry to see it close in September as part of the sale and future redevelopment at the property. Starting in October I will hold my “Prospect Park Office Hours” at T Rex Cookie Café at **3338 University Ave SE**. Provided there are not unavoidable scheduling conflicts, I will be there every 3rd Thursday from 9:30 – 11:00am.

Electric Steel Elevators. I was disappointed to learn that city staff failed to report back to the City’s Historic Preservation Commission with the historic designation study on the Electric Steel elevators within the legal 12 month timeframe. Since the study was first ordered, the University of Minnesota purchased the elevators, but it was my expectation that the matter would still continue through the City process. This included the study that was never finished, and, because it wasn’t, the interim protections that prevented demolition expired September 12. Without the study being completed, without an extension, and without the opportunity for the city Council to consider historic designation, I believe that the University can now re-apply for a demolition permit and it will be considered administratively, without needing Council approval or any further historic review. The “official” city explanation for this is that “there were not enough resources to do so.” I am also concerned that there was lack of staff oversight due, in part, to staff changes and to the fact that the matter was not a higher priority for the department. It is the University’s position (not shared by the City Attorney’s office) that the University does not need to apply for land use approvals for this project because they, not the city, have authority over construction on university property. So, they have taken the matter to the Board of Regents and on September 8, the University administration presented their recommendation to demolish the Electric Steel Elevator buildings to them. The University’s historic review that was shared with the State Historic Preservation Office can be found at <http://z.umn.edu/ese2016>. It is my understanding that the University wants to tear down the elevators to relocate a sports bubble and field to serve Twin Cities campus students in intramural athletics. The University is accepting comments on the proposed demolition via email to cppm@umn.edu. Approval of the demolition will be on the agenda for Board action at the meeting October 13 – 14. You can see what the Regents reviewed in September here: https://regents.umn.edu/sites/regents.umn.edu/files/docket/fac_-_sep_2016_1.pdf

New French Bakery Addition. The City has approved the site plan review to allow for an addition to at the New French Bakery at 828 Kasota Ave SE. As part of the project there will improvements made to landscaping and lighting on the property including additional shrubs and hedging to help screen the parking lot and proposed loading area. I see this addition as another great example of the resurgence of local food manufacturing in our local economy.

1501 Como Ave SE S. The City Planning Commission has approved the staff recommendations for the construction of the new 30 unit apartment building at 15th and Como. This includes a conditional use permit to increase the maximum allowed height of a building from 2.5 stories to 3 stories; a variance to reduce the minimum front yard requirement adjacent to the 15th Ave SE from 15 feet to 0 feet provided the first floor building wall shall be set back at least 6 feet from the front lot line; a variance to reduce the minimum interior side yard requirement adjacent to the north lot line from 9 feet to 6 feet; a variance to reduce the minimum rear yard requirement adjacent to the east lot line from 5 feet to 0 feet to allow for a transformer, provided that the transformer is decoratively wrapped, that there is landscaping to increase screening from Como Ave. and that the applicant explores locating the transformer further from Como Ave.; a variance to reduce the minimum parking requirement from 15 spaces to 12 spaces as long as there are at least 39 bicycle parking spaces. The building owner was also strongly encouraged to incorporate a small-scale commercial tenant space on the ground floor as supported by the comprehensive plan and the small area plan. You can find more info at http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/www/groups/public/@cped/documents/webcontent/wcms_p-186508.pdf

Open Office Hours in the Ward. I usually hold open “Office Hours” in the ward every Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Please feel free to call the office at 673-2202 to reserve some time when I will be there or just stop by.

First Thursdays at the Oren Gateway Center, Nabo Café, 2211 Riverside Avenue;

Second Thursdays at Black: Coffee and Waffles, 1500 Como Ave SE;

Third Thursdays at (NEW LOCATION) T Rex Cookie Café, 3338 University Ave SE;

Fourth Thursdays at Blue Moon Coffee Café, 3822 E Lake St.

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