



Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to Prospect Park, 6-27-16

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Items:

- 1) 1904 Franklin Ave SE
- 2) Glendale
- 3) Paid Sick and Safe Time Ordinance Adopted
- 4) Complete Street Ordinance Adopted
- 5) New Public Works Director Nominated
- 6) Intentional Community Ordinance
- 7) Minneapolis Chosen as a Resilient City
- 8) Blueprint for Equitable Engagement
- 9) External Audit of NCR
- 10) Clean Energy Partnership Annual Report
- 11) Openings on Boards and Commissions

- 1) The Zoning Board of Adjustment has voted to approve all of the variances needed to construct an off-street parking space for the Wexler family at 1904 Franklin Ave SE. This off-street parking was necessitated by the traffic calming and bike lanes being installed on Franklin. I was glad to see this outcome, and wish the Wexlers luck with this project.
- 2) Glendale
- 3) The Council has taken a major step for social justice by unanimously passing a strong earned sick and safe time ordinance. With this ordinance, all Minneapolis businesses with more than six employees will be required to give their employees access to paid sick time off, at (at least) a minimum accrual rate of 1 hour for every 30 hours worked with a maximum required accrual of 48 hours of paid sick time in a calendar year. This is one of four reforms that low wage workers and worker advocates have been urging the City to adopt. Not yet done: ensuring that all employees have fair and predictable schedules, getting the City to prevent wage theft and adopting a true minimum living wage for our city. I think that in crafting and passing this ordinance we have proved that the Council, and the larger city-community, can work together and find compromise solutions, even to large, complex issues on which the City has not historically acted. We were able to do this because, as time passed, more and more businesses (small and not so small) stepped forward to lock arms with low wage workers, labor leaders and other advocates for economic justice to find a way to make our economic system in Minneapolis work for all of us. Special thanks goes to everyone who participated in the Workplace Partnership group whose near consensus recommendations formed the basis for what the Council approved.
- 4) The Council has unanimously adopted a nation-leading Complete Streets policy. This policy clearly sets our priorities for our streets: people walking first, followed by people biking and taking transit, and finally people driving. And this policy will impact all aspects of all transportation-related projects, from planning to design to construction and maintenance. I want to thank Public Works staff, especially project coordinator Nathan Koster, for their great work bringing this forward. You can read the policy here: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/webcontent/wcmssp-179778.pdf>.

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- 5) Mayor Betsy Hodges has sent forward, and the City's Executive Committee has formally nominated, Robin Hutcheson to be the next Public Works Director of Minneapolis. I've heard a lot of good things about the appointee, Robin Hutcheson, who currently serves as the director of the Transportation Planning Division for Salt Lake City. It appears that she brings the right balance of administrative experience and vision for truly 21st-Century infrastructure that will allow our city to become even greener, healthier, safer and more equitable. I want to thank the mayor for this forward-looking appointment, and to the team of City staff and policymakers who helped vet all of the candidates for this critical job, including Council Members Reich, Bender and Palmisano. I also want to thank the group of engaged, passionate residents who organized to make exactly this sort of pick possible. I look forward to learning more about Robin and meeting with her in the days ahead, but right now feel confident that this is a good choice and that this is a major opportunity to make our city better.
- 6) We held our first committee meeting to discuss my proposed Intentional Community ordinance on Tuesday, May 31, at the Central Library and will be hosting another one at Van Cleve Park **on June 30, 7-9pm** in the multipurpose room. The meeting will include a presentation and plenty of time for questions. If it would be helpful for me to hold or attend a meeting in your neighborhood about this ordinance proposal, I am happy to do so. Please email Nancy in my office at nancy.olsen@minneapolismn.gov with a date, time and location, or call my office at 673-2202. The proposal has been written about in the press 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>.
- 7) In May, 100 Resilient Cities (or 100RC) – pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation – selected Minneapolis to join the 100RC Network to build urban resilience. As a member of 100RC, Minneapolis will gain access to tools, funding, technical expertise, and other resources as part of an international group of cities preparing to face future challenges. Minneapolis was chosen from more than 325 applicants. 100RC helps cities around the world become more resilient to social, economic, and physical challenges and provides funding for a “Chief Resilience Officer” who will lead the resilience efforts.
- 8) In May the Council adopted the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement. The Blueprint is the result of two years of work by the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department and the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission. It provides a guide for how we can foster more equitable, inclusive and effective civic participation. It focuses on city departments and staff, community organizations, neighborhood associations and on the city's boards and commissions. It adopts the spectrum of public participation developed by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) and emphasizes the importance of identifying the purpose of participation along the 5 point continuum: inform, consult, involve, collaborate and empower. You can read the full adopted plan here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/webcontent/wcmstp-180151.pdf>.
- 9) The external evaluation of the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department, initiated as part of last year's budget, is now complete and will come before the Health Environment and Community Engagement Committee on July 11. Biko Associates, Inc. completed the evaluation of progress made toward meeting expectations established in the City's Framework for the Future. It highlights areas where NCR has experienced success, identifies areas where opportunity still exists and recommends improvements. You can review the evaluation here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@citycoordinator/documents/webcontent/wcmstp-180513.pdf>
- 10) On June 3rd the Clean Energy Partnership adopted and approved publishing its first annual report, and a full presentation was made to the Health Environment and Community Engagement Committee on June 6th. The report not only reviews the first year of work of the Partnership that was mostly focused on establishing the advisory committee, metrics of success and work plan, but the report also compiles an unprecedented amount of information about energy use and the program offerings of the utilities down to the census tract. To see the report, go here: https://cleanenergypartnership.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/cepannualreport2016_full_20160525_finalsecure.pdf.
- 11) Visit the City's website for a [full list of appointment opportunities](#) and position descriptions for City boards and commissions. Appointments to boards and commissions are made twice a year — in the spring and fall. This streamlined appointment process makes it easier for folks to learn about volunteer opportunities, ensures a more open and understandable process for residents and staff, and increases the diversity of the applicant pool.