

Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to Prospect Park, 4-24-17

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Items:

- 1) Waste Tires
- 2) Public Meeting on Capital Projects
- 3) Spring Street Sweep Alert
- 4) Weatherization at Glendale
- 5) Malcolm Yards Development
- 6) State Grab to Take Away Local Control
- 7) Neighborhoods 2020 Cafes
- 8) Short-Term Food Ordinance
- 9) Concerns at Adult Entertainment Venues
- 10) Openings on Boards and Commissions

- 1) Both the City Council and the Park and Recreation Board passed resolutions related to the use of waste tires on playgrounds and athletic fields. The Park Board's resolution was drafted in response to the City Council resolution that highlighted health and environmental concerns, following a report presented by Play It Safe Minnesota. The Park Board resolution commits them to consider alternative materials in new and rehabilitated synthetic turf fields; to report to the Health, Environment, and Community Engagement Committee of the City Council during athletic field project scoping; to research alternatives to poured-in-place playground surfacing; and to install health and safety information signs at all their synthetic athletic fields. The Council resolution prohibits the use of City funds for the installation or replacement of any facilities using waste tire and encourages others to discontinue the use of waste tire materials in Minneapolis. In Minneapolis, the School and Park Boards are considered independent boards and the city resolution falls short of prohibit the use by private and other public entities You can find the resolution and more information on the park Board resolution here <http://minneapolisparksmn.igm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=1685&Inline=True>, and the City action here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/legislation/WCMSP-194284>. I view this as an important step in the direction of protecting our environment and our kids.
- 2) The City's Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee (CLIC) is hosting two information sessions where public comments will be taken regarding the upcoming capital improvement projects for next year. Participants will be able to review and comment on project proposals and give feedback to CLIC members on **Tuesday May 2nd** from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 Second St. NE; and **Wednesday May 3rd** from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Sabathani Center, Room J-3rd Floor, 310 East 38th Street. The CLIC report is an annual report that recommends to the Mayor and City Council a portion of the capital improvement projects requested by departments, boards and commissions for the upcoming five-year period. You can find more information here <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/finance/reports/WCMS1Q-068780>.
- 3) The Health Environment and Community Engagement Committee has recommended approval of the ordinance amendment to the Food Code that I am coauthoring with Council Member Palmisano streamlining our short-term and seasonal short-term food permits and public market and municipal market regulations. You can learn more here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/legislation/WCMSP-194568>.

- 4) I was glad to learn that Sustainable Resource Center, Centerpoint and the MPHA are finally moving forward with plans to weatherize townhomes at the Glendale Townhomes. While this has taken much longer than I had hoped, I'm proud to have put SRC and MPHA together to have a conversation about weatherization. I'm hoping that this project will help improve the comfort for Glendale residents next winter, improve energy efficiency, and help indicate the willingness of MPHA to work with partners to improve Glendale residents' lives.
- 5) The proposal to change the comprehensive plan for the area bounded by Malcolm, the University Transitway, the 29th Ave SE corridor and a line roughly parallel to the United Crushers silos has come before the Minneapolis Planning Commission this afternoon. The proposal is to remove this 9.4 acre piece of land from the Industrial Employment District and change it from Industrial to Transitional Industrial on the long-term land use map. The City's Long-Range Planning staff are recommending denial of this proposal. I know that the development team has come together with the Prospect Park community in a Memorandum of Understanding that has achieved neighborhood support for this plan in light of a host of improvements that the developer plans to make, including a new greenspace to connect to the planned greenspace across the Transitway, preservation and reuse of the historic Harris building, and more. I look forward to seeing what the Planning Commission does with this proposal and will follow it closely as it comes through the Council.
- 6) From **April 11 to May 5**, sweeping crews will be cleaning our streets. Make sure to follow street sweeping parking rules or you may have your car ticketed and towed to the Minneapolis Impound Lot. In addition to the "No Parking" signs that will be posted the day before sweepers come through, the City will make about 3,500 automated phone calls each evening to let residents know their streets will be swept the next day. You can find out when the crews will be in your neighborhood (on or after April 7), if you go to www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping and click on "street sweeping schedule lookup." The weekend before that week, you can revisit the website to find out which day of the week your street is scheduled.
- 7) There appear to be an unprecedented number of bills this year at the state legislature that interfere in local control, and that would affect every city in Minnesota. If you support Minneapolis' ordinances on topics ranging from earned sick and safe time to wages to bags, or just the principal of allowing local jurisdictions to have the authority to regulate and manage such things, **please call the Governor at (651) 201-3400**, and your representatives to let them know you oppose these bills.
- 8) The Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) is helping convene a series of community dialogues with and about neighborhood organizations in Minneapolis. Each event will discuss the following: What services, opportunities and information should neighborhood organizations provide? What are characteristics of an effective neighborhood organization? How can neighborhood organizations empower engagement? The dialogues are a next step in developing recommendations for the Minneapolis City Council on the future work of neighborhood organizations. Please consider being part of the conversations: - **Tuesday April 25th** - 5:30pm to 8:30pm Plymouth Congregational Church - 1900 Nicollet Ave. So.; North - **Saturday April 29th** - 10:00am to 2:00pm North West Corner of Penn and Lowry (Outdoors under tent); East - **Wednesday May 3rd** - 5:30pm to 8:00pm NE Minneapolis Armory - 1025 Broadway St NE 55413; South - **Thursday May 4th** - 5:30pm to 8:30pm Abubakar-As-Saddique Islamic Center - 2824 13th Ave So.; Southwest - **Monday May 8th** - 6:00pm to 8:00pm Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park - 4055 Nicollet Ave So.; For more information and to register for the events, see the Neighborhoods 2020 webpage at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/WCMSP192856?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=
- 9) In March the Health, Environment and Community Engagement committee received two disturbing reports about conditions in establishments with adult entertainment licenses. Following complaints about the cleanliness at some of the establishments, the Health Department found potentially infectious material in 11 of 14 establishments and ordered them to be cleaned up. Later, the committee received a presentation from Dr. Lauren Martin, with the University of Minnesota, about working conditions in these establishments. The report surfaced several concerns at these establishments, including sexual assault, lack of training and health standards, and offered recommendations for further action by the City Council. At the next Council meeting, I will be introducing ordinance amendments to try to put these recommendations into effect with my colleague Linea Palmisano. You can read the report here: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/webcontent/wcmSP-196389.pdf>
- 10) Visit the City's website, <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm> for a full list of appointment opportunities and position descriptions for City boards and commissions.