

Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to Prospect Park, 3-26-18

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Items:

- 1) Comprehensive Plan Draft
 - 2) Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap
 - 3) State Legislature to Void Local Environmental Laws
 - 4) Department Head Reappointments
 - 5) Fresh Thyme Liquor Store License
 - 6) Pro Soccer Games at U of M Stadium
 - 7) Extend the Greenway Campaign
 - 8) 2018 Seasonal Election Staff Positions.
 - 9) Conduct on Premises Ordinance
 - 10) Openings on Boards and Commissions
- 1) A detailed electronic draft of the City's Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan was released on March 22. This starts a phase of extensive review and community engagement that will likely lead to further changes in the plan before a final draft is presented to the Council for consideration and approval in December. Please take some time to review the draft here <https://www.minneapolis2040.com/> and share your feedback with me and others. To help me better share the plan, gather feedback and understand your viewpoints, I will be convening a Ward 2 community meeting on the draft plan on the evening of **April 26** at St. Francis Cabrini Church at 1500 E Franklin Ave.
- 2) The City is seeking feedback on a draft plan called the Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap, through April 30th. The Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) will hold an open forum on this on Tuesday, March 27th from 5:00-7:00pm at the Minneapolis Central Library, Doty Board Room, 300 Nicollet Mall. The plan presents three different approaches to neighborhood funding, programming and support services in preparation for an end to the City's current funding scheme that has been supporting community engagement and neighborhood organization work for decades. This scheme, which used revenues from a special Consolidated Taxing District created by the city and authorized by the state legislature, will continue to provide funds for this work through December 31, 2020 subject to annual City Council budget approval. New funding is proposed to start January 1, 2021. After a community engagement process that concludes in April, recommendations to the city council will be developed and potentially considered by the Council in November 2018. You can find the report at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@ncr/documents/webcontent/wcmsp-208855.pdf>. You can sign up for updates at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/2020>. Comments can be submitted to NCR@minneapolismn.gov.

- 3) The state legislature is poised pass a law that would preempt and revoke our local authority to enforce and pass laws regulating waste and packaging in Minneapolis. This would nullify our popular and successful “green to go” food container ordinance that did so much to reduce the amount toxic polystyrene being burned at the downtown garbage burner. I invite and encourage people to join me in calling on the Governor and our Representatives to oppose this and other preemption bills, including HF 3606 that would prohibit the ability of local governments to enact rules regarding the management of packaging waste and would prohibit the usage of fees on carry out bags, and requiring sustainable to-go food containers. This retroactive bill would undo ordinances that have already passed in city governments like Minneapolis and St. Louis Park and preempt all Minnesota cities from passing their own ordinances on any single-use bag fee and recyclable or compostable to go food containers. This a step backwards for democracy as well as for the environment and human health. On Wednesday, March 28 the MN House of Representatives committee Government Operations and Elections Policy will hear the bill HF 3606. Governor Dayton can be reached at 651-201-3400, and 800-657-3717
- 4) The Council is in the process of considering appointments or reappointments of the directors for our major departments: Assessor, Coordinator, Civil Rights, Community Planning and Economic Development, Fire, Health, Public Works, Attorney, and Regulatory Services. So far the Mayor has nominated the Executive Committee has recommended 5 people for appointment of reappointment: David Frank for Community Planning and Economic Development, Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde for Coordinator, Patrick Todd for Assessor, Robin Hutcheson for Director of Public Works and Susan Segal for City Attorney. The Assessor and Public Works appointments we approved with my support by the Council on March 9th. On March 23rd, we approved the Coordinator appointment, and with me as the lone dissenting vote, the Council also approved the reappointment of the City Attorney.
- 5) The new grocery store, Fresh Thyme, has been approved to receive a license to operate a liquor store at its new store at 26 30th Ave SE. Their plan is to sell local craft beers, a variety of hand-picked wines, and other liquor offerings, and ice, fruits, and vegetables, and other cocktail incidentals. The hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Monday-Saturday, and Sunday’s from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. They will have a strict policy of carding all patrons who wish to purchase alcoholic beverages. They will not serve anyone who appears to be intoxicated. They will have security cameras inside and outside of the business.
- 6) Minnesota United is returning to TCF Stadium for the 2018 MLS Season beginning March 17, March 17th at 1:00pm. Once again Surly is the Minnesota United’s official pre-match party partner. Each home game fans will gather at Surly and walk to each game approximately 50 minutes prior to kick off. A schedule can be found at <https://www.mnufc.com/schedule>
- 7) There will be a public kickoff for the Extend the Greenway Campaign on **Thursday, April 5**, from 5:30 - 7:30, at Anne Sullivan community school on the Greenway (3100 E 28th St, Minneapolis, MN 55406). The purpose of the campaign is to extend the Midtown Greenway over the Mississippi River and through Saint Paul. For more information, contact Soren Jensen at Soren@midtowngreenway.org
- 8) The City is planning to hire around 50 individuals to support the administration of the election this year. Work may begin as early as May and run through the November 6 General Election. From March 16 – March 30 applications will be taken for one Warehouse Supervisor, and 2 Assistant Election Judge Schedulers. From April 16 – April 30 applications will be taken for a Poll Book Supervisor. From April 23 – May 7 openings will be posted for 6 Absentee Voting Supervisors, 2 Assistant Election Judge Trainer, 4 Warehouse Staff; and from May 4 – May 18 for 34 Absentee Voting Election Support Specialist. When available, job postings can be found at <http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/judges/seasonal>
- 9) In response to the concerns about evictions, Council Members Cunningham, Ellison and I have begun the work of amending our Conduct on Premises ordinance. We want to ensure that it is effective in helping landlords manage tenant behavior but not force, or even encourage evictions, when they are not necessary or justified.
- 10) A number of board and commission positions are open for City Council and mayor appointments this fall. Visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm> for more information and to apply.