

## Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to the Southeast Como Neighborhood October 2, 2018

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**Cam's Next Como Office Hours:  
Monday, October 8, 9:30-11:00am  
Black: Coffee and Waffles, 1500 Como Ave SE**

- 1) Minneapolis 2040
- 2) 2019 Budget Process
- 3) Street Sweeping
- 4) 4d Affordable Housing Incentive Program
- 5) University Child Care Center
- 6) Conduct on Premises
- 7) Grand Rounds
- 8) Openings on Boards and Commissions

- 1) The Long Range Planning Division has released its final draft of the new Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The plan will now move forward first to the Planning Commission and then to the City Council for amendments and final approval by the City, before it is submitted for review and adoption to the Metropolitan Council. There will be Public Hearing at the Planning Commission on October 29 followed by 2 Council meetings in November, for a public hearing and to consider amendments (tentatively set for the 13th and 15th) and a final vote in December (probably the 7th). The new draft attempts addresses some of the concerns about increased density in residential neighborhoods and about building heights along main high-frequency transit corridors. In the weeks ahead I will be considering and drafting additional possible changes. I welcome your feedback. Comments can be sent directly to me but should also be submitted to the Planning Commission and City Council online at [www.minneapolis2040.com](http://www.minneapolis2040.com). In the days ahead I will be making hard copies of the plan available for review at Ward 2 libraries and parks and will be hosting a Ward 2 2040 Comprehensive Plan meeting on October 15, 7:00pm at Bracket Park, 2728 39th Ave. So. For more visit <https://minneapolis2040.com/>
- 2) The Council is now deliberating on the Mayor's proposed 2019 budget of \$1.6 billion, which is \$139.1 million (or 9.8%) more than this year's budget. This includes an increase of 5.63% in the property tax levy, raising the total amount levied by \$18.7 million, to \$349.9 million in 2019. This levy increase will not mean a tax increase for everyone because the total tax base increased by more than 10%. The budget is available online at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/budget/>. You can see the full calendar at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/budget/budget-calendar> and make comments online at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/budget/budget-comments>. The times for public comment before the City Council will be on November 1 at 9:00 am, November 28 at 6:05 pm; and, the final Public Hearing before the Council on December 5 at 6:05 pm. All the budget meetings and hearings will take place in the City Council Chambers, room 317, in City Hall, 350 So 5th Street.
- 3) The City will begin curb-to-curb sweeping and leaf collection on streets throughout the city on **Tuesday, Oct. 23**. To make sure crews 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. The first signs will be posted Monday, Oct.

22, and sweeping will begin the next day. Anyone who parks on the street will need to follow posted parking rules or their cars may be ticketed and towed. Folks can use a feature on the City's website to find out when the sweepers are coming through their neighborhoods. The tool will be available at [www.minneapolismn.gov/streetsweeping](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/streetsweeping) soon. The fall street sweep takes four weeks, and visitors to the website will be able to find out which week their street is scheduled to be swept. Then, on the weekend before each of the four weeks, the schedule for the upcoming week will be broken down to show which day of the week streets are scheduled to be swept.

- 4) The City is seeking public comment on updates to guidelines for the our new 4d Affordable Housing Incentive Program that is intended to preserve affordability, reduce energy use and enhance healthy homes to support tenants and save money for property owners. The new program will build on the success of the City's 4d pilot program, I supported that has helped preserve 207 units of affordable housing. Qualified building owners who agree to keep a minimum of 20% of units per building affordable to households making 60% of Area Median Income (AMI), for ten years, will receive: 40% property tax reduction on qualifying units (Low Income Rental Classification, also known as "4d property tax classification"). The proposed program guidelines are available <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/housing/WCMSP-214366> I am glad to see that the minimum building size has been lowered from 10 to of 2 units. Al, that we can deny applications if the owner or property manager owns or manages any properties with Tier 3 rental licenses, or if other properties have rental housing license revocations or outstanding housing orders. Comments are due no later than Sunday, October 21, 2018 and should be addressed to the attention of Dean Porter-Nelson, Housing Stability Specialist, Minneapolis CPED: dean.porter-nelson@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-5237.
- 5) I was relieved to learn that plans to close the University Child Care facility are no longer being considered and that the Univarsity has taken the recommendations of a Twin Cities campus-wide advisory committee on child care options for faculty, staff, and students. The report can be found at [https://provost.umn.edu/sites/provost.umn.edu/files/provosts\\_child\\_care\\_advisory\\_committee\\_final\\_report\\_2018.pdf](https://provost.umn.edu/sites/provost.umn.edu/files/provosts_child_care_advisory_committee_final_report_2018.pdf) I agree with its assessment that access to high-quality child care is critically important to success of the institution and the well being of its faculty, staff and students. I commend President Kalor and Vice President Hanson for responding with a commitment to "expand child care to serve more campus families; to prioritize ongoing investments of University resources in programs advancing our mission of teaching, research, and outreach; and to minimize disruption for children, parents, staff, and teachers of existing programs."
- 6) Following complaints from some landlords and a disturbing report on evictions from the City's Innovation Team, I started working with Councilmembers Ellison and Cunningham on Conduct on Licensed Premises Ordinance amendments. Our goal is to provide clarity and consistency to both landlords and tenants. We will sharing this work on Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> from 530p to 730p at UROC University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center at 2001 Plymouth Ave N, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411C an exhibition style engagement session. You can also attend the full presentation and public comment on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 130 pm at City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor council chambers. If you cannot attend either event, please send comments to [councilcomment@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:councilcomment@minneapolismn.gov)
- 7) The Metropolitan Council has released an update to its 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan. Of particular interest to me is the Grand Round Missing link that would help connect Ward 2 neighborhoods to the River and the entire system of the Grand Rounds. For regional trails to be eligible for Met Council funding for acquisition and development, the Council must first approve a master plan for them. There are 48 proposed regional trails without approved master plans. The only Minneapolis Regional Trail proposed without an approved master plan is the 3.5-mile-long Grand Rounds Missing Link. I submitted comments calling for the Council to approve a master plan (that the Minneapolis Park Board will first need to submit to them) and funding for this critical piece of infrastructure. For more information see <https://metro council.org/News-Events/Parks/Parks-News-Articles/2040-REGIONAL-PARKS-POLICY-PLAN-UPDATE-RELEASED-FO.aspx>
- 8) A number of board and commission positions are open for City Council and mayor appointments. Visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm> for more information and to apply.