

## Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to Prospect Park, 12-10-18

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where each of us has the  
freedom and opportunity to  
reach our individual potentials  
while caring for one another,  
improving our environment  
and promoting social well-  
being.*

*Focused not only on our  
immediate needs, but also on  
the future we want for  
ourselves, our children and for  
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### Items:

- 1) 2040 Comp Plan Approved
  - 2) Community Connections Conference
  - 3) Comp Plan Next Steps
  - 4) 2019 Budget Approved
  - 5) Municipal ID
  - 6) Malcolm Yards Phase One
  - 7) Openings on Boards and Commissions
- 1) After making over 100 amendments to it, the Council approved a new comprehensive plan on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. I believe that as amended the plan offers a promising path forward to help us prepare thoughtfully for the upcoming population growth while preserving what is best about our communities, reducing racial and economic disparities, and addressing climate change. All but one of the amendments I offered were adopted and incorporated in the approved plan. This includes 6 land use/built form map amendments, 4 new policies and 24 of the 25 smaller amendments to existing policies. Four of my more significant amendments added policies to the plan. One creates an Innovation District policy, one a Freeway Mitigation, another added a new policy on the University District, calling it out in a similar way to the way that downtown is called out, and the fourth reiterates the City's ongoing support for geographically based neighborhood planning and organizations. I also brought forward several amendments that will increase renewable energy, energy efficiency, and affordable housing. One amendment on historic preservation recommended by the Prospect Park Association was to Policy 94, Historic Preservations Regulation. It creates a new action step to "Explore and develop proactive strategies (such as a Scenic Resources Protection Plan) to conserve view corridors associated with major historic landmarks." Several of the map land use amendments we located in Prospect Park. Two changed the proposed built form on 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE and on the north side of University between Bedford and Malcolm from Transit 10 to Interior 2 and Corridor 4, respectively; another changed two parcels from Interior 3 to Transit 10 near 29th and University; and one changed two parcels at SEMI Malcolm North of U of M transitway map amendment these two parcels from Production and Processing to Production Mixed Use. You can find more information, all of the amendments, and a final draft of the approved plan at: <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/File/2018-00770>.
- 2) The 2019 Community Connections Conference will be on **Saturday, February 2, 2019** in the Minneapolis Convention Center, lower level, in Hall A. This year's theme will be Together: Mobilizing for a Better Minneapolis, a call to action for residents, neighborhoods, and diverse communities to influence the decisions that impact their lives. The conference brings together neighborhoods, communities, residents and local government in an inclusive, creative space to make connections and build capacity during a day of interactive exhibits, workshops, round tables and an opening panel.

- 3) Now that the comprehensive plan is approved it will be forwarded to neighboring jurisdictions for and comments and, by December 31, to the Metropolitan Council for their review. The Met Council will have 120 days to review, require modifications to be made and/or approve the plan. Once approved by the Met Council the work of implementing the plan will fall to the City Council. The Metropolitan Council stipulates that the city is to amend any official controls that conflict with the approved plan within 9 months. In the months ahead, I will begin working to implement the strategies most aligned with the goals I share to meet the present and future needs of the people of Minneapolis and Ward 2. At the same time, I will work to put in place policies, regulations, and resources to help manage the growth and development called out in the plan in a way that provides real community benefits to the people in Minneapolis and protects what we appreciate most about our neighborhoods and city. I thank everyone who has shared feedback so far. I share some of the fears I heard and understand that people are worried about how market forces may lead to undesirable consequences. I will work to use our legal authority and create the tools we need to safe guard against these. I have also share a great deal of the optimism and hope I heard about the plan and the support for many of the strategies and changes it outlines. I am confident that we can find a balance in the careful implementation we will pursue in the months that follow. It will be a balance that will both protect us from seeing the worst fears we have heard from many opposed to the plan and push us to realize the highest hopes we have heard from those supporting it
- 4) The Council has approved a 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. The most significant change in this budget is the affordable housing investment of more than \$50 million (\$40 million in local sources) to create more affordable housing, preserve existing affordable housing, stand up for tenants' rights and promote affordable homeownership. I worked on several budget amendments that all passed that I would like to note here. First, I successfully moved to kept two health inspectors who would have been laid off. Second, I worked on a larger Public Safety amendment that expanded funding for co-responders so that teams can be deployed in all precincts, funded an additional civilian investigator to investigate Police misconduct complaints in the Civil Rights Department and provided money for Youth Outreach Workers to help serve the Cedar Riverside and Seward Areas. I also successfully added provisions in our 5-year budget plan to tentatively set aside funds for neighborhood organizations in our approved the 5-year funding projections. While funding will be stable for 2019, as the Tax Increment District is set to end in 2021, I think it is important for ongoing funding to be noted in our 5-year projections. I was also able to secure \$40,000 to support implementation of our Children's Saving Account program that should be up and running in 2020.
- 5) The Council has approved a new Municipal Identification Program ordinance. I have advocated for this for years to address the problems people have getting proper forms of identification due to their experience with housing instability, gender identity, age, student status or immigration status. This program will help people open bank accounts, be admitted to a hospital, obtain prescription drugs, register children for school, file a police report and have an identification with their preferred gender identity. Over 20 US cities or counties, including Detroit and Milwaukee, have utilized their Municipal ID programs. I am hopeful that the ID will also be used as a Metro Transit card, bike sharing card and library card to make it a useful tool for all Minneapolis residents.
- 6) Wall Companies, the project team is bringing forward the Malcolm Yards Phase One project for approval early next year. The area to be developed is north of the U of M Transitway, west of Malcolm Ave SE and east of 29th Ave SE. This proposal includes a food hall within the old Harris building, a new mixed-use building consisting of 143 market rate apartments and 31,000 square feet of commercial space with underground parking, and a 142-unit affordable apartment building with underground parking. The site plan also dedicates a northerly extension of 30th Ave SE, creates a large public greenway and adds many pedestrian and vehicular access routes within and through the site.
- 7) Several 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.