

**News from Cam Gordon  
Council Member, Second Ward  
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**Reminder: Election Day is November 3.** Please remember to vote in the municipal election on Tuesday, November 3. If you need to find your polling place, go here: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections/precinct-finder.asp>. And if you'd like to see a sample ballot, go here: <http://voteminneapolis.org/>.

**Vote NO on Charter Amendment 168.** I encourage you to join me in voting NO on the proposed amendment to abolish the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET). This board plays a vital role in balancing the financial relationship between the City and the independent Park Board. It strengthens our democracy by including two members elected city-wide to our City government who can assist the City Council, Mayor, and Park Board in crafting and guiding financial policy. It creates a formalized space in which the City and the Park Board can negotiate about budgets, bonding and tax levies and is an excellent place to initiate and review audits of the City's finances. As we begin the constructive discussion next year about how to improve the ways that the City Council works with the Park Board, we should do so with the BET in place and ready to be reformed and more fully utilized to help make our City government more responsive, accountable, transparent and fiscally prudent.

**Reminder: Public Health Appointee Needed.** My office has begun receiving applications and letters of interest from potential Public Health Advisory Committee appointees. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering on this important City advisory body, please apply by November 30<sup>th</sup>. I will make an appointment in December.

**Parking Near U Stadium.** Last month, I convened a lively and productive meeting between City staff and businesses near the University Stadium about the commercial parking situation. I have committed to working with business owners, the neighborhood, and staff to find a solution that will allow some limited amount of game day parking without incentivizing auto-oriented uses more broadly on University Ave.

**Solar on Convention Center.** The Council has issued a Request of Proposals for solar development and solar services at the Minneapolis Convention Center. This is the culmination of months of effort on the part of our Property Services staff to get out of the original agreement with EyeOn Energy, after they made clear that they did not have the capacity to complete this project. I'm excited to be moving forward, and hope that we get some high-quality proposals from experienced solar installers.

**Public Hearing on Sporty's Pub.** Sporty's Pub has been authorized, via special legislation, to apply for a Class "D" liquor license. The public hearing on their application will be held on **Thursday, November 5, at 6:30pm** at Van Cleve Park, 901 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. The Class "D" License permits non-amplified music by one musician, live solo comedians, customer singing, ethnic dance in full costume, radio, television, juke box or prerecorded music. Entertainment is not allowed in the outdoor area. If you can't attend the public hearing, but would like to submit comments, please email them to Michele Olds at [michele.olds@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:michele.olds@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

**Public Hearing on Profile Music Center.** The Profile Center has applied for a Rental Hall license, to replace their existing Place of Entertainment license. This is a positive move from the neighborhood's perspective, as the Rental Hall license will not allow the sorts of events that have resulted in fights and other behavioral issues, culminating in a homicide this summer. The public hearing will be on **Monday, November 16, at 6:30pm**, at Luxton Park Recreation Center, 112 Williams Ave SE. If you can't attend the public hearing, but would like to submit comments, please email them to Michele Olds at [michele.olds@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:michele.olds@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

**Seward Annual Meeting.** Seward residents, please join me at the Seward Neighborhood Group's Annual Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 6-8pm at Matthews Center. There will be a potluck, silent auction, and election of directors for the Board. Hope to see you there!

**Southeast Como Annual Meeting.** Southeast Como residents, please join me at the Southeast Como Improvement Association's Annual Meeting: Wednesday, November 4 from 6:30-9pm at Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Ave SE. There will be door prizes, free refreshments, and elections to the Board of Directors. Hope to see you there!

**West Bank Community Coalition Annual Meeting.** West Bank, Cedar Riverside residents, are invited to join me on November 18 for the Coalitions Annual meeting starting at 6 pm at the Brian Coyle Center, 420 15<sup>th</sup> Ave So. The meeting will include reports from committees, votes on by law changes and election of new board members.

**2600 Minnehaha.** The Council has voted to request over \$400,000 from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and Hennepin County's Environmental Remediation Fund to clean up the soil at 2600 Minnehaha. New French Bakery has received the support of the Planning Commission on their plans to expand onto this site. I'm supportive of both this cleanup and the proposed use, which will convert a contaminated, vacant piece of land with great access to many different modes of transportation infrastructure to a local food business providing good paying jobs.

**2010 Budget Hearing.** We are holding a public hearing to gather input that should help us consider amendments to the budget before we approve a final budget on December 7. The **public hearing on the 2010 City budget will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19, 6:05 p.m. at City Hall**, 350 South 5th Street, room 317. You can review the proposed budget at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/city-budget](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/city-budget) .

**Openings on City Boards and Commissions.** There are openings on the Minneapolis Arts Commission (closes 11/6), Civilian Police Review Authority (closes 12/31), Planning Commission (closes 11/13), Public Health Advisory Committee (open until filled), Public Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (closes 10/16), Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (closes 12/11), and Zoning Board of Adjustment (closes 10/16). To apply, call (612) 673-3358 or email [cityclerk@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

Yours, in peace and cooperation,

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