

Second Ward April 2018 E-newsletter

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Ward 2 Community Meeting On 2018 Valuations. Many people in Ward 2 saw significant increases in the assessed value of their homes this year. To help understand and discuss this and its relation to possible property tax increase in the future and other issues, I will be convening a Community Meeting with the City Assessor on Valuations on **Wednesday May 30 from 7 – 9pm at Matthews Park**. For more information on the assessment process see <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/assessor/index.htm> and <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/File/1038/2018%20Local%20Board%20of%20Appeal%20and%20Equalization%20Update.pdf>

Mayor's State of City Address. The Mayor will be giving his first state of the City address on Thursday, **May 24** from 11:30am to 2:00pm at the Lundstrom Performing Arts Center at 1617 North 2nd Street.

Ward 2 Comprehensive Plan Meeting. I am grateful to everyone who participated in our Ward 2 community meeting on the draft of the new comprehensive plan on April 26. It was particularly helpful for me to hear a variety of perspectives and about the different experiences people have had throughout our Ward regarding housing and their hopes and plans for the future.

Minneapolis 2040 Open Houses. You are invited to attend open houses to learn more about the new draft of the City's comprehensive plan. The plan covers topics such as housing, job access, new building designs and street use. Meetings will be held from 10 a.m.-12:30pm Saturday, **May 12** at the Northeast Recreation Center, 1530 Johnson St. NE; from 5:30-8pm Monday, **May 14** at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.; from 5:30-8pm Wednesday, **May 16** at North Commons Recreation Center, 1801 James Ave. N; from 5:30- 8pm Thursday, **May 17** at Dayton Gravidae YMCA, 651 Nicollet Mall #300; and from 5:30-8pm Thursday, **May 31** at the Powderhorn Recreation Center, 3400 15th Ave. S. People can also give their feedback on the website. Comments will be collected through July 22 and taken into consideration to revise the plan before it is considered formally by the Council this fall. Please take some time to review the draft here <https://www.minneapolis2040.com/>.

Community Meetings on Capital Budget Requests. Proposals to build and renovate streets, buildings, bridges, park facilities and other parts of Minneapolis' infrastructure over the coming five years are collected and prioritized every year. Also every year, a special Council appointed community advisory committee, called The Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee (CLIC), reviews these capital budget requests that are submitted by City departments and independent City boards and makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on how those projects

should be prioritized and which ones should be funded. This year the committee is convening two community meetings where people can ask questions, speak in favor of or against proposed projects and/or suggest other ideas. The community meetings will be held 6:30-8pm **Wednesday, May 9**, at the Crown Roller Mill Building, 105 Fifth Ave. S. in the first floor conference room; and, 6:30-8pm **Tuesday, May 15** at the North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave. N., in a second floor meeting room. There will also be an official public hearing, following the community meetings, at 6pm on Thursday, May 24, City Hall, Room 319. Projects submitted to be considered for the funding are available for review as the 2019-2023 Capital Budget Requests at (<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/finance/reports/WCMS1Q-068780>) and here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@finance/documents/webcontent/wcmsp-209957.pdf>

Department Head Reappointments. The Mayor and Council are slowly working through the process of appointing department heads for the next 2 years. In April the Council approved David Frank as the new Director of the Community Planning and Economic Development Department, John Fruetel as Fire Chief and Velma Korbel as Director of the Civil Rights Department. Prior to that, the Council approved the reappointments of Patrick Todd for City Assessor, Robin Hutcheson for Director of Public Works, Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde as City Coordinator and Susan Segal for City Attorney. The Council held a public hearing May 1 to consider the reappointments of Noah Schuchman to the position of Director of Regulatory Services and on May 14 we will do the same for Gretchen Musicant regarding her reappointment as Minneapolis Commissioner of Health.

Race Equity Subcommittee. The Council's new Race Equity Subcommittee met for the first time in April. At the meeting we reviewed the historical context of racial inequity in Minneapolis as well as current and past City efforts to address it. We also approved 13 appointees who will serve on our first ever Racial Equity Community Advisory Committee and assist in developing and implementing a Racial Equity Action plan in the months ahead. Noel Gordon, from Prospect Park, will serve as the Ward 2 appointee to this group. Noel is pursuing a Master's degree in Public Policy and Business Administration at the University of Minnesota. Before moving to Minneapolis, he spent four years in Washington, D.C. serving as a Human Rights Campaign Senior Program Specialist. Earlier this year he helped organize an anti-racist teach-in at the U of M. I am confident he will be a great asset to the work of the Racial Equity Community Advisory Committee. To see the committee report and more visit <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/MarkedAgenda/COW/466>.

Bike Sharing. In April the Council approved amendments to our Bike Sharing ordinance and contract with Nice Ride Minnesota that will allow them to test and phase in a new "dockless" bike sharing model this summer for full implementation next year. This means that they will be allowed to contract with Motivate International Inc. or its affiliate, and be licensed to operate an exclusive bike share program in Minneapolis until August 2021. I worked to ensure that that the service would be available throughout the city and that the ability to rent a bike would not depend on a smart phone application. You can find their business plan at <https://www.niceridemn.org/asset/jymx07/Revised-NRM-Business-Plan-Update043018.pdf>

4d Pilot Program. The Council has approved a new pilot program that will allow some apartment building owners with affordable rents to take advantage of a State provision that offers a reduction in property taxes. The program will provide qualified building owners the financial assistance and documentation needed to file for this status and cover the cost of the application fees. Owners of apartment buildings with 10 or more units who agree to keep at least 20 percent of the units affordable at 60 percent area median rents and incomes for ten years will receive a 40 percent property tax reduction on qualifying units, optional free energy efficiency and healthy homes audits and City subsidy and utility rebates for the cost of energy efficiency and healthy homes improvements. After the pilot I will be working ensure that the program is expanded next year to include properties under 10 units.

Homeownership Center. In April the Council approved extending our contract for 3 years with the Minnesota Homeownership Center to provide homebuyer education, and financial counseling for Minneapolis residents. At the committee we learned that Minneapolis has one of the highest gaps in the country between white households and households of color who own their homes. Recent census data show that 59.3% of those who identified as a white household own a home in Minneapolis while only 23.7% of those who identified as a household of color do. The Homeownership Center, among other things partners with culturally-specific organizations to provide counseling, homebuyer education and financial wellness services to help reduce this disparity. This contract will help ensure that more households living in or seeking to buy a home in Minneapolis have access to standardized, high quality counseling services. For more info check <http://www.hocmn.org/>.

Consolidated Plan. In May, the Council will consider the approval of the 2018 Consolidated Plan Action Plan that serves as an application to the 4 major federal grants. The amounts we expect to be awarded from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are as follows: \$10,248,621 from 2018 Community Development Block Grant; \$940,966 from the Home Investment Partnerships; \$1,243,000 from the Emergency Solutions Grant; and, \$2,030,982 from Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). These funds will be used to accomplish the 4 board goals of the plan: 1) Sustainable, Affordable Housing, 2) Community Economic Development, and 3) Safe, Equitable, Livable Environment. Based on decision made during last year's budget process, the grants will fund the following projects and programs: Adult, Training, Placement and Retention; High Density Corridor Initiative; Multi-Family/Affordable Housing Trust Fund; Great Streets; Vacant and Boarded Building Program; Lead Hazard Reduction; Youth Employment; Build Leaders; Community Crime Prevention Specialists; Way to Grow; Juvenile Supervision Center; Domestic Abuse Project; Civil Rights Compliance/Fair Housing; CPED Planning Department; Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid; Youth Violence Prevention; Housing Discrimination Law Project, Youth Coordinating Board, Access & Outreach, Problem Properties Strategy, HOME Program, Emergency Solutions Grants; and Home Ownership Support & Development. You can find the full 118 page plan at <https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/Download/File/1035/2018%20Consolidated%20Plan.pdf>

2018 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Request for Proposals. In May the Council will consider approving the 2018 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Request For Proposals, Program Policies and Procedures. The AHTF has three funding sources: Local funds, federal Community Development

Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and federal HOME Investment Partnership Program funds. At the Housing Committee meeting staff provided a presentation on the history, timeline, budget, and goals of this program and the committee had a robust discussion about economic integration and using our rating system to encourage more affordable housing in certain areas and less affordable housing in others. For 2018, several, relatively minor, changes are being proposed to the Request for Proposals, Program Policies and Procedures. They can be found at <https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/RCA/2274>.

Neighborhoods 2020. In May, the Neighborhood and Community Relations department will report back at the May 14 meeting of if the Public Health, Environment, Civil Rights and Community Engagement Committee on the community feedback about the Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap and next steps. I expect this to lead the creation of 3 work groups focused on: 1) Community Engagement and City Departments; 2) Roles of the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission and NRP Policy Board; and 3) Neighborhood Organizations.

Spring Street Sweeping. Spring street cleaning began **May 1** and will run for approximately four weeks. Please look for temporary “No Parking” signs posted in advance to make sure streets are clear of parked vehicles. Drivers need to follow street sweeping parking rules or they may have their cars ticketed and towed to the Impound Lot. Please help **remind and warn your family and neighbors**. Moving a car is relatively easy compared to the costs and inconveniences of having it ticketed and towed. Go to www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping and click on “street sweeping schedule lookup” to find out which week a street is scheduled to be swept.

Tobacco 21. The Council will hold a public hearing on **May 14 at 1:30pm** at City Hall to take up an ordinance amendment that would ban the sale of tobacco products (including nicotine vaporizing devices) sales to anyone under 21. I am hopeful that we will be join the 5 other Minnesota cities who have already passed similar legislation.

Renewable Electricity Resolution. The City Council unanimously passed the resolution I coauthored with Council Members Fletcher and Schroeder that commits the City to reaching goals of 100% renewable electricity for Minneapolis. The resolution, started by former Council Member Frey last year, commits us to using 100% renewable electricity for city government uses by 2025, and to reach 100% renewable electricity for the broader community by 2030. This builds on the work of our Climate Action Plan and includes a direction to our Sustainability staff to create an aggressive implementation plan for reaching this goal. For more information visit <https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/File/2018-00410>

Community Solar Garden Subscription. The Council has authorized an increase in the amount of Community Solar Subscriptions we can hold from 12 million to 20 million kWh annually. <https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/File/2018-00404>

Youth Climate Leadership Resolution. The Council has passed a resolution recognizing the leadership and vision of local youth on the issue of climate change and the City's commitment to protect them and future generations from the risks of climate destruction. This was a direct

result of the local youth, several from Ward 2, who helped us commit to getting 100% of our electricity from renewable sources. You can read the resolution here <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/File/1050/Youth%20Climate%20Leadership%20Resolution.pdf>

Lead Remediation and Healthy Homes. I am delighted to report that the City has received federal grant funding of \$2.5 million to use over three years to provide lead remediation and \$400,000 for healthy home services to be provided to at least 190 households. The program will focus on homes built before 1940 in areas historically known for their concentration of rental units, poverty, and reported elevated blood lead levels in children under the age of six.

Food Policy Forum. Please join the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council to discuss local food system priorities Wednesday, **May 23rd** starting at 4:30, with a program running from 5:30-8:00pm at Minneapolis Public Schools Davis Center, 1250 West Broadway Ave, Minneapolis

Free Plants for Pollinators. The City is asking Minneapolis residents to survey the pollinator habitat in their own yards. People who answer 10 questions in the [pollinator points survey](#) May 14-18 can win free plants and seeds. The first 190 people will get vouchers in the mail to pick up five free native, pesticide-free perennial plants June 22-24. Others can claim wildflower seed bundles and pollinator push gardens (containers that hold wildflower seeds and nutrient-rich growing material). Find more resources and more information about how to protect pollinators here: www.minneapolismn.gov/environment/bees.

Anti-discrimination Renters Protections. Enforcement of the City's amended civil rights ordinance prohibiting public assistance discrimination in housing, including discrimination against renters who participate in the Section 8 program, took effect May 1. . The housing discrimination amendments to the civil rights ordinance prohibit landlords from denying public assistance participants the opportunity to apply for available housing, or refusing to rent to potential tenants because of the requirements of a public assistance program. People can report violations of the ordinance by calling 311 or the Civil Rights Department at 612-673-3012. People may also report violations in person at City Hall, Room 239. To file a complaint online and learn more about the ordinance go to <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/civilrights/complaint/hda>

Low-cost Pet Vaccine Clinic. Low-cost pet vaccinations will be offered from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, **May 6** at Fire Station 21, 3209 E. 38th St. The City will offer rabies vaccine, feline distemper vaccine, canine distemper vaccine, and microchipping for \$10 each or \$25 for all three. All dogs must be on a leash, all cats must be in a carrier. People will need a valid ID and/or proof of Minneapolis residency to participate. For more see www.minneapolismn.gov/animals

Capital Expenditures Debt Charter Amendment. Council Member Warsame has given notice of his intention to introduce an ordinance amending Article IX, Section 9.4 of the Minneapolis City Charter relating to Finance: Debt, increasing limits on borrowing for capital expenditures and permit the combination of charter and state borrowing authority. Since a charter amendment passed in 1973 aimed to prevent city funded stadium construction without a referendum, the

City has been limited to a cap of \$15 million on any bonds for city buildings or infrastructure projects. The proposal, if approved, would add an inflationary factor to the \$15 million and allow the “Charter” bonds to be combined with state bonds for large multi-year projects such as renewable energy projects, affordable housing development or City Hall renovations.

Recreation Fires. Please follow the law and be respectful of your neighbors if you plan to have a recreational fire this spring. Some people get very sick when they inhale smoke from a wood fire. Outdoor fires are permitted between 9am and 10pm, must be less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high; and are prohibited when Minneapolis is under an air pollution advisory because they release fine particles that contribute to air pollution and are implicated in a number of health problems including strokes, heart attacks and asthma. Sign up for air quality alerts at <http://mn.enviroflash.info>. For more information or to register a complaint about a recreational fire, call 311 or email Minneapolis311@minneapolismn.gov. Outside of 311 hours, call 911. The Fire and Police departments are authorized to extinguish a fire immediately if it is hazardous. For the Minneapolis ordinances visit www.minneapolismn.gov/government/ord/index.htm.

Farmers Market Season. The City has an online interactive map of farmers markets at www.minneapolismn.gov/farmersmarkets. Nearly 30 farmers markets and mini markets will operate in Minneapolis this year. Most of the markets accept “electronic benefits transfer” cards as payment to give residents on federal food assistance easier access to fresh, healthy food, as well as Market Bucks, which provides \$10 in additional healthy food to market shoppers using SNAP/electronic benefits transfer (EBT). Buying food directly at a farmers market supports the regional economy by allowing the local farmer to keep 80 to 90 cents per dollar of sales.

City Cleanup May 12. As a make-up date for the Earth Day Clean Up events that were canceled April 21, various clean ups are planned at parks, neighborhoods and watersheds for May 12. You can find a list of various cleans ups at https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/activities_events/events/earth_day_cleanup/. Individuals can arrive at any site between 9:30 a.m. and noon. No pre-registration required.

Yard Waste Collection. The 2018 season has begun for the Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling collection of leaves, brush and other yard trimmings. Yard debris must be in compostable paper or compostable plastic bags, or unbagged in a reusable container. Reusable containers are lifted and emptied by hand so they must be easily managed. Please set out yard waste next to garbage carts by 6 a.m. on garbage pickup day. For questions call 612-673-2917 between 8am and 4:30 p.m.

Spring Cleaning. You may leave up to two large items at your collection point each week. If they’re non-recyclable, you can leave them on any garbage day. Be sure to mark them “for Solid Waste,” and your garbage crew will pick them up when your cart is emptied. The crew will place a sticker on them, and a separate crew will come the following business day to pick them up. If you are unable to set the item out early, just call Solid Waste & Recycling at 612-673-2917 and tell us that you will set the item out by 6 a.m. the business day after your recycling collection. Our customer service team is available to assist you 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday

through Friday. If you have items you don't know what to do with, look them up here: www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/whattodo.

MnDOT 35W@94 Project. This year, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) begins major construction on Interstate 35W that will affect everyone who uses the freeway to get between Downtown and south Minneapolis. During construction, major portions of the freeway system will close. MnDOT is hosting open houses on the 35W@94 project 5-7 p.m. Monday, May 21 at the Center for Changing Lives, 2400 Park Ave., and 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 24 at Whittier Elementary School, 315 W. 26th St. The meetings are a chance to learn more about the project benefits, transit alternatives during construction and job opportunities, among other things. For up-to-date info on the 35W@94 project: Hotline: 612-284-6125, info@35w94.com, www.mndot.gov/35w94

New Employment and Training Strategy. To build on the success the Career Pathways program the CPED-Employment and Training has re-programed existing funds to establish a \$1 million fund to assist employers with recruiting, training or preparing unemployed or underemployed Minneapolis residents with the skills needed to fill positions in their business. This new program, entitled Minneapolis Pathways, will solicit competitive proposals to assist employers with recruiting, training, and/or preparing unemployed or underemployed Minneapolis residents with the skills needed to fill positions in their businesses. Eligible lead applicants must already be on the City's 2016-2020 Eligible Providers List for Employment and Training Services. For more information visit <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/File/2018-00500>

Redevelopment of Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam. In April the Council passed resolution approving the Redevelopment Plan of the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam and the surrounding area ("The Falls") that includes a provision prohibiting on the development of any hydroelectric generating Facilities on the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam, and the proposed principles and objectives for Federal Legislation. You can find it at <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/File/2018-00319>

Block Leader Training. The 3rd precinct police are offering Block Leader Training **Monday June 11** from 6:30 – 8pm. Block clubs offer a great tool for crime prevention and community building. The training will help people make an impact on preventing crime and be prepared to work with neighbors and the police if there is a problem on your block. For more contact Karen.notsch@minneapolismn.gov.

Bicycle Advisory Committee Appointee. I am very grateful to Hillary Lovelace, who has moved out of Ward 2, for her service on The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee. As a result of her resignation from the committee, I will be forwarding my recommendation of Emily Smoak to the Council, to be the next Ward 2 representative on this valuable and valued Committee. This was a difficult decision because of another outstanding applicant who was also well qualified. Emily is a Longfellow Resident and professional transportation planner who currently works at the Minnesota Health Department. I am confident she will be a great addition to the group.

Grants Applications for Development Projects in Ward 2. The City supports the transit-oriented development loan/grant application submitted to the Hennepin County HRA for each of the following projects: Project for Pride in Living, for Maya Commons (Bunge Apartments) at 1220 Brook Ave SE; Alliance Housing, Inc., for Minnehaha Commons at 3001 E Lake St; Wellington Management Inc., for Midtown Center at 2601 E 29th St. For more see <https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/RCA/2190>

Small Business Team Hours in Ward 2. Our small business team will now be hosting community hours in Ward 2 at the East Lake Street Library every **2nd Monday of the month, starting May 14th 4pm – 5pm**. Other on-going community library hours are held at the Central Library, second floor: 10am – 1pm, every other Tuesday; the Hosmer Library: 3 – 5pm, every third Wednesday; and the North Regional Library: 1 – 3pm, every fourth Thursday. The Small Business Team was established to help people successfully start, sustain, and grow businesses in Minneapolis and assist people in navigating City permitting and licensing processes, in connecting resources and getting answers to questions about regulations and requirements.

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/coordinator/SmallBusinessTeam/index.htm> **Precinct 2-9**

Polling Place Change. Elections staff are recommending that we relocate the 2-9 precinct polling place from the Oren Gateway Center to Matthews Park. Matthews Park (which lies just outside the precinct) has space, and better parking.

River Gorge. A national organization, American Rivers, dedicated to protecting rivers in the United States, released a report in April that identifies the Mississippi River Gorge that flows through Ward 2 as one of the nation's most endangered Rivers. The report, America's Most Endangered Rivers® of 2018, identifies a number of threats to clean water and rivers nationwide. The list of endangered Rivers includes the Mississippi River Gorge, in Minneapolis and St. Paul as being threatened by "obsolete locks and dams" that are preventing "revitalization of river health and recreation in downtown Minneapolis." A second, of 7, threatened waterways was also in Minnesota. The Boundary Waters is threatened by mining that would pollute pristine waters and harm a thriving recreation economy. You can learn more at: <https://www.americanrivers.org/endangered-rivers/mississippi-river-gorge-mn/>

River Gorge Advisory Committee. I have appointed Gabriel Konar-Steenberg, from Seward, to serve as the Ward 2 appointee on the Park Board's River Gorge Community Advisory Committee. The Park Board is drafting a Master Plan for this 132 acre land area along the east and west banks of the Mississippi. The area includes Bohemian Flats, East River Flats Park, East River Parkway, Franklin Terrace Dog Park, Riverside Park, and West River Parkway. Gabriel joins some 20 other committee members who will meet from now until November to help the Park Board develop the Mississippi Gorge Regional Park Master Plan. My thanks goes to Gabriel for his willingness to serve and to all those who applied.

Minnehaha Commons, 3001 E Lake St, Ward 2. The Planning Commission has approved the plan for the new apartment building, Minnehaha Commons, proposed for 3001 E Lake St. This project is a 3-story (36 foot tall) residential building with 44 efficiency units and 3 surface parking spaces. The target population is single adults, 55 years and older, with 10 units set aside

for individuals who have experienced long-term homelessness. At least 50% of the residents will be served by optional on-site support services. Amenities include a community room on the Lake Street façade, bike storage at the south end of the building, and an outdoor patio space at the southeast corner of the site. You can learn more about the project at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/www/groups/public/@cped/documents/webcontent/wcms-p-210238.pdf>

Minnehaha Academy North Campus Rebuild. Following a long public hearing on April 23rd, the City Planning Commission approved the plans and conditions for the reconstruction of the Minnehaha Academy's North Campus, located near 32nd Street and West River Parkway. This approval has been appealed by a near neighbor, and that appeal will be heard by the Council's Zoning and Planning committee on **May 17** at 9:30am in Council Chambers, room 317, City Hall, 350 S 5th St. The approved construction project would replace the 32 classrooms lost as a result of the explosion last year and would add 5 additional classrooms for the 9-12th grade high school. It would be constructed east of the previous location of the high school classroom buildings and would link the remaining buildings on the site. The school's hope is to be finished with construction in time for the 2019 school year. The Planning Commission vote came after a two-week delay, proposed by the school in response to requests from the near neighbors. It also followed two large community meetings and the formation of a neighborhood task force that met with the school several times. I attended both community meetings, and my staff attended all of the task force meetings. The task force came up with a number of possible conditions, some of which were adopted by the Planning Commission and include: mandating bird-safe glass, requiring a more robust gate at the north end of 47th Ave S, limiting light pollution at night, requiring storm water best practices, and ensuring public access to any future memorial. It's clear that there continue to be differences of opinion on this project, with some neighbors opposing it (or requesting a delay) on a number of grounds, some neighbors pushing for particular conditions, and some neighbors (and the Longfellow Community Council) supporting it. The staff reports and approved actions of the Commission can be found at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/meetings/proceedings/index.htm?timeRange=2018&nx=367>

Tobacco Shop at Metro Petro. The Council has approved Lambert Properties LLC's, application and petition to rezone 2700 University Ave SE from the C1 Neighborhood Commercial District to the C2 Neighborhood Corridor District to allow a tobacco store on the second floor of their automobile service station. Since they are so committed to selling tobacco products at this location, it is my hope that they will move all of their tobacco products into this adults-only section of the store that includes a separate entrance and exit from the general convenience store entrance.

Sally's Saloon Settlement. I was very disappointed to learn that Sally's Saloon has had several incidents of allowing and serving underage patrons onto the premises, and serving intoxicated patrons. The Fire Captain in the area also reported responding to many calls in the immediate area of Sally's Saloon regarding young adults who are in various states of consciousness. He said on December 17, 2016, his company responded to the area twice. In both cases people had to be taken to the hospital for detox. Because of this Sally's was required to attend a settlement conference and agreed to following conditions in order to keep their liquor license: install

surveillance cameras; employ the use of identification scanners; retain an alcohol server training company and give alcohol training to all staff members every six months; hire off-duty uniformed Minneapolis Officers for additional security on Friday, and Saturday nights; maintain an accurate door count of all patrons; and, have an approved manager on site at all times.

Raising Cane Restaurant. The a newly opened Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers restaurant, located at 15th Ave SE and University Ave, has applied for, and a committee has approved, extended hours in order to stay open until 2:00am on Thursday and 3:00am on Friday and Saturday. The restaurant does not sell alcoholic beverages and there will be no music outdoors where some outdoor seating is allowed. The applicant has held a restaurant license at another Raising Cane's located at 825 Washington Avenue Southeast since October 5, 2007, which has had no significant calls for police service at its location. They will have security on site during the extended hours.

Spring Jam. I was very disappointed to learn that during the University's Spring Jam weekend this year, in April, there were 5 sexual assaults reported. This indicates to me that many more may have occurred but gone unreported. According to some national statistics only 15.8 to 35 percent of all sexual assaults are reported to the police. I am uncertain if any arrests have been made. I believe that we must do more to support victims, intervene when it is possible occurring, and do more to prevent it from occurring in the future. To learn more see <http://www.mncasa.org/>.

Riverton Groundbreaking. I was glad to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Riverton project on the former Bunge site in Southeast Como last week. The project will create 95 new cooperative housing units. A number of these units will be held affordable for people who make below 50 and 80 percent of the Area Median Income. The iconic head house will be a common area for this building and a planned additional 50-unit building to be constructed by Project for Pride in Living. I thank Riverton, PPL, and all the community members involved for their tenacity and vision, and for successfully bringing this great project to fruition.

New Apartment at Como and 11th Ave SE. Craig Jansen, of Elmwood Properties, has proposed building a new 4 story apartment building with 52 dwelling units located at 1040 Como Avenue SE. on the currently vacant site on the southwest corner of Como Avenue and 11th Avenue Southeast where 11th dead ends into the BNSF Railroad tracks. For more information about this project see <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@cped/documents/webcontent/wcmssp-209891.pdf>

Environmental Assessment for Malcolm Yards. The staff and Zoning and Planning Committee are recommending that the Council approve the adequacy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the proposed Malcolm Yards Mixed-Use Residential Development located at 419 29th Ave SE, 504 29th Ave SE, 501 30th Ave SE, 445 Malcolm Ave, 501 Malcolm Ave, and 518 Malcolm Ave. Before voting to approve this, I publically noted the legitimate traffic concerns raised by the University of MN in the process and declared my intention to help address them.

Malcolm Yards Market Funding. The City Council has approved the application and request for \$225,000 to the Metropolitan Council TBRA for the Wall Development Company's project, Malcolm Yards, at 501 30th Ave SE). The Wall Company intends to renovate the existing Harris Machinery Building into a 16,500 square foot urban food hall with multiple vendors and a communal dining space. The projected total development cost is \$9,500,000. Grant funds, if awarded, will be used primarily for the abatement of asbestos and/or lead-based paint.

New Development at Art & Architecture Building, 3326-3350 University Avenue SE. Vermilion Development is proposing to build a 17-story condominium tower and a seven-story apartment building around and over the historic Arts & Architecture building in Prospect Park. The proposal is to renovate and reuse the existing Art & Architecture building and construct a significant addition to the property by demolishing the automotive uses on the adjoining properties. The proposal includes 189 dwelling units, approximately 11,000 square feet of retail uses, parking garage with 241 spaces and approximately 16,000 square feet of tenant commercial space on the upper floor of the Art & Architecture building. The Chicago-based Vermilion hopes to start construction later this year. In April they brought their plan to the Planning Commission Committee of the Whole for discussion but no approvals of any kind. You can find more details about the project at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@cped/documents/webcontent/wcmstp-209888.pdf>

Openings on Boards and Commissions. A number of board and commission positions are open for City Council and mayor appointments this spring. People can apply and stay up to date on vacancies, position descriptions and timelines by visiting minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings. Potential applicants can find more information at 612-673-2216 or OpenAppointments@minneapolismn.gov.

Open Office Hours in the Ward. I usually hold open Community "Office Hours" in the ward every Monday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Please feel free to call the office at 673-2202 to reserve some time when I will be there or just stop by.
First Mondays at the Birchwood Café, 3311 E 25th St;
Second Mondays at Black: Coffee and Waffles, 1500 Como Ave SE;
Third Mondays at T-Rex Cookie Café, 3338 University Ave SE; and
Fourth Mondays at the East Lake Library, 2727 E Lake St.

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