Second Ward October 2020 E-newsletter

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COVID-19 Pandemic. The City continues to be under the state of emergency related to the deadly coronavirus, and eighteen Emergency Regulations are currently in place. We are seeing accelerated rates of infection and are at the 2ndfrom highest (orange) risk of infection category as defined by the CDC. As of October 20, statewide there have been 125,531 positive cases reported and 2,246 deaths from the virus. In Minneapolis, there have been 12,371 positive cases, 1,248 people hospitalized, and 253 people who have died from the disease. Please continue to wear masks, socially distance and use other best practices to protect yourselves and others from this deadly virus. The City is offering free COVID-19 tests and flu shots. If you have insurance, bring your insurance card for the flu shot but if you don't have insurance, the flu shot is free. The next tests will occur at Hennepin United Methodist, 511 Groveland Ave from Noon-4:00pm Saturday, November 7and at East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 Second St. NE, from Noon-4:00pm Saturday, November 14. To see more about COVID-19 in Minneapolis see http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/dashboard and http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/index.htm.

Early Voting. There are now thirteen early voting centers where you can get a ballot and vote, or drop off a mail-in ballot, including Northrup Auditorium on the U of M East Bank campus, and Longfellow Park at 3435 36th Ave S. Find an early voting center near you here: https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/vote-early-in-person/.

Mail-in/Drop-off Ballots. You can return your mail-in ballot at a drop off location or return it by putting it in the mail. Staff are recommending you return your ballot no later than October 27, but ballots will count if they are postmarked on or before November 3 and received in the mail no later than November 10. Find a location near you at

https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/vote-early-in-person/.

For more voter resources, including the 2020 Voter Information Guide available in English, Spanish, Somali and Hmong, visit https://vote.minneapolismn.gov.

Election Day. Election Day is **Tuesday**, **November 3**, and polls will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. On Election Day you must vote at your assigned polling place. Due to COVID-19, we relocated 50 polling places to protect those living in residential facilities and to provide more space to keep voters at a safe distance from elections staff and each other. If you plan to vote in person on Election Day, be sure to look up your polling place at http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us. To access a sample ballot and more visit https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/.

Election Response Meeting. I will be hosting an online meeting on the evening of **Thursday, November 5**, two days after this year's presidential election, to talk about the implications of the election and to try to plan ahead. As I have been talking to constituents about their concerns for the future, one concern that keeps coming up is how the election will be decided, and whether it will ignite violence. The purpose of this event is to give us all a place to talk openly about what is happening, how we can best help each other, how we can stand up for our democracy, and how we can prevent and/or respond to violence. To join the event via Microsoft Teams, email my office and we can assist you. To join the event via phone, call 612-276-6670, and use the Conference ID: 525 636 060#. You can also find out more about this event on Facebook at https://fb.me/e/37pA8nAeO.

2021 Budget Process. Throughout October the Council is discussing the Mayor's recommended budgets on a department by department basis. His proposed 2021 focuses on maintaining core City services while responding to COVID-19 and making changes to our public safety system. The Mayor is recommending continuing an enterprise-wide hiring freeze, reductions in spending across the board, in light of an estimated \$30-60 million in lost revenue, mostly from a reduction in expected sales taxes. The Council will hold public hearings on the budget on November 7at 9:30am, December 4at 6:05pm; and on December 11at 6:05pm where the final budget will be adopted. We will have a session dedicated to budget amendments on December 6 at 10:00am prior to the last hearing. For the full calendar and more information on the proposed budget see http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/budget/.

2021 Budget Amendments. I am considering a few amendments to the budget including bringing more resources to support Neighborhood Organizations. I would also like to add funding to our Police Oversight staff in the Civil Rights Department to increase the number of investigations and funding for them to develop and maintain an Early Intervention System, to help identify law enforcement employees who are at greater risk for misconduct. (This Early Intervention System has been proposed by the mayor to be in the Police Department, and I proposed to move it to Civil Rights.) I am also exploring the development of a Mobile Mental Health Unit emergency response pilot program, and some relatively modest funds to continue support for a Children's Savings Account program being planned in cooperation with the County.

Community Safety Civic Engagement. The City has approved a 4-phase plan for a City-facilitated and citywide conversation on improving public safety in Minneapolis resulting in final recommendations being completed by August 2021. The first phase will go through December 2020 and will lead to a draft vision for consideration by the Council in December. Phase 2 will run from January through March 2021 and will include forums where community members can review and confirm the themes and goals established in the first phase plus discussion of other ideas for a new public safety model and action steps to realize the established vision and goals. Phase 3, April through May 2021, will offer opportunities to offer feedback on draft recommendations and phase 4, running throughout June and July, will provide time and opportunities for recommendations to be refined and finalized, resulting in a final report and to the Council next summer. For more details

see https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/File/2020-00988. I hope that everyone will get involved in this process.

Community Safety Website. We have created a website focused on the City's extensive efforts to improve and to create a transformative new model for cultivating safety in our city, based on a resolution you can find at https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/File/2020-00667. The new site can be accessed from the City's homepage, or directly at www.minneapolismn.gov/community-safety. It consolidates plans, reports, data, and other materials related to this work from across all departments and divisions. I am glad to see this and hope that it will improve everyone's ability to understand, follow, connect to and influence this work.

Block by Block Safety Talks. My office has scheduled a number of meetings with block groups to discuss the future of community safety. These are great opportunities to give people a chance to ask me questions about what's happening regarding the future of community safety, and to share our ideas and hopes for the future of public safety in our city. We're booked for in-person meetings, but will continue to hold online meetings through November. If you would like to host a conversation with me and the people who live on your block, please email my Policy Aide, Robin Garwood, at robin.garwood@minneapolismn.gov. Please include what block you live on, and a few days and times that would work for you and your neighbors to have this discussion.

Mobile Mental Health Crisis Team Proposal. Over the last month, I have talked with hundreds of Ward 2 residents in small group gatherings about public safety. One of the questions I am asking is whether folks can think of any services that are currently being performed by police officers that could be better performed by someone else. The most common answer to that question by far is that we should have a mobile mental health crisis team, connected to 911 but separate from the police, that can send well-trained mental health service providers out in response to emergencies, 24/7/365. I believe there is also widespread support for this idea among my colleagues on the City Council. And now, on October 22, Communities United Against Police Brutality has released a new report: "Dispatch Triage, Alternative Responders and Co-Response: Ending Police-Only Responses to Mental Health 911 Calls." This is extremely useful to moving this conversation forward as part of the 2021 budget. I view this as a critical next step on the way to transforming our approach to keeping our communities safe. You can read this report here:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/su22tlul1wf41bn/Mental%20Health%20Working%20Group%20Paper%20Final%2020200901.pdf?dl=0&fbclid=lwAR3Kj4vqr-p10BoTk cLUPuSRLjf4jMwTsZ3nh3vESa4WONcacM1aHWnZY4.

MinneapolUS Strategic Outreach Initiative. The Office of Violence Prevention hired a team of 30 outreach "violence interrupters" and has launched our version of the Cure Violence model, that has been used successfully in several other U.S. cities. It's being called MinneapolUS. After years of conversations and study, I am glad to see this program, and these courageous, compassionate, talented and skilled team members, working in our City. This was made possible by an amendment to the 2020 budget the Council passed in July. You can learn more here http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/minneapolisforward/OVPInitiatives and here: https://www.mprnews.org/story/2020/10/14/meet-the-minneapolis-violence-interrupters.

Built Form Zoning Code Amendments. There will be a public hearing before the Minneapolis Planning Commission about new "Built Form" regulations on Monday, November 9 at 4:30pm. Planning staff are bringing forward the set of zoning code amendments and, following the hearing, the Commission will then likely vote on forwarding a recommendation to the City Council. The Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan includes 14 Built Form Districts. The new regulations will govern issues such as: building height, floor area ratio (FAR), lot sizes, and setbacks from property lines, among other things. They are also intended to provide more predictability for the scale of new buildings and additions in different areas in the city, including neighborhoods, downtown, production/employment areas and areas served by high-frequency transit. As a member of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Steering Committee, with my colleagues Jeremy Schroeder and Kevin Reich, I am listed as one of the authors of this work. I want to make clear that while I have heard considerable consensus from folks about the denser "Corridor" and "Transit" districts, I have also heard a large and growing groundswell from the community telling us that the proposed lower density "Interior" districts could use improvement. I am listening carefully to this feedback, and I am supportive of offering more flexibility to duplexes and triplexes, linked to affordability and/or environmental benefits. You can find out more here: https://minneapolis2040.com/implementation/built-form-rezoning-study/

Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area. As part of the Comp Plan implementation, Minneapolis is also required to adopt a zoning overlay that reflects state rules governing the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area. I am one of the authors of this ordinance, which you can find out more about here: http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/cped/planning/WCMSP-225822. I have been in conversation with advocates for wildlife and the environment like the Audubon Society and Friends of the Mississippi River, and am very supportive of strengthening this overlay as it goes through the process. One of my key goals is to ensure that we protect migratory birds that use the Mississippi River flyway.

Neighborhoods 2020. In November, the City Council will be taking up the recommended program guidelines and funding levels for the Neighborhood Organizations. The formal public comment period has ended, and a summary of the comments will be available soon. This week, I expect the Public Health and Safety Committee to set a public hearing for **November 5**, where the committee will get a staff report and hold a public hearing. This would mean that a full City Council vote could be taken as early as November 13, prior to a November 16 Budget Committee presentation and discussion of the Mayor's propose program allocations. I am exploring options for increasing the funding to neighborhood organizations so that they may continue to serve the City and out neighborhoods more effectively in the future. For more information visit http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/2020#top.

Nomination of New Fire Chief. The Executive Committee, with my support, has forwarded Mayor Frey's nomination to appoint Bryan Tyner to become the next Minneapolis Fire Chief. I expect the City Council to set a public hearing on the appointment when they meet later this month.

Demotion of Deputy Chief. In general, I try very hard not to weigh into personnel decisions in City government below the level of department head. I appreciate that my role in the City government is to approve, help supervise, help evaluate, guide and support our department heads. And then I try to allow them to lead and manage the staff who work in the departments they manage. But now, I ask you to forgive me, because I feel the need to speak out publicly about my disappointment in the head of the police department's decision to demote a deputy in the leadership team of that department, Deputy Chief Arthur Knight. The point that Knight was making is one that I don't think any reasonable person can disagree with: the Minneapolis Police Department does not reflect the community it serves. The department is much more white, male, and suburban-dwelling than the people of our city. And if they keep doing what they have done in the past, this will not change. I'm especially concerned to see a Black leader within the department demoted for pointing out this simple, undeniable fact. One of my biggest concerns about this reaction by the City, and about how others may react to it, is the chilling effect this can and will have (and likely already has had), on City employees willingness to be open and honest - and sometimes forgiving of others - as we work to have the challenging and awkward conversations we need to have about race and City government. We need to be able to talk about these things honestly and openly and we need City employees who work within the system, at all levels, to be able to share their thoughts and observations openly, not just with policymakers, but with the press and the public. What we need now is a larger, broader, and deeper community conversation about City government and the racism embedded within it. And we need that to be an open public conversation with the people of our city, who are, after all, the real bosses and the real leaders we need guiding, supporting and evaluating our work every step of the way. More details can be found at https://www.startribune.com/mpls-police-official-demoted-over-white-boyscomment/572804802/.

Truth and Reconciliation Process. The Council has formally initiated a Truth and Reconciliation process to help address harms that created and perpetuate racial disparities for Black/American Descendants of Slavery and American Indian/Indigenous communities in Minneapolis. The Division of Race & Equity will lead the effort, in collaboration with the Mayor's Office, City Council, Civil Rights Department, City Coordinator's Office, City Attorney's Office, City Clerk, and other departments. In the weeks ahead they will consult with local and national truth and reconciliation experts, those skilled in conflict resolution, and other key stakeholders to understand the meaning of reconciliation, and research different models of truth and reconciliation commissions. A progress report with more details about a proposed process and the framework for a commission to guide the process will be reviewed by the Council at the first Policy & Government Oversight Committee meeting in January 2021.

Emergency Housing for Winter. The County, and shelter providers, have announced that there is existing emergency shelter capacity, especially for women, children and families and that emergency shelters continue to see beds become available each day, and unused each night. By the end of the year, an additional \$55 million will be have been invested in 2020 to open at least seven sites to provide emergency shelter, low-barrier housing and protective housing for people experiencing homelessness and an additional 670 units of very affordable housing

designated for people experiencing homelessness will have opened or begun construction by the end of this year. So far in 2020, 1,300 people experiencing homelessness have found permanent housing with help from city, county, state and nonprofit partners. For more details visit http://news.minneapolismn.gov/2020/10/20/more-spaces-becoming-available-this-winter-for-people-experiencing-homelessness/

Supporting Transitional Recovery Housing. With my strong support, the Council has approved reallocating up to \$1,250,000 from the Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) Preservation Fund to provide a loan to Avivo for acquisition and preservation of 719 and 727 E 18th St. and 1828 Columbus Ave S. This loan will help preserve transitional recovery housing for 103 individuals currently living at 719 and 727 E. 18th Ave, who would otherwise be homeless or at risk of experiencing homelessness. It will also preserve 10 traditional NOAH units within blocks of Avivo's supportive services, which over time will serve as a natural permanent housing placement for individuals ready to leave the transitional recovery housing. Without City support for Avivo's acquisition, the transitional housing could be converted back to market rate housing by a new owner displacing all Avivo clients, and rents at the NOAH property could be increased to levels unaffordable to current residents.

Intentional Community Cluster Development. A Council committee has approved a new intentional community cluster development that will provide affordable housing for 31 people experiencing homelessness who are at high risk of COVID-19. I'm proud to have worked hard on a coauthored the Intentional Communities and the Intentional Community Cluster Development ordinances that makes this kind of project possible.

(http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/cped/planning/WCMSP-220394.) Because we made the changes we did with the help and inspiration of Envision Community and Street Voices of Change - and because of the good work of our partners in Hennepin County - 31 of our most vulnerable neighbors will soon have a safe place to live.

4d Affordable Housing Incentive Expanded to Single Unit Homes. On October 30, the Council will consider a revision to the program guidelines for the 4d Affordable Housing Incentive Program that would allow single-family rental homes, with qualifying affordable rents, to be enrolled in the 4d program. Qualified building owners that 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: 10-year eligibility for 4d property tax rate, which provides a 40% tax rate reduction on qualifying units.

Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Act Housing Goals. Later this month, I expect the Council to vote to participate in the Metropolitan Council's Local Housing Incentives Account Program and accept the goals of 1,924 to 3,499 new affordable housing units and 10,200 new lifecycle housing units for the period of 2021 to 2030. We will also be committing to submit a plan identifying the City's intended actions to meet these goals. For more details see https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/File/2020-01083.

Community Preference Housing Policy. With my strong support, the Business, Inspections Housing and Zoning Council Committee is recommending adoption of a Community Preference Policy that would apply first to City ownership efforts under the Minneapolis Homes programs and, hopefully, later in 2021, in rental program investment as well. The policy builds on research from the U of M Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA), and the goals and policies of the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan, our Strategic and Racial Equity Action Plan and recommendations from the Minneapolis/St. Paul Anti-Displacement. The policy will give residents residing in the Neighborhood Stabilization Program target neighborhoods a preference for certain City housing programs. No neighborhoods in the Second Ward are included in the Community Preference Policy Eligible Neighborhoods list. Starting this year, the policy will be implemented through the Minneapolis Homes and the Perpetually Affordable Housing programs with up to 50% of the available units in a project having the community preference policy applied to them. For a map of the target areas and more details please see https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/File/2020-01074.

Community Food Security Grants. The City of Minneapolis Health Department invites applications through a rapid response process for COVID-19 Community Food Security Supports. \$470,000 in CARES funds is available from the City of Minneapolis through this process. Eligible groups are organizations that provide emergency food relief, such as food shelves, food banks, food pop-ups, or farmers' markets distributing free food. Groups must serve the City of Minneapolis, provide emergency support related to the COVID-19 pandemic and must demonstrate the ability to purchase items and provide receipts by November 13, 2020. Proposals are due by NOON on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, for review in the priority application round. Please send any questions to health@minneapolismn.gov by 4:00 PM on Monday, October 26, 2020. Answers will be posted on a rolling basis up until noon October 27. For more information see www.minneapolismn.gov/foodshelves.

Commercial Notice of Sale Ordinance. I am postponing a vote on our Commercial Notice of Sale Ordinance to address the concerns raised by some realtors and realty organizations. While we continue to gather input, we will consider possible modifications to the proposal before bringing back for council consideration on October 30th. The intent of the ordinance is to increase opportunities for small business operators who are renting space, or community organizations who support them, to be able to preserve affordable commercial space and prevent displacement or gentrification of valued, neighborhood-serving, small and independent businesses. For more details see https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/File/2020-00638.

Retractable Exterior Security Devices. The City Planning Commission has recommended that the City Council approve the ordinance amendment that would repeal the ban on retractable exterior security devices while requiring them to remain open and retracted when the use is open to the public or otherwise in operation, and prohibiting them from including signs. I expect to support this when it comes to the City Council for consideration.

Federal Reserve Minimum Wage Study. We have extended our contract with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis through December 31, 2028, to expand the period of analysis of

the economic impact study of the city's minimum wage ordinance. This will help us accommodate the COVID related delay we expect from three state agencies who are who will be supplying data for this study and allow the Federal Reserve use data through full implementation of the minimum wage ordinance and beyond, to re-establish a new baseline of economic conditions after the ordinance is in full effect.

Minimum Wage Victory at MSP Airport. I commend the Metropolitan Airports Commission board, and, all the airport workers, labor leaders and persistence organizers, for successfully getting approval for a new ordinance that will phase in a \$15 minimum wage at the Minneapolis St Paul International Airport. The ordinance, like the one I, and many others, worked hard to pass in Minneapolis, will be phased in over time. Beginning January 1, 2021, those MSP workers must be paid at least \$13.25 an hour, an amount that will rise to \$14.25 on July 1, 2021, and \$15 on July 1, 2022, the same date when the full \$15 minimum wage will be effective Minneapolis. It will then be adjusted annually to reflect increases in the cost of living. I was also glad to see that the MAC board added labor peace and worker retention language to several of their policies.

Outdoor Music Permit Fee. The Council has approved a Staff Directive I proposed that will business with licenses that allow live entertainment to have musicians perform outdoors without having to pay an additional costly fee. This will allow clubs and restaurants to have musicians perform outdoors using their indoor license, provided the sound is kept under the 80-decibel limit and the duration of the event is under 4 hours. I did this after hearing from some establishments that the extra charges made it too costly for them to offer this option.

Support for ACLU Voting Rights Lawsuit. I was happy to vote to support have the City support in the ACLU's appeal of a district court decision in a civil lawsuit - Schroeder et al. v. Simon (Court File No. A20-1264). The issue on appeal is whether convicted felons have a constitutional right to vote upon release from incarceration under the Minnesota Constitution. We will be joining the plaintiffs in challenging the constitutionality of Minnesota's current felony disenfranchisement scheme that prohibits felons from voting even after they are released from jail during their period of probation. and results in a disparate impact on the ability of BIPOC individuals to vote in Minneapolis. The City Attorney's Office seeks the requisite authority from the City Council to provide or join an amicus brief in support of the ACLU's (Plaintiffs') appeal. You can learn more about the case athttps://www.aclumn.org/en/cases/schroeder-v-mn-secretary-state.

Hiring Freeze Waiver Report. The Council, through the Executive Committee, continues to monitor our hiring freeze implementation, with a careful look at waivers that are approved, As of June 1, 2020 there were 275 vacant full-time permanent positions, totaling a savings of about \$23 million dollars. So far, we have approved the hiring of 82 people. You can find details through September 22 at https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/File/EX2020-00024.

Retirement Incentives. In an effort to better manage the revenue shortfall that the City is facing, the Council has authorized a one-time retirement incentive program for eligible city employees. You can learn more details at https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/File/2020-00994.

Fall Street Sweeping. The City began fall street sweeping on October 20 and will continue if the weather permits. "No Parking" signs should be posted 24 hours before a street will be swept. Cars not moved by 7:00am could be ticketed and towed to the Minneapolis Impound Lot. You can visit http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping/ for more information including the schedule.

Fall Yard Waste Collection. The week of **November 16**will be the last collection week for leaves, brush and other yard waste this year. Yard waste must be in compostable bags – paper (Kraft) or compostable plastic – or unbagged in a reusable container 32-38 gallons in size, at least 26 inches high, with sturdy handles that weighs 40 pounds or less. Yard waste is not allowed in City-provided containers. Compostable plastic bags include paper (Kraft) bags and those labeled with the BPI logo. Bags marked "biodegradable" or "degradable" do not meet the State law and are not accepted. If you have questions about leaf and brush pickup you can call 612-673-2917 between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

Como Church on 14thAve SE. I have submitted an application for historic landmark nomination of the Como Congregational Church building at 1035 14th Ave SE. The nomination will be discussed on Tuesday, October 27, at 4:30pm following a public hearing at the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC). St the meeting Planning Department staff will issue a recommendation and the Commission will decide if the property shall be placed under interim protection for one year and studied further for potential designation as a City of Minneapolis historic landmark. Please visit https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Boards/Meetings/hpc for the agenda with staff reports (web page will be updated by the end of the day Wednesday prior to the meeting date). The public may view the public hearing and meeting on Comcast Channel 14 or 799, CenturyLink Channel 8001 or 8501, or live on

<u>www.minneapolismn.gov/tv/citycounciltv</u></u>. People and organizations may submit comments or participate by phone in the meeting by using the city website:

<u>www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/</u>. For more information contact <u>Robert.Skalecki@MinneapolisMN.gov</u>

31st**Street Rail Bridge.** I have been contacted about the 31stAvenue Bridge on the Greenway/Hiawatha Line by a representative of the Minnesota Commercial Railway (MCR) about supporting state funding for the reconstruction of the deteriorating bridge which they lease the tracks that run along it from the Canadian Pacific Railway (CP). MCR shares use of the bridge with the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority, owner of the Midtown Greenway crossing the bridge. During our conversation I stressed my interest in seeing the extension of the Midtown Greenway over the river and received some interest from the MCR representative in working with me and the Greenway coalition in pursuing a safe solution. He suggested that the best, safest and potentially most acceptable approach to Canadian Pacific would be a statefunded enclosure of the greenway portion of the bridge. I am hoping that the City and other

organizations – including advocates like the Greenway Coalition, nearby neighborhood groups like Seward Neighborhood Group, Longfellow Community Council, and Prospect Park Association, business organizations, and others – will make our support for the railroad's request contingent on an agreement on the bridge over the river.

2100 Fairmount SE. The Planning Commission has approved the plans for the proposed Cluster Development at 2100 Fairmount Street SE. The project will retain the existing four-unit residential building and to construct a new two-unit residential building on the vacant portion, establishing a new Cluster Development with a total of six dwelling units. The new structure is two stories with two four-bedroom units.

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Office Hours in the Ward. I will be holding open "office hours" indoors in November while using masks and practicing social distancing at 2 coffee shops on Mondays from 9:30-11:00am as follows:

First Mondays at Dogwood Café at4021 E Lake St; Second Mondays at Black Waffle and Coffee at1500 Como Ave SE; Third Mondays at Dogwood Café 4021E Lake St; and Fourth Mondays at Black Waffle and Coffee at1500 Como Ave S.