

Common Council Chief of Staff Updates

03/05/19 CCEC Meeting

- We are working on scheduling activities for **new alder orientation**. So far, on April 8 the Finance Department discussing the budget process as well as their organizational structure and April 15 with the City Attorney to discuss Roberts Rules, ethics, and public records etc.
- I am working on a memo to address **juvenile crime prevention** based on requests from Alders Carter, Phair and Zellers. I have made contacts with the City of Chicago, Milwaukee and Miami-Dade on how they structure their juvenile crime prevention programs relative to case management, MOUs etc.
- I participated in [Read Your Heart Out](#) at Nuestro Mundo Community School which was a great opportunity to talk to elementary school children about the role of the Common Council, Alders and the Common Council office.
- I will be in Washington DC from March 6 to the 10 as part of the [Truman National Security Conference](#), which includes discussions on environmental justice and how municipalities can work with active military and veteran communities. I plan to ask about **F35s and PFAS in other municipalities**.
- I followed up with Nick Zavos about concerns raised about state statutes not reflecting current **Comptroller and Treasurer roles and responsibilities**. The League of Wisconsin Municipalities is also interested in taking up the issue and Nick Zavos suggested it being a topic for the Legislative committees in the summer.
- We are anticipating having one [Wanda Fullmore intern](#) for the summer so I am working on developing a list of possible projects and a structure for the intern. Karen is research how we can use [AmeriCorps teams](#) in our work.
- **Debbie Fields** has been a great resource for a group that has organized in District 6 in an attempt to find a location for a **dog park** and continues to be very responsive to **constituent needs**. Calls this past month have mostly been around snow removal efforts.
- **Lisa Veldran** will be leading a **Legistar training** for DCR staff and is assisting me with scheduling **alder orientation activities** with the different agencies.
- **Karen Kapusta-Pofahl** is working on research regarding requests for information on **schools for youth experiencing homelessness, rates of citation for casual possession of cannabis over time, and the Human Rights Campaign's LGBTQ Municipal Equality Index scorecard that ranks cities**. In addition, Karen is investigating the possibility of creating multifaceted **maps that overlay Neighborhood Indicator data onto aldermanic districts**.

Upcoming Items:

- Karen and I will be meeting with members of the Taskforce on Equity in Music and Entertainment on March 15 at the Central Library.
- I will be meeting with the hosts of District Reports and discussing how we can work together and create other platforms for Alders to be more visible and discuss their legislative priorities and concerns with Madison residents. These could also include debates and arranging for radio appearances etc.