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Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to Southeast Como, 5-7-13

Cam's next Southeast Como Office Hours:
Tuesday, May 14th, 9:30-11:00am
Muddsuckers Coffee, 1500 Como Avenue SE

Items:

- 1) Justin Eibenholz
- 2) Congratulations to Peter Kelsey
- 3) 8th Street SE
- 4) Honeybee Ordinance
- 5) Rental Housing Ordinance
- 6) Blood Plasma Facilities Ordinance
- 7) Recreational Fire Ordinance
- 8) Flea Market Ordinance
- 9) Year of the Dakota Roundtable Discussion
- 10) Openings on City Boards and Commissions

- 1) I want to publicly thank Environment Coordinator Justin Eibenholz for his years of service to the Southeast Como Improvement Association, the Como neighborhood, and the city as a whole. From reducing toxic emissions like Trichloroethylene from nearby industrial uses to piloting a very successful "Move In / Move Out" waste reduction campaign, Justin worked to reduce our community's impact on the environment and improve environmental quality for Como residents. His passion, dedication and hard work have made Como a better place to live, and he will be missed.
- 2) Congratulations to New French Bakery owner Peter Kelsey on being named the US Small Business Administration's "Small Business Person of the Year" for the state of Minnesota. I am proud that we have such a successful, expanding, high-quality business in Southeast Como, and that the City and neighborhood have been able to foster the extraordinary growth of New French.
- 3) City Public Works staff are in discussions with the University of MN about reconstructing the stretch of 8th Street SE just east of 15th Ave SE. It is still unclear how far east the new road may go, but it will reach into the U of M campus past Beirman field and possibly as far as 23rd. Under the terms being discussed a new, and much needed, roadway would be constructed. This is in a small area of Como that has seen development in recent years but has never seen the road constructed to city standards. Once the final terms of the agreement are worked out, Public Works staff will be reaching out to the community for feedback on a design and construction timeline. I am hopeful that a new road can be built this summer or fall, but it may be delayed until next year.
- 4) The City Council approved an ordinance on keeping honeybees that removes the requirement for signatures of 80% of neighbors for any hive that is one or more stories off the ground. When honeybees leave their hives, they tend to fly upwards and quickly disperse, so a hive on a rooftop is likely to have very little effect on near neighbors. Before this passed I successfully moved an amendment that changes the City's honeybee permitting process from an annual \$50 permit to a one-time City approval with a recurring free renewal.
- 5) The Council has amended our ordinances to allow the City to impose conditions on rental license holders with significant and documented violations of the housing code. We also approve a set of operating procedures that clarify when

and how the conditions would be imposed. Owners of rental properties were already required to have rental licenses for each of their properties and the City has the authority to conduct inspections and issue fines or even revoke licenses if license holders do not meet rental housing standards. Now, when a rental property owner is in violation of a rental licensing standard/s, the City could also place specific operating conditions on the rental license. Property owners must adhere to these conditions in order for their rental license to remain in good standing

- 6) My proposal to allow blood and plasma donation and collection will go to the full Council this Friday. The proposed change would allow these facilities in certain office/ institutionally zoned areas (OR3), in addition to these currently being allowed downtown (B4C) and in heavy commercial (C4) zones. There are approximately 26 parcels in the City with OR3 zoning mostly on or near college and hospital campuses. We will also be adding three standards that would need to be met by any such collection facility: 1) Trash receptacles shall be located at the public entrance(s), and the premises, all adjacent streets, sidewalks and alleys, and all sidewalks and alleys within one hundred (100) feet shall be inspected regularly for purposes of removing any litter found thereon; (2) The facility shall include a waiting area and departure lounge of a size large enough to accommodate all donors within the building, but not less than five hundred (500) square feet in area; and, (3) The operator shall submit a management plan for the facility and a floor plan showing the waiting area and departure lounge and number of donor beds.
- 7) This Friday, I expect the Council to pass the Recreational Fire ordinance amendment I have authored. I am proposing that we add an additional restriction to prohibit outdoor recreational fires during times of air quality alerts when the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency issues an Air Pollution Health Advisory for the Twin Cities Area.
- 8) The Council has passed an ordinance amendment that will allow and regulate Flea Markets in Minneapolis. It provides for the City to license (previously prohibited) temporary markets/flea markets for the sale of arts, crafts, antiques, and/or secondhand goods by any person, partnership, corporation or association to be sold at tables, stalls, or booths at a fixed location in Minneapolis. You can find the full ordinance here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-105719.pdf>.
- 9) Please join me for a roundtable discussion about the history the Dakota in Minneapolis and Minnesota on Wednesday May 29th 7 – 9 pm at Augsburg College in the Oren Gateway Center Room 100, 2211 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis. 150 years ago, in December of 1862, the mass execution of 38 Dakota, the largest in the history of the United States, occurred in Mankato, Minnesota. It was part of the genocide of the Dakota people in Minnesota and the United States. In, December of 2012, the Minneapolis City Council unanimously passed a resolution, that I hope will help us move one small step closer to addressing the grave injustices done to the Dakota people in Minneapolis and Minnesota over the years. It calls for a year of remembering, honoring and truth-telling to help us understand and rectify the wrongs that were perpetrated during, and since, 1862 on the Dakota People. It also designates “The Year of the Dakota: Remembering, Honoring, and Truth-Telling,” from December 26, 2012 to December 26, 2013. At the Roundtable/Teach In we will be joined by historians and activists including Dakota historian Professor Chris Mato Nunpa, Jim Anderson cultural leader of the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Community, City Council Member Robert Lilligren, State Representative Susan Allen and others while we learn more about this important, and too often hidden, part of our state and city's history.
- 10) There are openings on the Arts Commission, Animal Care and Control Advisory Board, Disability Advisory Committee, Public Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, Workforce Council, Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission, Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Police Conduct Oversight Commission, Police Conduct Review Panel, Seniors Advisory Committee and Telecommunications Network. To apply, call (612) 673-3358 or email cityclerk@minneapolismn.gov