

## Report to SECIA, 2-6-06

- Items:**
- I. Request for space
  - II. Onestop and 311
  - III. Oak Street Cinema
  - IV. Zipcar
  - V. Unruly Assembly Ordinance
  - VI. 2327 Cole Ave SE
  - VII. Central Corridor
  - VIII. SEMI
  - IX. Solar permitting
  - X. Industrial Land Use and Employment Policy Plan

- I.** Starting in February, I would like to hold regular office hours in Southeast Como the third Tuesday morning of every month, 9:30-11:00 AM. It would be ideal to use the SECIA office. In order for the use of space not to be construed as a gift under the ethics code, my office is prepared to pay “fair market value” for the 1.5 hours per month. I’ve been quoted \$17.50/month by other spaces.
- II.** The City is working to improve services to residents and businesses through two relatively new efforts, One Stop and 311. I will be working to find out what has and has not been successful with the “One Stop” effort, listening to concerns and advocating for improvements as needed. The new “311” will give the city important information about how it does, or does not, provide service and respond to the needs of people who live and work in the City.
- III.** I held a Ward 2 Town Hall meeting on Thursday, 1-12-06 at Matthews Park. Over twenty residents attended, and together we shared hopes and concerns and helped set priorities for my term. Information is available on the issues that attendees indicated were of greatest importance.
- IV.** Oak Street Cinema is, as you may have heard, in serious financial trouble. My office, along with the Mayor’s office, will be working actively with the Minnesota Film Arts Board, Oak Street staff and community members to help preserve this important community asset.
- V.** On January 17, 2006, the University of Minnesota introduced a new car-sharing program with two locations in Ward 2. The vendor is Zipcar. For more information on how to use Zipcar, please visit: <http://www.zipcar.com/umn/>.
- VI.** The City Planning Commission approved Matt Toomey’s application for an expansion of a nonconforming use to allow the expansion of an existing duplex at 2327 Cole Ave SE, to add one bedroom to each unit. This will come before the Zoning and Planning committee in the near future. If you have a position on this, it must be submitted to the staff coordinator for the Z&P committee, Tina Sanz, to be entered into the public record.

- VII.** The Unruly Assembly Ordinance, introduced by Paul Zerby, has unanimously passed the PS&RS committee. Thank you to all the Southeast Como residents and activists who worked so hard on this. I expect the ordinance to pass the full council without significant difficulty, though there will be one further amendment clarifying the effect of the ordinance on large multi-unit buildings.
- VIII.** The Central Corridor Coordinating Committee met on 1.19.06. Their Draft Environmental Impact Statement is scheduled to come out within the next two months. There will be a public input period of 60 days after its release, and I will actively solicit input from neighbors.
- IX.** On Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Zoning and Planning Committee approved incorporating modifications to the SEMI Refined Master Plan into *The Minneapolis Plan*.
- X.** The Ward 2 office has heard that there are problems with permits for the Southeast Como solar project. I'm looking into doing what I can to make sure this great, green initiative is able to go forward.
- XI.** To better integrate industrial land uses into the City's planning process, the City is currently studying industrial land use trends and policies. The purpose of the study is to provide the City with a clear policy direction for industrial land uses and industrial sector employment within the City of Minneapolis. For more information, please visit:  
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning/industrial-landuse.asp>

The study is not complete, and there is still an opportunity for input. Please email responses to the attached questions (provided by the consultant in charge of the study) to:

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