

**Council Member Cam Gordon's  
Report to the Southeast Como Neighborhood  
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**Cam's Next Como Office Hours:**

**Monday, April 9 9:30-11:00am**

**Black: Coffee and Waffles, 1500 Como Ave SE**

- 1) Comprehensive Plan Draft
- 2) Ward 2 Comp Plan Meeting
- 3) Spring Street Sweeping
- 4) Tobacco 21
- 5) Seasonal Election Jobs
- 6) Conduct on Premises Ordinance
- 7) Housing Advisory Committee
- 8) Open Streets Dates Set
- 9) Riverton Community Housing
- 10) New Truck Service and Sales Operation in Como
- 11) Openings on Boards and Commissions

- 1) A detailed electronic draft of the City's Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan was released on March 22. This starts a phase of review that will likely lead to further changes in the plan before a final draft is presented to the Council for consideration and approval in December. The draft of interdependent policies, topics, actions steps and maps intended to help guide how we will manage grow and change over the next two decades so all residents benefit. In the draft report, policies are organized under 14 goals the City Council adopted in 2017, and also under 10 topic areas. Among its many notable recommendation, it calls for changes to traditional land use and zoning practices that would allow a greater diversity and density of housing in all neighborhoods, including small-scale multi-family buildings throughout Ward 2 residential areas, with small 1-4 unit building allowed on traditional sized lots and 1 to 2.5 story multifamily buildings above 4 units on a limited number of combined lots, and larger, taller apartments allowed on transit corridors and near stations. The proposal also recommends elimination of minimum off-street parking requirements citywide, creates four new categories of commercial uses and prohibits new heavy industrial uses while preserving land for quality living-wage production and processing jobs. Comments will be collected at public meetings as well as online through July 22, 2018. That feedback will be taken into consideration as City staff revise the plan for City Council consideration. Comments can be made at [minneapolis2040.com](http://minneapolis2040.com) or shared on Twitter: #Mpls2040 @Mpls2040. Please take some time to review the draft here <https://www.minneapolis2040.com/> and share your feedback with me and others.
- 2) To help me better share the plan, gather feedback and understand your viewpoints, I will be convening a Ward 2 community meeting on the draft plan on **Thursday 7-9pm, April 26** at St. Francis Cabrini Church at 1500 E Franklin Ave. Please join us <https://www.facebook.com/events/211830769401694/>
- 3) Spring street cleaning will begin **April 17**. Please look for temporary "No Parking" signs to make sure streets are clear of parked vehicles and avoid having your car ticketed and towed to the Impound Lot. Use the City's website to learn when your street will be cleaned: [www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping).

- 4) In March the Council voted to take up an ordinance amendment that would to ban the sale of tobacco products (including nicotine vaporizing devices) sales to anyone under 21. We also set the public hearing for **May 14 at 1:30pm** at City Hall. Five other Minnesota cities have already passed similar legislation. I support this proposal and commend Council Member Johnson and Ellison for bringing it forward. <http://www.startribune.com/council-members-want-to-raise-tobacco-buying-age-to-21-in-minneapolis/477672063/>
- 5) The City is planning to hire around 50 individuals to support the administration of the election this year. Work may begin as early as May and run through the November 6 General Election. From April 16 – April 30 applications will be taken for a Poll Book Supervisor. From April 23 – May 7 openings will be posted for 6 Absentee Voting Supervisors, 2 Assistant Election Judge Trainers, 4 Warehouse Staff; and from May 4 – May 18 for 34 Absentee Voting Election Support Specialist. When available, job postings can be found at <http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/judges/seasonal>
- 6) In response to the concerns about evictions Council Members Cunningham, Ellison and I have begun the work of amending our Conduct on Premises ordinance. The Council has established a staff workgroup that includes representatives from the Police Department, Regulatory Services, the City Attorney's Office and the Health Department to help ensure that any amendments are effective in helping landlords manage tenant behavior but not force or encourage evictions when they are not necessary or justified.
- 7) Following up on the recommendations of the Public Health Advisory Committee in March, I am working on a resolution to present to Council in April that would establish a new official city advisory committee that will advise the Departments of Community Planning and Economic Development, Regulatory Services, Health, the Sustainability division of the City Coordinator's Office, and the City Council regarding matters related to the accessibility, maintenance, and development of stable, quality, sustainable, healthy, and affordable housing in the City of Minneapolis.
- 8) Seven Open Streets events have been scheduled for 2018. Those in Ward 2 neighborhoods include the Lake and Minnehaha event that will take place on Sunday July 22, Franklin that is set for Sunday August 26, and University of MN that will be held Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>. Open Streets Minneapolis is a free event bringing together community groups and local businesses to temporarily close major thoroughfares to car traffic, opening them up for people walking, biking, rolling, and playing. Find more information at [www.openstreetsmpls.org](http://www.openstreetsmpls.org).
- 9) In March the City Council, with my strong approval, authorized the issuance of up to \$25 million in Tax Exempt Revenue Bonds for this new cooperative housing project in Southeast Como near Van Cleve Park at 1220 Brook Ave SE. We also approved specific housing goals to ensure there is affordable housing there for at least 30 years. A ground breaking ceremony for this project is planned for April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. You can find more details at <https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/File/2018-00280>
- 10) Interstate Development has been granted a conditional use permit to operate a truck sales, service or rental business at 600 Kasota Avenue. They plan to purchase the building and lease the entire 55,000 square foot building to Boyer Trucks. Boyer Trucks is a 90-year-old, employee owned (ESOP) company in the business of selling and servicing medium and heavy-duty trucks.
- 11) A number of board and commission positions are open for City Council and mayor appointments. Visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm> for more information and to apply.