

Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to Longfellow, 5-17-17

Cam's Next Longfellow/Cooper Office Hours:
Monday, May 21, 9:30-11:00am
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Items:

- 1) 2018 Valuations
- 2) Mayor's State of City Address.
- 3) Neighborhoods 2020.
- 4) Renewable Electricity Resolution.
- 5) Block Leader Training.
- 6) Bicycle Advisory Committee Appointee.
- 7) Small Business Team Hours in Ward 2.
- 8) County Jail Contract
- 9) Minnehaha Academy – North Campus Reconstruction
- 10) Openings on Boards and Commissions

- 1) Please join me at **Ward 2 Community Meeting on 2018 Valuations**. Many people in Ward 2 saw significant increases in the assessed value of their homes this year. To help understand and discuss this and its relation to possible property tax increase in the future and other issues, I will be convening a Community Meeting with the City Assessor on Valuations on **Wednesday, May 30 from 7–9pm at Matthews Park**.
- 2) The Mayor will be giving his first state of the City address on Thursday, **May 24** from 11:30am to 2:00pm at the Lundstrom Performing Arts Center at 1617 North 2nd Street.
- 3) The Neighborhood and Community Relations department reported back at the May 14 meeting of if the Public Health, Environment, Civil Rights and Community Engagement Committee on the community feedback about the Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap and the committee is recommending the creation of 3 work groups focused on: 1) Community Engagement and City Departments; 2) Roles of the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission and NRP Policy Board; and 3) Neighborhood Organizations.
- 4) The City Council unanimously passed the resolution I coauthored with Council Members Fletcher and Schroeder that commits the City to reaching goals of 100% renewable electricity for Minneapolis. The resolution, started by former Council Member Frey last year, commits us to using 100% renewable electricity for city government uses by 2025, and to reach 100% renewable electricity for the broader community by 2030. This builds on the work of our Climate Action Plan and includes a direction to our Sustainability staff to create an aggressive implementation plan for reaching this goal. For more information visit <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/File/2018-00410> .
- 5) The 3rd precinct police are offering Block Leader Training **Monday June 11** from 6:30 – 8pm. Block clubs offer a great tool for crime prevention and community building. The training will help people make an impact on preventing crime and be prepared to work with neighbors and the police if there is a problem on your block. For more contact Karen.notsch@minneapolismn.gov.

- 6) I will be forwarding my recommendation of Emily Smoak to the Council, to be the next Ward 2 representative on this valuable and valued Committee. This was a difficult decision because of another outstanding applicant who was also well qualified. Emily is a Longfellow Resident and professional transportation planner who currently works at the Minnesota Health Department. I am confident she will be a great addition to the group.
- 7) Our small business team will now be hosting community hours in Ward 2 at the East Lake Street Library every **Second Monday of the month, starting May 14th 4pm – 5pm**. Other on-going community library hours are held at the Central Library, second floor: 10am – 1pm, every other Tuesday; the Hosmer Library: 3 – 5pm, every third Wednesday; and the North Regional Library: 1 – 3pm, every fourth Thursday. The Small Business Team was established to help people successfully start, sustain, and grow businesses in Minneapolis and assist people in navigating City permitting and licensing processes, in connecting resources and getting answers to questions about regulations and requirements.
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/coordinator/SmallBusinessTeam/index.htm>
- 8) The City of Minneapolis, through the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD), contracts with Hennepin County, through the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), for use of the jail for booking and pre-trial detention of arrestees. In response to concerns about risk of deportation posed to residents who are arrested and turned over to the County Sheriff's office as part of our contract with the County to provide jail services for all Minneapolis Arrestees the Council has directed passed a motion directing the City Coordinator, in conjunction with MPD and the City Attorney's office, to seek amendments to the contract for jail services to include provisions that promote a separation between local law enforcement and federal immigration enforcement and protect the City's immigrant communities to the greatest extent that is consistent with federal law.
- 9) The Planning Commission's decision to allow the Minnehaha Academy North Campus addition project to go forward with conditions was appealed and the appeal was heard by the Zoning and Planning Committee on May 17. After we heard the appeal by near neighbors of the project, I moved to subject the project to eight new conditions, in an attempt to address the concerns I've heard, and find a compromise that would work better for the surrounding community. The new conditions I successfully placed on the project that will be considered by the full Council on May 25 include: reducing the height of the proposed steeple from the 64 feet approved by the Planning Commission to 59 feet and six inches, a reduction of four and a half feet; Reducing the height of the two classroom buildings from the fifty-three feet and eight inches approved by the Planning Commission to forty-six feet, a reduction of seven feet and eight inches; Requiring the school to consult with the National Park Service to ensure that the materials and colors utilized for the exterior of the proposed additional buildings are natural and subdued in appearance to create visual continuity with the established natural treeline as viewed from the Mississippi River Trail; Requiring the school to work with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to provide native trees and other plantings to be planted in an existing open area on the eastern portion of the site (which is Park Board property) to provide additional screening of the proposed addition; requiring the school to install a right turn only sign for vehicles exiting the westernmost parking lot on 32nd St; requiring the school to use 32nd St E for all of their loading and vehicular access, and prohibiting the use of 47th Ave S; extending the requirement for bird-safe glass from the first 40 feet of the proposed buildings to the entirety of the buildings; and requiring that the plantings to be installed by the school as part of this project will emphasize pollinator friendly plantings. To address the concern of the nearest neighbor to the north, but to make sure that the gate blocking vehicular access to 47th Ave S is in a location that will permanently prohibit truck access.
- 10) A number of board and commission positions are open for City Council and mayor appointments this fall. Visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm> for more information and to apply.