

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

Monday, May 14, 9:30-11:00am

Black: Coffee and Waffles, 1500 Como Ave SE

- 1) Comprehensive Plan Open Houses
- 2) Spring Street Sweeping
- 3) Ward 2 Valuations
- 4) State Legislators Aim to Void Local Environmental Laws
- 5) Mayor's State of City Address
- 6) Renewable Electricity Resolution
- 7) Community Solar Garden Subscription
- 8) New Apartment at Como and 11th Ave. SE
- 9) Riverton Groundbreaking
- 10) Openings on Boards and Commissions

- 1) There will be open houses focused on the draft of the City's comprehensive plan held from 10 a.m.-12:30pm Saturday, **May 12** at the Northeast Recreation Center, 1530 Johnson St. NE; from 5:30-8pm Monday, **May 14** at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.; from 5:30-8pm Wednesday, **May 16** at North Commons Recreation Center, 1801 James Ave. N; from 5:30- 8pm Thursday, **May 17** at Dayton Gravidae YMCA, 651 Nicollet Mall #300; and from 5:30- 8pm Thursday, **May 31** at the Powderhorn Recreation Center, 3400 15th Ave. S. Please take some time to review the draft here <https://www.minneapolis2040.com/> and share your feedback with me and others.
- 2) 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.
- 3) With my recommendation, Emily Smoak has been approved as the next Ward 2 representative on the Bicycle Advisory 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.
- 4) 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**. Other on-going community library hours at 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>

- 5) 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.
- 6) On Friday I expect the City Council to approve the ordinance amendment that will prohibit the sale of tobacco products to anyone who is under the age of 21.
- 7) There will be one more open houses focused on the draft of the City's comprehensive plan held from 5:30-8pm Thursday, **May 31** at the Powderhorn Recreation Center, 3400 15th Ave. S. The plan, Minneapolis 2040, covers topics such as housing, job access, new building designs and street use. Please take some time to review the complete draft here <https://www.minneapolis2040.com/> You can find a printable version of some information, including land use maps of the Ward 2 area at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@council/documents/policydocument/wcmstp-210263.pdf>
- 8) The Council has approved 13 appointees to serve on our first ever Racial Equity Community Advisory Committee and assist in developing and implementing a Racial Equity Action plan in the months ahead. Noel Gordon, from Prospect Park, will serve as the Ward 2 appointee to this group. Noel is pursuing a Master's degree in Public Policy and Business Administration at the University of Minnesota. I am confident he will be a great asset to the work of the Racial Equity Community Advisory Committee. To see the committee report and more visit <https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/MarkedAgenda/COW/466>.
- 9) The Council has amended our Bike Sharing ordinance and contract with Nice Ride Minnesota to allow them to test and phase in a new "dockless" bike sharing model this summer for full implementation next year I worked to ensure that that the service would be available throughout the city and that the ability to rent a bike would not depend on a smart phone application. You can find their business plan at <https://www.niceridemn.org/asset/jymx07/Revised-NRM-Business-Plan-Update043018.pdf>
- 10) 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.