

# Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to the Seward, May 23, 2018

## Cam's Next Office Hours:

**Monday, June 4, 9:30-11:00am, Birchwood Cafe**

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- 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) Tobacco 21
- 10) Comp Plan Open Hosue
- 11) Race Equity Committee
- 12) Bike Sharing - "Dockless" Bike Pilot
- 13) 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://lms.minneapolismn.gov/File/2018-00410> .
- 5) The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:Karen.notsch@minneapolismn.gov).

- 6) 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.
- 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**. 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) 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.
- 10) There will be one more open house 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/wcmsp-210263.pdf>
- 11) 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>.
- 12) 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 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](https://www.niceridemn.org/_asset/jymx07/Revised-NRM-Business-Plan-Update043018.pdf)
- 13) 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.