

Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to the Southeast Como Neighborhood July 3, 2018

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Cam's Next Como Office Hours:

Monday, July 9, 9:30-11:00am

Black: Coffee and Waffles, 1500 Como Ave SE

- 1) Election 2018
- 2) Comp Plan Draft
- 3) Bunge Tower
- 4) 10th Avenue Bridge
- 5) Neighborhoods 2020 Work Group
- 6) Co-responder Pilot
- 7) Pedestrian & Bicycle Winter Maintenance Study
- 8) 311 Text
- 9) Police Department Charter Amendment.
- 10) Openings on Boards and Commissions

- 1) There will be a Primary Election held on **Tuesday, August 14** this year with Early Voting in the primary running from Friday June 29, to Monday, August 13, Monday through Friday 8am to 4:30pm, except on Monday, August 13, when it closes at 5pm. The General Election will be held **Tuesday, November 6**, with Early Voting going from Friday September 21 to Monday November 5, Monday through Friday 8am to 4:30pm. On Election Days the Polls are open from 7am to 8pm. People can Vote by Mail, and vote Early In-Person at the Early Vote Center at 217 S Third Street. Minneapolis voters will be able to cast ballots for the primary races for U.S. Senator, U.S. Senator, special election, United States Representative (District 5), Governor/Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Minnesota State Representative (Districts 59A, 59B, 60B, 62A and 62B), County Commissioner (Districts 2 and 4), County Sheriff and Minneapolis School Board at-large members (two seats). State law allows voters to bring materials into the polls to help complete their ballots — and the sample ballot is the single, best tool available for this purpose. By downloading and printing their sample ballots (which are customized to their specific ward and precinct), voters can practice marking their ballots. They can bring this marked-up sample ballot as a reference to the voting booth when completing their official ballots. This is the best way to reduce the time spent waiting in lines. Find sample ballots for all 132 Minneapolis precincts here: www.vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/ballot . For more information visit www.vote.minneapolismn.gov , www.facebook.com/votempls and www.twitter.com/votempls.
- 2) In July Committee's will be formally reviewing sections of the draft comprehensive plan that is now open for public comment through July 22. The draft, called, Minneapolis 2040, has been available on the web site in an interactive format for several months but now the draft plan, with policies organized by both goals and topics, is also available as in a searchable and printable PDF format. The PDF document can be found at . <https://minneapolis2040.com/pdf/> and includes the same content found on the interactive web site at <https://minneapolis2040.com/> Comments can be submitted online at the website or emailed to 2040@minneapolismn.gov.

- 3) Work is well underway at the old Bunge grain elevator site where demolition of the remaining grain elevators is nearly complete and construction is beginning at the Riverton's first phase of the project. I was sorry to learn that there was a fire at the Bunge Tower head house but relieved that it was put out without significant damage. My understanding is that was started by demolition equipment that overheated and caught fire while it was being used
<http://www.mndaily.com/article/2018/06/n-fire-in-southeast-comos-bunge-tower>
- 4) Public Works staff will be moving ahead with plans to renovate the 10th Ave Bridge that has been in need of repair for several years now. An open house about the project was held in June and construction will begin this summer. The design work for the rehabilitation project will be completed by the end of 2018. Construction will begin in the Spring of 2019, and will continue into 2020.
- 5) 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. From June to August, groups will develop policy, and from August to November, they will solicit public comment on their drafts. Learn more at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/2020>.
- 6) In June the Council received a presentation and report on our Co-Responder Pilot Program. This is something I advocated for in 2016 and was glad to see included in last year's budget that provided funding for three MPD officers and two mental health professionals. In the model that has been operating this year the Police and Hennepin staff comprise Police-Mental Health Co-responder teams that work with one supervising officer and one crisis team supervisor. Hennepin County assigns two staff from Hennepin County's Community Outreach for Psychiatric Emergencies (COPE) to work with Minneapolis officers to develop and implement a Police-Mental Health Co-Responder Program which is currently in place in the Third and Fifth Precincts. <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/RCA/2583>
- 7) The Council has received the Pedestrian and Bicycle Winter Maintenance study results that Public Works is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, July 10th from 4:30 - 7 PM, at the downtown Minneapolis Central Library, 2nd Floor on the Doty Board Room to share them with the public and gather feedback on next steps and priorities. You can learn more at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/pedestrian/data/WCMSP-210947>.
- 8) As of Monday, June 11th texting will be an option for reporting complaints, request services or asking questions by texting 311TXT. (311898). This will provide an alternative, especially important for those with speaking or hearing impairments who will no longer have to rely the antiquated TTY/TDD system.
- 9) I am working on an ordinance, that if approved by the Council would be submitted to the voters at the November 6, election. If approved by the voters it would amend the Minneapolis Charter provision that puts the supervision of the police department solely in the mayor's hands, distancing it from the City Council and thus the electorate. Unlike any other City department, according to the Charter, the mayor is "vested with all the powers of said city connected with and incident to the establishment, maintenance, appointment, removal, discipline, control and supervision of its police force..." It is this arrangement that has made it particularly difficult for council members to fully engage and influence how we manage and assist our police officers. The Council cannot direct staff, set policy about police behavior or institute promising management practices, when the Charter gives the Council no authority over the department, except to approve the appointment of the police chief and the department's budget. It is time to put the police chief on equal footing with other department heads.
- 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.