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Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to Seward Neighborhood 4-23-14

Cam's next Seward Office Hours:
Thursday, April 27th, 9:30-11:00am
Blue Moon Coffee Café, 3822 E Lake St

Items:

- 1) Longfellow Market Opens
- 2) Street Sweeping
- 3) State of the City
- 4) Bike Week
- 5) Indigenous People's Day Resolution
- 6) American Indian Month
- 7) Somali American Day
- 8) 3rd Precinct Open House
- 9) Long-Term Carbon Emissions Reduction Goal
- 10) Energy Pathways Report to PUC
- 11) Electronic Rideshare Ordinance
- 12) HomeLine Comes to Minneapolis
- 13) Bikeways for Everyone Kickoff
- 14) Yard Waste Pickup
- 15) Openings on Boards and Commissions

- 1) The new, long anticipated, Longfellow Market grocery store has opened for business. Please join me in congratulating Joel Ahlstrom and welcoming this great new store, located at 3815 East Lake, to the area. It will help strengthen the commercial node at Lake and 39th, and by extension the whole Lake Street commercial corridor. I want to thank the community organization and Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development staff for the help they provided in getting this project to completion, and wish Joel and his employees success.
- 2) The City has scheduled spring street sweeping to start with posting on Monday, April 21, for the first day of sweeping on Tuesday April 22. Please help your friends, neighbors and customers look for the posted signs to avoid a ticket or tow – and help the City get the winter accumulation of sand and debris off of our streets and out of our waterways. Go to www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping and click on "street sweeping schedule lookup," to find out which week a street is scheduled to be swept.
- 3) Mayor Betsy Hodges will deliver her first State of the City Address on **April 24th**, from 12-1:30pm, at the American Indian Center at 1530 E Franklin Ave. I look forward to hearing more about her vision for the future of our city.
- 4) Bike Week is May 4-11th. There will be activities every day of the week, as well as commuter pit stops where riders can get their bikes checked, get lights, maps, and more. Visit <http://www.mpls bikeweek.org/> for more information.
- 5) I support and will be coauthoring Council Member Alondra Cano's proposed resolution to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day in Minneapolis. I see this move as building on the groundwork laid in the Year of the Dakota resolution from 2012.
- 6) Please join me at the parade on May 1 to kick off the month of celebrating the American Indian community. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the kick-off day events. The opening ceremony starts at 10am at Cedar Field, Little Earth of United Tribes, Cedar Avenue and 25th Street.
- 7) The Council has unanimously passed a resolution declaring July 1st "Somali American Day" in Minneapolis. I was delighted to support this resolution introduced by my colleague Council Member Warsame.

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- 8) Please stop by the 3rd Police Precinct Open House on Friday, May 16th from 11am-2pm, at the precinct building at Minnehaha and East Lake St. There will be refreshments and information and displays from the bomb squad, canine unit, crime prevention specialists, community response team, fire department, mounted patrol, Sheriff's water patrol and SWAT team. I look forward to seeing you there.
- 9) The Council's Health, Environment and Community Engagement committee has adopted a new long-term carbon emission reduction goal for the City of Minneapolis: we will strive to reduce carbon emissions by 80% or more by 2050, from a 2006 baseline. This is in line with the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recommendations and the 2050 goals already adopted by the State of Minnesota and Hennepin County, and was recommended by the City's Sustainability staff and the Community Environmental Advisory Committee. The work to draft this recommendation was in response to a staff direction I made back in February of this year. I enthusiastically support setting this goal, and hope that we can push well past reaching it. However, we need to be clear that this is a very aggressive goal. Reaching it will require a fundamental transformation of the way we use energy in buildings, in our transportation system, and how we deal with waste.
- 10) Along with staff from the Center for Energy and the Environment, I will be presenting the City's Energy Pathways Study to the Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday, April 29th. I view this as a good opportunity to share the results of this study with the PUC, to continue laying the groundwork for a partnership between the City and our energy utility partners, Xcel and Centerpoint. These partnerships will enable the City and the utilities to reach the City's Energy Vision laid out in the Pathways Study, which in turn will help us achieve our carbon reduction goals (a 15% reduction by 2015, a 30% reduction by 2025, and now an 80% reduction by 2050). These goals are in keeping with the State and PUC's own goals for energy use.
- 11) There will be a public hearing on Council Member Frey's ordinance to license electronic rideshare or "peer-to-peer" services on Tuesday, April 29th, sometime after 1:30pm. I continue to support this ordinance in concept. The City of Minneapolis should regulate electronic ridesharing companies as what they are, not attempt to regulate them as taxicabs. While there are aspects of the taxi ordinance that will not be applied to companies like Uber and Lyft, they are also not afforded some of the benefits the City makes available to taxis, like the use of taxi stands and the ability to accept street hails. From what I have seen so far, Council Member Frey's ordinance does a good job of establishing a careful regulatory framework – including insurance requirements, background checks for drivers and more – while allowing electronic rideshare companies to exist in our city. Minneapolis is, at this time, the only city in the Twin Cities metro that has not allowed electronic rideshare companies to operate.
- 12) A widely respected nonprofit organization providing free legal, organizing, educational and advocacy services to tenants throughout Minnesota is finally expanding their service to Minneapolis residents. Beginning in April, renters in Minneapolis can use Home Line's free service to get help with any rental issue, learn more about renters' rights, or receive free legal advice by emailing Home Line attorneys at homelinemn.org or by calling their free Tenant Hotline at 612.728.5767.
- 13) The Bikeways for Everyone campaign – which aims to help the City reach our goal of building 30 new miles of protected bikeways by 2020 – is having a kickoff event **Tuesday, April 29** at 5:30pm at the Open Book Center, 1011 Washington Ave S. For more information, go to <http://bikewaysforeveryone.org/recent-developments/posts/bikeways-for-everyone-kick-off-event/>.
- 14) Yard waste pickup has now begun for the year. Please remember that all bagged yard waste put out for collection must now be in compostable bags – either paper) bags or compostable plastic bags – or reusable containers. Anyone who prefers not to purchase compostable bags may place unbagged yard waste in a reusable container with sturdy handles. Other options include dropping off yard waste at a compost facility and taking the bag back home, or composting yard waste at home and using the nutrient-rich compost for gardens and lawns. For questions about leaf and brush pickup, call 612-673-2917 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/yardwaste.
- 15) Applications are now being accepted for a number of open board and commission positions that the City Council and mayor will appoint this spring. Board and commission members in the City of Minneapolis provide valuable insights, help shape key policy decisions and provide community-based input into administration of services. The City is seeking applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to strengthen the work of the City. There are more than 40 open positions on the following six City boards and commissions: [Civil Rights Commission](#); [Bicycle Advisory Committee](#); [Workforce Council](#); [Public Health Advisory Committee](#); [Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission](#); [Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#); Applications will be reviewed beginning April 25, but the positions are open until filled. Visit the City's website for a [full list of appointment opportunities](#) and position descriptions. Appointments to boards and commissions are made twice a year — in the spring and fall. This streamlined appointment process makes it easier for folks to learn about volunteer opportunities, ensures a more open and understandable process for residents and staff, and increases the diversity of the applicant pool.