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**Council Member Cam Gordon's
Report to Southeast Como, 3-2-10**

Cam's next Southeast Como Office Hours:
Tuesday, March 9th, 9:30-11:00am
SECIA Office, 837 15th Ave SE

Items:

- 1) Parking on 13th Ave SE
- 2) Proposed Bike Lanes on 15th and Como
- 3) Winter Parking Restrictions in Effect
- 4) Social Host Ordinance Passes
- 5) Emerald Ash Borer in Minneapolis
- 6) New Hospital-Based Youth Violence Prevention Strategy
- 7) Department Head Reappointments
- 8) Civil Rights Director Search
- 9) Homegrown Minneapolis
- 10) Openings on City Boards and Commissions

- 1) My office is working with SECIA staff and Public Works staff on allowing 90-minute parking on the east side of 13th Ave SE, along the west side of Van Cleve Park.
- 2) The Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot project has suggested a layout for bike lanes in Southeast Como that would include a bike lane from 10th Ave SE to 22nd Ave SE (where the existing bike lane begins), and from the termination of the existing bike lane on 15th at Rollins Ave up to Como. This proposal would require the removal of parking on the east side of 15th Ave from Rollins to Como, and along the north side of Como Ave from 18th to 22nd. Staff studied the utilization rates of both areas, and found low usage of the Como Ave section and high usage of the 15th Ave section, much of it by people parking to take the bus. The node at 15th and Como, all the way to 18th Ave, will not see any reduction in parking, and neither will the section of Como west of 15th. I am interested to hear the community's feedback on this project, and look forward to accommodating bicycles in the neighborhood in a way that the community supports.
- 3) Public Works is has instituted Winter Parking Restrictions, which **bans parking on the even sides of residential streets** (all streets that are NOT Snow Emergency routes or Parkways). Despite the recent warm weather, these restrictions **remain in effect** until the City communicates otherwise. Public Works took this step for the first time since 2001 to ensure that our emergency responders (fire trucks and other emergency vehicles) are able to navigate every Minneapolis roadway after the large amounts of snow we have received this winter. The parking restrictions went into effect on Thursday, February 11, and stay in effect until April 1, though the restrictions may be lifted prior to April 1 if snow accumulations no longer pose a challenge for emergency vehicles. Any vehicles left on the even side of any residential street between February 11 and April 1 are at risk of being towed. Please help spread the word to your neighbors, so that this unfortunately necessary restriction causes as little disruption as possible.
- 4) The "Social Host" ordinance I authored passed the Council unanimously. My office is working with the City Attorney's office and Communications Department to develop a communications piece for informing residents of this new law. We will be happy to provide this piece to the University Ambassadors and others who can help communicate about this new set of expectations to student renters. I look forward to hearing in about a year about how the law has been enforced.

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- 5) Unfortunately, but not unexpectedly, Emerald Ash Borer has been found in Minneapolis, in the Prospect Park neighborhood. The Park Board's Forestry Division is preparing for this challenge, developing policies for removing not-yet-infested but unhealthy or unattractive Ash throughout the city, so that the loss to canopy does not come all at once. My policy aide is the Council's new appointee to the Tree Advisory Committee, and Ward 1 Council Member Kevin Reich's policy aide Shannon McDonough is the alternate. This will help us to coordinate between the City and the Park Board on this emerging challenge. Please continue to restrict the movement of firewood as much as possible, to help slow the spread of this infestation.
- 6) The City, Hennepin County, and area hospitals and community organizations are working together to end youth violence. A new hospital-based initiative has been developed to identify and address the needs of youth victims of violence who present to the emergency departments of Hennepin County Medical Center and North Memorial Medical Center. The protocol is triggered when a juvenile gun shot victim is admitted to the emergency room. A hospital social worker is notified upon arrival of the patient. After the medical condition has been stabilized, the social worker meets with the youth and parents and performs a detailed psychosocial assessment. Specific areas explored include issues related to safety concerns, retaliation risk, family, peer group, school/truancy, life skills (anger management/conflict resolution), mental health, chemical dependency, legal concerns and employment. Based upon this evaluation, the social worker makes appropriate referrals to community-based agencies that provide services to troubled youth. To date, nearly 40 agencies in the metro area have agreed to offer their services in partnership with this program.
- 7) The following department heads have been reappointed: Patrick Todd, City Assessor; Susan Segal, City Attorney; Alex Jackson, Fire Chief; Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health; Steve Kotke, Director, Public Works; and Rocco Forte, Director, Regulatory Services. The following department heads are still awaiting reappointment, but I expect that they will be reappointed easily: Steven Bosacker, City Coordinator; Mike Christensen, Director, CPED; Steve Kotke, Director, Public Works; and Rocco Forte, Director, Regulatory Services. The reappointment of Police Chief Tim Dolan will be held tomorrow, March 3rd. My office has done considerable work on rating the Chief's performance on the performance measures spelled out in the 2007 Safe City Resolution, on which I will be basing my vote in large part.
- 8) The Director of Civil Rights position is now posted on the public website and is open for those who wish to express interest in the position. Please go to the following link <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/jobs/> for application details and the full position description. The deadline for submitting resumes is Friday, March 12, 2010. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please direct them to the website or have them submit their resume and cover letter to kendallm@keystoneresearch.com.
- 9) Homegrown Minneapolis continues to make progress. For more information, check the HGM website: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/dhfs/homegrown-home.asp>. One interesting upcoming event is the **Jams & Jellies Workshop**: Are you interested in making and selling safe, home-produced jams and jellies at farmers' markets or community events? Register now for this upcoming workshop put on by the University of Minnesota Extension. The workshop will be held on March 30th from 1-4:30pm in Rogers, MN. Registration fee = \$25.
- 10) There are openings on the Animal Care & Control Advisory Board (closes 4/2), Audit Committee (closes 3/12), Citizen Environmental Advisory Committee (closes 2/19), Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee (closes 2/26), Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities (closes 4/2), Heritage Preservation Commission (closes 4/2), Latino Advisory Committee (closes 4/2), Pedestrian Advisory Committee (closes 4/2), Public Health Advisory Committee (open until filled), Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (closes 3/5), and Workforce Council (closes 4/02). To apply, call (612) 673-3358 or email cityclerk@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.