

**Council Member Cam Gordon's
Report to Southeast Como, 10-10-06**

**Cam's next Southeast Como Office Hours:
Tuesday, October 17, 9:30-11:00am
SECIA Office, 837 15th Ave SE**

Items:

- 1) Rental Licensing Ordinance Amendment
- 2) Signage at 15th and Brook
- 3) IRV Roundtable 10-26-06
- 4) Minneapolis Energy Challenge
- 5) Urban Windpower task force
- 6) Arsenic ordinance
- 7) Big Stone II
- 8) Department of Peace
- 9) Ending Youth Violence
- 10) New Second Ward Website

- 1) The rental licensing ordinance amendment I've authored will come before the PS&RS committee tomorrow at 1:30pm. The ordinance will require that partnerships provide the individual partners' names and addresses to the Inspections Department upon request, and make violations of the building code (such as unpermitted work) and unpaid water bills grounds to revoke rental licenses.
- 2) After months of effort, my office has heard from Public Works that they will be recommending "No Parking Here to Corner" signs for the intersection of 15th Ave SE and Brook Ave SE. Thanks to the Menks and SECIA staff for your help and encouragement.
- 3) At one of my ongoing series of roundtable discussions, I will be hosting a conversation about Ranked Choice Voting (also known as IRV) at Matthews Park on October 26th, 7-9pm.
- 4) The City has decided to partner with the Center for Energy and the Environment on the **Minneapolis Energy Challenge**. I ask SECIA to organize Southeast Como residents to take the easy steps available to us to reduce our energy consumption. After October 16, go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/energychallenge for more information.
- 5) My office has put together a group of wind industry experts to talk about how we can change the zoning code to broaden the uses of wind turbines within the city. It will meet in mid-October.

- 6) I have introduced an ordinance requiring that landlords within the South Minneapolis arsenic contamination site inform their prospective and current tenants about the level of contamination the EPA has found in their soil. It will also require that home sellers disclose known soil contamination to home buyers citywide. This ordinance will come before the HE&E committee for a public hearing on October 12th.
- 7) I was the lead author of a resolution that passed the Council unanimously, strongly stating the City's opposition to the proposed Big Stone II coal-fired power plant.
- 8) I co-authored a resolution calling on the Federal Government to create a cabinet-level Department of Peace.
- 9) I have been working with the city-sponsored Youth Violence Prevention Community Leaders Forum I helped start to redefine youth violence as a public health (as well as public safety) issue. Working with community leaders we are developing a comprehensive approach to addressing and eradicating youth violence.
- 10) The Second Ward website has a new look, including a graphic interface and individual neighborhood resource pages. Check it out here: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward2/>. We are attempting to make it easier for residents to access the resources available in their neighborhoods. Please look carefully at the Southeast Como resource page and let my office know if you have any changes or additions.