

RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

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**Relating to relationships between the City of Minneapolis and the City's Independent Boards.**

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is a home rule charter city through adoption of the city charter by election on November 2, 1920; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis City Charter created The Park and Recreation Board of the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis would like to foster and strengthen the working relationships between the City of Minneapolis and the City's independent boards; and

Whereas, open communication between the decision makers of the independent boards and the city council benefits our constituents; and

Whereas, the City's experience with the Youth Coordinating Board and the Neighborhood Revitalization Program demonstrate the importance and value of communications across jurisdictional boundaries; and

Whereas, the formalizing of the information sharing process would result in more consistent and comprehensive exchange of information between the City and the City's independent boards; and

Whereas, social gatherings between the elected officials of the City and the elected officials of the City's independent boards will foster and strengthen the working relationships; and

Whereas, a non-voting Coordinating Committee composed of two members of each independent board, the Mayor, the City Council President and the Chair of the City's Intergovernmental Relations Committee which meets semi-annually would foster and strengthen the working relationships between the City and the City's independent boards; and

Whereas, City employees working with independent board employees on overlapping projects can produce better results for our constituents with more efficiency; and

Whereas, the "public purpose doctrine" permits a governmental entity to expend public funds if the primary purpose of the expenditure is public and the expenditure relates to the governmental purposes for which the entity was created; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has determined it is necessary and convenient for the fulfillment of governmental responsibilities for the City of Minneapolis to authorize expenditures of public funds for meetings between the City's elected officials and the elected officials of the City's independent boards;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis makes the following public purpose findings and determinations:

1. Gatherings of the City's elected officials and the elected officials of the independent boards promotes a public purpose through coordinated planning activities among and between the City and its independent boards and serves the best interests of the City's constituents through improved working relations and increased efficiencies.

2. Public expenditures for gatherings of the City's elected officials and the elected officials of the independent boards serve a public purpose because improved coordination and communication result in the City's elected officials and employees fulfilling their responsibilities in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

3. Public expenditures for food and refreshments associated with gatherings of the City's elected officials and the elected officials of the independent boards serve a public purpose by sustaining the flow of meetings and ensuring meaningful participation of the attendees.

Be It Further Resolved that City of Minneapolis anticipates that the Chair of the City's Intergovernmental Relations Committee, or designee, will regularly meet with and share information with each independent board at a regularly scheduled, or special, meeting of the independent board. Further, an elected representative from each independent board, or designee, will regularly meet with and share information with the City Council at a regularly scheduled, or special, meeting of the City Council or one of its Committees. Reports from the sharing of information will be provided to the Council or independent board, as applicable, by the meeting participants.

Be It Further Resolved that, based on these findings, the City of Minneapolis authorizes semi-annual participation in a non-voting Coordinating Committee. The Coordinating Committee is to be composed of two members of each independent board, the Mayor, the City Council President and the Chair of the City's Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis anticipates, that on an annual basis, the Chair of the City's Intergovernmental Relations Committee and intergovernmental relations staff will meet with and share information regarding key legislative issues with each independent board's intergovernmental relations chair and intergovernmental relations staff.

Be It Further Resolved that the elected officials of the City of Minneapolis and the elected officials of the City's independent boards will meet annually.

Be It Further Resolved that the employees of the City of Minneapolis and the employees of each independent board will continue to collaborate on identified overlapping projects.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis authorizes the expenditure of funds to accomplish the goals set forth herein.

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