

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

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Subcategory: City Policies

Subject:

Global Partnerships – Minneapolis Sister Cities

Description:

Approving limiting the total number of Minneapolis Sister Cities to 12 to focus our current resources on continuing or re-activating the 12 sister city connections currently attached to the City.

Previous Actions:

April 17, 2015, Petition Number 278241, Minneapolis Sister Cities: Approving the temporary postponement of the creation of any new sister city connections with directions to staff.

October 2, 2009, Petition Number, 273782, Minneapolis Sister City Relationships: Revised process & criteria

July 17, 1998, Petition Number 263925, Sister Cities Criteria.

Ward/Address:

All Wards

Background/Analysis:

Staff was directed to 1) evaluate the number of sister cities that we currently have and the capacity to have more; 2) evaluate the engagement/involvement of the sister cities that we have at the current time and whether they should be continued; and 3) explore other options, including tiered status or other reviewed mechanisms, for sister city connections.

Minneapolis has 12 Sister City connections, ten (10) of which currently have a local sister city committee. Minneapolis sister city connections are managed through a contract between the City of Minneapolis and Meet Minneapolis, and in collaboration with local volunteer sister city committees.

Staff considered the following options:

1. Continue to accept and respond to proposals for sister city connections with Minneapolis.
2. Support the 12 Minneapolis sister city connections, and work to activate sister cities that do not currently have a local sister city committee. And limit the number of Minneapolis sister cities to 12.

3. Move sister cities without a local committee to emeritus status and limit the total number of sister cities to 12.

Staff recommends supporting the 12 Minneapolis sister city connections, working to activate the sister cities that do not currently have a local sister city committee, and limiting the total number of Minneapolis sister cities to 12. A more detailed summary, including a list of Minneapolis sister cities, a summary of program activities, and analysis of options considered to form this recommendation are included in the attached report.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

Attachments:

1. Staff report: Evaluation of Minneapolis' sister city connections and options for ongoing management of the number of Minneapolis sister cities