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Meeting Minutes AAMU SUBCOMMITTEE: EDUCATION

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Friday, May 13, 2011

9:30 AM

Room 301-A, City Hall

Meeting called to order at 9:45 am.

Members present: Ald. Hamilton, Arturo Martinez

1. Connecting students to workforce/training needs

Mr. Arturo spoke about the need to create "pathway" educational and training programs to assist young people, especially challenged students. He stated that these programs should aim to help young people gain a high school diploma or GED, then provide them with education and training to gain credentials and skills to enhance and sustain their employment, education, and career processes.

Mr. Arturo spoke about a MPS two-year dual credit enrollment program currently in operation in its first year. Funded by a private foundation (Ford Foundation), this program targeted 12 Spanish high school students, considered "at-risk", from South Division High School and provided to them a gateway course, from MATC, to take. This program would expose these students to the college environment, gain college credentials while earning high school credits at the same time, and prepare them to overcome college admission issues or tests. This program is in its first year of operation with a total fund of \$20,000, with \$10,000 being used each year. There is no cost to the students or parents.

Mr. Arturo said that similar programs were being implemented in El Paso, Texas. He stated that similar dual credit enrollment programs can be developed for African American high school students in Milwaukee.

2. Be the Change: Literacy, Leadership, and Life skills program

Ald. Hamilton spoke about the Literacy, Leadership, and Life Skills Program. This program would target young men with academic, truancy, and discipline issues. There is funding for the program. The program identified about 150 to 200 young African American students from Vincent High School and Washington High School. The program would be an early resource for young students, provide them with academic and life skills, help address their problems early, and assist them through high school.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Chris Lee, Staff Assistant

