



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE UNEMPLOYMENT TASK FORCE

**ALD. ASHANTI HAMILTON, CO-CHAIR AND ALD. TONY
ZIELINSKI, CO-CHAIR**

**Deborah Blanks, Sedgwick Daniels, Ald. Joe Davis, Joe
Fahey, Pam Fendt, Curt Harris, Wendell Harris, Ralph
Hollmon, Carl Jaskolski, Ossie Kendrix, Marc Levine, Arturo
Martinez, Gerard Randall, Michael Rosen, Tim Sheehy, Julia
Taylor, and McArthur Weddle**

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Tuesday, February 15, 2011

12:00 PM

Room 303, City Hall

Meeting convened at 1:08 p.m.

Members present:

**Ald. Zielinski, Mc Arthur Weddle, Carl Jaskolski, Deborah Blanks, Ald.
Davis, Arturo Martinez, Ossie Kendrix, Ralph Hollmon, Tim Sheehy,
Wendell Harris and Curt Harris**

Members Excused:

Pam Fendt, Marc Levine

**Members Absent: Hamilton, Wheeler, Rosen, Paulsen, Fahey, Sedgwick
Daniels, Taylor and Randall**

Also present:

**Mary Turk, Legislative Reference Bureau
Steven Mahan, Director of Community Development Block Grant Office
From Growing Power, Leana Nakielski**

1. Review and approval of minutes of the January 25th meeting.

Mr. Hollmon moved to accept minutes, seconded by Ald. Davis. There were no objections.

2. Discussion relating to a recommendation of \$425,000.00 dollars to Growing Power to create 150 full time jobs.

Leana Nakielski from Growing Power was present to answer final questions and concerns members expressed prior to the drafting of the final recommendation.

Mr. Martinez said that Milwaukee Area Technical College receives grants from the

U.S Dept of Education that they will be able to provide up to 50 or more, available spaces for individuals who need to obtain their GED to work together with Growing Power, Inc.

Mr. Hollmon moved to make the recommendation, to be presented before the Community and Economic Development Committee (CC FN #101214), that the \$425,000 LID dollars be use to support Growing Power to build the 150 hoop houses that will ultimately create 150 full time jobs, seconded by Mr. Jaskowski. Also as part of the recommendation, Ald. Davis requested for financials to be provided in advance of the Community and Economic Development Committee, scheduled for Monday, February 21, 2011.

Mr. Mahan stated that it has not been determined through the federal budget if those funds will be retroactive to 2011 and that there may be a prorating of these funds.

There were no objections

3. Discussion of Committee reports on work groups.

There was no discussion pertaining to this item.

4. Set next meeting date and agenda.

March 8, 2011 at noon, in room 303, City Hall

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.
Joanna Polanco
Staff Assistant