

★ **Roll Call Number**

**Agenda Item Number**

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**Date** December 3, 2007  
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Recommendation from the City Manager to appoint Council Member Bob Mahaffey to the Multiple Education Pathways Blueprint (MEPB) Leadership Team.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

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_____ Mayor				

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

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City Clerk

November 16, 2007

The Honorable Mayor  
and  
Members of the City Council

**RE: Multiple Education Pathways Blueprint (MEPB) Grant**

Dear Mayor and Council:

On September 10, 2007, by Roll Call No. 07-1787, City Council approved a contract with the U. S. Department of Labor to create a local multiple education pathways blueprint and to subcontract the implementation of the program to the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC). The City was awarded a two-year planning grant for \$492,000 to gather data and identify gaps in the education and social service delivery system related to high school drop outs.

As our contractor, DMACC is convening the appropriate partners for creating the blueprint. A technical team of staff from the primary partners has been meeting since July to organize the planning framework. The technical team is now working to convene a leadership team of policy makers who can give broad guidance to the effort and assist with crafting the final report and recommendations. The leadership team will meet three to four times a year during the planning period (through June 30, 2009).

As the lead agency, the City of Des Moines has been asked to provide a representative to the leadership team. Because two of the high schools (East and North) that will be targeted for research during the process are in Ward 2, Council Member Bob Mahaffey was suggested as a possible representative. I agree that this recommendation makes sense, so I intend to formally recommend his appointment to you at your meeting on December 3, 2007.

The first MEPB event is a kick-off to be held at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 10, 2007**, at the United Way of Central Iowa Conference Center (1111 Ninth Street). I encourage you to attend if you are available. The purpose of the kick-off is to educate the community about the MEPB grant and to gain community support for the planning activities. More than 100 community-based organizations and concerned individuals are invited.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Clark  
City Manager

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