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2	Use the land for small business and commercial use in non-industrial areas. Retail stores and possibly housing could work depending on the soil. Educational uses, buildings that fit the surrounding architecture, and/or green space	
3		Eastside jobs-light industrial, sustainable wages
4	Convert historic buildings into an artist-youth mentoring facility-work areas for artists, writers, etc. at a reduced price in exchange for participation in mentorship activities for area youth. Maintain some rail service areas for public transit opportunities-light rail, business locations along E. 7th street, green space/recreational area stemming from bike path area-nice area for kids, similar to Como Park area, amusement park, carousel, or something that will draw people in. Mixed use please!	I am concerned about crime in this area. I do not want to see the Ramsey County corrections facility in this area.
5	How about a movie theater? We have a jail house by McDonald's already (BCA?)	Swede Hollow - what a waste of money. So what if people used to live there. They should have just filled in the hole- no one goes down there except bums -we've been down there and seen those drunks. It is beautiful but scary- it should be turned into reality (sic) property so you can make property taxes.
6	NAPA store site, Wal-mart? Hamm's site?	Enforce community role in decisions by the Port Authority, residents are excluded from process, businesses only are included
7	To bring development of the good. Business please! Like a Target, K-mart, small businesses. We want things that we can use and do not have. To bring in more jobs and variety of people to live here.	
8	Green industry and jobs.	Jobs, Safety, Neighborhood Engagement
9	I think we should look at transit oriented development, and apply Smart Growth principles and affordable housing opportunities.	
10	That we respect the local history and don't end with some ugly square box development	That the jobs are real new jobs and not just relocated current jobs, and that they go to East Side residents.
11	Whole foods, Breakfast Café, Farmer's market, Co-op grocery store, Metro State. NO BIG BOX STORES! Bike access and no massive surface parking.	Master plan for Mounds Park
12	Manufacturing, especially green technology and high tech	Don't settle for low - wage jobs
13	Light Manufacturing that pays a living wage. Senior Housing	Crime, vandalism, condemned and vacant houses
14	I don't want the correction facility here, we're investing a lot of renovation in our business to stay open on the East Side	Crime will destroy this area
15	No probation or corrections department. We have enough criminals in the area	We are currently losing our customers. We can't keep good employees because of the # of felons and gang members on the East Side now. It means it will be a hang out for these felons, sex offenders and drug users. Then our police have to deal with them as well as the citizens in the area. Strides have been made by both citizens and police to KEEP CRIMINAL ELEMENT OUT. We don't want to lose ground. A Wal-Mart would be much better than the Ramsey County Corrections facility.
16	Keep the surface parking back from East 7th Street. Buffer residential areas from the business areas. Try to infill East 7th with retail business on a scale in keeping with existing retail sites.	
17	Community oriented business along 7th so community members can meet all their shopping needs on foot. Preserve and create multiple purpose buildings with businesses on the street level and offices located above or behind retail areas.	No manufacturing. Do not tear down older buildings without our community input (i.e., Viaduct Inn). (SPPA) This was NOT your proudest moment.
18	Develop the area for crafts and arts - farmer's market type environment. Definitely businesses and mix with other things with social and cultural appeal that will draw people to this area. Make people want to shop and go to local businesses	I own lots of rentals and already have a hard time trying to get working class renters, without trying to put a building up and inviting them to come. We already have lots of vacant houses. Why make more? Don't push existing people out, have them move in.
19	Private industry jobs that will hire Eastside residents. Tax producing jobs.	
20	Although I realize that we need to get more jobs. We don't need a high density office park. While that may be good for the St. Paul tax base, it doesn't necessarily mean that the neighborhoods will gain (i.e. how many of these workers actually live in the immediate areas to these office parks. I would like to see some office areas areas and saving some of the unique old buildings on site.	
21	Light rail station, and train storage/repair house.	Concerned about sale to Big Box retail
22	Are the Ramsey County Commissioners who are here committed and in agreement with Lantry and Bostrom regarding corrections on this site?	
23	What type of use or business will be on this site? Is any space to be considered for Latino businesses.	
24	Why are we wanting to bring in more criminals to the areas there are more than enough. We need more help.	
25	Light Rail Station and train, storage/ repair houses.	
26	Jobs - Not retail, not entertainment - (Engage the Urban Land Institute and University of MN), Manufacturing, Service Industry, Health Care and Technology jobs. Transportation and Education.	
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28	Create a place for homeless people to get on their feet. A tent town for the homeless, wherein a large tent is set up where unemployed homeless can manufacture "electric heated sleeping bags". This solution for our nation's poor who perhaps have a home but not enough money to heat it. But with the bag and a little electricity we may save a life either indoors or out.	This will create less crime by way of creating more jobs.
29	Vikings stadium!! Purple pride =east side pride!!	
30	Metro state campus. No mixed use. Please take advantage of the considerable land size to bring in a major manufacturing enterprise. Keep historic structures that preserve the local character.	No mixed use - attract many jobs with large scale manufacturing.
31	We need good high wage jobs to replace what was lost. Industrial and fabricating jobs.	Get gang activity under control and lower the crime rate in the area.
32	How about a huge library?	
33	Jobs, industrial, light industrial, ...service (i.e. mixed use), save associated buildings, good design/architecture and green roofs.	History of 3M runs deep in Saint Paul; Bldg 21, Albert Kohn Wm. McKnight; historic district, contributing assets (Port Authority Concentrates on negative aspects- is 'slope' that big of a problem?); engage residents from other parts of town (collaboration) engage NGOs, there is value in many pre-existing conditions.
34	Midtown global market, community art studio, off leash dog park, community garden space. Green Industry and light commercial.	Everything
35	Transit oriented mixed use development, similar to Santana row in San Jose.	I am concerned about our lack of attractive retail, high density housing and transit.
36	Multi-use housing and business development without large parking lots. Create opportunity for future development for light rail/street car access. This can create a vital business community on the street and with housing above. Every other major city seems to have embraced this concept.	
37	Support labor! I like the idea of Metro State University expanding. I can see a need for student housing coupled with priorities for priorities given to neighborhood resident/business owners	Our two and half year old son says "I don't like to knock the building down"
38	I want to see an urban/trendy downtown area with a park area with fountains. A small local artist museum would be interesting as well or part of this downtown area. Light rail would be fantastic! Metro state expansion could be interesting. Farmers market/green. The community should have more say in what is put here. It needs to fit our urban landscape. Stores with housing on top or office space.	Foreclosed homes and empty businesses. The Rainbow shopping area is run down. Corrections facility would be a terrible thing for our area and our families.
39	That the district council/ neighborhood organizations bond together, reach out to all residents in the area and negotiate a Community Benefits Agreement in relation to this development.	Community benefits agreements (cba) with the 3m site development, see website for more info: www.metrostability.org
40	Metro State University second campus/ 3M museum/senior assisted housing/ German or Chinese American School	Green manufacturing, No corrections facility!
41	Establish an incubator site for solar wind, biomass businesses or biomedical technology. I like electronic museum idea also. Branch building for college such as U of M, Metro State, etc.	I am concerned that the Port Authority will ignore the opinions of East Siders. We want to see that planning for the entire 46 acres is done up front and not piece-meal.
42	Metro state expansion with Dinky-like business district/stores. We should aim to meet the shopping needs of those who live here along with some open greens spaces. This site could be a hub for green industry, and we should take advantage of existing rail tracks.	No corrections facility.
43	Tackle the process with professionals in urban design, landscape architecture and planning to explore multiple options that the community can review.	No suburban industrial development, keep the history and existing warehouse character. Having land on 2 sides of the tracks offers a unique opportunity to bridge the neighborhood.
44	I would like to see this area be mixed-use that includes green space, affordable housing, and businesses that reflect the diverse cultures of the eastside and brings in more jobs for the eastside.	I am concerned that not all of the voices of the community will be represented or have the opportunity to be involved in the planning process. This would negatively impact the ethnic communities (i.e. Hmong, Latino) the most due to language barriers. Therefore I highly recommend efforts be made to reach out to these under served communities and ensure their voices are represented in this planning.
45	Why not commercial business? Create space for a variety of businesses. This is not to be an area for harboring known criminals. What is next? We will only then attract mental health (transitional) housing, and more sexual predator housing. It must stop here and now. Adding new resources for the criminal element not benefit anyone.	If the main clients would be felons, what good can come from packing the Eastside with more criminals. It does not bring jobs or tax revenue to the area. It's a lateral relocation move, and right now - the Eastside can't have any more problems. This only gives the criminal element a reason to be here and stay here.
46	If they put in commercial, I suggest a good thrift store such as Unique Thrift on Rice and Larpenteur-it's well seen and always full of customers. Also, along with that a Target or Kmart so we can do all our shopping in our own neighborhood.	One thing I'm concerned about is too many bad landlords with bad tenants.
47	Something should be put here that is planned for by our Neighborhood Task Forces: mostly create new jobs, some limited commercial on 7th and Arcade	Historic preservation
48	Use it all for business people that produce products and create new manufacturing etc. Not for community services that pay no taxes for this valuable commercial property that will pay taxes.	
49	I would like to see mixed use retail of small shops which reflect our area	I like to see more small business especially in my area more so the appearance of many homes to be better, little paint.

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50	NO MORE demolition until the neighborhood is fully involved. Expand metro state on this side.	Historic preservation, independent locally owned small business
51	create destination center of the property.	facility called bicycle world.
52	Mississippi food co-op, art house cinema, wellness center, privately owned. (No chains) chains), museum, community education center, bike blvd., green space	do not and will not support pollution, noise, low income housing, Wal-Mart type places or further destruction of existing architecture.
53	Light industrial would help provide good paying jobs, employees pay taxes. We just don't need anymore government expenditures	crime
54	Our older building such as the Viaduct Inn, are our greatest resources. These structures should be saved and converted to new uses. Job creation should be a focus. Keep focus on the trades such as construction. Also, if the city brings in hi-speed internet it would help if it started on the East Side and offered this resource to business at a discount on this service if they move here. Create incentives.	Failure of police to write up reports and general rudeness
55	I also support the idea of Metro State expanding and for student housing. Additionally, smaller locally owned mom and pop type stores, a co-op would be nice with priorities given to neighborhood resident/business owners-I do not want to see big box stores or Ramsey county probations. 2.5 yr/old Quinn says "I don't like to knock the building down."	