

Imagine Flint – Vision and Goals Workshop

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Table Introductions

As our city moves forward, what must we do to improve social equity?

(Participants entered the following comments)

- 001 THIS IS SPARTA!
- 002 just ignore this response. i wanted to test the "submit" button. please send me a message if it works.
- 003 WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE INEQUITIES ARE
- 004 hi
- 005 Live in Flint College Cultural Area. Moved back to be close to family. Pay attention to flint community schools helps with social equity.
- 006 Expand educational opporutinties. Expend "vocational trades" in schools.
- 007 EVERYONE NEEDS TO FEEL SAFE
- 008 Blythe is the biggest concern. Only been here 15 months and will form an opinion at the end.
- 009 good educational opportunities for everyone
- 010 Everyone should feel safe. Education.
- 011 concerned about safety and public safety. Big issue as she constantly hears gun shots. Sees police etc all the time
- 012 The city should lessen the burden on low income people through distribtion of its resources.
- 013 Make MTA Free
- 014 MAIN CONCERN IS EDUCATION
- 015 need something for people to stay here
- 016 EDUCATION
- 017 FAMILIES NEED TO SUPPORT THROUGH THIS PROCESS
- 018 Public eductation and the collaborative conversations with diverse personnel.
- 019 provide access to preschool for all children in Flint
started bloc club ballenger square community associatona interested in teh blight and the abadoned houses in neighborhood
- 020 need different code enforcement
- 021 More bus shelters
- 022 YOUTH SUMMER AND AFTERSHCOOL PROGRAMS
- 023 Have diversity through out the city.
- 024 Improve public transportation and accessibility

- 025 Teach younger kids economic literacy.
- 026 EQUAL ACCESS TO RESOURCES FOR SENIORS, CHILDREN, AND PEOPLE OF LESSER MEANS
- 027 Involve the youth. give full opportunity for education without distractions.
- 028 School/ education
- 029 A SAFER FLINT FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY
- 030 Flint has a unique chance in taking a lead and setting an example of how to deal with a shrinking population. Need to reorganize leadership, consolidate schools, government and at a neighborhood level needs to be returned to the community.
- 031 Completely reevent the city out of scratch
- 032 Look for opportunitites to improve all the wards like what is happening downtown
- 033 Focus on improving the economy to attract new sources of revenue
- 034 Edudcation and housing improvements are much needed. too many vacant homes around schools and delapidated homes when the entire neighborhood needs improvement.
- 035 jobs, self sustaining
- 036 Change culture of Crime
- 037 policy and access, everyone should have the opportunity to inform policy and access to technology
- 038 trying to reduce vandalism and improve neighborhoods--objective to get more people active in their bloc club or neighborhood association more people active n the community
- 039 A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING
- 040 School funding etc, property taxes
- 041 need for broad perspective, collective consciousness - what's good for us all is also good for me
- 042 Need more positive communication
- 043 Education. Emphasis on youth
- 044 FIND SOME MEANS OF INSURING ACCESS TO GOOD EDUCATION TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES REGARDLESSS OF ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL SITUATIONS
- 045 Oppurtunities for employment and education.
- 046 loves living in the "hood", but wants it to be safer
- 047 more reasons for people who live in the suburbs to come to the City of Flint
- 048 Involving people in the process
 - Lift up each neighborhood, not at the expense of other neightbirhoods
 - Draw businesses and jobs to the area
- 049 Education, public safety
- 050 Housing stock, new and demolish old
- 051 EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC SAFETY,
- 052 Put more money into Northside of Flint

- 053 quality education is the starting point - all the other issues are related
- 054 LOOK AT STRENGTHS OF FLINT, I.E AIRPORT, EXPRESSWAYS, HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES. LACK OF STRENGTH IN PRIMARY EDUCATION. LOOK AT STRONGER K-12 EDUCATION
- 055 Commit to social equity in our personal lives.
Ellect officials who believe in social equity and punish those who don't
- 056 Reeducation of current population to get them the jobs they need to succeed
- 057 I believe in order for us to move to improve our social equity we must unite and engage as a community consistently (before a crisis). We also must improve our education system.
- 058 social equity could be served best by getting parents involved in early education to change the culture we need tos tart with the young people we need more parental involvement in the worst way
- 059 Transparency. More transparency in this process,. Continuous education and skills training for all city residents of all ages. Economic education.
- 060 Apply ordinances, codes and rules enforces=d equally across the city
- 061 ACCESS TO CLEAN AND HEALTHY FOOD
- 062 concerned with taking power from the neighborhoods. we have all these meetings to make you feel like you have "buy-in" but we need to REALLY empower our neighborhoods.
- 063 quality education
- 064 stand up to the powers that be to be sure that what the people decide is what is implemented.
- 065 focus on 30-35% limited literacy - to bring them up to level, training, and increase the work force
- 066 Build the family, stronger family units.
- 067 Social equity will improve if we attract new people through job opportunities
- 068 Have more small gathering in the community, on a consistent basis.
- 069 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN
- 070 quality public education and access to information
skill development availability
- 071 INCREASE JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITIES. EMPLOYMENT
- 072 Kids. Focus on kids.
- 073 come down hard on slum lords, homes are not up to code
- 074 Need recreating a sense of community.
- 075 Education, safe neighborhoods
- 076 Get more activities for all ages and groups of people. Ways to stimulate economy.
- 077 OPPORTUNITIE TO LEARN, GROW, WORK AND SAFETY
- 078 Start with our selves, and get the right people in to office and make they responsible.
- 079 outreach programs to create a shared outlook, educational and social programs to help people in need

- 080 have all the rules fit everyone- equity across the city
- 081 been thinking about greater access to healthcare not just for illness but for prevention and wellness. want it to be livelong and comprehensive birth to passing. we can do more even though we have done soem things.
- 082 More young people involved.
- 083 We need to increase safety. Eliminate boundaries and beautify.
- 084 Help people take ownership to improve Flints Image
- 085 kids need a place to go
jobs; more specifice the hiring process
- 086 We need to pull the the neighborhood into the development of the city.
- 087 retrain youth so that they are not involved in violence. Need to mentor youth because people are living in fear
- 088 WE MUST HAVE A HIGHLY EDUCATED AND TRAINED WORKFORCE. EMPLOYERS MUST HIRE TH E MOST QUALIFIED PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF WHO OR WHAT THEY ARE.
- 089 Have more Ward Meetings
- 090 ACTION BEHIND SOCIAL EQUITY, BY EDUCATION, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
- 091 Focus on reliable and economical transportation.
- 092 Create Hope
- 093 Recognizing everyone, even thouse without voice have something to contribute.
- 094 Quality of education in public schools
- 095 ALLOW PEOPLE TO INTERMINGLE AND TALK ABOUT OUR DIFFERENCES TO MAKE FLINT BETTER
- 096 Education
- 097 Create more jobs.
- 098 More reasons for young people to stay in Flint. More jobs!
- 099 We need to have elected official be more open and honest with us, and we need to have our voices heard on their committees - not just their friends. We are the taxpayers and we need to be heard.
- 100 Jobs is a huge issue. Without it morale goes down, property value goes down, self-esteem goes down.
- 101 Improve Education System
- 102 reduction of blight
giving jobs in Flint to those who live in Flint
- 103 EDUCATION AND INFRUSTRUCTURE, BETTER HOUSING
- 104 1. FRESH FOOD IN VERY NEIGHBORHOOD
GROCERY STORE IN VERY NEIGHBORHOOD

2. VOICES OF YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HEARD; YOUTH ARE ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS; HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS -- SEE WHAT ISSUES THEY SHARE AND MAKE SURE THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD

3. I AM VOLUNTEER AT YOUTH SHELTER, FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE THERE -- NEED TO LISTEN; WE NEED TO LISTEN TO CHILDREN TO HELP THEM IN THEIR LIVES;

4. YOUTH IS HUGE ON MY LIST; THERE IS NOTHING FOR YOUTH TO DO; COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR CHILDREN -- ALL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS DONT TALK TO EACH OTHER; YOU NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO REALIZE WE ARE ALL IN IT FOR THE SAME THING

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- 105 Healthy food access and safe place to exercise.
- 106 Education - Early Years
- 107 prepare our young people for the jobs in the city
 - our young people need to be involved in the processs
 - need representation from all people
- 108 reduce crime, deal with overcrowded jails, reduce illiteracy
- 109 Safety and security, protect the value of existing housing stock
- 110 Increased public transporation
- 111 education in its broadest sense, work with parents to be more and effective parents; pre-school for everyone; access to higher ed and training beyond HS; different kind of funding - can't fund all school equally, may need more for those in Flint. Not just more of the same.
- 112 places where people can go to give input for development will help make the master plan more equitable
- 113 GET MINIMUM SURVIVAL : FOOD, INCOME AND SHELTER.
PRIMARY EDUCATION OR EASY WAY TO RE-EDUCATE PEOPLE.
ON GOING EDUCATION/SKILLS TRAINING
- 114 Include the youth in this process.
- 115 i believe we need to create a more safer community. we also need to concentrate on more community development and economic development and by doing that we need to remove the blight issues we have in our community. Invest more in our youth--programs and structured activities. things youth can do to build their character
- 116 employment, jobs availability
- 117 Reaching out to local education institutions to help reeducate local population
- 118 people need a clear path to participate in solutions. clear grass roots entry point
- 119 Investing in our youth
- 120 Public housing and housing is a disaster. Need to get God involved in the community and the church more involved. Would like to see God 1st and housing
- 121 Safe, quality access to natural resources

- 122 Make it safe enough for residents to walk around all neighborhoods.
- 123 Register to vote to ensure a voice in local government.
- 124 Safety. people don't want to come here due to safety issues.
- 125 give more people jobs
- 126 We need more mentors and volunteers to lead youth.
- 127 Improve Public Safety
- 128 Public safety and education needs to be improved.
- 129 we educate people and they leave- we need to keep them here
are there opportunities in business that we need to look at offering equally
- 130 Create a community for veterans.
- 131 Rehab more homes
Prison entry programs
- 132 education, children should establish cultural agility, establish tolerance, not wrong to believe in something different.
- 133 Public safety, educational opportunities being more open, inclusive
- 134 educational process, people working together to improve quality of life, partnership around resources, be unselfish
- 135 thinking a lot about blight and how can we manage the empty lots with the open lots and keep them looking presentable. how can we get young parents to be more involved with their kids
- 136 cant improve until we have safety
- 137 people need to take advantage of what the City does have. many resources are not used. Better marketing of current assets/programs in the City.
- 138 equitable access to higher education; more diverse job market that caters to local talent in order to retain and build
- 139 Access to public transportation information, Clear and transparent communication from city officials
- 140 Quality education. Better access to k-12 and college, focus on completion rate.
- 141 Better public safety
- 142 Re-entry for ex-offenders
- 143 Education, build with younger kids before they grow too old
- 144 Everyone have access to affordable healthy foods.
- 145 jobs corp for youth deconstructing houses.
- 146 Access to better schools and education.
- 147 provide greater equity and equal opportunity, especially in the area of education, at the youngest age possible
- 148 Investing in youth particularly low-income, reaching them young and helping them to invest in our community

- 149 We need people in gneral need to come to these meetings and express their opinions. There's power in numbers.
- We need to get our youth ore involved int hese workshops and give them a sense of pride so they think before they start destruction.
- It's a big topic, so I think of specific issues - employment, vacant lots, etc. Agree on what we mean by soc eq. We need more gatherings like this.
- 150 create a voluntary workforce for the youth. Have fun while working and establish their self-esteem. Keep youth on the right track. establish the idea of working together.
- 151 get drugs off the streets, getting kids to stop dropping out of school
- 152 Implement Youth Activities to promote positive community involvement
- 153 here to learn
- 154 Reinstill character in people.
- 155 Businesses need to patronize each other.
- 156 Education - Literacy
- 157 Reduce crime which violates the rights of all citizens.
- 158 young people need more resources and outreach that services exist in order to learn life skills
- 159 destabilization of families and until you can stabilize families i don't know how other things will be solved. being involved with their kids but if they don't know how to parent it will be difficult. i think we have lost a generation of parenting--that is impacting everything
- 160 Quit defining crime by color
- 161 education is paramount. Until we go back to Head Start type programs and acclimate children to learning before they get to kindergarten, we'll be lost. "If you don't save a kid by the time he's in 4th grade, he's done." Emphasis on pre-school.
- 162 make people of flint feel worthy of the social equity. change the culture of expecting less
- 163 EDUCATIONAL PROCESSES, COME TOGETHER AS A UNIT TO SHOW WE ARE MORE THAN AN AUTOMOTIVE TOWN. PEOPLE MORE INVOLVED IN THE RECOVERY PROCESS.
- 164 more skill for entrepenours, enhance the job situation in the city, increase profit
- 165 Need affordabile housing, mixed used zoning, address vacant housing (blight);
- 166 everyone should be feel safe in all the city
- 167 build some high rises, attract tourists, help with tax base, better housing availablity
- 168 Make people accountable who are recieving assistance... Drug testing... Clean up flint
- 169 mostly ladies addressed crime issues. the women seem more vulnerable
- 170 5. NO STATISTICS ON HOMELESS; 3000 HOMELESS IN FLINT; HOMELESS LIVE IN BASEMENTS; THE SHLETTERS WERE ALL FILLED BEFORE THE HARD PART OF THE WINTER CAME ON; IS IT TRUE THERE IS ONLY O NE WARMING STATION IN FLINT; EVERYUONE SHOULD HAVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING; NO TRUE ACCESS
- 171 we need to listen and everything we do is equal and given to everyone in our city
- 172 MAke sure that all interests are represented. from all economic levels.

- 173 Give more knowledge to the people about resources.
- 174 Nutrition also important - kids get it maybe in school but that's not enough.
- 175 People need to know that you care and focus efforts towards the youth. After schools programs to give the youth something to do. There is nothing for youth to do after school. Got to get people that care and volunteering time.
- 176 We need safe parks and streets for children.
- 177 Create more job oportunities within the City of Flint
- 178 the amount of people who have a good paying job in Flint but live outside of Flint. For the City of Flint specifically.
- 179 take pride in your community. let people see that they can do better
- 180 increase the desirability of the City of Flint
People should begin to get more involved in the city's recovery
- 181 We need more police and firemen on the streets
- 182 bringing contracts and services back to Genesee County
- 183 It is imperative when reaching out to the community that it is done on a lay level, "on their level"; empowering community members
- 184 Having resourses within walking distance equal for all.
- 185 Public Safety
- 186 more people investing in flint, education and employment need to work together, internships specifically
- 187 we will have to covince people that their salaries will not be as high as they once were
- 188 plan, key community players, buy-in from the cumminty on the right plans, implementation depends on everyone being on board and up to speed
- 189 Education is #1. Also make sure there are jobs for us when we get out of here (Mott College).
- 190 Focus on public education and that will bring the jobs.
- 191 Any improvements that are made need to be in each area of the city.
- 192 One of the things I'm cocerned about is financial resources b eing distriburted equally. Our school system is way behind, we stopped art programs, etc.
Improve by providing education and job opportunities for people. Wi educ and a job you can provide equity
- 193 Placemaking and making things more accessible
- 194 Neighborhood clubs for youth to have an opportunity to interact
- 195 Cora: determine the needs and target them. bequin to engage youth to give them a chance to acheive by changing their thought process
- 196 Access to education on how to make safe and quality decisons. Build on the existing positive aspects of the neighborhood.
- 197 We need more investments in our local neighborhoods.

- 198 shrink the size of the city to about 20 sq miles, better acces to services, cultural center, activities
- 199 more listening, more hearing, with follow up and action. hearing more people
- 200 need good jobs for kids who cannot afford college--training, etc.
- 201 Public transportation
- 202 Education defeats crime. but when you lose a child early in school, they give up on themselves, they give up on their community, then they take it out on people around them. crime is growing as unemployment grows. We need to stop altering the "plans" and misappropriating funds for programs like "No child left behind"
- 203 use the cultural center area and repurpose to a green high school and provide additonal services to children
- 204 Places for children to play in their own neighborhood
- 205 Increases hope in our youth will increase social equity
- 206 If you have rules- have teeth in those rules. We need to enforce them.
- 207 More activities for senior citizens i.e. recs and parks.
- 208 More activites, designs to connect the neighborhoods, parks, side walks.
- 209 We must push for equality in employment on a skill level and ability to learn, stablize education and push for self empowerment and guaranteed employment for all at cost living.
- 210 honesty and accountability from government, not hiring quality people too much nepitism
- 211 More collaboration, working together.
- 212 People from all areas treated same and senior's need to be looked out for. finical stablity respect difference raise community difference. come together as one on common ground for soulutions. make sure entitlement and ownership. commintment from community, better communication, engage youth. programs for the youth, safer schools for our children. get rid of all empty houses that have been stripped. We need to have all our churches get involved.
- 213 understanding is needed; we dont have to agree but we need to listen and know how to have difficult conversations
- 214 Improving outside opinions of the city of Flint
- 215 More activities
- 216 More acceptance of diversity.
- 217 Continued support of mass transit, repair sidewalks and bike trails, allowing citizens to travel freely around the city
- 218 6. LITERACY RATE IS LOW; LOW GRADUATION RATE CONCERNS ME; WE NEED TO IMPROVE EDUCATION; A BETTER EDUCATION WILL LEAD TO A BETTER CITY
7. 2 ISSUES -- 1. SAFETY -- IF NO SAFETY NOTHING ELSE MATTERS; 2. FIX THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, THE SYSTEM DOES NOT WORK; WOULD NOT SEND MY CHILD THERE
8. NEED MORE JOBS AND BETTER SAFETY; IF YOU CANNOT GET A POLICEMAN FOR 2 WEEKS AT A TIME -- THAT IS A PROBLEM;
- 219 education, which leads to jobs and welfare

- 220 exchange individual ideology for what makes sense for the whole community.
- 221 a lot people don't value the education they get for free...i have 14 and 15 years olds who do not go to school anymore because they don't feel it is important
- 222 City contraction, manage housing density, low into "green space."
I.e. "relocation" transform neighborhood into something new
- 223 More recreational activities for youth.
- 224 more opportunities for all
- 225 Invest in areas outside of downtown
- 226 nepitism
- 227 present the findings and the plan to the people so they understand and feel invested in the plan
- 228 like to see something for the kids to do. Parks are not the same. Need to put something in place of buick city, but community area for kids to have a place to participate and play.
- 229 increase in property values / increase the ability to borrow to improve homes
either demolish blighted homes or rehab blighted buildings
provide support to parents
- 230 more education opportunities
- 231 we need to revamp the school system--need to modernize it to bring them up to speed with technology
- 232 Preventative resources for youth to help ensure they don't end up in criminal system; getting youth involved in positive community activities and help build self-esteem
- 233 Important to establish greater sense of trust - way to achieve it is through accountability. We're going to have to take responsibility for what we do. Of course, we're in a very deep hole and things are expensive - so we have to priorities and live with what's getting done. New revenue streams need to be found.
- 234 -invest in the people at the grassroots level. so the human interest first, then from there determine what other financial investments are that need to take place. talking and listening to people.
-to find one thing is tough. maybe just to listen to everyone. start there.
-certain things are common among all of us regardless of background, and that's when we come together to discuss, in doing so we find commonalities between all of us. where do we start? by getting to know one another. we are all faced with similar issues.
-what most of us have been saying--get in on a small level. find things that we all agree want to be changed. this will snowball into further things.
-equity means ownership--how can we own our end result?
-equal access to government. can't be blocked out due to segregation. you can tell there are issues if you just look at the map. you need to have an equal voice.
-work to revise educational system to remove disincentives to leave the city--enhance every child's ability to receive a quality education.
-get beyond our bubbles in the wards and get very real about the fact that there have been decades of investment in certain communities. think in terms of everybody succeeding and being strong.

-embracing small pocket areas in the neighborhood that have community investment instead of relocating the success of the people to a certain area.

-work together to achieve equity.

-drop our barriers, include everyone.

-can't have equality without justice, value, and respect. we have to start with respect. value what others have to say. learn to listen.

- 235 To improve on our job market and education we must focus on these areas first.
- 236 establish neighborhood associations throughout the city. people need to come together to improve the community on a very local level.
- 237 Increase structured afterschool activities for the youth in each neighborhood that reinforce positive outcomes.
- 238 education, kindergarden - college, training in maths and technology, better opportunities
- 239 equality in education. bussing availability. better integration of schools and city as a whole
- 240 comments about crime and neighborhood is very connected. the more people are invested in their neighborhoods, the more they will get involved and the crime will go down. Volunteering in your own neighborhood gets people invested.
- 241 where someone is born should not determin thier destiny
- 242 Cut the cost of living, education and transporation access to services.
- 243 need more male role models in the community; they are lacking compared to women
- 244 JOBS AND EDUCATION; SAFETY; SECONDARY EDUCATION -- LITERACY RATE IS LOW;
SOME PROGRAMS ARE NOT GOOD
- 245 Consolidating schools - Right Sizing
- 246 Helping people take advantage of opportunities that they have
- 247 the power of the people to make changes in the schools.
- 248 provide better access to healthy foods
access of information for healthy living
- 249 Citizens considered first and safety is important
- 250 equality in faith
- 251 Programs to assist each community in functioning. Better services police, fire, education, etc. Community-based services, more localized services in walking distance.
- 252 Treatment centers
- 253 I grewe up here, left and came back. Wanted to buy a house here, but my copper pipes were stolen so I didn't move here. We need to Imagine Flint. But who would come and live in these houses? I think we need to move to Flintf changes ARTists and Artisans. People care in this world. We need to tell people we need help in Flint. I have a vision of healers from around the world coming to Flint and helping with change. People would care. Let's use the reputation of Flint.
- 254 attracting jobs to reduce crime, create a structure to allow for more home owners,
- 255 schools should be better integrated.

- 256 Everyone needs to do their own part and reach out to others to let them know what is going on
- 257 People also need to pay their taxes, especially outsiders who come in.
- 258 Attract a diversity of companies to the area to increase the types of jobs available. Public transportation is needed for out-of-towners. Improve what exists and introduce a new mode of transportation. Survey the professions of Flint residents to determine where there is a lack of employment opportunities.
- 259 the increased fees & taxes on water has a larger negative impact on low income groups of the population
- 260 Accountability on elected officials, funds managed effectively.
Manage finances
- 261 more diversified community, help give incentives to move into Flint
- 262 Need to figure out that Flint isn't a Automotive Town and it is more of a college town. We need to face that and move on. Embrace that it is a college town. Need to have more involvement from the colleges.
- 263 entrepreneurship in the school curriculum. (flint, windiate park)
access to grocery stores, services we all need in each neighborhood.
stop focus on downtown area centralization. diversify outside the downtown area. equal dispersal of tax dollars outside of downtown area.
give all citizens a voice & opportunity to be heard such as today.
children must be included, thru education & positive activities in their neighborhoods. currently isolated.
tax incentives for businesses to come to flint.
flint. gangs in the neighborhoods, taking over. cops don't respond to calls. where's the changes, money, 911? improve the police situation so people feel safe in their neighborhoods.
grocery stores in each neighborhood with fair prices. good stock/good quality food offerings.
within walking distance of mott. police protection. families must feel safe.
- 264 HOMELESS PEOPLE -- I EDUCATE SOME OF THE HOMELESS CHILDREN; WE DO A LOT IN EDUCATION;
- 265 make equity a part of who we are. we are all connected.
- 266 More programs that provide experience, information that youth need to be successful.
- 267 Quality of healthcare for inner-city, access to fresh food
- 268 If we can provide better education system and more jobs for our young people. Flint has nothing to offer our young people. We need to be more involved in our communities - block couples etc.
- 269 education is a crucial part of the solution--what corporation is going to come here and employ people if we don't have the education
- 270 Everyone agrees that safety is important
- 271 expand definition of social equity to include gender and sexual orientation
increase availability of education k- 12 system

- 272 connect equity with the schools
- 273 Education upper elementary, c-op training, access to services.
- 274 People involved in education need to be held accountable to results, to achievement being raised.
- 275 identification of neighborhood specific resources and helping to build sustainable neighborhoods by having everything that they need near by. Making sure that all neighborhoods have leadership.
- 276 Education within the Flint Community Schools must be focused on to make them more attractive for retention of students and prevent them from looking for educational opportunities outside of Flint Schools.
- 277 Education has a lot to do with where we are
- 278 Increase pride in community
- 279 Physically adjust the city, manage inner city open areas
- 280 Rebuilding the infrastructure
- 281 Connecting and activities
- 282 Community school system needs to be completely dismantled and rebuilt with the level of innovation present when it was created (the first in the country.)
- 283 parents need to push their kids to get a good education.
- 284 community involvement; show up at council meetings
we need to work across lines of business; government, private sector, and nonprofit sector
- 285 Increase education and encourage residents to own businesses in their neighborhoods.
- 286 Rebuilding the school system
- 287 WE CAN DO BETTER WITH EDUCATION BUT CANNOT DO IT BY OURSELVES IN THE SCHOOLS; IN SCHOOLS, WE ACT AS THE MOM, DAD, AND SOCIAL WORKER;
- 288 Bill
Bringing people closer downtown
- 289 be watchful of politics at play
- 290 Reduce transiency
- 291 Having institutions be aware.
- 292 Community outreach, two way engagement
- 293 public officials need to come to us.
- 294 improve educational systems eliminating disparity
- 295 Federal Basis Advocate for firing of housing Director or the federal level;
big believer in taking care of the parks and planting to make the city look better to make the community look better and seeing people together does deter crime
Key to have aggressive education system
Down town flint close to federal building not sure providence Got by proverb everyone should bring positive cheer. Don't walk around with a stick up you A** reality just need positive cheer.

The family is the core to meeting social we should speak out against the blight in our community it's impossible to have community pride when the whole community is vacant Work on Vacant housing give our community pride

What i would like to see is kneet closer together in our neighborhoods to clean up the area getting the community clean More after school activities Basket ball games etc.

I would like to see more safty for people with disabilities could get out and enjoy the activities that they do have in the community and other things that other people in our communitis enjoy. Like to see flint in safty

I would like to see more economic development in the city of Flint and more positive recreational programs in lthe City for the Youth Water and Sewweage

296 Affordable Housing

297 create a sense of community; make it friendly

298 Got to give them something to look forward too after high school. Got to give them a hope. Community school.

299 reduce size of city to reduce costs to city

300 Justice and fairness in the socioeconomic system in FLint

301 Equal access to fresh and healthy food.

302 as our population ages, we need to have the youth in line to take over. right now we don't have a good plan, and our population and city is aging

303 people need to have a common goal; this will help us improve social equity

304 We need to have more organizations and entites communicating and working together, sharing resources.

305 Access to regional transportation/mobility

306 want land bank to work more with home owners so they can stay, as well as lending institutions, to stay in their own homes

307 Education, more after school activities, more parent involvement.

308 #1 problem is no togetherness. People need to get together more to solve problems.

309 Emotional attachment vs political will to make decisions

310 Adequate parks

311 need community school directors back into the school.

312 no matter what color we are we want our community safe

313 need to stop making cuts at school level

314 Mixed use development and build on the assets of the city like the cultural center and the farmer's market.

315 Need more 'sitting on the porch and talking to our neighbors.'

316 Promote the good things going on in the city

317 having youth groups at the table, youth leaders coming forward

318 1.) Expand Genesee Health Plan to include every resident.

- 2.) Patronizing local businesses more, instead of internet consuming.
 - 3.) Quality and consistent education for all.
 - a.) Entrepenuership
 - 4.) Reach out to all children, all ages, to improve their education.
 - 5.) Raise awareness to different stories of success in and around Flint
 - a.) Need to reduce crime
 - 6.) Bridge neighborhoods to work together more closely an more frequently to create stronger neighborhoods.
 - 7.) Cleaning of urban blight
 - 8.) Sustainable job creation, limit outsourcing and for jobs for the people of Flint so residents can depend on a stable retirement.
 - 9.) Improve K-12 that is accessible and flexible and will lead to a possible trade.
 - 10.) Create social equity that is equally distributed throughout every community in Flint.
- 319 Think outside the box for employment,
- 320 ADDITIONAL ISSUES -- EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN STARTS AT HOME; EDUUCATION IS A PROBLEM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY;
- 321 politicians should stop playing with the city like a game of checkers. it hurts the community. the residents suffer.
- 322 Promote affordable housing
- 323 Increase economic opportunity through job creation
- 324 Communities basing development plans on actual residents not those from the outside.
- 325 having strong neighborhoods that all have their own resources such as grocery stores. You should be able to walk in order to get things that you need.
- 326 stablize our adults, children were we are all connected.
- 327 Page
- Zoning issues, allow home based businesses
- 328 cut back or eliminate the city income tax
- 329 there are a lot of social needs to support the community to get the support they need--teachers need to be held more accountable. no child should fail. we need to give teachers and school administrators the services and suppor they need to meet the needs of the family.
- 330 people drive across town to shop because we dont feel safe; need the community involved
- 331 Improve oportunities for people.
- 332 MAKE FAMILY INVOLVED IN THE EDUCATION PROCESS, NOT JUST FOR REPRIMANDING. THE COMMUNITY MORE INVOLVED IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS. APPRECIATE/SUPPORT THOSE WHO GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO KIDS, INCLUDING THE KIDS THEMSELVES WHO ARE GOING TO SCHOOL.
- 333 increase economic opportunities for all people

334 Absent landlords

335 developing, mentoring relationships to encourage people empowerment, reduce the dependence on social programs.

336 We need a sense of a community.

337 True Leadership. Increased Parental responsibility. Community Accountability.

338 Crime rate rose when people switched from front porches to backyard patios.

339 *ACCELERATE GENUINE COLLABORATION

IMPROVE

*IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH EDUCATION, THROUGH *ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL INCLUSION, WE NEED RE-DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS AND INFRASTRUCTURE WE MUST COME TOGETHER AS ONE,

* 5TH WARD IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOME OWNERSHIP, NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAMS

*8TH WARD EDUCATION IS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE KEY TO REDEVELOPMENT, SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS, BREAK DOWN INTO SMALLER GROUPS TO ENABLE THOSE WHO HAVE A VOICE TO WORK TOGETHER, ALL SHOULD HAVE A VOICE

* WANTS TO HEAR FROM AFRICAN AMERICANS THAT ARE AT THE TABLE (HE SPEAKS ON A LAW AGAINST SUING THE GOVERNMENT EQUITY) SPENDING TOO MUCH MONEY HE LIVES IN

* INVOLVED IN LITERACY MUCH INTEREST, EDUCATION FROM ELEMENTARY LEVEL

* LIVES AND WORKS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA-MILITARY PLANNER-DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ECONOMIES EMERGING FOR THE CITY OF FLINT, REPLACEMENT! PREPARING BUDGETS COMMANDING CENTER TO EXECUTE

* BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH

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340 Attitude - personal attitude

How to reach those who do not attend workshop - media

If you don't take of city county goes with it - stop being silent, know your neighbors - take community back partner with neighboring community

Timebank - helping each other - stuff money don't pay for - timebank software to keep track how we help each - organize city wide

Focus on schools - children have a safe thing to do - engaged the youth and families - keep open - keep up parks

Children - youth - declining student enrollment due to lack of jobs - employment for parents - have jobs people willing to go to school learn to get those jobs - everyone have opportunity to have a job

Neighborhood watch youth program - meaningful rolls in positive activities to be involved in community - adopt in wards neighborhoods make equitable reduce crime

Education with marketable skills - improve educational system

City needs to be equal - resources equal - investment into community

Outreach and involvement of all residents - meet with the disenfranchised where they are at - open and well balance process

341 public safety

342 We need calls and help. I'm from the 5th ward, and I agree that we need help. And if you don't ask you don't get.

There's a lot of mistrust. Why should we keep fighting when we can't trust Downtown- our politicians. Education is so important, but I don't have any help because I'm not connected.

343 neighbors don't know each other any longer

344 all age groups should be at the table, especially young professionals

345 Jobs

- Make sure everyone has a copy of the master plan

- Opportunity for improved housing

- Greater focus on intergrated housing / make the city smaller / fill in the gaps

- Keep transportation affordable and accessible despite population

- jobs / downsizing / security - policing / community meetings

- Agreement on security (2-3)

- Make it easier to report issues

- Easier access to community members

- Parks are not safe / need to be reclaimed

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346 Solve multiple issues of crime/education/economic opportunity to increase social equity.

347 Good opportunities for education and social interactions from preschool on

Job opportunities as people transition from adolescence to adulthood

Educational opportunities and funding available -- student loans represent a barrier

"Run around" when trying to get information about resources needs to be reduced

Churches and schools need to have information about making resources available to people

Changing the culture from a "factory worker" expectation to understanding a greater array of options

Open access, field trips, greater exposure to a variety of cultures, environments, experiences

348 get away from me, myself and I

349 1. We must first get the people of Flint to buy into it. You can't make people work, go to school. Must get into homes to educate the parents to prepare the kids.

2. Got to include the disenfranchised....

3. If more people would step up to the plate to volunteer, mentor, just help out.

4. What can be done now to start correcting blight, etc. The future planning is great but what about now.....ownership.

5. Education is a key problem. Kids won't go to school. They won't have a job. No money to put into the economy. Involve the youth,
 6. Unsafe environment. Programs for kids to keep the interactive with other youth and safe place to be.
 7. Schools are going downhill. Education is number one. Provide more resource for schools. Need support to the schools.
 8. Education is key and including early childhood support for the family. Parenting classes.
 9. Education is a key and must have people who are passionate and caring about people and our city.
 10. Education. Active schools.
- 350 A Sense of community, colleges- tapping into our connection of colleges.
- More things to do for the youth
 - More jobs and too many liquor stores in small neighborhoods
 - Increase industry expansion
 - More safety to keep youth safe and active
 - Make all citizens of Flint share in social equality (all parks get serviced, citizens need jobs, no job outsourcing)
 - Parks improved to keep Flint clean
- 351 Programs for Homeless to be able to afford housing (including sweat equity)
- 352 We must focus on Jobs, public safety, and stem the tide of depopulation, as well as focus on education, arts and physical and mental health.
- 353 Shrink the city
- 354 active community in the process of planning of the city, more democracy
- 355 More activities and ways for afford them for people who can't.
- 356 Invest in how families are raised.
- 357 We must return to an era of mutual accountability to our neighbors and increase our own sense of responsibility to the community and world around us.
- 358 Establish a framework to build economies that offer jobs to all skill/education levels.
- 359 Realize everyone do not have a fair opportunity in the city. And provide the true meaning to the people in the city.
- 360 Keep MTA in an accessible downtown location
- 361 be inclusive and transparent.
- 362 adopt a new city charter.
- 363 Neighborhood Group IDs. What need for our neighborhoods in terms of gathering places - basic needs, fresh food, transportation, healthy schools. How can we connect with other neighborhoods and share common dreams.
- 364 People need to begin talking with each other again. The best way to do that is thru recreation and specifically by using bike trails as a backdrop for socialiing.

365 Some businesses (for instance, Diplomat Pharmacy) need skilled workers but can't find them -- need to prepare people to have the proper education for available opportunities

How can we reshape the Flint economy?

How can we reshape the Flint economy? Which strategies stand out to you as having the greatest potential and why?

(Participants entered the following comments)

- 001 image (6)
- 002 utilizing the diverse range of arts and artists in the city to rebrand the image of the city.
- 003 Market flint's cultural and natural aspects... Changing flint's negative image will make it more appealing to both businesses and individuals
- 004 number 5 because i like the emphasis put on creating employment hub for the residents in the city of flint and that would raise the entire economy in the city and as a result improve our residential neighborhoods
- 005 #3 Is necessary for all the others to work.
- 006 Prepare the workforce for today's jobs. This strategy stands out because there is need for individuals to be retooled and educated for today's jobs. We are no longer an automotive industry . We must equipped ourselves with transferable skills.
- 007 2. Need to educate people or it won't do any good.
- 008 more jobs within the city limits to support the efforts of reshaping the economy.
- 009 i have this idea for a long time that we could use the brownfields to build recycle plants and that would use the air, road, and rail services remaining to ship recycling things in and out and that would employ our local labor force that have hands on skills but not technology skills not required
- 010 4 & 6 If they don't see what Flint's about they won't understand.
- 011 Expanding the number of local businesses... More businesses in flint make it more appealing for residents and visitors to the city alike, and could thereby decrease violence and crime in the city
- 012 3 consensus of entire table
- 013 making it easier to create jobs. less red tape. making sure that the job force is developed in the city.
- 014 prepare flint's workforce and reduce dropout rate. this would also reduce crime
- 015 #2 afterschool program
#4 making cultral assets known
- 016 Through the use of new green technology to rduce the cost of city services.
- 017 #2 and #4- because the city seems to be stuck in the 50's. We need to prepare young people for whats out there- more technical and scientific jobs. We need to expand our education to the jobs that are going to be forthcoming.

- 018 Strategies 1 and 2; Utilizing brownsites into greenspace with trails,
019 city center is important, would bring people closer together
020 #2 community building and individual accountability
021 number 1 i believe businesses need the whole package they needed educated workforce, skill trades still around, need a friendly government give the kind of tax relief they need to invest we need to court them, we need safe neighborhoods because employers whont move to unsafe communities
022 2. half of table consensus, strong feelings
023 #2 strategy - focus on parents with young children and increase adult literacy... to pass down the knowledge, increase state aid
024 quiality education and workforce leads to job creation.
025 2, 4, 6 Need to invest more support in public school.
026 i disagree with giving them tax breaks--they have a cusion and then move out anyway
027 Take advantage of infrastructure. Windmill, Green jobs, etc. NSP1 program.
028 Strategies 6; focus on our positives, and create negatives, such as vacant land, into positives
029 #6. biggest problem our reputation, city has more than people think there is here. FIA, symphony, cultural institute, many nice neighborhoods. Yes we have problems but marketing our image and assets we have is the most important thing - including people who live nearby. We need to take advantage of opportunity of things that are already fixed and capitalize on them.
030 Through job creation because people need to be able to support themselves and their families.
031 #6- There's such an inaccurate message about the image of the city, potential for this group to be ambassodors. People need to have a positive experience and have a postive word of mouth about Flint. Bring their families in to enjoy the city
032 #2 about preparing flints workforce is one stratety that has great potential. addressing the adult illiteracy with the adults to help the younger students.
033 Prepare the workforce force for today's jobs. literacy,
034 #6 beautification and blight reduction helps improve the image of Flint
035 Number 2; Integrate mentoring from adults to youth.
036 More jobs less crimes!!!
037 industries have to survive and they need supplements and if we don't provide those other cities will
038 core education and take advantage to teh citys infrastructure
039 3. create and attract businesses
040 #3, #6- Need the image to improve for businesses to be drawn
041 utilize the infrastructre. quickest easiest thing to market and sell. expanding "quality of life" institutions. if you dont have employable people you cannot attract buisnesses.
042 4. Public school need to market better like the charter schools.
043 Preparing Flints workforce by todays jobs, matching skill sets with jobs available
044 2

- 045 4. table sees strong connection to 2.
- 046 #4 - need to STRENGTHEN the schools before expanding
- 047 #3 reduction of redtape. making sure that people get answers to your questions.
- 048 government being friendly--governor putting jobs in many other places but not Genesee County.
number 2 we need to change that
- 049 #2 & 4 which is public education and workforce preparation
- 050 strategies 5 and 4 : utilize the downtown to bring in more business, expand healthcare industry
- 051 #5 - downtown as place to go to work also not just for restaurants and festivals.
- 052 4
We need to bring in professionals into Flint, thus increasing tax base
- 053 Higher educational standard to participate in extracurricular activities and get art and music back into the schools.
- 054 we need to decide what we want to do and put our resources behind it
- 055 #4 expand
- 056 Expand number of local businesses so that we have more grocery stores, retail stores within the city so that people don't have to go to suburbs to get what they need
- 057 2 & 5
- 058 4 and 2, expanding training for local people.
- 059 strategy 2: educate the youth to prevent future crime
- 060 2. so more people can work and have opportunities to survive
- 061 Number 4; Encourage entrepreneurship.
- 062 2- prepare workforce for jobs... Train for available jobs, help young people to enter the workforce with relevant and marketable skills
- 063 3
Bring in jobs, and they'll use local people
- 064 Have to say to outsiders "but here are the things we DO have."
- 065 Making it easier for small business to thrive. Number 3
- 066 #1- access to interstates allow us opportunity
- 067 Education has greatest potential.
- 068 #1 is good, because CSX is hiring and they are you looking for young people
- 069 Expansion of healthcare, a growing industry can keep growing
- 070 2 & 6
- 071 2. Need to do better job of career & tech education. increase this.
- 072 6, utilize the cultural assets in the city. a lot of things happening that people don't know about.
- 073 Building downtown into a business hub, bring more people in

- 074 #3 educating others on social services and how to access the government programs
- 075 2
Address adult illiteracy
- 076 strategy that is most important: expand flint's core educ-barrier:are politics going to get out of the way?
- 077 #2 things like job corps. Taking drop outs and making them employable as been successful.
- 078 number 2--diversity the economy. the union and it has hurt us even though we have been strong union town. that has hurt us at the City given the size changes and how many people work there. need to diversify so we don't depend on the auto industry
- 079 #2 and 4 - perception is that students are failing (low MEAP scores).
- 080 strategy 2: training and keeping jobs in Flint, change negative image of Genesee county and Flint,
- 081 #3. Incentive - small business - more business creates more jobs / diversity of employment
- 082 Prepare the workforce... If we want to bring in new companies, we need to have people prepared to work for them
- 083 assess and align skills of local workforce to harness the digital economy as an incubator for more home based internet businesses.
- 084 Take advantage of the city's infrastructure. The group thought it was stated well. Its what we already have to work with.
- 085 Preparing the workforce - Specifically instituting apprenticeships and partnerships between educational institutions and local employers. This would invest students in the area and prevent 'brain drain'.
- 086 6. change image of flint, there is still good here, make it more desirible and more businesses would come here and more people would come to live here
- 087 Number 6; Have to work on changing image. Change internal perception of city as well
- 088 Revitalization of Downtown
- 089 #2- Too many people with idle time- put them to work. Too many people not working, kids need to learn to go to work
- 090 4. If you have an educated and skilled workforce it makes it easier for businesses to come
- 091 number 6--important to change the perception of Flint.
- 092 number 1 because this will bring more business to our community which will in exchange bring better education oppurtunities
- 093 4. because we have lots of opps for youth and we need to encourage more of that. We have to outstanding hospitals based in Flint. Push the idea that Flint is a place where people can come for health. Focus on education, the Cultural Center and health.
- 094 Number 4; Education and training is important
- 095 #2 we need to decrease the dropout rate; lack of hope for our youth
#2 also need education on community resources for all residents
- 096 1

- Existing infrastructure to attract new business, and Flint doesn't have to invest in building it
- 097 number 6 sometimes the perception is true. there are negatives. i can't even afford to pay for water anymore
- 098 Biking and Walking AND WALKING as a means to improve or image.
- 099 2 and 4, local students have to have same opportunities as other students.
- 100 6. Flint has become a stereotype. need to change image.
- 101 job training (workforce development) is important across the board
- 102 Leverage downtown
- 103 Don't ignore the personality of the city. Strong working class structure here
- 104 redevelop brown spaces - It can put pressure on local gov to reinvest in the area
- 105 2 & 4
- 106 strategy 1: use the benefits of our location to our credit; advertise our location as a suitable place to locate a business with the resources (rail, highway, airport)
- 107 3. Maybe an agency to help new businesses
- 108 knowledge of economics not really strong enough but if I had to pick one it would be prepare Flint's workforce for today's job...
- 109 Flint's image; businesses will refuse to come here if they feel unsafe.
- 110 education needs to be embedded in strategy 1
- 111 3
- Beware of over investing, money spent achieving results desired, losing money
- 112 1. INFRA. AND TRANSPORT. ACCESS -- THIS STOOD OUT FOR 2; KEY MARKING TOOL FOR NEW BUSINESSES; SUPER LOCATION FOR THIS; WE HAVE VACANT PROPERTIES THAT CAN BE USED BY LARGE BUSINESSES; WAL MART IS NOT IN FLINT; PROPERTY CAN BE USED TO
2. TODAY'S JOBS -- THIS STOOD OUT FOR 6; JOBS ARE EMPTY; PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THE SKILLS; IF WE CAN MATCH UP THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE; TEACH PEOPLE AND TRAIN THEM; THAT WILL HELP THE NEIGHBORHOOD; EDUCATION SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE REVAMPED; NEED TO IMPROVE THE LITERACY; TEACHERS ARE NOT QUALIFIED; TEACHERS SHOULD BE PROPERLY EDUCATED;
3. LOCAL BUSINESSES -- THIS STOOD OUT FOR 6; MY PARENTS HAD A BUSINESS IN FLINT; THEY WENT THROUGH RED TAPE, DEALING WITH THE CITY;
4. CORE EDUCATION -- THIS STOOD OUT FOR 4; CHILDREN CANNOT BE EDUCATED IN A BASEMENT; CHILDREN CANNOT LEARN UNDER STRESS; NEED COOKING FACILITIES; NEED GOOD DIET; WHY DOES NOT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS CHILDREN; USE SCHOOLS AS STABLE HOMES FOR PARENTS;
5. THIS STOOD OUT FOR 1
6. THIS STOOD OUT FOR 3
- 113 All are important: A more coordinated plan that focuses on workforce preparedness.
- 114 We have transportation infrastructure that is an asset for economic growth. Used to support a diverse economy.

- 115 #2 - retrain work force - it is your greatest resource
redevelop and diversify economy
- 116 2. more education to prepare people for the workforce
- 117 number 2--a lot of people don't have the foresight for the type of jobs coming in.
- 118 Concentrate on health care and education industries. Change the image of Flint in both short and long term. Make the image change real.
- 119 Marketing Flint's great cultural and natural assets and change Flint's image. The media needs to promote positive aspects of Flint
- 120 1 & 2
- 121 #3 - support local businesses, people need jobs. Should be a way to provide abatements for existing companies (we kept giving abatements to GM as they were packing up to leave)
- 122 #2 arming and equipping the community for the new jobs
- 123 3
City pays more attention to small businesses, speed up red tape other "obstacles" (Spelling is horrible)
- 124 Concentrate on the poor
- 125 3 local business support is the easiest and cheapest
- 126 2,4,5 all are tied to education system. Provide opportunities to education system to keep educated people within the city
- 127 4. most important and have the biggest impact quickly
- 128 even in the worst of situations there is always opportunity--still tremendous amount of wealth in Genesee County if we can leverage and capture that wealth
- 129 Education is very important, because this links with cleaning up crime. We can't attract business unless we clean up the city's crime image, and increase education. Tourism and entrepreneurs will come if we work on education and crime.

Concentrate on K-12. They need to be ready for jobs. Kids say why should ai go to school if there are no jobs for me. So we need to start at the lower level. WE need to be ready for 10K more jobs.
- 130 #2. Retrain workforce. Most make > 25k. A lot of people go to school and work here, but don't live here.
- 131 strategy 3 - keep staying an innovation city. that needs to happen again. encourage new companies. new technologies, higher income to build companies
- 132 Expand Flint's education system, but need to focus on improving K-12 system so that they are prepared to attend higher education institutions
- 133 NUMBER 2. - NEED TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION;
NUMBER 3. -- SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE MAJOR SOURCE OF JOBS

ARTICLE IN FLINT JOURNAL -- CITY OF FLINT HAS TO DIVERSIFY; CANNOT RELY ON ONE INDUSTRY
- 134 2. We need to build on the educational industry present and create the economy tyo support it- i.e. industry for internships. And number 5- a strong downtown supports econmic growth and in-migration. benefits expand

- 135 Leveraging Downtown and marketing the Flint cultural assets
- 136 3
- Do better attracting business
- 137 #1 so people they are worth community.
- 138 #2 need to do a better job of tracking students. Kids can't read, reading is not stressed at home
- 139 #2 and #4 strategies because the only way to have a vibrant business is to have well trained employees. the MSU extension with the medical extension is going to be key
- 140 #2 & 4 youth need to have realistic skills and opportunities to keep them as role models - teachers are undervalued and underpaid. They need to be motivated. Caring adults coming together to help the children and community.
- 141 #2. There is a lot of new tech and we need people to understand it
- 142 assets--health care institutions, cultural center we have invested tremendous amount in institutions
- 143 6 - don't want to neglect
- 4 - partner with smaller local business
- 144 We had a soft concensus around number 2. However, numbers 1 & 3 & 5 also recieved votes.
- 145 dont move the farmers market
- 146 #4. Expand core - workforce and jobs - utilize health institutions
- 147 Brain Drain; Keeping graduates in the community after graduation so it a creates a sense of a ownership. This will hopefully keep graduates here and involved.
- 148 1
- Flint a "transprotation hub" encorage use
- 149 number 2 because an educated community can help bring in more jobs
- 150 # 2; Link HS and higher education
- 151 2 & 4
- 152 Make sure that jobs are available for educationa programs.
- 153 #4 we should take adavantage and market our assets in education and healthcare. we have some of the best in the nation but most people do not know it.
- 154 Expand Flints core education and health institutions. This will drive the education sector and encourage new investors for those higher level jobs. Students are very creative and proactive at addressing issues. Colleges attract more tech jobs that fits the training of the students
- 155 #1 build transportation hubs.
- 156 School should get people ready for jobs, and something that keeps kids in schools. Teachers and parents need to be involved and encourage students. There has to be an incentive to stay in school.
- Education here lacks enthusiasm. In other countries youth have a drive to want to learn, from an early age.
- 157 6
- Don't let outside media tell the story of Flint. Create our own story for the outside world

- 158 #4 stands out.
- 159 Create an environment where education is valued by the whole community.
Education is one of the most important strategies.
- 160 More promotional idea of the assets of Flint
- 161 #4 / #2 . Expand what we already have. Change / create the identity. reeducate our population. Train them for the jobs that they will need and have available.
- 162 Reach out to youth and older population and make those opportunities relevant
- 163 2 & 6
- 164 green technology and sustainability. It is important that we use our local assets instead of outsourcing.
- 165 3. local business are most important, not the outside people. people who live here know what we need.
- 166 4 major colleges here, got land, got river, got lake, got infrastructure...we need to use it effectively. Police Department is a hindrance. Too many politics. remove top heavy leadership
- 167 number 6.....I see other large cities that have done this and they have a striving community
- 168 eds and meds are low hanging fruit
- 169 #5 and #6 really go together.
- 170 2 and 6. because GM created a system that worked. bridges between educational services and business. 6 because retaining young people in Flint is cultural and about the image of Flint - what Flint has to offer. K12 work force development!! possibilities for contributing and engagement.
- 171 4
Kids need to be challenged if they are "excelling" in current curriculum (God awful spelling)
- 172 2 - strong believer in people helping themselves
4 - represent elite
- 173 Buy and sell local Support Local businesses
- 174 NUMBER 2 -- UPPER BOUND PROGRAM IS IMPORTANT; AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME STUDENTS -- IMPORTANT TO IMPROVE EDUCATION; PROVIDE TUTORING TO KIDS IS VERY IMPORTANT
- 175 3 4 & 6 to be done concurrently
- 176 #2 is the one that he agrees with
- 177 #1 - already in place, infrastructure is there
#2 - brain drain - we need to match the employment to the educational opportunities here. people need to know what Flint's schools offer and match that with employment prospects. become more diversified. alignment with education and employment. governor talks about jobs that are unclaimed because people don't have the skills to fill them. STEM fields should be emphasized in education. education is an equalizer. green economy is important - manufacturing of wind turbines.
#4 - a building block. we need to build on what we currently have. innovative collaboration. we have been too isolated in the past. create opportunities. entrepreneurship: we should not be dependent on other people for our success. students want to stay here but have little choice (#2 and #4). an asset

for the community to retain students. looking at Diplomat - make as many connections between strategies and broader change as we can. attract employers that provide important services that we need to strengthen the economy.

#3 and #4 - help people learn about self-employment, creativity and ability to do so. young generation understands that their employment may be transitional. focus not just on one field in education - but educate people how to stay employed in one geographic area. promote live-work spaces for individuals

#3 - particularly removing red tape - removing restrictions can help businesses. other points may fall into place. may be able to be addressed without a lot of money put into it. reorganize the structure. policy-oriented rather than requiring a lot of money. we need to figure better ways to provide support services to create small neighborhood businesses.

#6 - not a top 2 thing, but we can't ignore. there is a stigma about Flint - we have to continue to promote the community. a new generation of people with knowledge but businesses don't come because of pre-conceived notions of Flint. this is an overarching piece.

generally - they are all interconnected. difficult to break them apart. we want to retain the people we have currently and attract people

178 3. best social program is a job. getting jobs are most important

179 #5 downtown is the face of the city.

180 Transportation is a useful tool for expanding the economy.

Don't forget the talents we have here already - Churches with beautiful choirs, people who now how to cook, etc. The wonderful talents that we have. Use the local arts talents and exapnd them.

181 1, 5, and 6 are sort of secondary - assets we already have and need to accentuate

2, 3, and 4 are what we need to focus on

182 4

Make use of existing buildings, ie Central HS. Return to a private/public use.

183 NEED AFTER0SCHOOL PROGRAMS AS PART OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM; MAKE TEACHERS AWARE

184 2 and 6... and the concern for brain drain... why are there not more firms hiring engineers?? dealing with image from multiple perspectives. main strategy would be education.

185 prepare workfore for today's jobs

186 number 2.....becasue if we give knowledge the people can go anywhere.....

but then there is also a problem as they are going to other places rather than stay in Flint

187 #6 - if we have a good plan, follow it.

188 Use our blank spaces better. Add gardens... Create a beautiful fuiture of us.

6. Ignite artists, activists and healers. Improve our image.

189 cheap and easy transportation to external job markets

190 Prepare Workforce - 'Produce People' High-quality education will draw people and offset the 'brain drain' problem. Establishing a reputation for education will help reverse Flint's negative image.

191 1 -

- 2
- 192 4
School closures in populated areas are illogical. More inline to where the population is.
- 193 #4 because education is so important because we are losing our children. we need to catch them early but the 16-20 can still be educated but they have to know someone cares. they need to know that there are organizations that can help. there is an opportunity to educate them on the medical industry and help them to get jobs...
- 194 These are good goals but they are not strategies. I wish the organizers had given us actual strategies. How do we get people to develop their skills, etc. - these are strategies. How can we make it easier to help artisans to do their work.
- 195 number 6 because the core assets are already there
- 196 2 and 4 , as a single parent need to look at health and education issues, finding time to educate care and keep safe the family. stress of technology and curriculum changes makes it hard for parents to support child development. adult literacy.
- 197 I've watched the school systems take away evrything I had - art, music, gymnastics. We have to put these back in the schools. Kids don't have the talents they used to have.
Where is there a Flint that has arts programs? The colleges. We need to partner with them.
- 198 Expand Flint's core education and health inistitutions.
- 199 1.
2.
3.
6.
- 200 #4 is a good idea, but where we are right now #1 and taking advantage of the infrastructure. take advantage of the knowledge base of employees here.
- 201 Strategy 2 and 4. Workforce development, and Changing Flint's image..Flint's negative image overwhelms everthing else.
- 202 2. Prepare the Workforce for Today's Jobs - because there are a lot of jobs available that the workforce isn't educated.
3. Expanding Local Business - There needs to be some type of small business network developed for entrepreneurs.
5. Leverage Downtown Into a Larger Employment Hub
6. Market and Change Flint's Image - Because when we see Flint in the the perception of those outside of the community.
- 203 #2 - Adult literacy - 36% of 25 or older read below 1st grade level. Parenting classes are needed to help the develop the younger mothers. Teachers are undervalued. Coaches have to be more than just about winning but investing in the future and role models. People are in a place of influence but dont seem to put the effort in to help and inspire.
- 204 number 2 because because educated people bring in business'
- 205 strategy2 - need to crack down on adult literacy, need more diverse sets of jobs
- 206 #2 and #4. have to start with kids when they are young. better education. after school activities.

- 207 #2 & 4 - education theme
- 208 Take advantage of the infrastructure and transportation due to our location
- 209 number 6 because we are looking at what is right in Flint already, not what is wrong
- 210 Flint citizens need a voice on how money is spent within the city and specifically downtown.
- 211 #4 better education for younger students. combat the drop out rate.
- 212 Market Flint's natural resources by using environmental strategies and enhancing parks
- 213 Need to invest in the youth with co-ops and business owners to help. It all starts in the home and they have to help in the development.
- 214 2
5
6
Tapping into local resources and utilizing them to bring in outside institutions and organizations to the city.
- 215 For #3, specifically focusing on supporting businesses that are enhancing safety (24 hour security) and providing additional safety opportunity.
- 216 #4-create opportunities (graduating high school, college, armed forces)
- 217 number 1...we are in the middle of the state.....we have the structure
- 218 number 2 because it also address the crime rate
- 219 #2-Helping with drop out rate and addressing adult illiteracy. This would help adults help their children
- 220 strategy 1, 2 and 4. defining community!! deal with the whole scenario- all the resources that exist in the city. there is no check and balance currently. bottom line are jobs... education was not a concern here earlier... we need entrepreneurship and more resources for K12 education!
- 221 1. #1 use what you have
2. Lots of career options. Real concern with drop out rate. Health and educations.
3. Need to identify and teach the youth and use our current health and educational facilities. Offering pride and self-esteem.
4. Diversity and image.
6. Need to address the crime issue related to marketing Flint's image. We have a responsibility to market Flint to our friends, families and business.
- 222 #2, #3, #5
- 223 Like strategies 2&4 because they address challenges of our city, such as disconnect between Flint Public schools and Flint area colleges and Universitys also city residents education experience and circumstances and available jobs.
- 224 1.) #2 and #6
2.) #2 and #6
3.) #2 and #3
4.) #1 and #6

5.) City needs flexibility

6.) #4 and #3

7.) #2 and #4

8.) #5 and #6

9.) #2 and #4 and #5

10.) #2

225 2: match education with gen. co. job market. provide training to promote workforce development. arm the people with knowledge to get better jobs.

3: expand number of local businesses, reduce red tape. make owning a business easier to create jobs.

6: market & change flint's image to attract diverse businesses. this will bring in new money.

4. expand flint's core education, etc to create opportunities for workforce development, encouraging flint's educated to remain in flint to work.

2 & 4. reduce the dropout rate.

1. take advantage of city's infrastructure as incentives for big businesses to come & stay in flint.

infrastrure in flint is KEY. all roads lead to flint. railroads, busses, bishop airport are valuable tools.

6. flint's cultural center is a valuable asset. market it, it's something to brag about.

226 EDUCATION, PREPARING THE COMMUNITY AND DEFINING EDUCATION (#4)

CHANGING OUR IMAGE (#6)

#3 IN TERMS OF GETTING RID OF THE RED TAPE

#3 LIFTING RED TAPE

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#2 STUCK OUT

#6 STUCK OUT

#3 STUCK OUT

MORE MARKETING OF FLINTS NATIONAL AIRPORT. THERE ARE MORE CITIES THAT DON'T HAVE AIRPORTS.

THE GROUP SAW VALUE IN ALL THE STRATEGIES

227 MOST OF OUR TABLE HAS CHOSEN #3 4 5 6 2

AND HAVE AGREE WHOLE HEARTEDLY THAT WE MUST HAVE A COLLABORATION OF ALL OF THE ABOVE 1 THROUGH 6

30 % NO EDUCATION

68% ONE PARENT HOUSEHOLD

#2 IS; POWERFUL ALL OF THE

POTENTIAL STRATEGIES HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON THE VERY NEEDS WE HAVE A HUGE FOLLOWING WITH

1 AND 6

LOSS OF SINGLE FAMILIES

A HUGE NEED ALWAYS HAS A LOT NEEDED, THIS CONCERN DID NOT HAPPEN OVER NIGHT, THE LAST

WE ARE ; LOOKING AT DIVERSIFYING

ALL 2 AND 4

228 Use land for Number one would be ideal for this project and would like to hire and train local people

Prepare Flint's work force #2

5 Buy a brick foundation offer bricks for sale as a piece of history and at the same time fix the bricks

Number 2 have potential if managed properly - Work Shops of Job Training to prepare people for available jobs in Flint can't afford tuition

- #3

All Good Strategies

Focus more on the positive things going on in the me

Have Media show more positive things going on in Flint.

Number 5 -

229 Existing infrastructure

230 Support for #3 because the group thinks there are obstacles to start and expand businesses and at same time people that want to spend money in Flint often can't find places to do so.

231 WE NEED TO ADD AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS WE NEED TO RE ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITIES WITH SPIRITUALLY INVOLVED FAITH BASED INITIATIVES THIS IS HOW

WE GET INVOLVED, PUT A BETTER RESPONSE AND DEMAND ON THE MEDIA, STOP ALLOWING OUR COMMUNITIES TO BE EXPOSED FOR THE WRONG DOINGS AND GET INVOLVED IN COMMUNITIES WITH IDEAS AND FAITH BASED INITIVES!

- 232
1. #3 and #5. A youth activity center. Need grocery stores in the community.
 2. If we develop businesses such as grocery stores, in the community etc., then also put safety resources.
 3. Empower the neighborhood.
 4. Public safety. Enforcement of local ordinances.
 5. Having closed dwellings become activity centers etc for youth activities
 6. Accountability for the neighborhood and what exist in it.

What concerns do you have about this list of strategies?

(Participants entered the following comments)

- 001 Need more employers coming into
flint, skills is not matching curreent skills
- 002 no reflection of neighborhoods
- 003 None involve youth without youth won't work
- 004 Need to do them all!
- 005 can't force education, motivation to learn, equal access to education (2,4)
- 006 #1 - need to concentrate on what we already have but it's a goal for many years for now, we have more immediate needs so not seen as a priority
- 007 rebuilding image with the stigma of Flint (6)
- 008 Break down of family.
- 009 problem with 5. people work city but don't live here. Lot of time when jobs come up they don't look at the people in Flint, they look outside of Flint.
- 010 Need people to go and get education - have good education must need to go and get it. Drop out rates
- 011 #5 is focusing on one part of the city instead of all of it.
- 012 education needs to be addressed on all levels, all age groups
- 013 U of M Flint, Kettering, and Baker are some of the best in the nation - need to specifically talk about Flint's higher ed institutions that aren't brought out enough on the list.
- 014 concerned about #6 because it doesn't address the larger issue
- 015 3. local groups to support services. concern that public officals and planning commission doesnt have best interest of small businesses in mind. Concern about removing red tape will benefit certain people and not have fair and equal access to opportunities, financial instiutions. Fair regulations .
- 016 More mention about arts and culture.

- 017 educate and partner with employers
- 018 that not enough of the community is aware of some of the education opportunities that are happening in the area in response to what area business' need, such as diplomat pharmacy
- 019 2. safety effects ability to learn and support/mentorship to young people is key
- 020 #5 need more equitable distribution of investment whether public or private into other areas of the city.
- 021 there is a disconnect of getting the knowledge to people that need it
- 022 brownfield properties are contaminated, community should know what they are being used for before they are used.
- 023 financial institutions to provide financing (#3) will need some gov't intervention - more emphasis on that
- 024 having the budget to achieve these things
- 025 lot of stuff on list already happening, just need better communication about them.
- 026 WE ONLY HAVE 2 INDUSTRY; NEED TO LOOK AT OTHER INDUSTRY; NEED TO TIE 2 AND 3 TOGETHER;
- 027 overlooking social aspects
- 028 2 home environment, address peoples health and well being so all can participate in opportunities. community feeling where all can help with 'takes a village' in building young people up
- 029 MANY EMPLOYERS CANNOT FIND EMPLOYEES; MATH AND SKILLS ARE NOT THERE; NEED MORE TECHNOLOGY
- 030 1, old infrastructure.
- 031 How are the financial resources being distributed?
- 032 we need to change the political dna so they allow things to get done so they are not a hinderance. The image of Flint is going to be hard to overcome
- 033 nothing sepaking about youth.
- 034 None workable because it is limited not inclusive; all reactive
only relates to who is already here
- 035 First strategy - are the people talking about the transportation hub here today - are they working with the collective consciousness?
- 036 Strategy 3: access to information on how to navigate starting a small business is lacking; strategy 4: we as citizens need to know what job skills to acquire in relationship to what industries are coming to Flint
- 037 BALANCE BETWEEN TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION; CHUILDREN COULD NOT SPELL
- 038 These strategies are for the 30 and above age group. Need some targeted for the under 30.
- 039 lack of mention of safety.
- 040 They dont have anything to leverage the assets when it comes to the communities. Need to leverage them and the institutions to intergrate them with the neighborhoods so that we take our human assets to give opportunities.

- 041 2. youth rehab for building houses as well as reconstruction. trades as well as higher education. Technology equally available.
- 042 Overcoming the negatives from the media. How will the maintain the marketing cultural and natural aspects.
- 043 Safety is the largest concern for all of the strategies. Also if we attain a reasonable level of safety, we need to make the nation aware that Flint is now safe to do business in and to live in.
- 044 singing to the choir
 need to pull the youth in - how to include neighborhood groups
 get people not in this room
- 045 #1 - don't think it's a big deal
- 046 number 6...it was created by not maintained.....no money or people to keep it up
- 047 concerned with ineffective incentives
- 048 4, equal education throughout the city. not all programs are based within all schools.
- 049 time--prepare the workforce number 2--there is nothing we can do right now. it is going to take time.
- 050 Strategy 3: only those connected to certain organizations are receiving the benefits of investment opportunities
- 051 Better relationships between the city and county. As well as better relationships among residents in Flint.
- 052 COncern about the city's infrastructure- its going to take too long to turn this around. (i.e. sewage back-up)
- 053 We have known this forever, but have not addressed them. Where are the resources coming from for these projects
- 054 #2
- 055 More activities to promote Flint
- 056 include amenities and fighting crime... through education.
- 057 3 - represent entitlement
 6 - sounds like quality of life not econ dev
- 058 sorry...not #2
- 059 Transportation infrastructure may need to be updated.
- 060 capacity to be able implement the strategies. leadership, financial resources and collaboration may not have the capacity to implement
- 061 2. workforce development for existing residents. not bringing in other people for new jobs.
- 062 How do we let people know what is here
- 063 -some of them meet current needs but don't address future issues
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- 064 Missed on green jobs, home businesses, using existing resources, proper fund allocation
- 065 vacant buildings....blight....its the first and last thing you see when you come to Flint

- 066 Not ready to impact the workforce unless the other potential strategies are in place
- 067 #6- Need to have a better avenue to market ourselves besides the Flint Journal. Flint gets trashed in this media. Comments are terrible. They just blast negativity about the city.
- 068 Listening to youth and make sure the opportunities they want are available.
- 069 Is there money to accomplish any of these strategies and what will be most effective? Has there been a study to address this?
- 070 #5. Too much focus on downtown. Don't ignore other neighborhoods
- 071 5. don't leave out the rest of the community. too much focus on downtown and development needs to occur every where
- 072 slowly beginning to come true--in 20 years we might--my granddaughters school, new kids coming in and bring bad habits but as school goes on and the school is creating rules and enforcing those rules. it took time for that to happen. number 2 might come true in time. isn't there someone to check on kids when they don't go to school? truancy officers still around?
- 073 Build a sense of community.
- 074 Not just businesses downtown, more recreational activities.
- 075 we should identify revenue neutral opportunities
- 076 students are so disrupting at school that you are just there babysitting to keep peace
- 077 THEY ARE OUTSTANDING;
NUMBER 6- THAT IS PREMATURE; NEED TO MAKE CHANGES FIRST;
- 078 length of time any strategies will take
- 079 Downtown is too glamorized!! We need to improve neighborhoods , more police officers, and activity centers.
- 080 #5- Before we leverage any money- we need accountability (DCED)
- 081 5 too much focus on downtown and not neighborhoods letting parts of city die
don't have resourse to prepare workforce
- 082 Free opportunities and resources for the youth in Flint.
- 083 Table agreement that leveraging downtown revitalization is a good thing for the city of Flint
- 084 NUMBER 6 -- MARKETS WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE; WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO NEVER VISIT;
NEVER PARTICIPATE IN THE CRIM; SOME AGREE WITH 6 SOME DONT
- 085 #5. Downtown is least important. It's already on the way. The master plan has already addressed this. Who determines where funds are spent? There will be no money focused on neighborhoods. Where is the strategy for education (master plan for education).
- 086 Number 6 would naturally follow as other strageties took hold. Not as important to change the inner workings of Flint.
- 087 parents need to be involved in childrens education but many adults are unable to help them with there homework becasue they dont understand it
- 088 We can't achieve any of the strategies if we don't transform our own culture (esp. drug addiction).

- 089 our reputation tends to depend on the media so much--reported all over the place about our community and we don't seem to have advocactes that are vocal enough or interested enough to get with the media and say anything positive...i wonder about the Pure Michigan campaign do they ever say positive things about our city. farmers market is positive.
- 090 Concerns around the unwillingness of some to work.
- 091 Nothing about crime on the list. Too many liquor stores.
- 092 Too much focus on the communities around the "hub". What jobs are people getting prepared for?
- 093 6. it is going to take time to get people to change thier perspectieeves on flint. ie reputation (flints story will be hard to fix.
- 094 PART OF THE PROBLEM IS DIPLOMAT -- THE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES -- THEY DRIVE FROM OTHER RICH PLACES; SHOW ALL THE GOOD THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON IN OUR CITY TO SHOW IT OFF;
- 095 We need to have a vote before city decisions are made.
- 096 focused on downtown but not the rest of the city
- 097 THINGS THAT ARE ALREADY ESTABLISHED -- SHOW THEM OFF;
- 098 5. parking downtown meters are hard to use and discourages use of downtown. political clutches/ to much 'old boys club' how do we get other people to have a say in downtown development. general distrust of downtown development.
- 099 NUMBER 1 TO 6 WILL TAKE TOO LONG
- 100 All have value
- 101 lack of implementing ideas from conversations. Is the local government really prepared to begin this transition?
- 102 Change perception of our image.
- 103 not focusing on crime prevention,
- 104 MISMATCHED SKILLS, #4 DOES NOT GIVE US ENOUGH CREDIT FOR WHAT WE HAVE , I.E MOTT CC NEEDS SUPPORT: FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING.
- 105 Does not provide youth employment opportunities
- 106 5. Focus should be divided among the city, not just downtown
- 107 1,2,3 long term goals
4,5,6, short term goals
- 108 Give the people what they are asking for, not what we THINK they want! More coordination between age groups, (demographics) and a melting of NEEDS and WANTS. More utilization of focus groups to illicit the people's opinion.
- 109 i like number 5 buet i have a concern--when we focus on downtown we offer tax breaks and that is something we need to renegotiate but the cityis not in aposition to give those tax breaks and then we are overtaxing the residents--shared responsibility for taxing. incentives should be incremental--25%, 50% and then 100% later.f
- 110 Little mention about youth outside education
- 111 HOW DO WE BRING MORE EXECUTIVES IN?

- 112 Not linking workforce development with development of education and healthcare institutions
- 113 cost effective housing
- 114 #6 not a priority
- 115 #1. Don't carry things away from the city. Transportation could be missused. Fill in smaller spaces before we fill in brownspaces.
- 116 funding to enact the strategies
- 117 number 5 we also need to hire local residents
- 118 need jobs for unskilled folks
- 119 That the money that is earned by those who are employed here is leaving and therefore isn't benefitting the community.
- 120 Having the resources to implement 1, particularly with road infrastructure
- 121 getting more people engaged with the strategies
- 122 -#2 more fundamental issues with education delivery
- #5 is too narrow on where investment occurs, neighborhoods have distinctive characteristics for building small businesses
 - #1 there is strategic possibility but there are environmental implications of inter-modal hubs - large influx of trucks - many brownfield sites are near neighborhoods - geared towards cars, trucks, planes, trains (transportation for items and not individuals)
 - regarding equity: some of these will happen, but we need to involve those who will be affected negatively and positively
 - #3 who determines what local businesses will open? provide open, transparent opportunities for community participation
- 123 #3 - look for strategies that are long-term in vision - ensure that businesses help meet needs of rebuilding our economy
- 124 Make sure that locally invested money stays in Flint and circulates. Keep out chains that will siphon money away from Flint, and make sure that downtown business owners and investors are investing outside of downtown in underserved parts of the city,
- 125 maintaining ongoing efforts in the strategies
- 126 balance between downtown and local communities.
- 127 We're not dealing with mental health. Get research money from the university funding.
- 128 The challenges of tapping into colleges/universities is the key, how do we control the infrastructure. A problem with strategy number 2 is starting at an earlier age of developing skills needed for success. Advocating family values is important for success. Staying active with all community members, without active participation none of the strategies will succeed.
- 129 For #6, need to modify language to identify changing Flint's "unsafe" image (spell it out specifically) and also modify to further identify specifically the diverse groups that we would like to target. For #3. Reducing barriers and restrictions for startup in-home business, and provide a moratorium to discuss inceasing the level of entrepreneurialship

- 130 no resources, no legal standing, no leadership in city to make this happen. we have many workshops but unless resources, city govt and money, police etc. then it won't happen. i.e. landbank can only do so much. we need to get out of receivership and get out of debt - if we don't do this then all 6 goals won't happen. this idea was agreed upon by several at the table
- 131 Downtown development has become a 'lightning rod'. Increased focus on downtown investment will be viewed as a lack of investment in underserved areas.
- 132 Too much working in silo and not enough working across disciplines.
- 133 We need to learn to tell our story. The national image of Flint is unrealistic and very negative. We need to be proactive and counter the prevailing media narrative.
- 134 Increasing boundaries of downtown
- 135 They look like they are already done and answered for us.
- 136 disconnect between Flint schools and being trained to go to college
- 137 Strategies need to be both about both downtown and other areas of Flint
- 138 There's so much need. I can imagine asking for help all over.
- 139 Flint is so used to feeding off a single employer, we need to make sure that the University and Medical systems (which are already in the top 10) don't become another GM.
- 140 1. All solid strategies, however there's a lack of including public safety which is a quality of life issue.
2. Not just expand jobs for downtown but all over the city.
- 141 we need a market study...find the potential development of new products
- 142 no concerns
- 143 of the six potential strategies there was no mention of public safety which is necessary for the strategies to go forward
- 144 How do the people that need the resources get the resources?
- 145 need to be more people focused with these strategies. There need to be a linkage within the strategies. Not separate.
- 146 WE could turn Flint into the center for natural medicine. Bring an industry for alternative medicine here.
- 147 doesnt address that jobs do not provide a livable wage,
- 148 make sure when we are talking about business we are including local businesses
- 149 Education - churches need to be a part of the solution to the education problem.
- 150 There is a tension between downtown development and the development of the rest of the city
- 151 Critical to do all these strategies together
- 152 ``
- 153 this list feels that it has a heavy focus on business and downtown area. There needs to be plans for other core parts of the City
- 154 1.) Every child needs to be able to read well by 3rd grade.
2.) Crime, Crime, Crime - a bad image for the people of Flint and needs to stop

- 3.) Not enough and never will have enough resources (officers) to stop crime - so citizen involvement will be mandatory to reduce crime and blight
- 155 how do we change flint's image?
 if we don't have a safe environment, how will we implement any of the strategies?
 crime doesn't seem to be getting any better.
 brownfield issue--any cleanup involved for potential biz?
- 156 #1 IT IS GOOD IF YOU WANT TO TAKE CARE OF TRANSPORTATION BUT IT IN IS NOT THE POVERALL CONCERN OF FLINT. THE PVERALL CONCERN IS THE PEOPLE. REDUCING DROP-OUT LEVELS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS WE CAN DO.
 INCREASE JOBS AND EDUCATIONS BEFORE WE FIX SOME TREETES.
 #3 WHAT HAS BEEN DONE FOR THE RED TAPE INFO. WE NEED MORE TRANSPARENCY AND MORE INFO ON THE PROCESS.
 #1 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. WE DONT NEED ANOTHER GENERAL MOTORS. MORE SMALLER BUSINESSES. NO MORE PLACING ALL OUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET.
 #1 THERE WAS NOT A LOT OF CHOICES WHEN GM WAS A MAJOR EMPLOYER. PEOPLE GOT USE TO IT AND THEY WENT AWAY AND NOW WE NEED TO BUILD A DIFFERENT MINDSET AND GET INVOLVED WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES.
 WISHES WE COULD GET MORE JOBS WHERE PEOPLE CAN LIVE COMFORTABLY. WE NEED GM BACK. GOT TO HAVE MONEY.
 INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY SO PEOPLE FEEL SAFE AND WE CAN DECREASE FLIGHT.
 WE HAVE LOST OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM TO THE OUT DISTRICTS.
- 157 Greg Finish a plan and go to work
 Convert Brown Fields into archards Winers attract tourist
 Stick to local downtown plan
 State needs to get out of our city (emergency manager)
 Fix other neighborhoods not just down town
 K - 12 educational system needs improvement to feed into higher education and revamping education on a national scale
 Concern of small businesses closing because they are not getting the same breaks as large businesses
 Do not over burdon property owners with fees and taxes things like street lights water truned on
- 158 Poor economy is a barrier to educational oportunites -- poor school buildings/infrastructure are depressing and do not communicate hope
 Crime and safety issues are barriers to bringing new businesses
 Corruption and lack of transparency interfere with implementation of any of the strategies
- 159 dont need to concentrate on #6
- 160 strategies dont do enough for under \$25,000
- 161 For #4, seperate healthcare and education as different options for economic oppor

- 162 how to make the citizens feel safe?
- 163 Why is there no public safety strategy?
- 164 1. Having safety and the opportunity for financial gain.
2. Come up with creative ways to accomplish the strategy.

Are there any additional strategies you would like to suggest? (general table agreement)

(Participants entered the following comments)

- 001 increase state aid for adult education, concern is parents who dont have job skills
- 002 Job aren't as big of issue as, work ethic, mentality. It starts with character.
- 003 crime needs to be dealt with, help make the city safe
- 004 Replicate downtown development model in other areas or neighborhoods
- 005 Job readiess
- 006 j
- 007 need to speak to the youth, brought to the table, included in the discussion in order to keep them in Flint
- 008 get off of negative lists
- 009 work on life quality to help attract new enterprises and companies to be built in the city, keep people here
- 010 offer incentives for our public service people to live in Flint. like reduced education - college.
- 011 COMPUTERS SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE IN SCHOOLS AND OTHER PLACES;
- 012 there isn't enough room on the ipad....:)
- 013 Condensing & reallocating land use in Business.
- 014 getting workforce to stay in the community
- 015 adress issues directly, such as illiteracy or drugs. affect crime through education
- 016 parenting class
- 017 Review and update of charter and zoning ordinances in order to make it easier for local, start up businesses. Attracting unique businesses as opposed to big box businesses.
- 018 utilize all the creative assets we have in the city. /all can be used to rebrand the city abd spur new growth. It may provide youth with a reason to stay.
- 019 Invest in public transportation to connect residents and consumers to institutions and businesses to the City of Flint.
- 020 bill state of the art schools.
- 021 need to create high paying jobs in Flint
- 022 too much investment in big projects, not enough in small projects. diverify investment.

- 023 More high tech jobs in the downtown area for students who graduate and are interest in this field
- 024 portray image: selling being part of something bigger than yourself
- 025 Explore the potential of Hemp and Canabis particularly in brown areas. Some individuals suggested this some disagreed.
- 026 help youth understand that they have a role in changing the community. more positive branding people commit to saying positive things and spreading a positive message.
- 027 Create greater awareness of small business loans and more accountability regarding those loans.
- 028 create an information network to increase social network
- 029 parenting classes
- 030 Create safer environment
- 031 preventing displacement of people that are living in home that are foreclosed
- 032 take care of what we have. fair and eqal access to cultural and arts
- 033 business - going up and down appraisal of homes - like stockmarket 72 % less than 2007
bleeding of people leaving flint - crime have to be solved to get people stay - need to address crime - develop or create crime reduction plan
- 034 Put together attractive package of incentives to relocate businesses
- 035 diversify the econmy and prepare youth for new economy.
- 036 consolidate efforts accross the community
- 037 HAVE LOCAL MEDIA INCLUDING THE FLINT JOURNAL BE MORE POSTITIVE IN THEIR PRESENTATIONS.

ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO STAY IN FLINT.

HOLD A WORKSHOP SUCH AS THIS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, FOR PLANNING THEIR FUTURE.

SHOW THAT THIS CITY IS RECOVERING AND IS HEALING.
- 038 Market our great neighborhoods. Focus on the positives.
- 039 Need alternative schools back. When a child is behind two or more grades, they can go to these schools to get back on track.
- 040 We have a high suppl
- 041 Community safety for economic development.
- 042 Ecourage national businesses to come to Flint.

But to do that we must improve the quality of life here.

There are no major groceries in the city of Flint. We must encourage those big box stores to come within the city of Flint.
- 043 Prisoner re-entry programs.
- 044 Youth oppoituines, developement
- 045 need to involve and support youth - people don't kids to go to flint schools - improve flint schools
community schools - community education

- 046 youth take personal responsibility for change. little things like picking up litter and maintaining their neighborhood.
- 047 Address violence and provide alternatives such as programs for gang leaders and troubled youth
- 048 1. PARK MAINTENANCE IS IMPORTANT
2. BRING EXECUTIVES HERE; LET THEM HAVE OFFICES HERE
- 049 Promote people to live in Flint if they work in Flint and are not residents. Keep dollars in Flint.
- 050 start your own business.
- 051 disconnect between students and local businesses -incentives to connect young people to growth and feel like their stake is important. (internships)
- 052 youth employment is one strategy to keep people learning, growing, in the city. this is dependent on living wages and job opportunities for parents/adults
- 053 Green opportunities
- 054 Stop spending money in Flint, entertainment, food, hardware
- 055 teachers writing own grant to get technology in Flint schools
- 056 Performing arts, volunteer work for kids
- 057 lack of communication with youth and listening to what they have to say.
- 058 more after school programs and transpo to and from.
- 059 Utilize \$900,000 parks budget to employ youth to perform lawn care on public properties
- 060 Encourage small businesses and provide for them to help reshape our economy.
Focus on Youth - they are our future.
- 061 start small - fill in negative spaces
- 062 Need carwashes
- 063 people that live here are welcome and part of something. To many people work here that don't live here.
- 064 improve parents - keep them aware on what's going on in the schools so they won't want to send their children to charter schools. c
- 065 Work to get more public input. Share ideas on what has been working in cities similar to Flint.
- 066 highschoolers often left out of afterschool programs
- 067 everyone must take personal sacrifices ex. say you want to bring in a company for technology you need to consider tax incentives, job skills, it becomes yours
- 068 Utilize materials from deconstructed home to create products for sale/ resale.
- 069 Youth development
- 070 rebuild gm one person
- 071 need parent involvement in community and schools - we all part of the problem
- 072 Something to help the dropout rate

- 073 Strategy to address generational poverty- generations not working. GM no longer here, after th late 80's jobs started turning more technical- must be able to read and have the skills. Education needs to be a push in families- start with parents about what their kids will need in order to work. Everything starts at home.
- Limit the 4 years on social service assistance. Need a hand-up at that point. Social service needs to be accountability.
- 074 Support small scale urban agriculture and create a food hub.
- 075 increase parent teacher home visited.
- 076 Big Box stores just outside city of Flint. Why?????
- 077 Get more people trained on jobs for both the short and long term.
- 078 Turning brown fields into farmland instead of allowing weeds, and overgrowth.
- Creating farmland can create a transportation of new jobs to Flint, by decreasing outsourcing. Allowing Flint to resale farmland and/or allow production to sale goods.
- Taking advantage of Boys and Girls Club of Flint and boys and girls cub of America.
- Utilize our scenic views for a better image of Flint.
- Utilize what resources we have available now for education.
- 079 Focus on neighborhoods businesses and their agenda instead of downtown, enough has already been invested there (with downtown as a hub, with neighborhood as spokes), must focus on safety and expand police/protection more than just downtown (table consensus). Leverage a revitalized downtown as a feeder hub to build the neighborhoods, but not as a single source of growth.
- 080 1. AVENUE FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PARKS; NEED PARKS; NEED NEW NETS FOR BASKETBALL PLAY; HAVE CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS TO IMPROVE PARKS; SHOULD NOT BE IN VIOLATION IF YOU IMPROVE THE PARKS
- 2.
- 081 Integrate small business into more residential areas
- 082 Work hard and not give up
- 083 night life for students (not resturants they can't afford) venues for cultural events that are affordable.
- 084 address eduation system
- 085 quality vocational training
- 086 focus on youth; after school programming; providing positive stories and activity opportunities (ways to have fun and not getting into trouble), job/education opportunities; need more central coordination of volunteers who could be mentors (don't just put it all on the teachers), and to get parents more involved; mentor not only the youth but the young parents; parenting skills courses. Kids with sports and art almost always graduated. Teachers pass students who really should fail, better standards in schools. More family planning and sex education. Getting to people who need the pre-natal programs.
- 087 Communication--need to know your neighborhood i believe in neighborhood watch and block clubs-- that is where we start to monitor the kids in the neighborhood, negative activity in the neighborhood,
- 088 Repopen community center, youth and senior, community schools model
- 089 activities, festivals downtown don't attract young people

- 090 A solution we already have is our Block Clubs - let's make them work better. If each Block Club finds one job for a youth, that makes a difference.
- 091 IMPROVE SAFETY TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMY
- 092 Community based organizations, such as, I AM FLINT! more involvement in changing the City of Flint. Promote ourselves within the city through organizations and outreach.
- 093 strengthening neighborhood & sense of community
- 094 Change the education system so troubled kids can become "good eggs." Model the "On Being" program out of Chicago, Los Angeles
- 095 We need more involvement on how things are elected throughout the city.
- 096 Support local business.
- 097 We have a high supply of crime. We also have a high demand of crime abatement. There are some private crime abatement services that exist. Is there any way that we can work with a contractor or possibly find an interested party to create a "crime abatement" enterprise and make Flint the crime FIGHTING capital of the country, and not the crime capital of the country.
- 098 we need multi generational centers.
- 099 INFRASTRUCTURE; WATER SYSTEM SHOULD BE IMPROVED;
- 100 School directors to act as mentors to kids, keep them straight
- 101 Need to educate the younger people- more young people need to be here at events like this. We need to figure out how to reach the young people to make them want to get involved,
Allow the master planners to come into the schools and speak to the students.
- 102 Create a crime prevention strategy to address local business / reduce insurance.
- 103 young people need more things to do that connect educational and workforce development
- 104 Get more youth involved.
- 105 formal connection between businesses and job training
- 106 growing an economy we must all benefit
- 107 better parks and recreation.
- 108 Adult monitoring youth, vis a vis youth activities supervised at the schools
- 109 Use resources that are already abundant in the area.
- 110 What is the city plan for seniors
- 111 disconnect between schools and higher education
- 112 Need a strategy to support the development of youth in the entrepreneurial spirit and skills sets.
- 113 solutions for dropouts and unemployed
- 114 create community information through community liaison, and create resource guides
- 115 Youth need to have hope for possibilities and have opportunities within the community . They need to be able to trust us and believe that we are sincere. Kids know when we aren't.
- 116 repurpose community - vacant areas - gardens, farms greenhouses - land use
- 117 renew the mind... stop cutting in the community when budget are being cut!!!

- 118 Park staff encouraging and running school property during summer
- 119 create programs in hospitals for criminal activities.
- 120 lack of compassion for youth, fear of youth
- 121 Seek partnership with other struggling communities. Supporting each other
- 122 Don't wear out the volunteers you have
- 123
 1. Housing values, we have got to stop the decline in property. Why would businesses invest in Flint if the values will continue to decrease in property.
 2. Involve more youth, young families, and individuals from outside the city whether it be another city, state or similar business. Look beyond our own city residents.
 3. Safety. We lose a lot of young families because of the fear of crime, etc. They move, revenue is lost and so forth.
- 124 NON PROFITS SHOULD NOT BE TAXED; NEED TO EXPAND THE ROLE OF NON-PROFITS; NON-PROFITS CAN HELP THE ECONOMY; NON-PROFITS ARE IMPORTANT FOR COORDINATED; NON-PROFITS SHOULD BE REWARDED;
- 125 adding the strategy to increase enfranchisement--people engage in violence and crime when they feel left out of the mainstream--how do you make them feel included?
- 126 More mentor programs that connect youth with professionals in Flint community in efforts to train our future .
- 127 rebrand the community, rewrite the narrative, increase pride in the community
- 128 City wide wifi
- 129 survey what do people in Flint spend most of their money on and start producing those things in Flint; buying locally, especially locally-manufactured products, taking advantage of skill sets that exist here and addressing broader demand
- 130 Using our local adversity to solve national challenges. E.g., Repurposing our vacant housing to solve the temporary housing needs created by mass disasters. This creates many local cottage businesses to support this. Fostering economic policies that provide advice and assistance to help established and new local businesses to prosper and thrive (Economic Gardening) and make the cost of doing business in Flint more competitive to retain and attract new businesses. Assistance would come in the form technical assistance, mentoring assistance, financial assistance, loan alternatives, (Grants or Low interest loans). Neighborhoods could identify desired business to locate in their neighborhoods and reach out for assistance to help foster that relationship.
- 131 Co op programs
- 132 we need jobs and more transparent education + bring discipline back into schools.
- 133 Free Internet access for all Genesee County.
- 134 Change zoning laws to allow multi-use. Put fresh markets in neighborhoods and increase walkable employment opportunities. Locate food production in neighborhoods.
- 135 can't feed family volunteering. it needs to lead into some type of long term employment
- 136 utilize Kettering
- 137 Community service - make it interesting- encourage them to want to participate. More partnership between the city and businesses.

- COncvince our foundations that this worth investing in these valid programs.
- 138 volunteer and "opportunity" goes hand in hand.
 - 139 young people who are being educated are recruited by existing and new businesses. city wide job fairs. Community to interact with future employees
 - 140 MAke sure that those in the community are sharuing their entrepreneurial knowledge with the youth.
 - 141 Possibly partnering up with a tech company for community wide wifi access
 - 142 aggress rooting out public corruption in flint
 - inspector general
 - law enforcement to root out public corruption
 - 143 Churches need to be part fo the solution to the education problem. Need to use them to help and invest.
 - 144 Better use of public transportation.
 - 145 Look at institutions that spend money here already. e.g. who made this lunch? Could we have spent it at a local restaurant. Look at how we spend money.
 - Everything does not have to center around downtown. We should be in other neighborhoods, like the Northside.
 - 146 Promote Flint as a college town
 - 147 Public and private partnerships. Need to be proactive- not chasing technology
 - 148 look at our industrial propoerties that are vacant and look at the green energy businesses and the universityies and create more green energy jobs ex of wind turbine, we have the transportation system to do that. we can attract, market and bring them into this area we have a gold mine for those type fo businesses to relocation but we need to market that. using that with our higher education institutions. bringing thosse instituions in to develop those things. healthcare incubation and innovation as wle==e
 - 149 Change image and perception of saftey in Flint.
 - 150 respect and appreciate seniors that in the neighborhoood
 - 151 How do we get more business started in the Northside and in neglected neighborhoods?
 - 152 assist in relocation for residents that need help getting of distressed neighborhoods
 - 153 Market as college town
 - 154 work on people who are "hustling" or just trying to get hand-outs
 - 155 create satellites of the farmer's mkt
 - 156 Make toll roads and highways .
 - 157 Public relations - projects and programs are engaged in community are presented to students and more people outside of Flint hear about it.
 - 158 would like an open energy market--not just consumers energy like in Houston where they have choices about where they get their energy from
 - 159 Education needs to be a seperate strategy within itself and not combined with other strategies.
 - 160 homesteading program

- 161 "communication" between schools and the general population so we can make sure we have the right people in the right positions
- 162 Most be more outreach and increase transportation options to connect downtown with the rest of Flint.
- 163 Do we have any computer and apps businesses here? That can happen anywhere. A business sector we could pursue.
- 164 Find out where funds are available and create programs that make use of it.
- 165 Drug addiction and lack of employment opportunities are a 'chicken and the egg' situation. If we can link and/or incentivise the two... perhaps incentivising employers who provide rehab programs along with training. Get businesses re-involved in community issues. GM was cited as a model (IMA, etc).
- 166 easier access to business financing , start up funds, community investment (kickstarter/kiva for Flint)
- 167 Our foundations need to get out into the city and see who they are serving and what these people are up against
- 168 More grocery stores in the city!
- 169 We need to tear down vaccant homes in the city and rebuild the neighborhoods.
- 170 Public transportation! Walkability, access. Get people to businesses and downtown, and throughout the city
- Eliminate crime. Hold people accountable. Enforce penalties.
- Engage the community to volunteer, contribute their skills. Mentour youth, etc.
- Encourage residents to take pride in community. Support and buy local.
- 171 Are we looking at others strategies that other places have implemented - how they built sustainable communities. Are we reinventing the wheel. (Benchmarking)
- 172 LEss Crime!!!!!!
- 173 getting word out we have good neighborhoods
- 174 1.) Proactive approach towards crime - prevent rather than react
- 2.) Greater citizen involvement
- 3.) Community Centers per Ward - provide nutritional food, head start programs and safe havens for families
- 4.) Ed.'s and Med's security forces in cooperation with local authoritites to improve Flint
- 5.) How to expand on personal value so kids can feel good about themselves and their communitites. Develop and improve Flint pride.
- 6.) Accountability by establishing a sound infrastructure for Flint
- 7.) Job centers to promote growth and opportunity
- 175 -become a leader in green technology - renewable energy - we have natural assets
- get community schools back in the picture - expanding Flint's core educational opportunities
- more collaboration between universities, K-12 schools and the business community
- high schools, colleges should partner better to link students with further education opportunities (whether vocational or university-based)

-Flint income tax may drive some away. the tax structure in general. look at getting away from income tax - but we lose value every time a building falls by removing property taxes - tax-base sharing? - revitalization increases tax base. explore regional government options. how to equalize the impact of regional disparities in income

-water pipeline and infrastructure

-how to drive people into areas where commercial interests are few? strengthen nodes - business improvement districts

176 PUBLIC SAFETY as a foundation: if citizens don't feel safe, no other strategies will work.

"COMMITTED TO THE CITY: INCENTIVE: give ex-patriots among other businesses incentive to come back, to bring their knowledge, experiences & money back to flint

by giving properties to citizens or businesses to improve that space: agree to clean up blight & maintain property for the good of the neighborhood by CONTRACT.

ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES to draw youth crowd to impact the economy. shopping as well.

177 making vacant properties available to artists

178 how do you get young people to get trained for these new energy jobs--how do get the labor ready for this? it takes a special skill to build that--parts can be built here and then shipped to other areas.

179 transparency on decision making

180 JOB CREATION MUST START WITH RE-TRAINING THE LOCAL JOB FORCE.

INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY

CHANGING THE MINDSET OF THE PEOPLE, GM IS GONE AND WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD.

DECREASE OUR HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES. FLINT NEEDS TO IMPROVE ITS SCHOOL SYSTEM AND WHO WALKS ACROSS THE STAGE AND ARE PREPARED FOR COLLEGE.

EDUCATION SHOULD BE QUALITY

ASK THE STATE FOR MORE FUNDS AND RESOURCES TO MAKE OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM ONE OF QUALITY

MORE RECRUITMENT FOR LARGER HEALTHCARE FIRMS

EMBRACE THE LIVE WORK PLAY SECURITY MODEL. DECENT NEIGHBORHOODS AND HOUSING, BUSINESSES TO WORK AT AND ACTIVITIES TO DO AFTER WORK.

HIGHLIGHT WHAT WE HAVE AS WELL AS INCREASE SERVICES

BRING COMMUNITY EDUCATION BACK

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS WHILE PARENTS ARE WORKING WHERE THE PROGRAM CLOSSES WHEN PARENTS GET OFF WORK.

CREATE A BETTER REPUTATION SO COMPANIES WILL SEE US AS A VALUABLE ASSET

EDUCATION SHOULD BE MORE CASUAL AND LESS FORMAL

ENCOURAGE ON THE JOB TRAINING STRATEGIES

BECOME A CULTURALLY COMPETENT CITY THAT EMBRACES AND CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE STIGMA OF HIRING FELONS. MOST HAVE VALUABLE JOB SKILLS

- 181 life lines - parent teacher home visit projects - building relationships with parents & teachers
- 182 1. Develop residences in downtown Flint.
2. Focus on equity in financial resources.
3. Remove the blight in all of the neighborhoods in order to expand the growth.
- 183 bringing the diversity of Flint to invest in the whole community. hire from inside the community, rather than bringing outsiders in
- 184 Family values and participation to increase awareness on bullying in all schools.
In highschool start job shadowing ,beginning at a highschool level. There is a disconnect between highschool preparation and college.
Not all youth are ready for college education, nor do they have a mental capacity to handle it.
- 185 We have qualified people here that can take jobs here we just choose not too Hire Local
New Farmer Market plan
Housing Blight Huge issues -
Pick local businesses and neighborhood people should go in and meet each other
Have Michael Moore create more movies showing other than the negative things in Flint as well as cnn
More out door strategies
Making Flint's U of M the Main campus
Since Flint is One to two hours away from every major city in MI they should plan a HUB here for a rapid transit system
Implement funds for people who are violating rules (MTA)
using sales tax as a more equitable way to support the City.
- 186 Safety is essential
Hook up local businesses and churches to "adopt" certain local projects like educational opportunities for young people
Improve transparency on the political and economic fronts
Accountability and a cohesive plan can help protect future plan implementation
Attract tourism
Public relations -- emphasize more of the positive things about Flint, eg., museum, educational opportunities (Mott CC, etc.), Flint Symphony Orchestra, "we're sick, but we're not on a respirator"
Visionary leadership
Improve the sense of community -- there used to be "villages" within the city; neighborhood economy; don't forget about the neighborhoods
Spread the kind of development that the downtown area has seen to the outer communities
Address mental health and emotional impoverishment

- 187 increase the taxation, a graduated income tax to pay for the services that everyone wants
- 188 think of incentives for businesses in other neighborhoods
- 189 We need to stabilize the housing in Flint. We need to promote home ownership. Find ways to teach how to buy and upkeep a home.
- 190 masterplan is a legal document and we need to stick with it
- 191 Reuse cultural area to provide greener education opportunity and decide which educational centers to possible repurpose to direct funds elsewhere (not a consensus). Consolidation of neighborhoods as a potential strategy (not a consensus)
- 192 more open processes, less decisions by "rich white men"
- 193 Fix the core so we can do more: Address Crime Health, parenting, community building, and youth involvement in order to make this an environment that will attract businesses.
- Campagne to improve flint residents image of their own city. Others will not see Flint different unless Flint residents see it different first.
- 194 "committed to the city" incentive--bring ex patriots and businesses back to flint to utilize their knowledge base and money by GIVING them properties provided by CONTRACT that they improve or maintain that property for the good of the neighborhood.
- 195
1. Community gardens. Put gardens/orchards on large lots.
 2. Renovate old schools into usable housing,
 3. Have resources/tools available for clearing for green spaces and gardens.
 4. Camp grounds near the river.

How do we provide a better quality of life?

How do we provide a better quality of life to our citizens with the reality of declining revenue? Which strategies stand out to you as having the greatest potential and why?

(Participants entered the following comments)

- 001 e
- 002 jjjjjj
- 003 #3 because it takes care or concern of the educational gap/void and also addresses the community and family issues that are a concern for the city. it ties to the theme that we established in reshaping flint and the economy.
- 004 5
Spending money local helps Flint
- 005 #1 empowering local groups to do work so that they can provide services to themselves
- 006 6
Residents in neighborhood have the best reasons to say what needs and wants should be for them.
- 007 #2 because we are too spread out
- 008 #2 because we have declining students and focusing resources on one school would increase resources for all students.
- 009 More housing downtown
- 010 #1 one person can help so many through these groups
- 011 #3 because we need to go back to allowing use of these building at low costs to use them instead of letting them deteriorate.
- 012 number 3 - community and education need to be hand in hand and could be captured in a hub situation. all the strategies that convene people/community help. establishing hubs everywhere
- 013 1, 5 & 6 combined. makes people be more empowered and ownership.
- 014 number 3--two reasons. they are close to the populatin served so they are accessible, builds community cohesiveness when you have a place for the community to meet together.
- 015 #2 becasue all the children would have better access to other programs that are located in the cultural center, especially if we made that one school Central
- 016 #3 need new facilities,n
- 017 #1; It has worked before in real life situations to reduce crime.

- 018 5 - fresh foods from community gardens; involved youth groups
- 019 I find that the first stragey being attractive, but are there legal barriers?
- 020 New technology /Green housing; providing public housing off the grid , energy efficent clean and safe.
- 021 a
- 022 1. networking, involving jail population in community based action become victims of enviornment
- 023 #1 healthy people are wealthy people
- 024 4. people taking control of their own neighborhoods through Community Policing of neighbors and police officers.
- 025 Restablish school buildings as community hubs so children and community members have places to go after school, things to do. Also use those for developing neighborhoods and businesses. Mixed use for existing buildings ,combining the use for the hub and adding other uses for that building
- 026 number 1 because of faith based insitutions in area
- 027 #6; It develops a ten year plan that progress and has a reaction
- 028 i agree with neighborhood schools
- 029 #1 - Easy to implement, feasible, and doesn't cost anything
- 030 #4; This approach worked well in the past.
- 031 2 & 3 combine they go hand in hand
- 032 #2 so that all the students get more oppourtunities
- 033 #1 make use of the exisiting structures without additional drain on the tax payers
- 034 #4 important to get ex-offenders reintegrated into society
- 035 Strategy 2: Repurpose the closed schools in housing and/or community centers
Strategy 5: having businesses that support neighborhoods is vital to the growth and sustainment of the neighborhood.
- 036 residents need to work together to make these things happen
- 037 6; Get the community involved and increase chances of positive impact.
- 038 4 - foot patrol - visible presence with neighborhood policing - help young people know what police roll is
- 039 5. everyday people could have jobs near their home, ownership of neighborhood residents of these businesses.
- 040 #1 is powerful but needs to be supplemented with small assistance grants.
- 041 6
Greater enforcement of rules and regulations of rental properties
- 042 #3 becasue this helps control crime
- 043 #4 bring ex-offenders back into the community, they could help with cleaning up the community
- 044 #5; Local buiness to hire local workers.
- 045 #3 becuase non-profits and youth programs could use the space

- 046 #5 - because it focuses on quality of life.
- 047 5. nice, safe small businesses in neighborhoods
- 048 #4 because we need safety
- 049 #1; To better empower the community
- 050 4 - neighborhood watch - minimum wage jobs for neighborhood policing
- 051 Interactions between community groups such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and old Newsboys to develop youth and support youth
- 052 #1 - in the absence of city funding, we need each other to step up - neighbor in Potter-Longway who mows a park (one person can make a difference). one person can step up and make a change. there are already many organizations like KGCB who help with empowering community groups. people-led parks and rec department. not just empowerment, but also capacity and will. there needs to be some level of support - we may not always be in this position. how do we advocate for resources to sustain in the meantime? how do we build capacity and connections where we continue to work together and complement not compete. we need templates so everyone doesn't start from zero all the time. choose from existing alternatives - wasting energy and capacity on initiatives that already exist.
- 053 not happy with strategies... number 3- question. where is the money. number 2 - not sure is that can work!! number 5 is the only one that speaks to the problem of a lack of money...
- 054 #4 because helping criminals with jobs will prevent them from committing more crimes.
- 055 1 and 3 are important because of the nonprofit sector strength to fill gaps
- 056 number 1 with as many of non-profits
- 057 #3 because we could use the extra school buildings for other youth programs
- 058 #6; Must start with those in the neighborhood and encourage working together.
- 059 #4- The penal system is letting offenders out back into the community and we are not doing anything to help those ex-offenders so the cycle continues
- #1- This can help with #4, need more pastors open those doors, have people come in and provide educational opportunities to help people turn over to the "good" side
- 060 Capitalizing on community spaces for continuing adult education, health clinics, etc. (for example using parts of school buildings that are currently vacant)
- 061 1 - neighborhood watch adopting parks, get new or refurbished playground equipment
- 062 #4 there's a large amount of ex offenders that don't have resources and don't have them so they go back to what they know.
- 063 #2. / #4.
4. neighborhood police strategy would allow the police to build relationships with residents
- 064 2. because we need places for all kids to go to be IN the city - E. S. N. and Westsides.
5. we need to develop grocery stores in neighborhoods where underprivileged and poor people can WALK to. We don't eat properly because we can't - don't have access to healthy foods. Many people don't have transportation and have to go to corner stores with jacked up prices. Replace party stores with small groceries and markets.
- 2.

- 065 #2 - Flint is much smaller now, and would be better if potentially 1 large high school than the competition and competitiveness with the high schools.
- 066 1, take ownership for own community.
- 067 #1 - because it allowed the local church to provide neighborhood leadership and take charge of the challenge by refurbishing properties and planting gardens.
- 068 #6; create a sense of involvement and working together.
- 069 #5- Have seen this work in Charlotte and other cities. Big box stores don't reinvest
- 070 4, it adds to safe feeling for citizens.
- 071 Consolidating school facilities and reestablishing a single central high school facility; I think this would allow the mentorship programs and apprenticeship programs.
- 072 Capitalizing on community spaces for continuing adult education, health clinics, etc. (for example using parts of school buildings that are currently vacant)
- 073 Empower neighborhood with safe parks, tax incentive for people to take care of the parks. Consensus on the idea. Also, can create an adopt a school program
- 074 we need all strategies working together
- 075 1 - faith based is the hub - foundation positive part of neighborhood
- 076 REASONS WHY THE STRATEGY STOOD OUT:
- STRATEGY 1 - THIS IS A WAY TO MEET THE NEEDS TO CONNECT TO COMMUNITY GROUPS; VOLUNTEERS SHOULD BE INVESTED WITH THE CITY; ALL OF THE SHELTERS IN FLINT ARE FAITH BASED -- THEY SHOULD NOT PAY TAXES; IF HOUSING FORMER OFFENDERS -- NO TAXES; THE ROLE OF NON-PROFITS SHOULD BE EXPANDED; FAITH BASED GROUPS SHOULD BE RESPECTED; NEED TO RESPECT THE POOR AND PROVIDE FOR THEM
- STRATEGY 2 - HAVING ONE HIGH SCHOOL -- THIS IS TRADITIONAL; EASIER TO HAVE THE STUDENTS TO BE ON THE SAME PAGE; EASIER ACCESS TO THE STUDENTS;
- STRATEGY 3 - THIS WILL BE IMPORTANT TO GIVE THE COMMUNITY SOMETHING TO DO; NOT JUST THE YOUNG PEOPLE; NEED SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS; NEED TO GIVE PEOPLE SOMETHING TO DO TO KEEP THEM OUT OF TROUBLE; TAKING THOSE CLOSED DOWN BUILDINGS -- CAN USE THEM FOR SOMETHING ELSE; THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL START RESPECTING IT MORE; REVITALIZING AN EMPTY BUILDING WILL HELP;
- STRATEGY 4 -
- STRATEGY 5 -
- STRATEGY 6 - WE DON'T KNOW IF THERE ARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS; NEED TO RALLY AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD; THE NEIGHBORHOOD SHOULD BE ENGAGED; IMPORTANT TO HAVE COORDINATORS AND TO KNOW WHO THEY ARE; NEED TO BE ABLE TO GET A HOLD OF THE COORDINATORS;
- 077 #3; The youth does not have anything to do in the community.
- 078 y
- 079 #5 People need this- access to food by walking
- 080 3. re-establish school buildings so they were open in the evenings, community school directors, a hub in the neighborhood

- 081 4
Partnership between police officers and community members
- 082 2. Have one high school. consolidate the jr. and sr. high.
- 083 #6 #1 community invested in the area they live in. We are already doing a lot of #1 but we need a plan.
- 084 Strategy 3 & 5 we felt was most important. Followed by 6 & 4. None of us felt 1 or 2 were most important.
- 085 Strategy 6: must protect neighborhoods so citizens feel safe, make it the 'peoples' neighborhoods again, reduce thoroughfares through neighborhoods
- 086 #2 - consolidate school facilities for financial resources. Should be primary high school 9 - 12th grade. Dont leave the empty buildings (#3 - tie in).
- 087 STRATEGY 5 -- THERE ARE MANY NEIGHBORHOOD WITH NO FRESH PRODUCE; ALCOHOL IS THE MAIN THING THAT IS BEING SOLD;
- 088 #3! Very important because it might house the afterschool programs that kids need.
- 089 #2 it will help refocus our efforts, it brings people into Flint, it is also an opportunity for better educational programs
- 090 Re-establishing school buildings for volunteer programs to support children and families. Group consensus
- 091 #4 / #5
Get to know the people in the neighborhood / including ex-offenders. It's important to know who is around you.
- 092 3. I like each neighborhood having their needs met.
- 093 #3; To increase positive association between youth in the community.
- 094 #6 neighborhoods builds cities,
- 095 4. important because of amount of crime. engaging neighborhood residents in crime prevention would reduce crime.
- 096 1 - connector of bringing people together, like minded people coming together
- 097 #1 some of this has started, and it is working
- 098 Repurpose the old school buildings and retrain people.
- 099 6
Housing for students and families that want to rent.
- 100 #5 might entice others to move into the cities
- 101 NUMBER 1 -- EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD HAS UNIQUE PROBLEMS; ONE SIZE FITS ALL DOES NOT WORK; CERTAIN THINGS THE CITY NEEDS TO DO -- THE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE TAKING RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT IS GOOD
- 102 Strongly support number 5 because retail is lacking across the board including fresh and healthy food.
- 103 3 - structure of neutral ground

104 6

Fear of losing investment of buying a house in Flint

105 1. we need more but have less. What we can have the community do, that we do not have money for.

106 number 3 is important... adding services and community into the schools. that is already happening and touches everyone.

107 #3 return to what C.S. Mott started. Continuing Education was born in Flint, so it should be reinstated as a strategy.

108 #6 is a good umbrella that apply to all neighborhoods.

109 #5 everyone leaves the city to shop and spend their money

110 2, supports social equity, lost so many students that we are wasting money of facilities that should be used on students.

5, more stores and goods in communities making more access to basic goods.

111 3 recreation for youth is often ignored,

112 #1 and #3 - could be consolidated. These were very effective in the past and offers the promise to be so again.

113 6

Rental companies do not care of quality of rental buildings

114 we have already consolidated different HS. Created gang issue.

115 #3 - give the community an anchor again. Give residents a sense of ownership.

116 1 - less depended on city and be more on self - people not title and leadership,

117 number 2--we need to consolidate schools--actually build one big university for all of the high schools. establish hubs

118 1. empower local groups to provide services. this will encourage neighborhoods to take their neighborhoods BACK. the CITY cannot afford to do it. will also contribute a SENSE OF OWNERSHIP. and SAME GOAL for all neighborhoods: safety, cleanliness, nice place to live & raise kids.

3. reestablish school buildings as community hubs that provide supportive services & community based activities. this builds a sense of community, people will take PRIDE in their neighborhoods & people will become to be familiar with their neighbors.

2. develop neighborhood serving business.

119 NUMBER 4 WAS IMPORTANT; IMPORTANT TO DEAL WITH EX OFFENDERS; IF THEY CANNOT FIND WORK -- THEY WILL GO BACK TO THEIR OLD WAYS

120 #4 because safety will attract visitors and businesses and that will bring people to live in the area,

121 #4. Having a local business to feel connected.

122 6. individualized plans for neighborhoods are important

123 #1,3,5,6. 1 and 3 go together--there is no excuse to have abandoned buildings. There is only 1 grocery store in the city of Flint. the buildings are too expensive to refurbish. we need to repurpose

- 124 Re-establish neighborhood policing at staffed community mini-stations allows people to return to the workforce, this trickles out to their families, extended community
- 125 #3 providing supports to help the whole family succeed.
- 126 We agree on : build neighborhoods, repurpose old buildings
1. Our volunteers have lots of power
- 127 #4- police can know the community and understand them
- 128 3. because it is essential to preserve these buildings for the community.
- 129 Lose more students in middle school; need to have a focus on middle school.
- 130 1 & 2 - consolidate schools and then give, sell them to faith based to organizations. Churches dont talk to each other. Resources are in the church but the communication are not there.
- 131 AA
- 132 number 1 because i believe we have so many churches in the community and they are in the neighborhoods and we need to empower them and support them in opening up their activities centers--they have bills for opening their space for these things. grants can help
- 133 1. need as much private sector involvement as possible.
- 134 #6 You pertain to your specific needs. YOU know what YOU need.
- 135 Safety: for business owners and new developed neighborhoods
- 136 Establish vacant buildings as community centers. Public spaces are very limited, especially in the winter, and a police presence in the centers would be positive.
- 137 6 - need a plan in order to get funding, funding is targeted towards groups that have existing plan
- 138 Activate and increase volunteerism in the community.
- 139 No job opportunities make it too easy for ex-offenders to go back to criminal activity
- 140 4: Safety is primary strategy (consensus) as nothing else will improve without that foundation and improving crime stats will improve image
- 141 4. will provide safety and quick response.
- 142 Strategy 1: increase community involvement will create an increased civic pride
- Strategy 2: Figure out exactly how many schools we need and make one giant adjustment, instead of the slowly closing of each school. It creates uncertainty amongst the profession and undue fear and anxiety.
- 143 4. starts in your own neighborhood
- 144 number 3
- 145 #5 - we need to develop healthy food options/grocery stores. increase offer of healthy food in convenience stores. move of farmers' market may help with access - one bus ride away (next to bus station).
- #6 - partner with master planning process so it's cohesive. Grand Traverse neighborhood has been able to leverage funding sources instead of just having external development decide. engaging residents.

- #3 - re-establish schools as hubs. provide human services. relocate volunteer service stations. increase quality of life for many residents. many services located downtown. but distributing in neighborhoods could make access easier. get back to the concept of community education. many schools are used by churches now, but there are still many vacant schools. become true anchor institutions. it would undoubtedly increase volunteerism to have schools as community focal points. ties in with #1, the idea that neighborhood and community can fill in where the city government can't.
- 146 #1 we could use time dollar; neighbors provide services to each other and add credits when they help and then can use those credits for what they need done
- 147 2, easy to say hard to do.
6, cant expect to have a central group to have as close a relationship as actual neighborhood members.
- 148 #5 - Becasue they provide a community feel, and opportunity for neighborhood socialization and supports locally owned business development. Also provides opportunities for transportation equity and Walkable communities are very vibrant communities.
- 149 #2. Schools are falling apart. Flint schools look like war zones and we cannot expect good things out of such rough schools. Schools need to be shut down. Create a central high school for all kids.
- 150 #5 good for quality of life, provide jobs, and improve flint's economy.
- 151 1 and 5 - but community needs to be included.
- 152 6
Groups need to look about the issues 1-5 to help formulate a plan
- 153 Expand re-entry programs for ex-offenders to create productive member of society
- 154 Strategy 1: working relationship between neighborhoods and civic leaders
- 155 #1 communties can take care eachothers needs.
- 156 2:
157 Small businesses within the communities
- 158 Develop neighborhood-serving businesses - Neighborhood banks, grocery stores, etc reduce the load on public and private transportation and create a sense of neighborhood identity and therefore neighborhood investment.
- 159 3, by closing buildings you close off parts of the community.
4, at least on officer at each mini station to handle concerns of the neighborhood
- 160 4. stabilizes the community and gives young people a better quality of life
- 161 6
Neighborhood plans allow where the quality of life gaps exist
- 162 Concerns about teacher student ratio for consolidating the high school. How many students will be at that high school. Concerns about intergration of students from other school. How do we preserve the infrastructure for the future, do we need more than one high school.
- 163 #3 - re-claim closed schools - Bunche is being utilized (Friends of Max Brandon Park) - ex-offenders programs.
#5 and #6 - could be tied together. buy local campaign.

- 164 Strategy 6: create a sense of community involvement between citizens and their neighborhoods
- 165 #3 / #6 - schools as community hubs - community plans as a part of the larger plan
- 166 #3 - because we have so many buildings that aren't being donated to a community organization. School board has to pay and it's a financial strain and an eyesore. #4 neighborhood policing would be huge if we could afford it based on feeling safe.
- 167 number 4 community pulling together with neighborhood watch to make a safe place
- 168 Networking of existing programs for the school and community. Promoting existing programs.
- 169 6 because it is so important that every part of the city has a neighborhood association and that group can be involved with the master planning process on an ongoing basis. each voice will be heard.
- 170 2 - Because there is a need to consolidate schools so that the educational resources can be used better.
- 4 - Because crime is less likely to happen when armed officers are available. Educating and rehabilitating ex-offenders and making them positive contributors to society financially and socially.
- 171 from experience strategy 1 was functioning to fight blight. micro-managing can help to improve quality of life in people's immediate vicinity.
- strategy number 4 is needed but needs funding... new technology can help. existing money can be used to improve
- 172 #3 - after school programming provides a safe place to go after school until into the evening. It offers them a quality choice versus the opportunity to make bad choices. Summer programming also gives them many self development opportunities to keep them busy.
- 173 #4 because we need to see the police watching the neighborhoods. Their presence is needed.
- 174 #5 get small businesses in the neighborhood to create pride, and ownership, etc
- 175 1. Support public/private partnerships ; It would be good to involve youth with mentors; provides a service to the city while at the same time engaging those groups with the city at large
3. incentivizing public safety employees to live in the city; empty school buildings could be repurposed and made more productive
4. Makes police seem more active and present in communities; people will be involved with preventative crime, watching out for their neighbors ; it would bring a sense of security to neighborhoods
6. It would be intertwined with the city government as well as the local/neighborhood leaders
- 176 #6 Every neighborhood can have a say so on what happens in their neighborhood.
- 177 #2 - it allows us to spend limited resources more wisely while allowing us to improve the quality of education.
- 178 3 & 4 - Need to work with the church.
- 179 3, use school buildings as community centers to provide access to training and workshops. especially arts
- 1
- 180 #1 We have seen neighborhoods use grants really well. Not much money is needed to make an impact, especially when the community is passionate to do good.
- 181 #5 and use the green spaces to make our community healthier

- 182 1 & 6 - more emphasis on housing and faith based (put god 1st)
- 183 All of the strategies are key to rebuilding the social core of the City of Flint. But these changes need to be made with unified assessment and planning
- 184 1, 5, 6 - because unemployment, housing and health are all interrelated and we need to engage the young people to focus the energy.
- 185 We support number 1 and combined it with number 3. Then this should happen by creating an entity that's responsible for connecting efforts and increasing community awareness of them. This entity should be the City of Flint and there's also concern about this.
- 186 strategy one, this is already happening on a small way and should happen more
- 187 #1 is important
we need support for hard-working single parents... versus people that are on drugs receiving more support
more programs and more knowledge and more support systems for those who are trying and working hard. helping us to achieve what we are trying to achieve!
- 188 #6 this is beneficial because it does empower the neighborhood, which goes back to #1
- 189 Re-establishing neighborhoods policing at staff community mini-sessions and expand re-entry programs for ex-offenders. We need more police officers and more safety for our community.
- 190 #3 - communities working together, with new technologies... increasing communication
- 191 #4 because so many were offenders at a young age and now need a chance to re-establish themselves
- 192 #1 for those who have something good and can reach out to help
- 193 1 empower groups
- 194 1.) #4 - need to strengthen employment amongst ex-offenders
2.) #1 - make sure everyone has resources to implement all these community programs
a.) consolidate what we don't need to further community development.
3.) #2 - strengthens communities by having large sports venues, helps to moderate racial tensions and gives children a chance to grow-up unsegregated
4.) #2 - smaller schools under one roof with specifically focused programs for each "school".
5.) #3 - urban blight destroys the potential of strong neighborhoods. Unused school buildings are not just a stain but a community
6.) #5 - provides employment and strengthens local economy
7.) #1 and #6 - bringing energy and strength for improving Flint. Utilizing fewer people and fewer resources with community groups to support and develop neighborhoods.
- 195 number 1 is important but how do faith base groups get funding, would it be more of volunteering resources versus manpower
- 196 1. UTILIZE MORE BECAUSE THEY HAVE ACCESS TO MONEY AND VOLUNTEER HELP.
6. NEED A PLAN
3 COMMUNITY BASED

197 number 1 would be a good idea because it empowers all the citizens of Flint

Number 3 I have studied community centers where abandoned school buildings have been converted into community centers they can take the burden of empty buildings off the school system.

Number 6 is good because every hood is different and each has specific needs

Not enough money to facilitate all the programs needed in the city #1 and Number 2 buildings can be used for community services

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needed in some communities so that response time could improve

#6 would be good if people take action

5 would be really good to bring people in from surrounding cities

1 Help citizens work towards getting rid of the blight

198 Strategy number 3. Neighborhood anchors are important in increasing neighborhood safety and positivity.

Strategy no. 1 and 3. Non-utilized closed school buildings are the center for life of the neighborhoods.

Strategy no. 1 and 3. Being more aware of community church programs and faith based groups. Integrates discussion of guidance and direction.

Strategy no. 1. Families should be the foundation for the future of Flint. Integrating family values at a young age will decrease violence.

Strategy no. 1. Adopting church values and spreading this across the community.

Strategy 1, 2, and 3. The policing and ownership of community is empowered by church based faith, and increasing neighborhood awareness. When the anchors in the neighborhood decrease or become abandoned it allows a negative impact on the surrounding anchors.

A sense of community and allows ownership of being responsible and being examples for the community.

Use community resources to create a hub.

199 #1 BECAUSE OF FAITH BASED INITIATIVES THAT ARE PRONE TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS RATHER THAN TRYING TO FOCUS ON THE CURRENT EDUCATIONAL MODEL.

FAITH BASED ORG. DUE TO THE ALSO #1 BECAUSE OF THE COMMUNITY AND CITIZENS FOCUS THIS IS THE FORCE TO ALLOW PROGRESS

AL BECAUSE THIS IS ALLOWING TO ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEERISM AND IT WILL SOW INTO THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND CREATE A WEALTH THAT IS NOT BASED UPON

#1 INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY

#3 REESTABLISH COMMUNITY BUILDINGS AND OTHER NEEDS SHELTERS, COMMUNITY NEEDS, HOMELESSNESS, AFTERSCHOOL INITIATIVES, FAMILY ACTIVITIES, RENT FACILITIES FOR FUNCTIONS THE FUNDING CAN BE REINVESTED IN THE COMMUNITY TO REDEVELOP. 2ND SELBY SCHOOL IS INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY REINVOLVEMENT,

#4 ~ ONE OF THE BASIC PROSPECTIVES OF CRIME WE WANT A HEALTHIER SAFER COMMUNITY, NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING; NEIGHBORHOOD ASSET. BELIEVES THAT THERE ARE EFFORTS THAT POLICING IS BEING REDEVELOPED~ ALL IMPORTANT AS STRENGTH

#6

COLLABORATION OF PERSPECTIVES WE HAVE A GREAT DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN HAVING HEARD WE ARE PUTTING MONEY IN DOWNTOWN ALSO A PLAN TO DEVELOP INDIVIDUALLY

#6 NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS ARE THE BEST AT REDEVELOPING PROJECTS AND NEEDS TO ADHERE TO ITS OWN SPECIFIC NEEDS, FOR BEAUTIFYING TO CUTAIL CRIME TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF ONENESS TO CREATE!

#3 CONCERNED WITH THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN LOST AND NOW WE ARE AWARE OF THE SATELLITE GROUPS THAT WORK INTERACTIVELY

#6 EACH NEIGHBORHOOD HAS ITS OWN CONCERNS AND MUST BE DEALT WITH 'INDIVIDUALLY INITIALLY' IN ORDER TO CREATE A LONG TERM FOCUS AND PLAN. GRASS ROOTS EFFORTS WILL HELP REDEVELOP THE ENTIRE PROCESS OVER A

MENTIONED THAT THERE IS A NEW FOUND RESTORATION OF RACE RELATIONS RESURFACING

#1 NEWLY CREATED WATCH GROUPS BLOCK CLUBS SUGAR HILL HAS BEEN INSTILLED IN PUTTING YARD LIGHT FIXTURES TO ALLEVIATE ROAD BLOCKS, WILL HELP EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS AND

#2 EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM NEEDS AN OVERHAUL TRANSPORTATION NEWER FACILITIES TO INVIGORATE INTEREST

#3 AT ONE TIME WE WERE KNOWN TO HAVE ONE OF THE BEST EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS IN THE NATION, IT IS CURRENTLY "BROKEN" TIME TO RESTRUCTURE AND MOVE FORWARD, IT IS BROKE!

3 MR. MOTT NEEDS TO HAVE SOME LITERACY PROGRAMS

#5 SPEND MORE MONEY ON MILLER, CORUNNA RD. BIRCH RUN, OBESITY LEVELS ARE WE NEED MORE HEALTHIER FOODS IN OUR COMMUNITY, TO PURCHASE QUALITY RESTAURANTS WITHIN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES!

200 4-we like the idea of Neighborhood Crime Watch activities by residents.

201 Reduce number of schools -- consolidate

Empower neighborhood groups to provide services that city can no longer offer

202 ALL ARE VALID

#3 USING THE FACILITIES FOR SOMETHING ELSE

#4 GIVES OPPURTUNITIES FOR EX-OFFENDERS. STIGMA HOLDS THEM BACK.

#5 IT CAN TAKE A LONG TIME TO GO SHOPPING, SHORTENING THIS WILL HELP REDUCE TRAVEL TIME

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#5 QUALITY FOOD AND NUTRITION IS IMPORTANT

203 strategy one, already happening but could be more.

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- 205 6 many groups have plans
- 206 number 7--green energy and bring wind turbines
- 207 number 6--how come we can't get people's homes for a dollar when they can get businesses for a dollar downtown--i pay the back taxes just to keep it up--trying to prevent eye sores in my neighborhood
- 208 number 7--one of the reasons i like it the ones they gave--less maintenance working with nature instead of trying bend nature to our will and then maybe we are not contributing as much to global environ issues
- 209 number 7--not building industries that will pollute or contaminate our environment
- 210 number 5--create demolition in the areas with the highest crime rates, where we we have the most abandoned structures and we see guns and drugs stored there and we need to get rid of those structures to reduce crime--
- 211 Need to establish flexiable zoning related to mix use development so that it creates opportunities and you are not locking parsels of land into one zone.
- 212 5 and 6 go together if you are going to step up demolition activieis then do number 6 to goe with it do something productive with vacant properties
- 213 3 and 4 go together...how often i really don't have a place to walk outside int he cold. go to uofm to walk--how do we develop more of the walkable community
- 214 5. We must remove the blight that allows crime to continue. We need to see what we reallly have. Consolidate properties. Repurpose space.
- 215 3-6--i like these predicated on the idea of cleaning up our streets so women and children fell safe
- 216 our young people have to develop respect for each other and institutieons
- 217 Number 7: Redesignig systems to work with nature but not sure how it would work or what it would cost
- 218 Numbers 2 and 4 because we like the flexibility and accessibility of mixed-use development and zoning.
- 219 pierson road and mlk--new gardens, etc. they are doing something there
- 220 7/5. Get rid of abandoned buildings. They conceal crime. Invest in natural energy to save costs.
- 221 7. / 4. This allows neighbors to connect with each other. It would be a positive way to redevelop.
- 222 Put houses and empty spaces together.

- 223 number 4--i have noticed new roads they are redoing and they marking bike lanes--already in progress we can build on it
- 224 3/7. The strategies work together. It would be a better use of natural resources.
- 225 7. We have a problem with water rates. this would adjust it.
- 226 Expanding green space must be maintained.
- 227 leary of using demo as crime prevention tool.
- 228 3. Fix the parks we already have.
- 229 Number 4: More access to walkability and transportation to assist families
- 230 Support for #6 in getting from #3 to #7

What concerns do you have about this list of strategies?

(Participants entered the following comments)

- 001 #4 police doesn't have a real presence. they are only here for a paycheck
- 002 For the first strategy, there has to be coordination b
- 003 #4 police don't respond
- 004 Strategy 3: Old school buildings may have asbestos, increasing the cost
- 005 #4 police don't respond and tell you to file a report
- 006 where is the money????
- 007 number1 community needs to know about all resources available in the flint community
- 008 4 instead of bringing in a name brand store instead of local store would be better. Prices would be lower. Need a major grocery store. Can still use mom & pop's but major better.
- 009 concern for #2 because it would cost job loss
- 010 #5 how do they compete with the big-box stores? How is this on the list?
- 011 #4 incubator don't work in our neighborhoods because they are only interested in a check. It isn't working now the way it is.
- 012 #4 police are not seen as friends
- 013 STRATEGY 1
STRATEGY 2
STRATEGY 3
STRATEGY 4
STRATEGY 5
STRATEGY 6
- 014 #5, Witherbee's was an example grocery store downtown, but it was too pricey and specialized. But it was better than a liquor store.
- 015 #1- To separate ourselves from our community. Faith members are chasing the money

- 016 #1 worry about getting the volunteers
- 017 not comfortable with list. there is no why but a how. there are reasons not to carry out these strategies or are not able to do. we are not able to create quality of life because of a lack of including and connecting all the neighborhoods and bringing people together
- 018 #1; needs to include county resources
- 019 Need to solve the problem- not just keeping people off the street
- 020 how will these strategies be funded and substained and how will they be substained? Need for volunteers to run programs and safety of programs.
- 021 THE COST IS TOO HIGH
- 022 what does #2 mean?
- 023 #1; Lack of use of "code red' protocols to reduce crime in neighborhoods.
- 024 Market value vs insurance costs of living and buying in Flint, including businesses
- 025 Arts and culuture are not here and yet they are at the heart of quality of life.
- 026 #5 need better stores that are not liquor store but real stores
- 027 4: Must be patrol based, fast and responsive (consensus); ministations contribute to inequity as it overlaps and may not focus on areas that need it most (consensus)
- 028 #2 Negative aspect would be Columbine Syndrome because the central high school facility would be too large.
- 029 NUMBER 3 -- TO MAINTAIN NEW BUILDINGS -- WHO WIOLL PAY FOR THIS? SOME ARE EXPENSIVE AND THAT'S WHY THE BUILDING CLOSED; NUMBER 6 -- NEED A COMMON PROCESS TO HELP THE LESS EXPERIENCED PEOPLE;
- 030 Too many arsons
- 031 churches don't pay taxes--they collect money but don't have to pay money
- 032 middle school age is not being addressed
- 033 Fire department having outreach to prevent arson
- 034 Where are you going to get the funds? We are taxed out. ARe taxes going to go up?
- 035 MY CONCERN IS THE MINDSET OF THE PEOPLE -- WE HAD A GROCERY STORE BUT IT IS NOT THERE ANY MORE; WE SHOULD NOT GO TO ALL THE BIG STORES LIKE WAL MART; NEED TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS NOT BIG BUSINESS TO SURVIVE
- 036 consolidating HS would potentially create gang wars
- 037 #5 vacant buildings are bringing down values of the proerpties in the neighborhood, so can the city persuade private owners to sell vacant properties for reuse.
- 038 #2 you can achieve sustainability in other ways other than consolidating. It will have a negative impact if it doesn't achieve a sense of community.
- 039 #6 you cannot rebuild and tear it down at the same time. The community has to be involved
- 040 stop depending on tax payers to make up for the losses--we are feeling the brunt of it
- 041 concern about most of the master plan process beyond what would help individuals

- 042 it is problematic - there is no continuity with the city administration and the policy. we need solutions that help all of Flint and not just specific communities
- 043 3. recreation should be included in plan. money factor in redoing school buildings to refurbish. Counterproductive. money needed to tear down is a concern.
- 044 These are not strategies they are goals.
- 045 2 - don't know what the advantage is, no benefit for schools, parents, children or neighborhood
- 046 how do we as a community increase the quality of life with funding in the community being cut
- 047 ministers need to spend time in schools--to observe and see all of the need that is there and be able to contribute it
- 048 NEED BUSINESSES WHO CAN ASSIST ME PERSONALLY; NEED GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE; TO CALL ME BY NAME
- 049 only two strategies that include the residents involvement in solving the problem in the community. perhaps we should rebuild neighborhood organization and neighborhood watch organizations
- 050 more parents involved--too many kids disrupting the other kids
- 051 more resident involvement is key
- 052 2 - need best interest of students
- 053 government resources coming in are being directed away from neighborhoods. Too much focus on downtown
- 054 how do we solve the economic problem to improve the quality of life
- 055 MANY PEOPLE ARE POOR -- PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD TO DRIVE FAR SO NEED GOOD ACCESS; GAS IS EXPENSIVE; NEED GOOD ACCESS TO STORES
- 056 Mindset to upkeep the neighborhoods may not be there
- 057 Strategy 1: how do you get citizens out of their homes and become involved
- 058 ~HOW TO GET PEOPLE INVOLVED???
- ~how to get information to citizens so they're aware of what's available & how they can take advantage of these services.?
- ~repurposing old vacant buildings may not be safe, i.e. asbestos, failing structure, etc.
- ~HOW TO GIVE CITIZENS A VOICE?
- 059 PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO USE THE STORES IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS
- 060 not necessarily true that a smaller city population means less revenue
- 061 number 5 concerned--it seems like the ones we have in place now are party stores and convenience stores the prices are so high for people who have to go to those stores because transportation can't get to the other larger stores--it is not that we shouldn't have that strategy at all but i don't get a glimmer of how that will be done based on the information provided--how will this be carried out/should be carried out because of the type of businesses they have
- 062 #4 Currently, safety is an illusion.
- 063 STORES NEED TO BE CLEAN TO ATTRACT CUSTOMERS;

- 064 Young people need to know and be a part of the community. They need to be able to go to anyone in the neighborhood for help. We need to bring the sense of community back. Landlords need to be involved
- 065 5. unrealistic competition with large retail chains
- 066 1# doesn't pick all the work of what the city can't do just because they're pouring into downtown.
- 067 No transparency with the city's operations/plans
- 068 WE NEED TO HAVE A PLAN WHAT WE WILL DO WITH THE BUILDINGS ONCE THEY ARE CLOSED; THE IDEA OF SHUTTING DOWN EVERYTHING AT ONCE IS A GREAT PROBLEM!
- 069 4. concern for community safety engaged in neighborhood policing. community policing is not enough. Response to problems by paid police is not effective enough. Proactive in addressing problems before they happen. Enforcing existing laws.
- 070 city of flint needs to add the resources that are available to the community onto their website; things like Resource Genesee
- 071 Make sure there is a neighborhood process
- 072 those neighborhood stores don't work--neighborhoods get together and ban those places
- 073 Strategy 1: some neighborhoods have too few people to feel safe or work on beautification. What is available for funding to accomplish.
- 074 ALSO DONT RENOVATE BUILDINGS IF YOU PLAN TO CLOSE THEM DOWN SOON
- 075 who pays for this?
- 076 2 - no good planning of how to consolidate schools kids suffer
- 077 4. most of our crime is violent crime, crime watches can not address that
- 078 That there aren't enough people who are willing to put in the work and dedication that it takes to make the changes without receiving some sort of compensation.
- 079 too many liquor and beer and wine stores in the neighborhood and need more quality stores in the neighborhoods--more strict licencing and zoning regulations to address this reduce liquore stores and increase access to healthy food, etc.
- 080 there is not enough help to get and assist small businesses
- 081 2. dis infrancice Flint's north end
- 082 #1 the sustainability over time of community groups
- 083 5. safety issue for small businesses, security for owners. Build sense of community as well as building small businesses.
- 084 Redifining how we see ex-offenders. Provide adequate support for ex-offenders. Share information about rehabilitation of ex-offenders. Rethink and deal with this problem
- 085 None of the six strategies address the poor state of many of the vacant and outdated structures. Potential development needs to be sustainable and low-maintenance, and high-maintenance facilities need to be removed.
- 086 #2. How do you balance a shrinking city school system with community identity
- 087 #4 - all policing should be distributed to preceints and get rid of a large central police facility.

- 088 CONCERN ABOUT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT -- PEOPLE GO HOME AFTER AN ALARM GOES OFF BEFORE THE POLICE DOES; THE RESPONSE OF THE POLICE IS SLOW
- 089 #1 shouldn't pick up cities slack.
- 090 We have no input on what happens in our city- we pay taxes!
- 091 we used to have activities at parks, etc. Now they don't have that anymore
- 092 how do we pay for it?
- 093 POLICE OFFICERS WILL AVOID CERTAIN AREAS IN TOWN
- 094 Every year taxes and fees go up
- 095 4 needs to include substance abuse
- 096 i think we have given too much credit to the police department to control crime--number 4--parents used to be responsible for kids behavior not the police. we continue to concede too much of responsibility of parents to the police and others
- 097 Improve communication and networking among faithbased and neighborhood groups.
- 098 2, establishing one high school in flint is not a good plan. may cause more problems than good.
- 099 #4 it only works so well. The reach of policing is not enough. It'll be safe in one neighborhood, but 4 blocks away it's dangerous.
- 100 It is hard to invest in our homes when the property values continue to fall. City offices to implement technology to improve efficiency.
- 101 #3 I like but we currently lack leadership.
- 102 There is a lack of capacity for neighborhoods to manage the large amount of derelict city services.
- 103 the city is too big physically to provide city services on a limited budget
- 104 police mop up after something happens--we need more prevention.
- 105 #1. People already do this. People in the city abuse the citizens in this way.
- 106 How do we reestablish neighborhood policing in the current economic climate. Table agreement
- 107 the younger generation has no respect or work ethic.
- 108 #3 who will invest into the systems?
- 109 except 1 and 6, everything costs alot of money.
- 110 people of flint don't actually have a voice, decisions are already made.
- 111 1: need money to support neighborhood empowerment
- 112 Re-assess the assessment process to assure consistency in the assessing of properties.
- 113 5, while we need these things in the community, however they must be diverse.
- 114 Parks on the north side are non-existent. Those that are there aren't maintained. Minimal facilities not kept up
- 115 #3 not all buildings are being used.
- 116 Need cooperation of city, school board, etc. to make this 'plan' work. Planning is good, but you need to follow through on implementing the plan.

- 117 lack of partnership between police and neighborhoods
- 118 quality of life varies from person to person. what are real needs and what is increased quality. who needs what... we are not equally represented .
- 119 Why do we have to accept declining revenue?
- 120 How do you take strategies and operationalize them? Need long term and short term vision.
- 121 Protect the homes that are of value and "move in" ready before vandals get to them.
- 122 'Empower' is ill-defined. If it's a question of giving community groups the city's blessing, that doesn't mean much.
- 123 5. public safety has to be a factor. you can build it, but if it's not safe, they won't come.
- 124 Who are the stakeholders involved in the planning?
- 125 4: other emergency services are not mentioned or included (besides police)
- 126 3: repurposing schools has been shown historically to fail, how could we support long term
- 127 #3 - libraries, rec centres should be included
 #5 - urban farming needs to be addressed as an option for providing nutritious foods
 #2 - what costs will be incurred from having 1 high school? schools have to close but process needs to be transparent. where are the kids? we need to look at the projections for the future and see what may happen. we didn't respond soon enough when the problem started to grow - how will we plan better this time? how can our educational system be re-worked so kids don't leave their neighborhoods to go to school? maybe having one building can increase efficiency.
- 128 We would only want to consolidate a single central high school if we can implement a solid integrity
- 129 seniors are not getting info. We need to make it available where they are (doctors office, senior citizens centers, etc.)
- 130 1. support neighborhood investment in parks with trash support.
- 131 We need execution ,action and not so many meetings
- 132 THE CRIME STRATEGY IS ONLY IMPLIED; NEED TO STAND OUT MORE
- 133 Concerned about the city's ability to offer services- lack of transparency.
- 134 people are scared to start businesses in flint neighborhoods
- 135 What are we going to do with the potential strategies that we suggest and how are we going to move it forward. Table consensus
- 136 number 3 no money in the community for schools
- 137 we cant expect people that we are teaching to do something we wont do
- 138 number 3 large funding for demolishing community schools
- 139 Neighborhood empowerment will only work with support from the city police
- 140 Is there a way to maintain a tax based not focused solely on property values
- 141 1.) Need to revive Central High School as a new high school.
 2.) Educate young and well with proper supportive
 3.) Cohesion of strategies can happen only with productive and positive neighborhoods.

- 4.) Do not expand on re-entry programs that are not working
- 142 EX-OFFENDERS,
SAFETY
PEOPLE BECOMING DEPENDENT UPON PROGRAMS AS OPPOSED TO RISING ABOVE.
- 143 Cost of healthy foods is higher than fast foods and processed foods
- I think that number 4 is a concern, special task forces could seek out the causes of crimes we need special forces to concentrate of Issues Lie One Drugs, instead of minni hubs they don't detere crime
- Adk police into community meetings to get in touch with what people need in that community #4
- #3 School a delapidated and the cost of rehab is high city needed to get to this sooner because the structures are not safe. Flint in Red, need inflex.
- Assessibility for homeless shelters and housing period
- My concern in about the wellness of the poeple in flint
- Charging everyone same income taxes for everyone in Genesee conty
- Essessibility
- 144 Financial capital is a concern when trying to createa new neighborhood anchor.
- Addressing policies integrating mentally ill people with non ill citizens.
- The model of Flint community schools was a model for other school districts around the world. Getting back to this source of a community movement is needed
- A lack of checks and balances within the city of Flint. The city allows those who can not operate a check and balance system to continue to operate.
- Actively seeking the available funds and grants provided by the federal government.
- 145 6 neighborhood in this strategy need resouces and backing. and a clear path to implementation
- 146 5 neighborhoods are losing the ability to recycle dollars mor thann once with large commercial corridors
- 147 Nub
- 148 some neighborhoods are loosing residents to fast to create a good plan
- 149 How to target the priorities
- Grassroots organizations are small and don't have the resources to mobilize quickly
- There needs to be accountability for distributing grant money responsibly
- When people lose jobs, church and other private organization funding suffers
- Managing risk (eg., insurance liability issues) of expanding programs, given the highly litiginous culture we live in.
- Fighting for self-recognition between individuals or organizations erodes the cohesiveness of the community and the progress of initiatives.
- 150 THIS IMPLIES THAT QUALITY GOES WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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BORDERS THE LINE BEWTEEN A STRETEGY

- 151 Some individuals felt that increasing officers and prisoner re-entry programs are an unwise use of money. Others, however disagree.
- 152 A lot of stratigies are good in theory, but there are concerns about how to actually implent on them.
- 153 6 many neighborhoods dont know plans have to be approved by city council to be included
- 154 Most of the potential strategies are based on data or assumptions that we are not prvy to. We do not know the data that put the strategy on the list.
- 155 one word how--number 7
- 156 Number 5: this may just displace criminals to another area.
- 157 Number 5: once demolition has taken place, what are we replacing those buildings with?
- 158 Address the real source of the crime: where are the drugs coming from, where are the guns coming from?
- 159 in this setting it is difficult to imagine what these strategies for the community
- 160 The potential strategies listed do not address the real issues
- 161 the concern is that the recorders/facilitators are picking and choosing what they put up for people to respond to
- 162 number 7--how it would this take place? windmills?
- 163 how is it the water bill is going up so high when half of the houses not using water?
- 164 Areas that are not easily accessed dont have a shot.
- 165 3. How do we facilitate this expansion of green space?
- 166 There is a shortage of people to do the park maintenance.
- 167 concern about the process by which the next steps in the process will take place? ecnourage the transparecny
- 168 More green space needs more people to take care of it.
- 169 1. don't leave out neighborhood issues.
- 170 More information on how the redesaining nature systems, and what the cost would be.
- 171 1 and 2 are contradictory--one says target areas around comunity assets and the other says used mix use development to bring things together
- 172 1. How would that work out?
- 173 i have a concern, number 3, establish green areas--icyt of flint already has a number of parks already unmaintained, so how can maintenance new parks--already have neighborhoods keeping up their parks
- 174 The group could not come to a consensus about demolition policy or strategy - whether blighted houses should be demolished in practice and how to strategize demolition when that happens
- 175 While we have an excess of housing stock we have a shortage of quality, affordable housing stock

Are there any additional strategies you would like to suggest? (general table agreement)

(Participants entered the following comments)

- 001 Need new school facilities
- 002 missing is an opportunity to use technology as a way to reduce crime, communicate, bring innovation... the list is not innovative.
- 003 a hard copy for citizens with up to date resources/times/dates/ resources provide for each particular neighborhoods
- 004 Community work instead of incarceration for young people who get in trouble.
- 005 churches and non-profits communicate with each other more with what needs to happen in community. and who will do what
- 006 getting people together to work on the same plan... neighborhood representation needs to be included in the master plan. there is a need for effective communication
- 007 increase technology use to provide resources for community members ex. text messaging up dates
- 008 Allowing our people to vote.
- 009 BETTER MARKETING for existing available service, better communication.
- 010 buildings are very old. Need to bring them up to date or tear them down.
- 011 volunteering in community would be greatly increased with increased communication with technology to reach more people
- 012 Better communication with councilman.
- 013 Give people the abandoned homes and they need to keep them up.
- 014 expansion of one-stop resource centers for community
- 015 rebuild/consolidate school in a central loccation - maybe old Central.
- 016 cut red tape to repurpose buildings
- 017 Seniors and Elders as mentors to help the children and work with them.
- 018 Teaching skills to citizens. For example, teaching homeless to make soap and detergents. TEACH YOURSELF SITUATIONS.
- 019 We need to do more to meet and know our neighbors so we aren't suspicious of each others. Get rid of the fear. Spend more time building neighborhoods.
Get away from the homeowner vs the renter.
- 020 certain areas of Flint need to be attended with a higher priority. with education and city administration... poor leadership = poor followship
- 021 More recreational oportunities such as KArate.
- 022 Building on #2, Utilize the services at the cultural center to promote as an educational hub
- 023 Strengthen our nonprofits.

- 024 population and density is an issue. Are these really "neighborhoods???"
- 025 Institute the use of cameras to prevent crime. Shut down certain street during specific times (gate the street). Encubator programs for each ward.
- 026 Get more policing in the neighborhoods.
- 027 More responsibility for each other. Watch each others back. Programs that facilitate that.
- 028 re-create zones?
- 029 "Death of Dort" hwy
- 030 Pay it forward strategy among neighborhoods. Help your neighbor and then later they help someone else. Get to know your neighbors, lessen fear.
- 031 need to consolidate high schools
- 032 We all know one vacant bldg that could be improved for temporary businesses in our neighborhood. How can we use our vacant structures to support local people. The same with underutilized school spaces.
- 033 Harness the talents of local artists.
- 034 seeing what is working and implement in other neighborhoods and community
- 035 Commercial areas to improve vacancy rate
- 036 create 1 high school
- 037 work with other communities and communicate what is working to effectively implement in neighborhoods
- 038 combat liquor, drugs, and other things that are affecting youth
- 039 provide incentives for businesses to come to Flint
- 040 Encourage neighborhood picnics and bbqs. Any function that will bring the community together and get to know each other. Build trust.
- 041 Planning and services are not coordinated.
- 042 "inappropriate" business
- 043 each neighborhood will have an position to ensure there is a structure for neighborhood groups that is supported by the city
- 044 help people find employment and good jobs that provides more than min. wage to move out of poverty
- 045 Better crime strategies; businesses are being vandalized
- 046 revamp of education system
- 047 take money out of correction and into schools.
- 048 More coming together to speak the facts of our neighborhoods (crime, drugs, etc.). More individual responsibility.
- 049 natural resource is key: abundant natural resources with water ways the community needs to market and utilize to raise awareness and funding
- 050 Need more entertainment venues, concert halls, theaters,

- 051 how to increase revenue - if property is devalued there will be less taxes less services
- 052 Outreach within the neighborhood. Talk with each other. Help each other. Know each other. Give tools to neighborhood groups. Share best practices to help people get back to community.
- 053 residents need to take back your neighborhoods
- 054 Leaving our neighbors in better condition that we received it.
- 055 Jobs would make a better quality for everyone. We wouldn't have so much crime if we had jobs.
We need to get citizens more involved.
Last time I called 911 they were no help. I have no trust in our police department. Regain our trust.
- 056 impliment the Pickell strategy
- 057 need to make waterways and river use safe and accessible for the community at all times
- 058 Demolition of buildings, with money. Or burn them for training for fire departments
- 059 Let local law enforcement coordinate and manage safety operations
- 060 Shrinking infastructure for the reduced population i.e. large water bills because less people paying for same size water system.
- 061 People need to get invested in each of the neighborhoods- it can spread out.
- 062 create places in the neighborhood so that people are outside of their houses rather than hiding inside
- 063 We need to shrink the city. Elimate the utilites to those streets that are unoccupied: such as water, garbage, plowing, ext.
- 064 1. State law re scrap metal
2. Police orientation including community mtgs
3. Stop dumping
- 065 In addition to 1: form a park authority to facilitate neighborhood support of parks, reducing costs for the city (not a consensus)
- 066 Encourage and empower individuals, small groups and organizations identifying leaders within these groups helping them to initiate the change.
- 067 water department - city enforce water policy. if you don't pay you get cut off. reduce water bills.
- 068 Advertise and reach out to show what healthy options there are in Flint in terms of outdoor recreation.
- 069 More help from the City. Give us the tools to use as volunteer. Support me as a volunteer.
- 070 exterior beautification - curb appeal - proper use of the funding
- 071 Housing accesible for young people, students, young professionals, new families
- 072 Increase PSAs for crime, party stores, control your kids, parents, curfews, enforcement and then enforce
- 073 NEED TO HAVE GROUPS OF TWO, CITIZENS, GOOD CITIZENS WALKING THE STREET TO POLICE
- 074 est. community based leadership - ombudsman needs staff who can do outreach
- 075 Invest in the families, provide more job oppotunies and job training

- 076 prevent water and electric turn ons - illegally
- 077 increase block club to increase neighborhood pride, ownership and safety
- 078 discipline for our youth with positive reinforcement.
- 079 parents held accountable
- 080 HAVE THE PEOPLE KNOW THEIR NEIGHBORS TO INCREASE POLICING; WE NEED TO TURN THINGS OVER TO LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS
- 081 incetivize homeownership
- 082 Invest in parks- help build community
- 083 we have to balance the boat to keep people in Flint.
- 084 1. blight group from each ward to address 1 blight officer.
- 085 Have groups "rebuild" vacant houses in order to sell, or give people a sense of ownership of the house
- 086 catalog and communicate programs that are available. there are a lot of non-profits that are not being utilized.
- 087 needs to include heath and wellness.
- 088 Engage more of the community to show our assets, such as bike paths, and events such as Crim or back to the bricks.
- 089 Develop new income sources
- 090 police should have to live in this city
- 091 small investments - kickstarter, kiva) by community to build businesses
- 092 increase block club leadership
- 093 enforcement of ordinances and codes and laws
- 094 new creative code enforcement program; possible revenue generating code enforcement program
- 095 redevelop areas (with extremely low population) that are beyond revitalizing
- 096 SINCE EVERYBODY'S ISSUES ARE DIFFERENT -- SOMEONE NEEDS TO BE WATCHING; WE NEED TO USE CAMERAS;
- 097 enhancing the overall effiency of government services.
- 098 Create a way to get private and business sector together to get a think tank about investing in youth. Public sector and private sectors to invest and brainstorm together. Create strategies locally - we have the power to answer our own questions and solve our problems.
- 099 Engaging gang leaders as a part of the process in the community engagement process.
- 100 Fixes houses to bring them up to code
- 101 make vacant and open spaces productive through low-maintenance strategies
- 102 get the money into the schools where it needs to go
- 103 More ownership to increase sense of accountability for your neighborhood.
- 104 green strategies utilized to redevelop low population blocks

- 105 Current inmates- work release programs--- to help with the work that needs to be done.
- 106 Social workers in afterschool settings
- 107 re-organize wards to reduce the number of council members due to the decreasing number of citizens in wards.
- 108 patrolled presence in parks
- 109 upgrade the technology in the schools
- 110 increase awareness of flint blue badge website for neighborhood safety
- 111 Image must be revamped to keep young people to sustain and rebuild our communities.
- 112 BUT IT IS HARD TO GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOORS -- HOW TO COMBAT CRIME IS COMPLICATED
- 113 develop programs to fund and educate community organizations to better serve the community.
- 114 media needs to be more diverse in messaging
- 115 Stay connected to our neighborhoods, and people in our neighborhoods. Don't focus only on downtown.
- 116 state police and sheriff dept need to start talking to each other
- 117 look at funding for the public library so that branches can reopen and serve the community better
- 118 People are not invested unless they live in the city (police / fire).
- 119 MTA look at getting elderly where they need to go
- 120 to make our schools competitive with all of the other schools in Genesee County if we are better than the 21 districts around the city of flint then they will want to come here--make sure our community schools in flint are the best they can be
- 121 VIDEO CAMERAS ON CERTAIN PLACES SUCH AS FORT HIGHWAY AND HIGH CRIME AREAS WILL BE GREAT
- 122 create incentives for people who work in the city to live in the city.
- 123 Assess what is working in each of the neighborhood groups and create an information sharing environment.
- 124 Address the instability in residents. We don't know each other anymore. We don't meet neighbors like we used to.
- 125 repurpose the city footprint. keep the land, but shrink the size of living spaces where resources have to be provided.
- 126 Don't let Downtown make all the decisions.
- 127 Different way to assess property values in the City of Flint.
- 128 better public transportation...a trolley loop
- 129 Many folks move into the city during work hours.
- 130 functioning code enforcement department, enforce fines, reinforcement
- 131 keeping the community informed.
- 132 increase availability of information for neighborhood awareness and safety

- 133 Foundations can help in this way. Public/Private partnerships.
- 134 Planting things such as clover to help reduce blight and beautify empty lots.
- 135 home pride and ownership strategies
- 136 volunteerism connected to job training.
- 137 address the youth that are currently in unsafe/underserved neighborhoods. involve them in programs. success breeds success
- 138 'Trash for Cash' - Incentivize citizens to pick up commodity trash as a community clean-up strategy.
- 139 Realistic strategies for investment will come from public and private partnerships.
- 140 more public art, beautification projects.
- 141 restructure the MTA routes...too many forced transfers
- 142 Neighborhood pride strategies
- 143 Jackie and Dora King Karate Farms - harvesting earth farm. as a strategy starting from where you are in life and extending from there to help others and reach out. SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP! making a better quality of life - not waiting for the system
- 144 need someone to make the parents accountable
- 145 Do neighborhood watch on a larger scale. Have access to surveillance cameras. Put up more cameras if needed.
- 146 Increase accountability and increase participation.
- 147 better recreation opportunities in parks would bring activity. community has to be invited to invest in with time and energy.
- 148 Father Hoyt: program in LA, job training for youth so that they are engaged in the community
- 149 WE NEED TO CATCH THE PEOPLE WHO COMMIT THE CRIME ALL THE TIME ; NEED SECURITY PATROL;
- 150 Need to get programs based on getting youth and elders building a relationship and tapping into the knowledge to bridge the gap and see the benefits of giving and getting back for the youth to understand that they have a purpose.
- 151 feeling of safety - code red in neighborhoods, code enforcement crime reducing strategies
- 152 rezone/ remove liquor stores from neighborhoods
- 153 people don't know what services the city has to offer re access to city decision makers
- 154 after you catalog the list of services, we need to create a home-care service for all the communities proactively asking if they need things
- 155 affordable cable and internet for people in the community to have access to news in community
- 156 No floor on how far the "value" of the house can fall.
- 157 Benchmark the things that are going well to identify best practices and what's working in the community.
- 158 enforcing the curfew--are truancy officers checking on why the kids aren't in school
- 159 DECREASE TAXES FOR NON PROFIT

- 160 leverage the skills, energy and availability of college students and retired residents to tackle issues
- 161 transition volunteer opportunities to job opportunities. people need money
- 162 private sectors needs go ahead from public sector to tear down houses quickly
- 163 Utilize 'code red': a neighborhood based 800 number that notifies all members of the neighborhood who have signed up for the service that suspicious activity is happening in their neighborhood.
- 164 Need more support for non-profit organizations in grant writing, fund-raising
- 165 need to start small at block level, support and interaction between groups and associations
- 166 Other cities have instituted K-12 one-building schools. This allows teachers to form relationships with students and provides opportunities for mentorship between grades.
- 167 people don't have the info and don't know where to find it.
- 168 Better communication and outreach about services and helping them to do more
- 169 THE CRIME STRATE
- 170 better coordinate, consolidate and advertise existing supporting services, and get the word out about the services (word of mouth) as opposed to any cost based marketing strategy
- 171 community school directors--afterschool programs, community school directors--mentorships and mentor programs. even helping them with their education after school
- 172 VOLUNTEERING - those who have the opportunities
- 173 As a small business owner what killed me was paying taxes. We need serious tax breaks for local businesses. Personal property plus property taxes. I never got that concept. plus taxes for employees, etc.
- 174 need more summer youth programs
- 175 accountability on all sides. from government to citizens.
- 176 We need more transparency, communication and organization to allocate our strengths. There are a lot of neighborhood associations and non-profits in Flint. A lot of needs could be met if we did some matchmaking.
- 177 PROSTITUTION NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED;
- 178 flint school system should not concede to being any less than the schools around it
- 179 make sure the people of flint have a way to have conversations to discuss their issues and show the leaders that the citizens care and want a voice
- 180 Code enforcement: The city offices are not responding to calls on blighted properties or code enforcement.
- 181 Less church's and consolidate so that there is a unified effort to help.
- 182 Promote information about existing programming and opportunities.
- 183 Use Land Bank to stabilize the market rate
- 184 Create in-community services to assist those in the area. Reduce water costs, community child care centers.
- 185 Start paying attention to the people we put in office. Increase our civic engagement.
- 186 broadcast services that board up houses and clean up city.

- 187 get resources to long standing community groups in strategy 6.
- 188 doing things that will be a positive influence for young people
find out why youths are leaving schools
- 189 Quicker local response to needs that are identified. Local people dealing with local issues.
- 190 citywide clean up day
- 191 Tax relief was discussed as an incentive to drawing citizens and businesses to the area.
- 192 Hire someone and put it in these vacant buildings to bring in programs to empower and enrich the community.
- 193 TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO GROW THEIR GARDENS; FREE CANNING CLASSES ON MAKING HEALTHY FOODS; PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW HOW TO CAN THEIR OWN JAM; EDUCATE PEOPLE HOW TO BE MORE SELF-SUSTAINABLE;
- 194 With code enforcement: stopping little things on properties from becoming a large blight issue.
- 195 Need confidence in the market of housing.
- 196 Investments in downtown needs to be more equally dispersed throughout the city (exmpl: Farmers Market)
- 197 We're still electing the wrong people. And that makes us feel hopeless, and cynical.
- 198 #2-6 interrelated- one entity.
- 199 bringing back the home school counselors--key in communication with the families and plugging them into resources
- 200 involve youth in positive community works
- 201 NEED TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN HOW TO BE SELF-SUSTAINABLE TOO
- 202 increasing the quality of life of those people that we need to keep in the community, be it special skills, knowledge or social resources. keep talent in the community. create opportunities.
- 203 increase partnerships between churches to conduct clean up
- 204 Fund ways of schools and municipalities in a different way
- 205 1.) Community grocery stores affiliated with larger chains (satellites)
2.) Residency requirements for those working in Flint. If you work in Flint, you must live in Flint.
3.) Neighborhoods "off-the-grid"
4.) Free wifi - no monthly payments for services granted by the city
5.) Single-payer will not charge residents for medical services.
- 206 work to increase volunteering
- 207 focus existing programs to specific areas, connect different types of efforts to provide a well rounded approach to change.
- 208 NEED TO ACTIVELY FIGURE OUT A WAY SHRINK THE CITY IN ORDER TO AFFORD THE MONEY AVAILABLE FOR OTHER THINGS.
- 209 improving transportation systems

- 210 shell program - work on exterior of houses, fix exterior and rooms and gut the outside, nothing left in to steal
- 211 Find ways to maintain a tax base not based on property values
- 212 COMMON REPORTING PROCESS FOR HOUSES THAT ARE A PROBLEM SO THAT THE POLICE CAN CENTER AROUND THAT PROBLEM AREA
- 213 Citywide volunteerism infrastructure. Building capacity for local people to meet identified needs. Media and publicity to encourage volunteerism.
- 214 Improve the image of public education.
- 215 Ordinances to deal with limiting liquor store
- 216 implement a way to encourage block clubs, so that neighbors can get to know each other & lessen fear. "pay it forward strategy" among neighborhoods--do something for one neighbor and then that neighbor does something for another neighbor. let's market & encourage block club formation so we can learn about each other & create a sense of security.
- get mayor & city council to work together with neighborhoods to get rental houses LICENSED. this is an existing problem & needs to be addressed. really do it, not just lip service. this will contribute to nicer neighborhoods.
- street food vendors---require a license to sell food, this will create revenue as well as small business. not to mention food safety.
- 217 Re establish physical fitness back into the schools
- Re establish open swim for youth
- Further implement master plan including Complete Street
- Transportation Regional Transit
- Police Millage
- Have Out county people help pay for safty
- 218 -tax-base sharing (Minneapolis has done this. Look up: Myron Orfield)
- how can the Land Bank be involved? make properties more available to re-development. development of strategies for piecing property together. increase communication by and investment in Land Bank.
- public safety: increase citizen involvement (look up: "Don't Shoot" book about policing strategies). with regard to block clubs, make people aware of grants to improve their neighborhoods. educating people about how to report crimes, reorientation of how people perceive reporting ("snitching"). training in conflict resolution.
- parenting skills: addresses public health and public safety.
- incentives for block clubs to explore all alternatives
- 219 Fund arts and weave the arts into each area of the master plan. (Housing, Education, transportation & mobility, etc.)
- Promote a culture of volunteerism within public safety community to develop a reserve police and fire department while also improving the quality of policing and relationship development within precincts.
- 220 The bands in community schools, have no proper way of making a "Taj Mahal" of the community.
- Allowing showcasing of the talen of Flint's youth.

- 221 continue with events to draw people to organized scheduled activities
- 222 better coordinate volunteer efforts; be better about acknowledging people helping with crime, not just police, and building support for neighborhood prevention
- 223 re-establish flint's administration that was elected.
- 224 Empower citizens with code enforcement: Example~ Family video and College Cultural Neighborhood have an agreement that any citizen can call on cars parked in the stores parking lot to be removed.
- 225 Establish a Metropolitan police department
- 226 Utilize part-time police and firefighters
- Expand mentalhealth resources
- Turn blighted property into homes to provide mental health services or homes for transitioning populations
- Re-establish schools as hubs for after-school programs and community centers
- Re-establish "anchors" of community life -- repurpose blighted structures
- Give churches and private organizations better insurance rates for establishing community programs -- more structured community resources would result in less crime and less claims
- Better coordination between already existing organizations and state + city cooperation
- 227 NEED MORE SMALL BUSINESSES (IE FOOD AND GROCERY)
- #2 SHOULD BE LOOKED AT ON A COUNTY LEVEL
- THE LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE AND DOES NOT FOCUS ON ACTUALLY IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE.
- NOTHING ON THE LIST OF SIX THAT LEVERAGES THE ARTS AND CULTURAL COMMUNITY
- ECONOMIC FOCUS IS NOT THE ONLY THING THAT BRINGS QUALITY OF LIFE
- SHOULD BE INCLUSIVE OF ARTS, LIBRARIES AND OTHER CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (NO 2 LOW COST PROGRAMS) (COULD BE ADDED TO #1)
- DISBAND LOCAL POLICE AND BRING IN STATE POLICE
- FLINT POLICE NEED TO MEAN BUSINESS
- GREEN SPACE TURNED INTO COMMUNITY GARDENS
- INCREASE COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT AND ENGAGEMENT
- GETTING TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY
- CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND INCLUSIVENESS
- CODE ENFORCEMENT
- WHAT ARE THE RULES? WHAT IS THE POLICY AND PROCEDURE TO REPORT BLIGHT
- MORE OPPURTUNITIES TO TRAVEL SAFELY ON FOOT
- MORE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
- CREATE OPPURTUNITIES FOR NEIGHBORHOODS TO INTERACT WITH EACHOTHER
- INCREASE OPPURTUNITIES FOR SHARED EXPERIENCES ACROSS DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS

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- 229 Re-imagine neighborhoods. What are neighborhoods?
- 230 Focusing on families: helping people to fix their homes, habitat for humanity. Helping people with their home systems working more with nature.
- 231 More infor
- 232 work with what we already have

- 233 i would suggest to implement these strategies their needs to be a plan to go after grants and resources to need dollars to help support some of these efforts
- 234 focus strategies
- 235 funding is the key.
- 236 Bring back "operation brush up". Beautification in neighborhoods and high crime areas. Ex-offenders and youth can be involved. Table agreement
- 237 bring together GM, foundations, etc.--let the community lay out a strategy and ask the big box stores to give us some encouragement--people demonstrate why they want to be there--have this be facilitated. have the big box stores fund it. now you have a system to bring in the money from the corporate sector. the people in the neighborhoods are customer--let them drive what they want
- 238 Work-release programming engaged in neighborhood beautification
- 239 in Detroit the major corporations invest major dollars in the community to eliminate blight etc. , we need to attract the same investments in our community in similar ways
- 240 Service learning for youth related to redesigning systems to work with nature and the economy
- 241 strategy developed for coordination and collaboration to build capacity to work on common interest areas but if we cooperate together and everything contributes from the assets we have and looks at it as a cooperative effort instead of an individual effort
- 242 create a process to combine homeless population with abandoned housing
- 243 connect unemployed with need to maintain emerging green spaces.
- 244 develop an inventory of all of the assets we have in the city of Flint--can help us sell the city and we market those to attract billions of dollars--it helps to promote the city of Flint as a probable place to relocate--many sites used for historic sites and tourism along the Flint River--can be both a place for tourism and market that to the travel commission
- 245 Offering to install wells for houses that are in highly vacant areas and cutting city services

How can we re-imagine our neighborhoods?

How can we re-imagine our neighborhoods to better serve our smaller city population? Which strategies stand out to you as having the greatest potential and why?

(Participants entered the following comments)

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002 1. Target areas around key community assets , like large employers, institutions or community centers, and along major corridors for higher density development.

This would increase the local economy by providing employment opportunities, increasing home ownership, educational/ training programs that will give flint citizens a sense of pride and ownership.

003 rthgh

004 #4 - has the most potential for empowering our residents and workers. Should be supplemented with classes to maintain bikes, or groups to run or walk with recreationally.

005 5 - Because it is a distraction and it reduces the property values.

006 1. This is critical to ensure the strength of the institutions, keeping them here and keeping the jobs in the cities. Also, major corridor redevelopment will help to change perception of the numerous people who travel these routes through the city.

007 #5 - because it addressed the crime

008 #3- Think the green areas encourage health

#4 Ties with #3

009 6. because the vacant property will be connected to someone who will pay taxes and maintain space

010 #1 Because key community assets are already available.

011 #6 - because the vacant lots/properties can be utilized for the community's benefit.

012 7

Cut costs reduced need to move through abandoned areas

013 #5 if structures are not in place there will not be a place for crime to occur or for "hang outs"

014 #2-better education because we have a lot of outsiders coming in flint to work. it would be good to have flint residents getting the jobs. zoning laws are not in tune with small businesses based out of the home

015 #3 it will help eliminate blight and begin to create a better image of our city to outsiders. Beautifying our city also helps build peoples self esteem

- 016 #6 encourage anecdotal stories of where it worked. People who participate are very invested
- 017 5 - concentrate on demolition because it takes away the places to hide (crime). It takes away blight.
- 018 4. because everyone needs service within the community; need mobility and transportation options. Mass transit can serve more needs and become more accessible
- 019 strategy 4 stands out b/c ease of access to resources currently in place is important as the city is redesigned. i.e. the farmer's mkt just moved. it is important that someone who used to walk there still be able to get there with relative ease... and that they have options to reach that destination.
- 020 Cut infrastructure and utility cost by implementing sustainable technology.
- 021 7
Use underground water area to have those areas moved into a green area
- 022 1 give city a different image. utilized current industrial parks and vacant land
- 023 7 - hamilton dam - make own utility
6 - let residents get vacant properties - more homes up and ready and rented out; give good deal, rental homes owned by flint home owners
- 024 #2 Different uses coming together is important in developing the community.
- 025 3-because we have a lot of open spaces that are not being used. They could be used as park, community gathering space, etc. Give the responsibility to the community, to promote investment.
4-everything is too spread out which does not promote/support neighborhoods and/or walkability.
- 026 #1 because large business are already interested in helping their immediate surrounding communities and schools. They want to invest and we should help them with how.
- 027 7 and 3
Designate areas as wetlands
- 028 2 because it's the quickest easiest way to stabilize vacant properties and allow us to save the resources we have and let people create a viable business
- 029 #7 it would reduce our utility cost.
- 030 #1 if you can create a more sustainable neighborhood then the institutions can help keep the neighborhood running
- 031 5. eliminating health and risk factors; improving look of area
- 032 1: already exists; easy to build up around an existing base
- 033 5 to make the community safer for the elderly and youth. All young people are not bad. You have to make the neighborhoods flourish and safe for everyone.
5 helps to increase our property values.
2 so we can be in the same area - work and live and shop closer - be in more of a community
- 034 #1 - if we do pockets of development, costs of infrastructure and maintenance are reduced. Concentrated development shows greater impact. Create green areas between the pockets of development.
- 035 7 - solar panels to collect sun and sell
1 - community assets person I live next to; foundation of neighbors

- 036 #6 keeps people in the community it stabilizes the neighborhood.
- 037 7. cutting cost and improving the city using sustainable resources doesn't rely on funds that we don't have
- 038 #5 empty homes create opportunities for crimes to occur
- 039 1
Build on strengths
- 040 2, when you add employment, commercial and residential together, you add to safety.
7, better use of infrastructure and utilities with nature to save money.
- 041 5. better and quickest payback
- 042 strategy 5 b/c we need to focus demolition on blocks at a time.
- 043 2 because i like the idea of the mixed use because it keeps things viable. people who pay property tax, business tax and multiple means of support. a lot of opportunity for green industries and can attract people.
- 044 #1 neighborhoods help keep the institutions stronger
- 045 2 and 4 are connected
- 046 #2-cleveland, oh now has cleveland clinic who formed a coalition and the development is built around the hospital. they are improving the neighborhoods
- 047 #5 focus on the areas that need it most
- 048 3. Look at University Park. We need more beautiful spaces. Get rid of the blight.
- 049 #4 because there's new technology that could be used to expand on the public transit.
- 050 7. use vacant properties to emphasize green areas for improved drainage reduction.
- 051 1 - vehicle - interstates and highways - businesses can get trucks in and out of city
4 - focus on community based - start on neighborhood and move out - city can't do it neighborhoods does
- 052 #4 walkability creates opportunity for growth
- 053 #5 Especially for those who live in the city-- because there are so many homesteading- people and animals. Safety concerns!
- 054 #1 - this has been a successful approach in similar communities. Walkable communities to institutions and jobs - places where you can both live and work. Great example is Mid-Town Detroit with employer assisted housing.
- 055 6 adding a vacant lot on to a person property gives them ownership and they're take care of it.
- 056 3. vacant space should have more recreation facilities. vacant lots are dangerous. utilized space is community space with people which make it safer. using green and brown spaces with lot of empty space as large recreational area.. provide employment as well.
- 057 1 because it takes advantage of areas with a high population i.e around the college etc. busses can connect visitors and students
- 058 7. cut infrastructure and utility costs; This will allow an incubator for new ideas, green public housing. Free services using green technology. Off the grid systems to reduce utility costs.

- 059 1. Targeting Hurley as catalyst for improving housing opportunities.
- 060 #5 and 6 - because these will affect the most people.
- 061 #2 because it promotes walkability and not have to get into your car in order to reach destinations; also allows citizens to control and promote a more diverse business model; encourages and creates connections amongst neighbors. You can get jobs closer to home. Encourages business development based on need. Greater ownership to neighborhoods.
- 062 4. helps development and increases public health
- 063 strategy 5 b/c demolition empowers communities to then reimagine and utilize the land after demolition.
- 064 #5 it reduces crime.
- 065 #4 because we have a great asset: The Flint River!
- 066 4
Walkability is key to attract new residents and maintain home ownership
- 067 REASONS WHY THESE STOOD OUT:
STR 3 -- GREEN, GREENERY IS IMPORTANT; GREEN BRINGS CHEER; THE APPRECIATION OF THE OUTSIDE IS IMPORTANT; GREEN INVITES A GOOD ATMOSPHERE;
STR 4 -- WHEN WE WORRY ABOUT THE GAS PRICES AND HOW WE CAN MANAGE -- WALKING AND USING BIKES ARE IMPORTANT; GETTING OUT OF THE HOUSE IS IMPORTANT; GO OUT WITHOUT NEEDING A CAR IS IMPORTANT
STR 6 -- WE SHOULD HAVE A BIG DISCOUNT TO PURCHASE A BIG LOT; IF YOU HAVE TWO PROPERTIES YOU SHOULD NOT PAY TWICE FOR YOUR BILLS; GIVE DISCOUNTS; NEED TO CHANGE THE TAX STRUCTURE
STR 7 -- WATER BILLS ARE KILLING US; WHEN IT RAINS, WE HAVE 3 FEET OF WATER IN THE BASEMENT IS A PROBLEM; WE PAY TOO MUCH FOR UTILITIES; SOME PEOPLE COLLECT WATER FROM OTHER SOURCES TO HELP THEM SAVE; IF WE ARE LOSING 1/3 OF OUR WATER THROUGH LEAKS -- MAYBE THAT'S WHY WE ARE PAYING SO MUCH FOR WATER; CITY MISMANAGEMENT -- THAT'S WHY THE COSTS ARE SO HIGH;
- 068 6. those who can maintain would be better than overgrown. those who want urban farms may not have been able to assemble the parcels.
- 069 1 because if we're going to develop neighborhoods no one wants to commute so live near work, play etc. so these become our assets. focus neighborhood development on having assets/transportation easily accessible.
- 070 #6 create larger lots where people can have more living space
- 071 #5 - there is a sense of urgency around this... especially near schools to take care of safety and blight issues. Large numbers of vacant structures create greater issues.
- 072 We like combining # 1 & #4 because it fosters walkable, bikeable & Vibrant neighborhoods that will attract more investment, and engages and vest residents into their community. These should be located around our Ed & Med businesses.
- 073 4
- 074 2, if it means identifying particular centers of neighborhoods and foster local businesses

- 3, need more green spaces. take into account that more parts of the city are becoming green and utilize it.
- 075 2 and 4 are connected and strong. Active transportation affects community health.
- 076 4. lack of sidewalk have created a road walking culture which is not safe. hard to get to some areas of city by walking or biking.
- 077 6. its a creative solution to find an out of the box strategy as well as a business opportunity
- 078 #5+6 - neighborhood incentives to own property... urban farming, new parks, etc. in most dense neighborhoods this could work. make opportunities for following generations. and move people there from more dangerous areas
- 079 mixed use is huge. urban planning is vital to neighborhoods. but there are a lot of liquor stores, not grocery stores
- 080 1 because it makes sense to have our assets close to where we live
- 081 Redesigning systems to work with nature makes sense, especially now when our Brown Fields can attract (and have attracted) so much development money. Wind-farms and solar-farms were discussed as uses for large brownfield properties.
- 082 4
Open areas increase respect for the area by citizens
- 083 5 & 6redfines the neighborhood
- 084 1. each community has something to be proud of, as well as bringing in outside investors
- 085 7 -
4 - clean up efforts of neighborhood group tie in school kids with park
- 086 Concentrate resources since they are diminishing. Use strength of resources. Item 1.
- 087 4. physical and mental health would be better.
- 088 #7 infrastructure would be more efficient. And could take advantage of new technology.
- 089 Most major sucessful cities have a river that is utilized
- 090 3,4, and 7; #4 most important; Areas need to be more accessible to those with disabilities. We need to be more understanding of their mobility needs and personal concerns.
- 091 3. good use of old properties (unpopulated urban space)
- 092 NUMBER 5 -- THAT MIGHT HELP WITH PUBLIC SAFETY;
NUMBER 3 -- GREEN AREAS ADD TO THE FEELING AND ENHANCES THE QUALITY OF LIFE
NUMBER 2 -- WE TALKED ABOUT THE CITY CENTER TOO MUCH; THERE ARE AREAS ALL AROUND THE CITY COULD BE DEVELOPED; WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IS START WITH THE CENTER AND WORK YOUR WAY OUT;
- 093 MAKE the city smaller. Focus key neighborhoods around key assets.
On Northside we have some streets with only one good house on a street.
- 094 #2 there's a need for jobs and investments.
- 095 #3 public spaces are really important for people to have access to. They help balance out mixed use areas. Important to retain these public spaces as we develop

- 096 strategy 2 in conjunction with strat 5 because we need to be able use that land after it becomes available.
- 097 4. creating walkable transit-friendly areas establishes Flint as a more unique place to live. When you have more people who are out and active in the community, neighborhoods are more safe because people see what's going on
- 098 2, by having spaces in neighborhoods to foster local businesses
7, consider downsizing where it makes sense.
- 099 #3; To progress in making community have their own assets.
- 100 NUMBER 5 -- THERE ARE NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE THERE ARE 2-3 HOUSES AND ONLY TAKING CARE OF THE 2-3 WILL TAKE CARE OF THE AREA --- BUT THOSE AREAS DONT NECESSARILY HAVE THE HIGHEST CRIME
- 101 6: focus on the investing in both the people and the property
- 102 #3 & #4 - promotes walkable, bikeable communities and promotes healthy communities as well as improving the image of the city through the visibility of people being out in the community.
- 103 5. This ties into everything else. You have to do this before developing green areas. Get the eyesores away, and reduce areas that attract crime.
- 104 #4 because our sidewalks are in desperate need of repair, and if those areas were fixed then it would encourage people to be out and about
- 105 HIGHEST CRIME
- 106 #7; to reduce costs and working with nature is better economically.
- 107 5. getting rid of safety hazards
- 108 2, it works.
5, there is a direct correlation with blight and crime.
- 109 neighborhoods - move people into other neighborhoods
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- 110 5. safety in walking around neighborhoods would be better. less vacant houses would help make it safer and look better. Lots of people are vacant houses. Commercial buildings need to come down in neighborhoods as well as residential.
- 111 #6 there's a lot of people that own homes but don't maintain or are not vested in Flint.
- 112 #6 because neighbors and organizations can help take care of the land.
- 113 5. Making properties larger will create incentive to stay and to come to Flint. Use the negative to create a positive.
- 114 2, you see it all the time, it works.
5, less blight, less crime.
- 115 strategy 3 and 4 because encouraging getting into the community is important as is encouraging activity for health

- 116 #1 and 5, demolition needs to be replaced with replenishing activities i.e. senior citizen homes, schools, redeveloping for inter-generational cohabitation, entice people to stay, playgrounds
- 117 1. promoting business encourages business growth within that area
- 118 #5; It goes hand in hand with improving image and getting new citizen to move in and current citizens to stay.
- 119 #1 because the Churches are already working on this
- 120 Make the landlords responsible for their properties. If they won't tear down their abandoned properties we need to force the issue, levy a fine.
- 121 relocate one house on block to more denser neighborhood
- 122 3. engaging the youth and making the community more active and desirable
- 123 #1 - neighborhoods need to concentrate on assets along major corridors so that people come in from the outside! it has to look safe - perception is everything!
- 124 #3 - presence of existing natural spaces coupled with newly vacant industrial land offers opportunity to expand on parks system. natural space requires less investment to maintain. natural spaces offer opportunities for economic development with recreation. identify key green uses and emphasize those. we could do urban farming intentionally. follow underground aquifers to make use of available water resources - focus farming there.
- #7 - for similar reasons as #3
- #1 - cheap to do since assets are already there (i.e. Berston, strengthen economic development there since senior housing, Hamilton Health Network already there). seeing interest from employment anchors to invest (Hurley, Diplomat) (kind of related to #2)
- #6 - key to sustainability. focuses on people who are invested in their communities. keeping the threads in the tapestry.
- #4 - absence of focus on this in other parts of the plan. you can't walk without looking at the ground because sidewalks are so bad. people walk in the street because sidewalks have disappeared.
- #7 - can have the benefit of providing recreation spaces for people without access to parks. pastor of a church on Clio Road re-purposed a series of vacant lots to be park-space/garden. the space comes back to life (relates to #4). look at areas in many parts of the city, partner with areas where there are businesses/people.
- 125 3 - flint park where neighborhoods & community can go to be together and be safe and do things build community
- 126 strategy 3 and 4 are important to community development and the perception is that they declined in face of safety issues.
- 127 2
- Open up zoning within the city, reflect "new" jobs, ie tech, which can be run outside of homes
- 128 6. assemble vacant properties with home owners. this would open huge potential for growing spaces, local food, additional commerce.
- > encourage home owners to remove blight themselves on these vacant properties. get the properties back on the tax rolls.
2. use mixed use development to bring employment, commercial & residential uses. this encompasses ALL the other strategies under one umbrella. this is an all purpose strategy.

5. concentrate demolish activities in highest crime rate areas. pay FD to do controlled burns on these delapidated structures. let's eliminate the blight that encourages crime. then sell the property. pay fd with block club fund raisers?
3. green areas.
- 129 #5 + 6 older parts of neighborhoods with people who have lived in Flint for many years in a well established ways.
- 130 mixed used multi functioning building - self sustaining and maintained
- 131 Get all parts of the community working together. Share resources across the city.
- 132 #4; Emphasis on Flint being one of the most walkable city in 2010.
- 133 #3 but we need to grow organic food group and be able to have some other farm animals that could be slaughtered
- 134 HAVe more grocery stores in the city.
- 135 #2 and #4 self contained areas with easy bikability or walkability would be HUGE! It's a national trend that people look for when finding a place to live and work.
- 136 #7 renewable sources of energy is on the rise and will create new jobs and lower costs
- 137 4: important for younger generation and is an easy short term strategy; promotes community
- 138 #2 like the mixed-use-- builds stronger neighborhoods and community
- 139 #2 surround communties around one big park with green.
- 140 4 - Many people don't leave their homes, don't feel they can walk in their neighborhoods due to crime. If people feel safe outside, they will be more likely to go to neighborhood stores, etc. We need to get people out of their houses, more people on the street will reduce crime. Fixing sidewalks can make many neighborhoods much more walkable
- 5 - Concentrate on demolition in high crime areas - neighbors feel trapped in declining neighborhoods
- 2 - Anything we can do to bring in more small business. This can also bring together neighborhoods
- 6 - Getting vacant lots into the hands of neighbors will reduce blight, beautify our neighborhoods and can raise surrounding property values.
- 3 - Establish and expand green space on former industrial sites
- 141 Support #3, to make green areas.
- 142 #3. Need large green areas for families in neighborhoods.
- 143 6 reduces population density, consolidates under home ownership. potential from urban farms
- 144 #3; Make sure that our green initiatives are actually producing results to lower costs and increase accessibility of services for all citizens. Community power plants and farms to reduce costs for things we all need.
- 145 5 demolition is big, unsavory uses of vacant properties, drug use, scraping
- 146 #7 - like it so we don't need to add so much infrastructure
- 147 #5 would help create a more open area
- 148 #4 - this appoach would be attractive for people who want a healthier lifestyle. Better to 'take back the streets' or 'feet on the street'

- 149 #1,2,5 - if you focus your goals on areas which are already growing, you can attract mayor employers - and those companies will attract people + assist in development of social infrastructures. a neighborhood needs a good school, employment, affordable and apealble housing. demolition with replacment!
- 150 #5 - people are using abandoned buildings to sell drugs. we can make these homes in social community facilities.
- 151 #3 - like the idea of 'neutral-use' green space.
- 152 1. Target areas around key communities, it makes sense to target the areas that are your best assets.
2. Developing green areas, attracts people to be healthy bike riding etc. And it is do-able. Not necessarily ignore the areas that are not business worthy, but do things that are feasible with the other areas that are not so commercially suitable.
3. Utilize large areas for water parks, arenas etc.
4. Business and community utilize mixed-used development.
5. Suburban living in the city of Flint. Letting homeowners expand their land with the vacant land next to theirs.
6. Large areas for parks, camping etc.
- 7,
- 153 1-7
- 154 7. could be beneficial if implimented in a socially just way. solar and wind is included. Savings passed to community
- 155 Mixed-use and walkable neighborhoods naturally exclude big-box businesses that would funnel money out of the city. Walking and biking don't allow residents to ignore the problems around them the way driving does.
- 156 #7 will bring us into the future
- 157 #7 because we need to be looking at different enegry sources and at cutting costs of them
- 158 #1- 5 CONCENTRATED DEMOLITION AREAS WITH THE HIGHEST CRIME RATE, NO MORE GROUND FOR 'CRIMINAL' #2-6 HOMEOWNERSHIP HAS INCREASED THE LIVABILITY OF THE BEAUTIFICATION THOSE THAT ARE STILL INVOLVED ARE THE SUSTAINABILITY
- #1-4 MATT FOCUSING ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO DEVELOP THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE THE 'BEAUTIFICATION
- #-5 CREATING A POSITIVE AND MORE BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY
- #1-4 TOM SUCCESS BREEDS SUCCESS
- 6- REDEVELOPED THE COMMUNITY
- # 6 & 7
- # 1 & 7 LONGTERM HIRE KEY ASSETS CUTTING INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING WITH POPULATION HAS DECREASED BECAUSE THERE IS AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF RESIDENTS BECAUSE OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MUST REUSE OF LAND POSITIVE AND PLANNED COMMUNITY.

#2 SNELL COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL ENTITIES WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOODS WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE NEIGHBORHOOD REDEVELOPMENT.

#4 WALKABILITY AND CYCLING CREATES A CLEANER AND WELL STRUCTURED COMMUNITY TO BRING NEIGHBORHOODS CLOSER IN LIVABILITY AND RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION.

INTER-RELATED AND INTER-DEPENDENT ALL

#6 VACANT LAND SHOULD BE SOLD AND OWN BY NEIGHBORHOODS IT SHOULD NOT BE SITTING EMPTY AND THIS WOULD ENCOURAGE GRASS ROOTS EFFORTS TO REDEVELOP THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO PUT FORTH THE EFFORTS TO MANAGE PROPERTIES AND GO FORTH TO PRODUCE OPPORTUNITIES OF CHANGE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#4 EMCOMPASSES NEW IDEAS TO CONCEPTUALIZE THE CITY, ESPECIALLY SOCIAL EQUITY, PROMOTES HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION REDEVELOPS THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH 21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY AND MOVING TOWARD A COST LESS DEPENDENCE ON GOVERNMENT

#5 BLIGHT ELIMINATION FOCUS ON CYCLING AND CONCENTRATE ON ACTIVITIES TO THE HIGHEST CRIME RATES

OVERALL WE NEED A VISITATION PROCESS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW WE DO INTERACT AND NOT AND MOST PEOPLE ARE NOT AWARE OF WHAT THE OTHERS ARE DOING AND WE NEED TO INTERACT A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT!

BLIGHT! CONDENSING POPULATION AND CONSOLIDATION,

159 6 allowing homeowners to use the propertis or purchase them to eliminate blight

5 because abondond houses are crime stations and hiding places for criminals and homeless people

5 because it is a high crime area

3 technology is a wave of the future we need to get to that it is good

#5 have an impact on number 4 because # 5 create curbe appeal

#5 with demolition of properties city needs to be rezoned after demolishion

#7 would make cost for water lower

#2 you could just walk to your job

#4 can't do four unless you take care of #5

3 people will walk in a beautiful neighborhood

160 #5 = biggest bang for the buck and feeds into #6

#7 & #4

#4 & #7

#1 & #7

#5 & #7

#1 & #7

#2 which also addresses #4 & #5 which will remove blight and reduce crime rate at the same time

161 1.) #2 - creates avenues to encourage consumerism. Provides more interaction amongst community members.

- 2.) #3 - lots of "Green" areas improves every aspect of community life.
- 3.) #4 and #7 - allows everyone to have more money that would otherwise be spent on monthly payments. Single-pay
- 4.) #7 - promotes local resources and local development - usage of wind and solar
- 5.) #1 and #4 - more family-oriented activities. And incentives for "anchors" such as hospitals, public offices so local assets can create even better programs for Flint.
- 6) #1 and #7 - too much money spent on utilities, hurts Flint and puts resources in the "wrong" direction.
- 7.) #4 and #5 - awesome for kids and families. And evacuate urban blight to reduce crime rates
- 8.) #3 and #7 - Green areas will allow areas for kids to play rather than the street. Wind power and solar power are the future and we must be on board

162 Strategy number 3. Re-use a facility, vast fields of acreage, and increases skills in learning for science and math. The use of farm lands can increase learning capacity and be transferred into schools and community learning. Also it changes the mind sets of the people living in the neighborhood. Utilize materials to revamp recycleable materials. These materials can be utilized in local industries.

Community gardens will teach the youth more about the community.

Strategy number 2. Re-imagine the surrounding stores in the neighborhoods. No more liquor stores in the neighborhoods.

Strategy number 3, to increase healthy routes of exercising for families, and have green space.

Allowing community members within neighborhoods suffering from decrease population have control over local infrastructure for use of increased productivity in the community.

Strategy 3. Will allow a new tone to be set in the community. This can change the entire generation and the impact of those around us.

Strategy 7. Building a dam can allow for less buildup in the Flint river, and allow investment in the cities image and utilities.

Strategy 6. Allowing individual home owners to be more involved with a community sense environment.

What concerns do you have about this list of strategies?

(Participants entered the following comments)

- 001 #5 not sure that it will actually help
- 002 very concerned about #5 which proposes to demolish neighborhoods even when there are good, law-abiding people living in those neighborhoods. Just because there is crime in your area does not mean people should be thrown out of their homes. This is a race issue as well because it can target African America communities. Need clarification on the wording/intent of this strategy.
- 003 #6 Process takes too long
- 004 #1 and #4 should be consolidated
- 005 1: how can we parlay that into the neighborhoods using the existing base

- 006 There are some residents concerned that there isn't enough support or security if improvements are made to their properties.
- 007 tearing down vacant houses just leaves holes- does not make it easy to rebuild an area or draw people back to neighborhoods. Need to provide incentives to bring people back to those areas.
- 008 4. we're not creating a sustainable environment by increasing walkability alone. we need to focus on creating a better intermodal transportation system
- 009 if you don't have a viable downtown, you don't have a city
- 010 need to address crime
- 011 4
Need better sidewalks
- 012 #5 need to demolish- so they aren't burned.
Need plan associated with what to do post demolition.
- 013 #1 is not a higher priority
- 014 all good ideas if the targeting is for the right areas and for the right reasons
- 015 public safety makes walkability a challenge
- 016 4
Abandoned houses hinder sense of safety for walking around the hood.
- 017 funding to develop
- 018 6: need to reduce costs or penalties (tax change, street lights) associated with assuming property/lots
- 019 need to maintain "green" spaces
- 020 We don't want to shrink the city too much. We need to have enough areas to develop new businesses.
- 021 HIGHEST CRIME IS NOT THE ONLY PRIORITY WHEN IT COMES TO DEMOLISHING; SO EVEN AREAS WITH A FEW HOUSES AND LOW CRIMES HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH
- 022 Can't plan ahead because doesn't know what the city is thinking
- 023 housing how neighborhood works
- 024 cant take on any more parks because we cant maintain
- 025 #6 how do you relocate someone? Is it viable and beneficial?
- 026 5. some people use abandoned structures for housing... where would they go?
- 027 CRIME RUNS EVERYWHERE -- IMPROVING CRIME IN ONE AREA WILL IMPROVE IT IN OTHERS AS WELL
- 028 #5 and 6 are we going to have a big enough incentive for people to relocate?
- 029 some of strategies are not understandable
- 030 How can cutting infrastructure help cut utility cost in the city of Flint? Water rates are high
- 031 CAR INSURANCE WENT THROUGH THE ROOF

- 032 Having a strategy of building around the schools- need to coordinate and invest resources so people feel safe. Targeting can be hard, some get help- some don't , How do we identify where to focus.
- 033 COSTS TO MAINTAIN THE HOUSES HAS GONE UP
- 034 Need to communicate within neighborhoods when so many homes are abandoned. Keeping the neighborhoods strong despite the loss of housing stock.
- 035 some of strategies are specific to certain but not all neighborhoods
- 036 concern about 5 because is it the vacancy that's the cause of the crime or is it because of the crime that the vacancies are happening. If that's the case then #5 doesn't get to the root of the cause. what's the cause/effect relationship
- 037 7: have done in japan and other areas and it works, but it is vey expensive; how would we be able to support the associated costs?
- 038 BREAKAGE IN THE SEWAGE SYSTEM -- PEOPLE WHO PAY THEIR BILLS PAY FOR THAT; PEOPLE WHO ARE LATE ON THEIR BILL ARE FREE RIDERS
- 039 Why are we adjusting down to a smaller population. Why not create ways to bring people back to the city
- 040 #5 - cost of demolition. Is the city using good cost-benefit analysis when making decisions of where to demo structures?
- 041 7 - like this ideal but we don't know how it would work. How do you make it work with nature.
- 042 THESE SOLUTIONS WILL TAKE DECADES; I CANNOT WAIT;
- 043 We want to keep the feel of a city and not change it to a feel of "Suburbia" wihtin a city. The feel of a city is why people moved to a city.
- 044 The cost of to the individual residents that are trying to improve neighborhoods.
- 045 FEASIBILITY -- IT IS TOO DIFFICULT; WE DONT HAVE THE MONEY TO DO THIS; HOW WILL WE DO THIS?
- 046 demolition is to peicemeal and not concentrated
- 047 5. don't take down good housing stock. improve existing homes in those areas. add fill in housing.
- 048 5. concentratea controlled burn by FD of blighted homes---where do the funds come from to pay FD? who will mow the "green spaces?"
- 049 5. if we do this we would wipe out most of the North end. If there's no ivestment it won't be developed. If homes are gone, taxes are gone too.
- 050 Strategy 5- why is the demo tied to high crime areas??
- 051 people who are purchasing houses/land don't live in the community
- 052 that the north end will be made rural. the most dramtic changes, not nessimarily positive, will be made on the north end.
- 053 FEASIBILITY AND LIKELIHOOD; PRIVATE EQUITY WILL DRIVE ALL THIS; HOW WILL INDIVIDUALS BENEFIR; RENTER RATES ARE THROUGH THE ROOF
- 054 It's very difficult and complicated to purchase a block of vacant lots as well as the occupied ones.
- 055 renter occupied communities

- 056 Need to see the plan for vacant areas- will they stay vacant?
- 057 need to think about sidewalks and other infrastructure not just house
- 058 RENT IS TOO HIGH; IT IS HIGHER THAN EVERYTHING; RENT RATES ARE HIGH BECAUSE THEY ARE LOSING THEIR MONEY ON THINGS THAT ARE NOT NEEDED; THE GOOD HOUSES ARE DESTROYED
- 059 3 like the ideal but don't know how/who would keep it up that it doesn't become a blight.
- 060 problem with 6 because we need to encourage high density development with what already exists rather than low density suburban style development.
- 061 how do we ensure equity in the decision mking process? it doesnt have to be one core.
- 062 5
How to prove where the "rate" is?
- 063 conflict between emotional connection to a neighborhood and the need for the city to restructure the area
- 064 5. if you have an established home in a high-crime neighborhood, seeing constant demolition can be disheartening
- 065 #3- Accountability - need checks and balances to make the proposed actions actually happen.
- 066 WHAT IS THE POINT OF STAYING IN FLINT? IT IS GREAT WE WERE RAISED HERE; WE COULD NOT BUY HOMES SO WHY BOTHER STAY; WE ARE LOSING THE HOUNG PEOPLE; THE PEOPLE WHO ARE 20-30 YEARS OLD -- WHAT WILL I LEAVE MY CHILDREN IF I STAY HERE?
- 067 5
"High crime area" a way to use resources to wipe out neighborhoods
- 068 5 - doesn't fix the problem, don't have money to do demoliton, support neighborhoods
- 069 5. Concern that we don't just demo in high crime because demo in active neighborhoods will make their neighborhoods more attractibve to others to move in.
- 070 #5 - perhaps federal funding for demolition is not the best source, as it costs almost doubles the cost. Need to be more creative.
- 071 5. isolation makes conditions worse than they already are
- 072 PEOPLE LOST THE VALUE OF THEIR HOUSES;
- 073 #2 people will be displaced.
- 074 its on the backs of poor people when safety is being enforced for outsiders
- 075 taxes shoul not be raised any more. politicians are not being truthful
- 076 they do not address the liquor stores
- 077 5 is not clear. sounds like gentrification. highest population areas need more concentrated effort of rebuilding of centers.
- 078 you have to change zoning ordinances before you can take action on any of the strategies
- 079 inequity of investments in different parts of the city - e.g. the loss of population in the North end
- 080 how do we get people to come to flint and spend money

- 081 MONEY IS NOT IN THE CITY TO MANAGE ANYTHING; I DONT HAVE ANYTHING TO SHOW FOR MY WORK -- NO INVESTMENTS; NO HOUSE
- 082 #5 - not really achievable. high crime areas are not where high vacancy areas exist. there are already enough homes to demo. focus should be on removing safety hazards (burned out homes). crime occurs in high density neighborhoods and in homes that are newly vacant/may not be candidates for demolition otherwise. demos have to occur but not necessarily in concert with where crime occurs. all neighborhoods need demos, not just high crime. leaving vacant homes in low-crime neighborhoods could even invite crime to those neighborhoods. funding to tear down commercial properties is hard to obtain. owners need to take responsibility for their properties. additional issue: people need to be able to live in safe housing (some people live in these 'structurally deficient' homes).
- 083 strategies dont focus on all issues in neighbohoods, new housing development, need mixed income and not concentration of poor people, focus on aging population,
- 084 The city should be involved in education about green spaces and community gardening. This is about health, building community, having responsibility towards one's neighborhood.
- 085 CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IS NOT PAYING OFF
- 086 turn the city lots into surburban lots
- 087 3 - the amount of time and extreme cost of remediation of soils on toxic industrial sites
- 088 #3. Concern that large green areas will not be maintained.
- 089 5. how to pay FD to do controlled burns on blighted homes?
5. the process from when an vacant property is abandoned to when it can be moved to the next step TAKES TOO LONG CURRENTLY. months, years....red tape!
3. who will mow the green spaces?
- what is the city's capacity to help with ANY of these strategies?
- 090 demolish vacent homes, but allow time before redevelopment. show a specific plan for redevelopment of demolished properties.
- 091 WE have to take care of the people who are trying save underserved parts of the city.
- 092 SO MAY PEOPLE WALKED AWAY FROM THEIR HOMWS; PEOPLE CANNOT PAY THEIR MORTGAGE
- 093 5 - demolition without redevelopment doesn't stabilize neighborhoods, don't force out community assets
- 094 until we get rid of the top leaders now we won't move forward
- 095 #2 - need to think creatively and be more flexible with the zoning ordinance to use space in a relevant fashion. Market should drive use. Form-based code decisions.
- 096 5. you can't ignore the still healthy or thriving neighborhoods that are starting to see vacancies, because it gives crime room to grow in those areas
- 097 Nothing about strategy to increase population. Bringing more citizens to the city of Flint.
- 098 THERE ARE SO MANY PROBLEMS GOINGON AT THE SAME TIME; CANNOT GET JOBS INSIDE THE CITY; HAVE TO COMMUTE
- 099 6. lowers property value for people to purchase in long term

- 100 make zoning codes take into account green community spaces, gardens. Re-zone Flint.
- 101 1, 2, 3 and 4 could be grouped together.
- 102 concern with #5 you have to address the reason; if you tear it down, they will just go elsewhere
- 103 Attract people from areas that dont have what we have to offer. Land, low cost housing, etc. Low cost of living.
- 104 2 - changing zoning can destroy communities, don't bring in undesirable businesses
- 105 general concern about consolidating living, business etc. for mixed purpose buildings when we have vacant buildings we can utilize - #2 . In other words occupy empty buildings rather than go multipurpose first.
- 106 We need a strategy for optimum distribution of our limited resources, and that means tough choices around neighborhoods.
- 107 1 disenfranchises people. if their neighborhood is not selected, people become disengaged.
- 108 Not mentioning those with disabilities or veterans.
- 109 What do we do with the "holdouts"? We need to be able to push through to be able to do good for the majority.
- 110 controlling crime in order to allow for these other strategies to happen. Using preventative strategies instead of just using criminal justice system.
- 111 Disability Jobs or jobs for those that are disabled.
- 112 CITY HAS BEEN GOING DOWN SINCE THE 1970S.
- 113 3 - extreme amount of time and cost for soil remediation on toxic former industrial sites
4 - crime and safety are a concern for walking/cycling
6 - absentee landlords are a huge problem in our community
5/6 - feeling trapped in a declining neighborhood
- 114 need to look at population in a different way - is there 9 wards worth of people in the city
- 115 We think the people in control have already decided what they are going to get rid of and do for us. Downtown is their main focus. In the Northside they have completely forgotten about us. They are ignoring what we want. There's a loss of democracy. We want the Northside revitalized.
- 116 Very complex issues and hard to get arms around it
- 117 Where are the dollars for demolition.
- 118 #2 - concern about fees and other costs incurred when structures are used more intensively than residential.
- 119 concern about the inherent conflict way that we get things done because we want volunteers to achieve these things but people want jobs. but also projects get abandoned if we have to use union labor.
- 120 1. When you drive into Flint there is no beauty to welcome you into the city. All you see is blight.
2. Better use of publicity for things concerning Flint. The accomplishments of our citizens.
- 121 #4 Bikers still don't get respect. There are safety issues
- 122 7. concern about forcing people out of any area. Historically is not implemented in a socially just way.

- 123 ALL 7 IDEAS NEED TO BE INCORPORATED IN ONE STRATEGY FOR FLINT'S RECOVERY.
- 124 why are we buying water????
- 125 list is not exhaustive
- 126 Ambitious-use plans that require large tracts will run into problems with long-term entrenched residents.
- 127 THE ONE WALKING AND BIKING--THAT SHOULD BE A FINAL STEP; WE FIRST NEED A SAFE COMMUNITY AND THEN AREAS FOR WALKING AND BIKING
- 128 WHAT DO I DO WITH MY BIKE AT THE STORES? NEED PLACES TO PARK MY BIKE
- 129 1. The cost of implementation and the fact that people work in the city but live out of the city and pay lower taxes.
2. Closing loop holes on tax deferrment.
- 130 My concern thant these are very much of the same thing over the last 7 years
#5 there are too many vacant buildings too many
500 dollars to have the water turned on
Mental health of citizens of flint crime is related to that we don't have facilities
adictive behavior
Concerned about number 5 because of how it's worded it should be only where they have the highest number of vacant buildings not where the highest crime
Visitiability for people with disabilities when rehabling they need to inforce the law that says housing build in flint should have visitiability
Safty
Properly Devalue
Looking at causes and address them
- 131 High degree of waste and high water costs and difficulty getting the city to make repairs when necessary
Problem with #5 -- we would need a 50 million dollar grant to implement #5. But agree they all need to come down asap; "tipping" neighborhoods and school walkways should be prioritized.
Problem with prioritizing for demolition is that there are neighborhoods that are currently already decimated and the few remaining residents (who are usually elderly) suffer
- 132 1.) Fairness - shifting services to "other" places in town.
2.) Must have a "solid" educational infrastructure for future generations to compete in advanced manufacturing and renewable energy.
3.) Utilization of local water, local wind energy and local hirees to promote "Green" energy.
4.) Do not kick-out people of their homes to have more "Green"
- 133 Some people are not excited about having farmland right outside of their window.
Residents moving in and out of neighborhoods.
As a community we fail to take action and get results.

When starting up a new business the playing field should be level for the local business owners as it is for the larger business owners.

Mix use neighborhoods can not allow for proper advancement needed for the neighborhood.

A major challenge for neighborhoods is deciding what to do with neighborhood houses with one occupied house on the block. How do you revamp these houses or neighborhoods when it cost \$10,000 to demolish one house.

Liquor stores should have more laws around them that can decrease availability to citizens. When it is available all night, you can party all night.

Are there any additional strategies you would like to suggest? (general table agreement)

(Participants entered the following comments)

- 001 red tape on small entrepreneur business not being able to start business out of home
- 002 Utilize greenhouses to fill in some of the land that is left over by the demolition of the vacant houses.
- 003 give vacant space to church, or existing business to repurpose
- 004 #6 Fast tracking the sidelot acquisition
- 005 increase volunteering
- 006 harness the power of the creative sector
- 007 Look at models, such as Detroit, for demolition and reducing cost - Blightbusters (consensus)
- 008 target the areas that need it most
- 009 we need to have the central "cells" within each neighborhood. Stand-alone neighborhoods.
- 010 focus on area by area as oppose to high crime.
- 011 We have an immediate need for the water distribution system that is oversized for the current population.
- 012 Move some of the better structures into other neighborhoods.
- 013 no good housing downtown
- 014 6: need to add 'safe' along with 'less dense'
- 015 strategies should be highly targeted
- 016 the communities need public structures, parks, playgrounds, shops, facilities for all ages
- 017 Food Access- need to make sure that every resident has access to healthy, affordable food
- 018 mobility (bike path)/transportation for Flint area
- 019 we need to not concentrate on downtown and spread across flint
- 020 Develop a strategy to create a sense of community ownership with the participation in deconstructing homes and utilizing the materials to reconstruct homes that can actually be saved.
- 021 possibly move low populated areas and restructure the area

- 022 Of the 105,000 residents, 50% leave at 5:00pm. Of that amount 27% pay taxes on average income of \$5,000-10,000 annually.
- 023 Good geographic distribution of cultural amenities throughout the City
- 024 People who live in the community should have priority when identifying contractors. Keep the money with people who will re-invest back into the community.
- 025 Rezone and add restrictions on liquor stores; there are too many in Flint; look when you drive into the surrounding cities, you don't see that many; liquor stores are bringing down our neighborhoods
- 026 increase lot size
- 027 code enforcement of neighborhood housing to keep the neighborhood up to standards.
- 028 put emphasis on what we can do today and tomorrow (landscape and demo of commercial properties and consolidation of residential properties); and then work on long term strategies
- 029 Code enforcement would be hugely beneficial.
- 030 tear down vacant houses
- 031 need laws, etc easier for home ownership
- 032 Better communication and outreach about existing activities and services
- 033 change zoning to increase lot size
- 034 Can we develop demo strategies to move economic interests forward?
- 035 Need to re-establish city-wide advisory group to provide accountability
- 036 more transparency about where the money is going + income tax increase for those who work in the city but live outside,
- 037 emphasis on demo efforts
- 038 more gated communities
- 039 have recreational areas in walkable areas
- 040 Code and Zone enforcement go together.
- 041 no liquor stores within a vicinity of a neighborhood
- 042 bring amusement park back to Flint like it was in the 50's & 60's.
- 043 Residents in mostly-vacant areas would need to see a city plan that makes sense, or they will not be persuaded to move. Relocation would not be a viable strategy otherwise. If it were utilized, it would have to be at a net gain or neutral to the resident.
- 044 bring a petting zoo to Flint.
- 045 Schools worked so well in the past, we should fix it!
- 046 create greenways between areas to have a clear separation between autobonds and neighborhoods
- 047 stabilize the tipping point neighborhoods to keep homeowners in the city
- 048 Change policies that allow homeowners and community members to purchase only one lot. Community members need to have access to to purchase vacant lots.
- 049 cut out water lines to certain areas to reduce miles of water in sewer pipes that have to be maintained
- 050 Incentives to businesses to come into the city

- 051 redefine city limits
- 052 use widespread demo to eliminate blight throughout the city
- 053 reverse annexation
- 054 something that help develop mixed income housing
- 055 WE NEED TO FIX THE HOUSES SO THAT THEY LOOK GOOD; MAKE THE CITY LOOK BEAUTIFUL
- 056 Work with nature when rebuilding parks- requiring less maintenance
- 057 KEEP THE THEFT DOWN SI THAT HOUSES ARE NOT DEMOLISHED
- 058 Improve communication amongst departments within the City.
- 059 do something with the water plant - use it
- 060 using the unemployed workforce to demolish abandoned houses
- 061 Partnering (city and schools) where property borders- to help with maintenance
- 062 Can we create a group of volunteers for every neighborhood who will be a resource to those neighborhoods to help understand their needs and find way for them to achieve them. A group of volunteers with some expertise and passion to help each neighborhood.
- 063 re-zone city wards to fit population - reboundary - restructure and consolidate wards
- 064 Save the structures that can become affordable housing for low 2 no income
- 065 Need a system of accountability. Whether it's residential or commercial.
- 066 Government needs to be held accountable for funds being allocated for city improvements
- 067 WE NEED LEADERS WHO WILL HELP; LEADERSHIP NEEDS TO BE ACCOUNTABLE
- 068 mixed use-mixed income. why are there no lake houses? why is it not more beautiful?
- 069 prevent blight from happening in the first place by having code enforcement and public safety that prevents the selling of stripped materials
- 070 Think of walkable, self-sufficient neighborhoods as independent cities. This would provide a powerful model for new organization. The neighborhoods would not become actual cities, but should be able to function much more fully as independent units. In otherwords, the fundamental organizational and functional unit should transition to the neighborhood and away from the city.
- 071 let renters become home owners rent to own.
- 072 WE NEED TO HAVE PEOPLE VOTE; MANAGE THE LINES FOR THE VOTING BETTER; VOTING SHOULD BE CONVENIENT
- 073 Make most if not all resources in walking distance. Closeness to attractions and businesses.
- 074 develop neighborhood schools in association with neighborhood cores. repurpose buildings for specific neighborhood needs and use.
- 075 development of new affordable housing
- 076
 1. The city should have a committee that is responsible for the city's the ci
 2. The cost of city services.
 3. The cost

- 077 Medical housing. Create a system for those living in our community as students.
- 078 develop partnerships with businesses and k-12 schools.
- 079 Have to stop progression of blight.
- 080 Fund raising for rehabilitating structures in their neighborhoods.
- 081 neighborhood watch as preventative measure
- 082 ONCE THE MASTER PLAN IS CREATED, WE NEED A TIMELINE AND NEED TO BE ACCOUNTABLE; WE NEED STAGES
- 083 support Crim and similar events to promote the best of Flint; but also look to reduce collateral damage and ensure the events assume costs
- 084 natural resouces, environmental approaches, planting wild flowers..
- 085 supporting small businesses
- 086 1-4 INTEGRATED AS WELL AS 5, 6 AND 7 TO CREATE APPROX 12 SEPARATE PLANNED COMMUNITES/VILLAGES CONNECTED WITH A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. ELIMINATE THE VACANCY WITH GREEN SPACES. THIS EMCOMPASSES THE WALKABILITY/ MOBILITY PLAN.
- 087 use of public art in open spaces.
- 088 I would like to see a strageg where the council meets with the wards and they work together, where they come to the different wards.
- 089 Re-develop the Flint River especially from Hamilton St. to Chevy in the Hole with boutique shops, small businesses, canoe/kayak tours.
- 090 more parties. events and community engagement within the neighborhoods.
- 091 maintain and maintain the uniqueness of neighborhoods
- 092 WE NEED TO USE TECHNOLOGY ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PLAN IS FOLLOWED; AT THE STATELEVEL, THE MASTER PLAN NEEDS TO BE FOLLOWED AS WELL
- 093 rebuild community centers that provide services within individual neighborhoods
- 094 More handicap access and repair to infrastructure that is used by those individuals. More neighbor support for those with disabilities.
- 095 Impose fines for not maintaining cleanliness/snow off the sidewalks
- 096 bring the house lottery back. People can win it for \$1.00 and have to live in it and fix it up and stay there x amount of years.
- 097 a path to homeownership for al lot of people and the education to get there. specific support for that
- 098 need to market our neighborhood living by using CRIM, Flint Art Fair, Back to the Bricks etc.
- 099 What are ways that technology can help improve life of neighbohoods.
- 100 Make the Council members unpaid volunteers, and we'll get better people who really care about their community.
- 101 Not enough of entry level or low skill jobs within the City of Flint. Cost of labor in Flint can be sold as lower for businesses to locate in the city instead of out County.
- 102 Have free public classes for home ownership or rental maintenance. Maybe grants for small improvements to homeowners who need financial aid.

- 103 create oppurtunities for green spaces to be turned into urban gardens
- 104 use empty buildings to house community based incubator business and workforce development
- 105 Rent the house for 3 years and then have the option to buy it.
- 106 Rewrite codes and zoning laws to encourage use of greener systems.
- 107 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
- 108 YOU SHOULD NOT DOUBLE PAY FOR GARBAGE AND WATER; SHOULD NOT PAY TAXES FOR 2 SEPARATE LOTS ; YOU WOULD PAY MORE THAN FOR A SINGLE LOT; BUT NOT FOR TWO SEPARATE LOTS
- 109 Need a "pathway" for low skill citizens to move to another job.
- 110 set up sports teams to engage youth
- 111 Utilize the leaves that fall from the trees as compost to make fertilizer for the soil in the community gardens.
- 112 5. pay flint FD and twp. FD to come in & do controlled burns on blighted homes in flint. this will distribute costs.

2. focus on MEDIA to cover POSITIVE flint stories, to change perception. other communities in MI also have high crime. flint is a scapegoat. feed positive stories to the media. flint needs its own PR firm? local channel news could focus more on the good in flint, rather than the murders & theft, etc.
- 113 Bringing a casino to the City will bring multiple jobs and businesses to the City
- 114 Keep this group (TABLE 2) engaged on these topics and to encourage follow ups and calls to action. Extend this process outside of the workshop. Get involved in your community.
- 115 Connecting homeless population with vacant housing
- 116 Learn from other communities. Collaborate with other communities.
- 117 a way to help solve the crime rates along the lines of the drug problem here in Flint
- 118 NEED A GOOD SYSTEM FOR TRASH COLLECTION
- 119 increase the number of festivals to bring attention to our neighborhoods - every weekend festivals like in Detroit, Ann Arbor
- 120 YOU SHOULD NOT CHARGE PEOPLE FOR SERVICES THAT THEY DONT RECEIVE
- 121 stronger enforcement of codes regulating liquor and convenience stores
- 122 The city has to participate in this in order for any of these 7 things to happen- City officials must participate and be TRANSPARENT about intentions. Let go of fear of political battles.
- 123 bring grocery stores into the city as oppose to big ones like Walmart, etc
- 124 incentives to renter to purchase homes
- 125 Emphasize community gardening/urban farming

Hold property owners who aren't in the community accountable for their properties
- 126 transient residents have a negative effect on neighborhood and propoerty value, encourage home ownership. education + recreating residential area with schools and nursing homes.
- 127 Keep in mind that resources are limited. How can we support /maximize

- 128 Initiative to have large employers move into the cities "brownfields"
- 129 More communication about what is going on in the neighborhood and the available opportunities.
- 130 This will be a smaller city with small neighborhoods. So we need to have people not in our city that look at us and say "here is a place I want to live." I want to emphasize our assets. Our River Front - we need to emphasize that. We have an outstanding Cultural Center. Let's develop around that Cultural Center. Talk about concerts, museums with art, a library - this helps change our image.
- 131 cooperate with school and institutions to invent ideas around green energy
- 132 Send out letters informing citizens.
- 133 very active against speculators buying up land in Flint
- 134 make the liquor stores responsible for their surrounding area.
- 135 Bring Mott Farm back for intercity kids
- 136 using the Flint river for canoeing, utilizing the nature that exists. enhancing bike paths...
- 137 increase visibility of non-profits
- 138 The city should facilitate neighborhood group formation.
- 139 on the job training youth around demilitation
- 140 Need to think about new ways to generate revenue - special assessments and other ways to offset decreasing appraisals and tax revenue. Make special assessments for positive programs and services that the common resident would be encouraged by (or feel less pain about the contribution to the common good).
- 141 Are there ways to generate revenue- but not at too high costs. Nominal fees generate investment, free invites abuse
- 142 Working to condense our neighborhood, geographically.
- 143 Liquor stores could be socialized and converted to produce markets.
- 144 incorporate ex offender engaged in clean up of parks.
- 145 Free wi-fi for neighborhoods to allow communication
- 146 Repurpose vacant housing for to solve short to long term emergency housing need created by mass disasters. This address national strategic issues as well.

Establish mini farmers markets in the neighborhoods which allows urban gardeners to sell their produce. This also promotes the walkability and bikeability and urban farming concepts.

Solicit input from the neighborhoods for strategic neighborhood plans.
- 147 festivals bring suburbanites into the city, so another part of the city other than the downtown can host festivals. need to build this up over time and leverage the event. give suburbanites good experiences and comfort with the city
- 148 Remove blight, develop relationship with businesses and neighborhoods
- 149 Incentives for people to work and live inside the city.

More communication between the Flint Board of Ed and City Government.
- 150 Chevy in the Hole has been proposed as a green space- this is a waste of potentially valuable land. The city could develop it.

- 151 we need to shrink the city to fit our current population
- 152 jobs for ex - offenders around demolition and blight elimination
- 153 Encourage "smaller" manufacturers to move into the city.
- 154 Work in incentives (i.e. reduction in taxes) to encourage citizens to initiate greener tech. i.e. remove taxation for putting up a solar streetlight in their areas.
- 155 Bring entertainment into neighborhoods i.e. jazz on wheels
- 156 City needs to be accountable for bad decisions.
- 157 integrate community gardens into the fabric of neighborhoods
- 158 tap into braian trust of all the colleges
- 159 a path to homeownership, which helps to build neighborhoods and enables a continuity for children... and a stable education. people need to have hope that they and their kids can achieve more!!!
- 160 look for a means to bring additional large events to the flint area and highlight as a tourist destination; coordinating with other regional governments and highlighting the value of working together; using existing venues (such as atwood) to bring people in and create opportunities.
- 161 Need more centrally-located green spaces so they are accessible and safe for people to be active and walk around in. Use Chevy in the Hole for this purpose!
- 162 We look for the negative and emphasize it. That has to change. We are the secret plan! There are no secret meetings to decide what we will d0. We have to take responsibility.
Look at San Antonio and how they redeveloped their riverfront.
- 163 Wellness programs that express prevention rather than intervention
May be have squaters rights so that eventually they could fix a site to live or use as a business
Need to include the arts community in the stregies to improve the committment to the beauty fo Flint
Realtors have more access to available homes then citizens There is not enough enough marketing available as it relates to Land
Pin point cause for exdus and address that problem there are issues besides crime that are causeing people to move
- 164 Empahsize role models within the community to serve as pillars of outreach for the youth. Promote positive actions and reward those that are taking action to make the community better.
- 165 -having set protocol for demolitions (hazard, presence near schools) - Land Bank has triage operation similar to this. maybe city should emulate process of Land Bank.
-how do we interrupt process of abandonment so we don't get more vacant homes? water bills are exceeding rent in some cases. water is shut off. no aid to pay for water. how do we stop the cycle?
-city should take proactive stance to help with employer-assisted housing. how do we encourage people who work in Flint to also live in the city? encourage city employees to live in the city. offer incentive (not require them necessarily).
-plans to link city together from one neighborhood to another. develop corridor plans. we define our community by what we see as we travel. if main corridors were consistently cared for, it may spill over into the neighborhoods. the process could be driven by neighborhoods (the corridors) and neighbors may subsequently clean up their own lots. lack of connection between neighborhoods that do care for their own areas (Met Hills, Carriage Town, etc...).

- contest to revision neighborhoods (developers) - to envision how a neighborhood could look if redeveloped.
- related to #7, make sure that only parts of streets where no one lives would be closed.
- 166 Cut the size of the city
 - Turn brownfields into solar farms and/or wind turbine farms
 - Use strategies to re-use gray water -- subsidize homeowners to develop infrastructure
 - Schools need to teach students how to manage businesses and how to balance check books & social/life skills
 - As things improve, set up a schedule for ongoing community planning BEFORE a crisis hits.
- 167 1.) Reduce pollution
 - 2.) Community urban garden development
 - 3.)
- 168 Give green spaces a function
- 169 corresponding incentives on city ordenances concerning home ownership
- 170 There needs to be a focus on streetscape. Getting rid of the blighted areas and create incentives
- 171 More organized block clubs, utilize outside sources to make the ones existing work.
 - Reduction of costs on simple things such as utilities (water), can make the citizens who are living here stay. people are feeling forced to leave because of less funds available to the city for these particular issues.
- 172 Walkability needs to be combined with Commuter rails which re-link our suburbs of swartz creek, durand, grand blanc, etc.
- 173 Improve attractiveness of the city- make the city attractive through providing events and activities for residents to engage in.
- 174 greater interaction between business owners and customers
- 175 find a better way to prioritize demolition of houses and make it clear and fair