

230 Surveys Submitted as of 1-11-09

Question 1: Are you a citizen of Moorhead?

Yes Miles	Votes	No Resident Of	Votes
3	29	Fargo	72
2	23	Rural Moorhead	14
1	17	West Fargo	6
5	14	Student MSUM	1
4	11	Wahpeton	1
10	7	Hawley	1
.5	4	Horace	1
15	3	moorhead	1
1.5	3	Moorhead (Not Rural)	1
2.5	3		
6	3		
7	3		
3.5	2		
.3	1		
2.5 blocks	1		
20	1		
1/4	1		
1mi	1		
.8	1		
0	1		
0-1	1		
0.1	1		
About a block.	1		
less than one	1		

Question 2: Do you know where Woodlawn Park is located?

Yes	No
197	29

How many times per year do you or your family visit Woodlawn Park?

Visits Per Year	Votes
1 - 5	97
6 - 12	55
0 - Never	29
13 and more	29

What features of the park do you use?

Pool	Playground	Trails	River access	CC Ski Trails	Sledding	Other	Frisbee Golf
13	42	127	28	17	50	24	108

Question 3: Do you know where the Moorhead Power Plant is located?

Yes	No
191	36

Have you ever viewed the site from the riverfront?

Yes	No
165	33

Question 4: How important do you feel it is to keep and reuse this historic building?

	Votes
Very Important	123
Important	50
Somewhat	27
Not Important	13
Neutral	12

Question 5: How do you feel the power plant site should be used?

Any private/commercial use (a public museum with retail space)

	Votes
Medium	74
Low	64
High	41
Do not consider	40

Combination of Public/Private use (an example would a museum and community center)

	Votes
High	98
Medium	94
Low	22
Do not consider	9

Leave it as a park

	Votes
Medium	78
Low	77
Do not consider	37
High	22

Demolish the building and sell the property

	Votes
Do not consider	168
Low	36
Medium	11
High	4

Any public use (like a museum or community center)

	Votes
High	155
Medium	53
Low	9
Do not consider	3

Question 6: Please rank these development considerations for the Power Plant Site.

Public access to the river

	Votes
Medium	72
Low	58
High	54
Do not consider	33

Historical Museum

	Votes
Low	74
Medium	70
Do not consider	50
High	28

Art Museum

	Votes
Medium	93
Low	57
High	40
Do not consider	33

Science Museum

	Votes
Medium	92
Low	53
High	45
Do not consider	32

Native American Historical Museum

	Votes
Low	86
Do not consider	65
Medium	55
High	15

Other Museum

combination children's/other	High
Dinosaur Museum	High
Ecological Museum	High
History and Future of Power/Energy in Red River Valley	Medium
local artists	High
local artists	Medium
local arts and music	High
local youth art	High
Music	High
RR Basin Interpretive Center	High
Science and Industry	Medium

Convention Center/Meeting rooms

	Votes
Low	82
Do not consider	61
Medium	50
High	24

Hotel/Restaurant

	Votes
Low	72
Do not consider	65
Medium	59
High	24

Community Center, physical fitness emphasis

	Votes
Medium	76
Low	55
High	49
Do not consider	43

Community Center, childcare or senior citizen emphasis

	Votes
Low	72
Medium	72
Do not consider	48
High	30

Library

	Votes
Medium	60
Do not consider	57
High	55
Low	50

Fine Arts performance center

	Votes
High	89
Medium	66
Low	48
Do not consider	20

Housing development

	Votes
High	89
Medium	66
Low	48
Do not consider	20

Retail Stores

	Votes
Do not consider	107
Low	75
Medium	30
High	9

From Question #6: Other Ideas

* Being this is a historical building, applying a commercialism aspect to it, like stores etc will lower it's value to the public. We need more areas where anyone can go, no matter age or income. Store or retail, hotel etc being on the property will do nothing for Moorhead, as it will discriminate against people who would not use the establishment or who couldn't afford to go there. LEAVE RETAIL CRAP OUT OF OUR HISTORY! there is enough commercialization we need culture an community, not a place to buy more crap.

* Artist's/musician's workshop (studios, galleries, etc.)

* Idea 1: Music space for serving high-school and college age adults: The Broken Axe (historic building leased from city) was an excellent venue for music in Moorhead, now lost - there is no 300-500 person venue, although the Trollwood Center could be an alternative larger scale space for music in warm months. Although Fargo offers several spaces (Aquarium, Venue/Hub), a historic space well designed for music, and "hanging-out" could be beneficial, recalling once nearby Ralph's Corner Bar, and leveraging the plants proximity to Moorhead State, Concordia, and for that matter, NDSU.

Idea 2: Build co-generation biomass burner using fallen trees from the Red, chips from forestry (now going to Morris), grasses/cat tails grown in the oxbows, corn-husks, etc.

* A "hands-on" Science and Industry Museum with a small franchised coffee/dessert/gift shop

* Work with property owners just to the north of the Power Plant to turn that area into something similar to the Main Avenue Bridge area (make Fargo jealous ;)

* Large balcony overlooking the river for any public use construction.

* 1. an area or 2 for soapbox oratory. A 'box' (stone/cement pedestal) on which to stand and declaim. topics subject to board or city approval. Or a small auditorium with a stage and podiums or a long table with mikes for debaters. Sponsor political, religious, current topic debates, open to the public.

2. a similar space for Poetry slams.

* Combination of community use and additional county & city office space for consolidation.

Community interest, activities, background and informational direction center.

* I think Moorhead should work with a local developer to model the riverfront area similar to St. Anthony Main in Minneapolis. <http://www.saintanthonymain.com/> If you have never been there, you should go and check it out. It has revived an otherwise old warehouse area of the city. It's a fun place to take a walk, see a movie, live in a condo, go to dinner, etc. I think Moorhead could really benefit from it.

* Restaurant/Sports Bar

* Create a Partnership with Bismarck State College to train Power Plant Operators. They have some of the best training in the nation at BSC and the jobs are in-demand, across the region! What better use than education?!

* With the science museum, it could be like a greenhouse or something, with a community garden on the rest of the property or something.

* Teen venue... music, art, hang-out...

* Ideally, I would like to see the building restored and used as a library, although the library board has already rejected that idea.

* high end condos or apartments that pay a property tax.

* Creating a place for larger music concerts that cater to a young adult crowd but don't serve alcohol would be a great idea to bring to the F-M area. Mixing this idea with others, such as a restaurant, a cafe, local artist gallery...classrooms for community use, artist and music studios would create a facility that could be used all week long at all times of the day. It would serve everyone in the community with young adults being the primary focus because there isn't anything else like that for them in the area.

* Teenage gathering space...canteen concept.

* See my sliding hill comment above.

* A Youth Center / Local Music Venue

* I'd really like to see a youth oriented building, capable of offering a cafe or lounge of some sort, also an area for musical performance hopefully capable of a capacity near 300.

* A museum devoted to transportation in the Red River Valley. There is federal money (Transportation Enhancement--TE) that might be available for such a use.

* Music venue along side of performing arts center.

* The Fargo Moorhead Music Scene has just lost the most used venue, the red raven espresso bar. I and many other youth and adults are hoping to use this historic building for a new venue/ hangout place.

It would include:

-Local Venue

-Pool Hall / Lounge

-Cafe

-Art Center

-band practice space

-Recording studio

If you would keep this in mind that would be amazing, it's a great idea where youth could hang out and be kept of the streets.

* Music venue / bar

* youth hangout/local/ national Music venue

- Local music Venue

-Pool Hall / Lounge

-Cafe

-Art Center

-band practice space

-Recording studio

* Youth Center with emphasis in music and art.

* Youth Center with a Music Venue emphasis. The youth of Fargo Moorhead desperately need a place to "hang out". This would be a great place for them to converse, and could eliminate some of the issues of local vandalism and trespassing.

* -Local Music Venue

-Pool Hall / Lounge for ALL AGES

-Cafe

-Art Center

-band practice space

-Recording studio

-Arcade

-Indoor Skatepark

* place for kids to hangout arcade, little coffee shop/cafe, music venue for local FM shows just a place for the kids to hangout and a place to go

* Community Center / All Ages Music Venue

* Cafe, Music Venue, Art Center, Youth Center, Pool Hall

* Youth Center where kids can hang out in a safe environment. Possibly have a section for local bands to play.

* An all ages multi-purpose venue for the youth of Fargo and Moorhead to hangout. This is very very important to much of the youth in the area. Most of the year the area is covered in snow and we need a safe place to go on weekends.

* Make it like a community place for people to hang out. you could have music shows there. a book store. a food court. make like a small mall or something cause in Moorhead there isn't much to do.

* VENUE, RECORDING STUDIO, YOUTH RETREAT, BOOK COLLECTIVE, SKATEPARK, CAFE, POOL AND ARCADE.

* Concert Venue

* a music venue or some type of youth center

* I am a local musician that has toured Europe this past summer. We played in a city called Groningen in Holland that has an amazing community center based around youth. There are several things going on at once there from everything to plays, atrs, dances and rock/metal concerts, which seemed to be primarily youth led, with the assistance of adults. Like nothing I have seen in the States and so together! Here is their site - <http://www.simplon.nl/>

here is my email if you have questions: emulate_booking@hotmail.com

* music venue capabilities for local bands

* Music Venue

* I feel like what ever happens to the building should still maintain the look and feel of a power plant but with a remodeled modern interior. I feel, because of its location, anything commercial would b out of the question being that there is simply not enough traffic to keep a money thirsty business alive. There already is an old school building turned into living quarters in that area so I feel like it should b used for more community based events. Since its proximity to the park is so close I feel like the space would be best utilized as a some what community center, a place for kids to go and be with friends, a safe environment that their friends will actually want to hang out in. The different floors could all be used for different activities at different time or all at once for special occasions. Like how the Plains Art Museum operates but for a younger crowd. Bringing a new music venue to the building would be a very good addition to the ever diminishing local music scene we have here in the FM area. It would have to be all age admittance because I've found that when there is a band playing something other than hardcore they only play at 21+ shows at the aquarium. It would be nice to introduce kids of all ages to new music of all genres that is not heard around this area. There should be the possibility of renting out the space, or certain floors, to fit any occasion needed. A quick summery would be using it as a community center for kids and adults alike, using its space as a music venue for local and touring bands to come and play what they love, coffee shop offering more than just coffee, If there are any touring exhibits of interest they should be asked to set up in the building therefore attracting large amounts of people into its walls, and just in general a place with a goal to help further this community towards a happier and healthier way of life.

* My idea is to make into a place where teenagers/young adults can go to. Because the kids that are between 16-20 do not have anyplace to go and hang out with there friends. I think making it into a community center would be very beneficial to the FM area. Because during the summer kids can go to the lakes, skatepark or just do more things outside. But during the winter they don't really have anyplace to go. And it also would keep them out of trouble. I know kids that stay out of trouble all summer because they are at the skatepark everyday. But when winter comes they are always getting into trouble because they have nothing else to do. So I think you should make it into an indoor skatepark which allows bikes, skateboards and rollerblades. I also know someone that has wanted to open up one in town but doesn't have the kind of money to do it. He has been BMXing for over 14 years so he knows what is all needed for a skatepark. His name is Neil Wells and he lives in North Fargo. And if you decide to make the power plant into an indoor skatepark he would be more than happy to help build it and to run it.

* Music venue for artists! Practice rooms, performance venues, etc. Install a small bar/restaurant to raise revenue from concerts and events. Even have it as a convention space, as long as it's affordable for local bands and artists to perform or display their art. Please be smarter than Fargo was when we destroyed the Sheriff's Brownstone!

- * -Local Venue
- Pool Hall / Lounge
- Cafe
- Art Center
- band practice space
- Recording studio
- Arcade
- Indoor Skatepark

* A youth center or even a local venue for the FM area for music concerts, any sort of events coming through, or maybe just a cool place for people to just hang out. Could have a snack bar, or even a skate park. Countless options for kids and young adults.

* Make it a venue for concerts or an arcade, or even a mixture of both. Young kids around here always complain of how they are bored, and I'd say it's time to give something to them. Concerts and arcades are very popular hang outs, and it would generate tons of money!

* Music venue

* I think a youth center or music venue would be a great addition to Moorhead! Fargo already has both, so why not have a place within city limits to keep youth on the Minnesota side?

* place for kids to go /music venue

* local venue

* Concert Venue. Recording Studio and band practice space

* an indoor skate park and recreation center

* Teen Center, music venue,

* Youth center/music venue for all ages

* Some kind of Music Venue!!

* A youth center! When the winter days get long, the skatepark is closed, and it's too cold to even be outside, kids get stuck inside and of course, they get into trouble. A youth center, with venues for music, performance, and art as well as maybe a coffee shop would be cool. An emphasis on art and music would be AMAZING. Fargo-Moorhead is growing into an amazing community with a rich arts culture--why not encourage youth to continue to contribute, even in the winter months when Trollwood isn't around? And the powerplant--wow, what a cool place. The underground-y feel to it would add to the attraction for youth.

* Recreation Center for kids and teens and/or a place for music venues.

* I would like to see a place for teens to "hang" at. I think since teens golf at woodlawn often this would be a nice place for a coffee shop/venue

* This should be turned into a place for teens to hang out. It should have a music venue for bands to play since most of the other local venues are shutting down or are too expensive and kids are losing places to watch bands. An indoor skatepark and rec center would be good too

* A potentially great idea for this location would be to use at least one of the floors as a new local music venue/youth hang out. with a place to have concerts and a coffee shop/video games/just a place to hang out.

I think its important for the youth of Fargo/Moorhead to have a safe place to go to spend their time, and I believe that we lack that. Especially in the winter time when its cold and we don't want to be out side.

What I envision is a building with a functional restaurant/coffee shop that is open 6 days a week from let's say.. 10 am to 11 pm. This would also service as a local music venue very similar to The Red Raven or The Aquarium as place for local promoters to have shows.

* A local venue, or youth/young adult community center

* a teen hangout area.

- * youth center, musical venue
- * A Bar & Grill or even just another choice of bars for Moorhead would be nice.
- * Music Venue/ youth hangout
- * young adult/youth center, somewhere for kids around the ages 16-19 can go, dance club no alcohol served
- * -Local Venue
- Pool Hall / Lounge
- Cafe
- Art Center
- band practice space
- Recording studio
- Arcade
- Indoor Skatepark
- * cafe, recording studio, arcade, local venue, lounge,
- * All ages music venue
- Youth center
- * Practice Space for Local/Area Bands.
- Music/Arts Venue
- * Teen Hang Out. Skate park Music venue for local bands, Very focused toward the teen population. i think Moorhead needs more of that
- * Local teen and young adult center is needed in Moorhead.
- * Youth Center
- * Youth community Center. As a Social Work Student, and volunteer work with Metro Youth Partnership, I've seen that there is lack in an area for teenagers to occupy their time therefore getting causing mischief. We do not have a common area for the youth that is not religiously affiliated. The youth center could include a Local Music Venue for smaller traveling bands, all ages pool hall/lounge, cafe, an arts center, a "lans" center for video/computer gaming, a local band practice space (private), a recording studio (private), arcade, and a skate park.
- * I feel that our community could benefit from a youth community center. A venue for live music or and indoor skate park would be useful in building a strong youth community.
- * The ages 17-20 need some place to go and hang out. They don't want to be somewhere the younger teens can go they need something that is aimed at them. Being around 15 and 16 year olds doesn't help the 17-20 feel "grown up". They don't want to hang out with "youngens". They need something age appropriate for them. Something they can do other than partying at home drinking. Too much under age drinking is caused by that age group having nothing else to do.
- * Youth center with coffee house and other youth related ideas.
- * local music venue
- youth center
- * A youth center/music venue
- * they could possibly use it as a place for college student to hang out, possible as a venue for bands to play at much like aquarium or the red raven, bringing bands and concert goers into the town.
- * Music Venue, Youth Hangout
- * Artist studios, performance spaces, a small cafe, etc.

* I think that this should become a music venue for local shows. The current venues now are at risk of being shut down due to vandalism and kids not caring about property and what not. Bear in mind, these two venues are the red raven, which is small, and the aquarium, above dempsey's, which are both conveniently place downtown, a spot that already gets vandalism from virtually everyone who strolls around down there. These venues, though its great to have them, are very small. I think that if there was a big spot for kids to go to a show or concert, a building as big as the power plant, it would contribute to the reduction of vandalism in the fargo/moorhead area. Fargo/Moorhead is getting well known for music, and we are getting more and more well known bands to come through here. I believe that a bigger place for local shows will not only make the music scene here in the fargo/moorhead area better, but it will also help reduce vandalism. And if a music venue wouldn't work, an arcade or some type of art museum would be awesome. Fargo/Moorhead just needs something to do with the arts, and if possible, music would be the art I would choose to vote on.

* youth center / music venue

* Music venue for Teens/College/20-somethings

* youth center/music venue. combine many ideas into the one building. have a hangout for kids under 21 so they aren't out on the town or trying to get in to bars to have fun at night. great idea for everyone.

* An all-ages center that welcomes musicians to play. There is a place in Burnsville, MN called The Garage that is the best example.

* It'd be wonderful to have an actual recreation center that's main concept is all ages fun. whether it's:

-Pool Hall / Lounge

-Cafe

-Art Center

-Local Venue

-band practice space

-Recording studio

-Arcade

-Indoor Skatepark

* youth center/music venue

* Coffee shop.

Workout facility (w/ swimming pool)Performance Venue for local all kinds of events. (music, comedy, films, drama etc.)

* local all age venue, or a skate park would be awesome!

* venue for concerts

* Music venue, Youth hangout

* Venue for local bands to perform.

* Dance club (UNDER 21!!)

Pool Hall/Lounge

Arcade

Cafe

Local Music Venue

* local venue, youth center

* Music Venue/Community Center

* it should be used as a youth center. with games and activities for kids and teenagers. this is something the fm area is in desperate need of.

* A local music Venue. The artists in this town need more places to play that are readily accessible. We have The Red Raven and The Aquarium. I think it's time for a change.

* music venue

* I'd like to see a community center that targets youth/young adults (16-23) in this area. It seems that most places in FM after 8pm are for individuals who are +21. Lets give the young adults somewhere to go and be with their peers outside the boundaries of school. A good example of this sort of place is "The Garage" in Burnsville, MN.

* A venue for local and traveling bands!

* A music venue would be awesome.

* Music venue

-Local Venue

-Pool Hall / Lounge

-Cafe

-Art Center

-band practice space

-Recording studio

-Arcade

-Indoor Skatepark

* I believe it should be used as a hang out for kids. A music venue would be nice considering the few venues we do have in the FM area are either for big shows and too expensive, 21+, or too small.

* A venue of some sort for music and dances.

Maybe have a high school night for kids in high school and an 18+ night. If kids don't feel like bowling or going to a movie all they have left is to drink basically. This would definitely keep kids out of trouble.

* Pool Hall/ Lounge/Cafe

* Would like this to become a youth center or a music venue for local and national acts!

* A music venue for concerts (this one especially over all other considerations, it'd be an open and safe environment for all ages to enjoy music of various types)

* Youth center! Something for people under 21! Music, Pool hall, arcade, venue, cafe, anything. We really don't have much available when not able to go to bars!

* -Local Venue

-Pool Hall / Lounge

-Cafe

-Art Center

-band practice space

-Recording studio

* youth/teen center, like a club for teens to hang out or go dancing something fun for teens/youth to do on the weekends

* Music venue/Theater(for plays)

* -Local Venue

-Pool Hall / Lounge

-Cafe

-Art Center

-band practice space

-Recording studio

-Arcade

-Indoor Skatepark

* It would be really cool to see a new spot for the local youth to hang out at. The power plant could be a great place to have the local youth reside and furthering them from any dangers like drugs and alcohol, presuming this spot would be under surveillance to stray from that happening

* A new music venue / youth hangout would be amazing.

I have always thought that there isn't much to do in Moorhead. The lack of things to do increases deviant behaviors among my peers (high school and young adults) like drinking and doing drugs. If we had some place to hang out with cheap food, nonalcoholic drinks, music, cable, high speed wireless internet connection, games and comfy couches it would be amazing.

Please consider this idea!!! It would make many teens and young adults very happy, and in turn, keep some of us from going out and partying. Its a better alternative.

* Youth center, music venue

* I think a new Venue for music is a great idea for the site.

* A youth center. A club type scene for people under 18.

* Youth and teenager hangout, with physical activity and entertainment facilities

* Young Adult Venue

* Youth Center

Local Venue

Pool Hall / Lounge

Cafe

Art Center

band practice space

Recording studio

Arcade

Indoor Skatepark

or... All in one?? I think Fargo/Moorhead needs more activities for teens and young adults. It would help keep your children away from drugs, alcohol, and sex by keeping them busy.

From Question #6: Comments about any of the ideas listed above:

* A mid-sized fine arts center is a missing link in the FM arts scene. Venues range from 75-125 seating capacity to 800+, nothing in between. I could see a number of organizations interested in using a 300-500 seat facility, which would also be an ideal size for other small concerts, readings, etc.

* It is interesting to see hotel or convention center as an option. I wouldn't think of the building style as a boon to those categories. Being that it would be an incredibly unique style to utilize, some type of alternative business that would benefit from that type of building should be used (eg any sort of museum, library, restaurant) as it would help to attract visitors and attention. I don't see the power plant in an ideal location for a convention center or retail. One issue for any sort of museum is lack of public interest as there are numerous museums in the area (Plains Art, Rourke museum, the log cabin one near Woodlawn, and Hjemkomst) and this would only add another. The best option in my mind is another high-end restaurant and/or fine arts performance area and public access to river.

* We need to use the Hjemkomst Center for Museum space first, before adding such new space. Same for Rourke and other arts venues, unless paired with a concept for the Power Plant site that carries its own critical mass for visitors/patrons.

* Red River Valley Library Resource Center, where River Keepers offices could host regular education, invite K-12 students in areas that would encourage the development of STEM skills, potentially working with Int'l Water Institute and the River Watch program.

* Make it the Main Library with space to lease for a Cafe. It would make a great SW gateway to downtown & keep the neighborhood to the south viable property for families with kids.

* 1) Upkeep and maintenance \$\$ must be mandated

* Gymnastic center as part of a community center

* Affordable housing, senior housing along with a community and fitness center

* I live in the neighborhood north of the power plant, and part of the reason I bought the house is how it's so insulated from traffic and such. I wouldn't support it getting developed into something that would attract a ton of people.

* a combination of some would be better than just a single idea...

* If this site is ultimately used for a library, turn the old site into condos or apartments that can be added to the tax rolls.

* I would love to see access to the river emphasized with any/all of the ideas.

* Many of the above ideas are already in place in the F-M area. Places such as the YMCA, HoDo, and the new libraries that are being built would make the reuse of the power plant irrelevant if it were to follow one of these ideas.

* I like the idea of housing the public library along with other community services within the building and surrounding area. I think combining the library with a facility that provides services for both youth and seniors would be great. It would also be great to utilize the area with a restaurant or two, outdoor skating rink, a facility indoors and/or outdoors to hold concerts and activities for youth -- basically, have the facility be multi-use that would be attractive to the entire community.

* I appreciate all the work of this committee and that of the students who have prepared concepts for our view.

A resident since 1972, I have experienced many of the changes that have occurred in my neighborhood. Many are positive and some I have questioned. My main concern is that people's homes be protected in the process of this new change.

It is wonderful to see the Woodlawn Park area used by the community for activities such as Frisbee Golf but the best part of living in this neighborhood with older homes has been knowing the people who reside here. It is a neighborhood which has been a community within a community and is the 'village' that helped me raise my child. It is a neighborhood of infants to elderly people; inclusive of people of color; of political diversity and beliefs; of well educated and those with not so much education; of blue collar workers, pink collar workers and white collar workers. Many retired people have never left and many young adults want to return. It is with this in mind that I am still pondering the possibilities presented and hope that my information will be accepted with my reservations concerning disruption of a stable neighborhood.

* Of all the ideas above, I would rank the Fine Arts center as #1

* A library/community center (including arts, entertainments/light food & beverages) would be my absolute first choice.

* I loved the idea about a teen/child center, fitness, community-type place with maybe even with a library included or even a small restaurant. Why not combine some of these great ideas? It would be an awesome place to spend a rainy day or some place for us to go in the winter and have a variety of things to do.

* Kids do not have anything to do in this town! It would be awesome to have a place where kids could go and have a good time, and not have their parents worry about what they could be doing elsewhere. Make it a safe, drug-free youth community.

* Would be a wonderful location for the Library

* We don't need another museum, and the new library is going to be great. I think that the colleges in the Fm Area with the Fargo theatre is enough for Fine arts performing centers.

* NO RETAIL, the world have just about enough Macys

* This can be a place where teenagers to young adults can get together in a safe environment away from bad influences that can be found in down town. A place where the youth can grow and flourish. Ideas about Painting, Photography, Music, Film, and many other art forms can be viewed, performed, and discussed. A place parents would be proud to know that their children were spending time there.

* There really is not much to do for teens under the age of 21 in the F/M area. I believe the high use of alcohol by minors is a huge part of that!! Please open something that would give everyone a chance to hang out and not be pressured to buy something or leave! A safe, pleasant and welcoming environment is what is needed!!

* I believe the city could attract many youths and teenagers to see local, regional, and national bands play live. Soundproofing doesn't cost a whole lot and it gives them something other than drugs to do on their days off from school. Have events end at 10 PM so kids can meet curfew hours. Build a bigger parking lot, add some vendors for food and drinks appropriate for the events. Fence in the yard to keep kids from going into the river.

* Anything like a museum would be uninteresting and not provide anything to the kids in the F/M area. In the winter there is especially a lack of activities and places to go and hang out when you're a kid. Far too often this is how they start doing drugs. Having a youth center and multi purpose facility would benefit Moorhead a great deal.

* Just something for people under the age of 21 to do. A place to hang with friends. Music venue or something.

* I don't think we need more retail, we need more entertainment

* I believe the building should be used for cultural purposes rather than making money. The type of people interested in maintaining a historical building should be more interested in culture than revenue in the first place.

* community center with a skate park that allows bmxer's and skateboarders

* the FM area could use a place for bands to play that is relatively affordable. Venues are too expensive to book in the area and kids could use a place to hang out which could keep them off the streets.

* i don't think we need another museum or art exhibit

* if you make it a museum please nothing historical and boring that nobody will go to, make it fresh and change displays in it often

* Museums are a horrible idea

* venue for local musicians

* there isn't anywhere in Fargo/Moorhead where teens in high school can go to just hangout. there isn't much to do. I really think it could help dramatically reduce drugs and alcohol abuse in young teens in the area. if you would like to see our visions and ideas as teens in the area, please contact me, as I am the head of our teen community of kids at the Moorhead high school. my cell phone is 218-329-2864. please, do consider and give me a call to set up a meeting.

* The space should definitely be preserved for the public, not for private commercial interest. I would love to see a new Fine Arts performance center in the Fargo-Moorhead area. It seems that we lack a variety of spaces for that kind of thing.

* A Museum is a good idea but we have museums. But whatever gets put in needs to be targeted towards the 25 and under crowd.

* Young adults need a place to hang out. Their options are very limited in the FM area. This would be a perfect opportunity to make that happen.

* Rent the power plant out to local bands. There is nothing wrong with the current Moorhead library. I feel it would cost less money to lightly convert the remaining facility into something useful to creative people of the area.

* This facility should have both private and public uses. I believe that the private uses should be related to the public means of the area. If it were a youth center with any of the above listed examples, you could have private businesses selling art supplies, billiards accessories, a game shop, skate equipment, etc.

* I believe Moorhead needs a community center that attracts all ages. I think the space needs to be put to use! Thanks for allowing the communities input!

* I strongly believe that a performance center would be ideal because of the riverfront location, and it would also be a destination spot for citizens of both Moorhead/Fargo as well as the Red River Valley.

* It should have laser tag if it's a youth center.

* Community Center for the Fargo Music Scene. In an organized fashion. Many of the people advocating this have good intentions, and proper oversight of this project could be beneficial to the community. A pool hall/arcade/music venue/coffee shop area is an interesting idea. The large space may present a problem, and may throw all of this out, but if not, consider the alternatives.

* There seems to be an overabundance of retail businesses, and having more, much less more in that particular location seems poorly advised.

* A science museum is greatly needed

* we could really use a cool community center atmosphere for concerts, looking at and purchasing art, eating great food, and just hanging out. I really think something like this would work well!

* We need a Moorhead side of the river art/music area.

* No retail space or hotel rooms. If we were to do anything like that with this historic building we would be selling our history and part of our culture. Our local musicians and artists could really use a good venue in Moorhead in which they could exhibit their work and encourage other people to pursue their own more aesthetic endeavors. Including a community coffee shop and a workout facility and putting profits back into the building could make it more self sufficient and would provide much sought after services to the community.

* music venue - this would be awesome to provide to the youth. there aren't many really good all age venues around FM.

skatepark - the ONE indoor skatepark is completely insufficient to skate in. way too small, poor design, feels way too crowded and costs way too much.

* I think that Moorhead really lacks many of the more youth motivated things that Fargo has and would be better for it if the power plant could be used for such a thing. So much growth is happening in the suburbs of Moorhead, it would be too bad if the older parts of town were left behind

* The arts and library ideas are nice. I would really like a music venue though. It would be very beneficial.

* This is a great opportunity to have a young adult emphasis for the large college-age population in the area.

* The youth of Fargo Moorhead is running out of places to just hang out and be with each other in a public place. Especially with all ages show venues continuously dwindling, the use of the old power plant should definitely be considered as being used as some sort of youth-oriented all-ages accessible public facility.

* A safe and enjoyable setting for the FM area's youth could be used at the setting. A place such as pool hall or arcade or cafe with a small music venue would make excellent use of the space.

* Making a museum out of a power plant is just wasted space. No one from out of state is going to go out of their way to see a power plant as a tourist attraction. It'd get little attendance if any.

* Library doesn't totally seem necessary since we have one, a physical fitness center may not be successful because the Y is right across the river. * Don't demolish! :(*

- * Priority to youth gathering space. Any other uses should fit around that.
- * Make something for the youth! All those options are more geared towards the older community.
- * Do not resort to condemning any property to sacrifice homes without owner consent.
- * There used to be a place where people over the age of 18 could hang out with older friends and have a good time aka The Venue. After that was taken away there seems to be no place for the 18-20 year olds to go so they resort to getting together with people at house parties and consuming alcohol. By having a place where 18 and up can go you could help cut back on the binge drinking. If you could figure out a way to keep the alcohol separated because I know that was the problem with the Venue, I think that you could have the most successful hang-out place in not just Fargo-Moorhead but the whole area.

From Question #7: Are there other public facilities needed in the FM community? (the Power Plant or elsewhere)

- * A nice symphony would be loved by my wife and I.
- * We desperately need a place for people to go to that are youth or not into bars and stuff. There are increased rates of drunk driving as there is nothing to do except go out to a bar. Young people need this especially to keep them out of trouble. A youth center for anyone, not a pay per membership would be great!
- * A good mid-sized inside performing arts venue, in concert with local colleges and non-profit organizations is probably the most visible F-M community need.
- * I feel there is a need to provide a space available to inform the public of the incredible watershed they live in.
- * Indoor Tennis
- * We sorely lack a fine arts performance center
- * Branch Libraries - the new YMCA & the Center Mall would be two logical locations with parking, MAT & ped/bike access.
- * a Teens recreational Center.
a YMCA-which I understand is coming
- * Indoor musical performing events facility. F-M Opera, JAG, etc.
- * More for children and adults to learn together, i.e. science museum, children's museum, etc. A site to bring intergenerational families together -
- * Not that come to my mind, at this point, but I'm not much of an idea person.
- * Teen Center/Venue
- * Ice rink was available at one time in Knapp park area. Can no longer be kept up apparently . City dollars have not been able to provide a park attendant and activity in Woodlawn for some years now and as a result, swimming and activity not available there. It seems as though the facilities we have should be used with appropriate life guards and park attendants , especially in the Woodlawn area . A portable summer Canteen with a responsible staff person available would be good and a winter warming house in Woodlawn as well.
- * Yes, we need a state-of-the-art fine arts center. This community has so many exceptional performing arts groups (symphony, opera, dance companies, theatre companies) and they have to fit their performances in around college and high school groups. Also, there is no good place in F-M for Broadway touring companies to perform. The Fargodome as a venue absolutely does not do justice to the fine performances sponsored by Gate City Theatre.
- * How about a community fitness center, a downtown area which attracts college students, more lunch-type restaurants, and a clean-up of existing public businesses.

* I think first and foremost is an area for youth. There are always complaints of under-age drinking or gang activity, vandalism ect. What better way to counteract such activities than a place where youth can go to hang out and keep away from house parties.

* -Local music Venue

-Pool Hall / Lounge

-Cafe

-Art Center

-band practice space

-Recording studio

* With our long winters it would be nice to see a Rockefeller center style ice rink in a very visible public style park. A monument style park with art on display like sculptures, plaques of history, and various subjects with community in mind.

* Something for all aged kids to gather and hang out!

* The old Walmart could also be used as a venue much like the Hub but instead of many bars in one, we could use an all ages appropriate setting with fast food chains and a main venue area. This could attract a lot of business, job opportunities, and recreation for the FM area. We already have the Venue, Fargodome, and Civic Center but we could use something a little more friendly to regional and local acts.

* I think the Fargo/Moorhead desperately needs a place for young teens to hang out. There are few music venues for teens under 21 to attend.

* There needs to be a place where area youth can meet in a safe environment to have a good time without the influence of alcohol and drugs.

* VENUE, RECORDING STUDIO, YOUTH CENTER, BOOK COLLECTIVE, SKATEPARK, CAFE, POOL AND ARCADE. It would be great to combine all these in one for the kids.

* A place for the youth. A place to hang out. A place to call their own. A place for gathering to do anything or nothing. A place for social behavior to take place, outside of a school setting and more like a community. A place for direction and inspiration and an outlet for the younger generations to express themselves without the eye of authority looking down on them. If a kid likes hip-hop... give him a space to practice that. If your bored with sitting around, try a free yoga class by an instructor that might be willing to donate time to teach yoga while your son is at a rock concert down the hall and your daughter is in a community computer lab of donated computers working on an English assignment.

* Yes I feel that a community center operating under the goal of improving life can vastly improve this area. With many branches stemming from the original goal and a team that is constantly brainstorming I feel like there could be an unlimited flow of new events and new opportunities for kids and their parents to get involved with learning and making the best out of life.

* Indoor Skatepark, Community Center with a game room, place for local bands to perform and just a place for kids to go and hang out and stay out of trouble.

* -Local Venue

-Pool Hall / Lounge

-Cafe

-Art Center

-band practice space

-Recording studio

-Arcade

-Indoor Skatepark

* More museums

* CONCERT VENUES!

* local venue

* and indoor skatepark

* I think there needs to be a safe place the youth can go and have fun and stay out of trouble.

* Youth center/music venue for all ages

* 18+ club

* Music venues for kids and teens. Most of FM's music venues only allow shows for those who are 21 years of age and older. Those that allow All Ages Shows, offer very crowded space.

* skatepark

* A music venue for kids and just a place for them to hang out

* I think the FM area is always in need of more. Too many things to list.

* A local venue, a community center for youth/young adults. Something more constructive for kids to do.

* youth center, musical venue

* nowhere else that I can think of at them moment

* somewhere for kids not old enough to drink can go and mingle, with out the influence of alcohol

* -Local Venue

-Pool Hall / Lounge

-Cafe

-Art Center

-band practice space

-Recording studio

-Arcade

-Indoor Skatepark

* Parkland along the river is extremely important to quality of life in this community.

* We could use a Dinosaur museum. Seriously. Everyone loves dinosaurs and western ND is chock full of them. Bring some of that to the FM area.

* There should be a place where kids could go after school to do both of these, Do school work, and have fun if they want to. Should have ample internet access and teens should be able to work there and run it. Like Run by Teens For Teens

* The idea of a teen and young adult center would involve the whole community. Local artists, local bands and a chance to show the young a new look on life.

* Youth centered, all ages emphasized: Local Music Venue, Pool Hall / Lounge, Cafe, Art Center, "Lans" video/computer gaming area, band practice space, Recording studio, Arcade, Indoor Skate park.

* We need more retail, consumer focused shops in the downtown area, the moorhead center mall is PATHETIC, turn it into a grocery store...Whole Foods preferably

* More music venues for up and coming bands

* Performing Arts Center, Science Museum, more art museums, better and more libraries, bigger and better zoo, and public art centers.

* A place for teens to hang out without the pressures of alcohol and drugs. A safe and cool hangout

* We need a place that takes an active role in fostering the arts at a community level. A venue that gives a broad spectrum of artists a place to showcase the products of their labor. As is we have a few locations that fulfill a portion of these needs, but we are lacking an anchoring point for the creative energies that are so abundant in this city. What we need more than anything is ability to shine.

* youth center / music venue

* We really need a workout facility with an indoor pool that is close to 13th Ave. and 45th St S. There are so many housing complexes in this area, and I know it would be well used and appreciated.

* youth centers and music venues. what's better than getting kids off the streets, away from parties, and not trying to sneak in to bars?

* A general need for more music venues that are all-ages.

* A not so high priced music venue (The Venue, Playmakers, Fargo Civic Center, etc..) A place for local musicians, which the number of local bands and artists is skyrocketing, to call their home.

* More extensive libraries or music venues that have room. Bars are so small and are always booked with bands from the local colleges and universities so it would be nice to have a more spacious venue to showcase more talent.

* Moorhead could use a good community workout facility and a swimming pool. Fitness clubs are too expensive and the Romkey pool is not in an ideal location for many residents.

* a good local music venue or just a community center for the youth to hangout at is needed in FM. a public indoor skatepark would be amazing. the current outdoor one has so many bad influences on kids. excessive underage smoking, fighting, and litter galore. don't get me wrong, the outdoor skatepark is awesome, but some of the people it attracts aren't.

* A safe place to hang out, could include restaurants/fast food, too.

* more venues

* Yes! Fargo-Moorhead really has nothing available for the "under-21" crowd; there are plenty of bars, etc. for those 21 and over; there are no places with music (clubs/dancing places) for under 21 people. We have 3 main colleges in the F-M area, and two community colleges - how is there NOTHING to do in the area unless you're 21? That isn't fair.

* YOUTH CENTERS! there is nothing for teenagers to do in the fm area but get in trouble. i remember when i was a teenager in the area and we would sit around and try to think of something to do and would usually end up doing nothing. kids want a fun place to hang out.

* Yes, there needs to be more offered to the youth in this town. We have 'ok' retail, which could use improvement, but we need something to draw positive attention to this town. I've been to other small town which have had things to offer that we don't have, like a venue with a small coffee shop and arcade inside.

* A community center that targets youth/young adults (16-23) would be great.

* A venue for local and traveling bands.

* Music Venue, or another arts center or museum.

* The FM community definitely needs more options for youth. We need to implement more all-ages shows or more "hang out" places where we can be free to just be with each other

* Indoor Skate Park, All ages music venue

* Venue for music and dances.

* Definitely an open music venue. The community would DEFINITELY benefit in on this, as college students live nearby, so access would be easy for them as well as others in the community and region. Most people have to travel to the Twin Cities to see particular bands, and have an in between that plays quality music would make it more accessible for more Minnesotans and neighbors alike.

* Moorhead should build an aquatics facility that could house an indoor water park, competition pool, gyms, tennis courts, racket ball courts, etc. The main focus should be an 8 lane, 50 meter long by 25 yard wide pool with a separate diving well. Our community needs this kind of facility for our two college swim teams in Moorhead and especially our high school and club swimming teams.

* Something for people under 21!!!! For how many colleges we have in this town (and Fargo) we sure have a lot of people between the ages of 18-21 and the only real option other than movies and bowling is to sit at a random house and drink, and we don't want that! Why not give them an option to go hang out at a place without alcohol!!!! I think it is not only a necessary thing in the FM community but would help tremendously on underage drinking!! HELP?! :)

* A place for younger kids from 14-20 to go and hang out. Dance facilities or club like places would be nice for them.

* A new library is needed in Moorhead.

* Theater space

* As mentioned above, if the power plant would be a great spot for the local youth to hang out at. Many young people around the area cannot find much else to do around town, with the little money that most do have that is.

* local hangout place for young adults

* Youth Center

* What I listed above would be nice to have in the FM community.