



Moorhead Municipal Power Plant Survey

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
<i>Please comment on your agreement with the conclusions of the Power Plant study group as of fall, 2009 in its Stage 2 Recommendations</i>					
It is appropriate to delay decisions about development of the power plant site due to discussion about flood mitigation.	22	26	15	0	0
It is appropriate to delay decisions about development of the power plant site due to the MN budget shortfall.	14	20	24	4	1
<i>The Power Plant study group has concluded that several development options are NOT appropriate. Please indicate your level of agreement.</i>					
The Power Plant site is not appropriate for a large performance venue requiring extensive parking and other support services.	20	26	9	7	1
The Power Plant site is not appropriate for a hotel-type complex.	41	14	5	3	0
The Power Plant site is not appropriate for any use involving heavy traffic or extensive parking.	21	26	9	6	1
<i>The Power Plant Study Group feels some options are feasible and acceptable for future development. (Keep in mind that several of the following options might be developed together in different portions of the site.) Please indicate your level of agreement.</i>					
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The Power Plant site is feasible for a public library	9	25	17	10	2
The Power Plant site is feasible for a recreation center	15	30	13	4	1
The Power Plant site is feasible for a youth/teen center	13	27	15	8	0
The Power Plant site is feasible for studios and art facilities	18	30	8	7	0
The Power Plant site is feasible for non-profit organizations' offices	12	27	14	9	1
The Power Plant site is feasible for a performance center with a small to medium venue	21	26	8	8	0
The Power Plant site is feasible for a farmer's market	19	24	15	5	0
The Power Plant site is feasible for an appropriate museum	15	22	14	10	2
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<i>Please indicate your level of agreement</i>					
The Power Plant site is a valuable city-owned property	26	26	8	2	1
The Power Plant site should be for public use with the possibility of some compatible private uses	18	36	4	5	0
The Power Plant structure should be preserved and reused	27	22	4	7	3
The Power Plant site should be sold to private developers for private use	5	9	20	28	1

Place of Residence (Please select one):

Moorhead - 49
 Dilworth - 0
 Fargo - 11
 West Fargo - 0
 Rural Clay County - 0
 Rural Cass County - 0
 Other - 3

Any other reactions or suggestions?

*science museum. fargo-moorhead/lake agassiz/red river valley museum. theatre. art museum.

*It might help to have some informational meetings that include an opportunity to "see" the area, understand the access, know its history. Why is it valuable? What are the positives and negatives about maintaining it as city owned property? Does it have true historical value as some of the buildings the city has carefully preserved along Main and 4th St. How much parking would actually be available if it were a library? How would that affect homeowners in that neighborhood? Do the same thing you have done with the flood informational meetings.

*Would like to see it developed for public use and good use of the grounds surrounding it. Maybe a recreation center for all ages with rentals for outdoor recreation. Would be great if there was also areas to rent to hold meetings, banquets, parties.

*A library would be a really good use of it.

*Yes, but I have them written down elsewhere, I'll try to remember to submit them... What is the proposal process, and when are the upcoming meetings?

*I don't think this property is of much value to the City of Moorhead. It seems to me that it is an unnecessary drain on city funds and the property should be sold to a private developer, or turned into levee space for the area.

*The city should be finding ways to generate funds adding to the property tax base instead of giving prime land to non-profits and city use that does not pay property taxes.

*They are so many other needs in our city that are much more appropriate for scarce resources and funding. We certainly would not view that the provision of basic services and funding should take a back seat to this. We do not need anymore arts or performing venues. we have many facilities that are dramatically under utilized. The most appropriate use for this would be site clearing and moving some of the low lying activities of Woodlawn park to this higher spot. It would also be a good place to move the Historic cabin to that is sliding off the hill as it could then stay in the neighborhood.

*The flood should be PRIORITY one right now. Get that done then we can discuss these types of things.

*I think a combination of public/private use would be best to prevent future funding problems e.g. the Hjemkomst Center. Youth in Moorhead really need a place to call home.

*A medium size venue would be a great benefit to Moorhead. Seeing is that most venues are in fargo and high priced. This would draw a lot more business to Moorhead, and would give the kids a great place to spend their time. Instead of getting drunk. THIS NEEDS TO HAPPEN.

*As long as whatever purpose is found for this facility accommodates the needs of the community and stays open to the community I believe you will find the support you need despite budget shortfalls. Fundraisers(adequately promoted, perhaps a family friendly carnival of some kind and maybe silent auction?), donations and other such resources will be at your beck and call come this next spring/summer if you can prod people's passion in their community the budget shortfall should play no part of whether or not this project will be completed.

*WE need to be sure we are supporting our Museums and Cultural Centers before we add another. For instance we need to resolve our support for the Rourke Museum Building before we take on other buildings.

*I believe that you should get some large investors and big names interested.

*just make it into a recreation center for kids in the winter for sure so they dont get in trouble because theres nothing to do in this town for kids under 21 in the winter.

*The need for a small/mid performance venue is, in my opinion, the best use of this facility and would fulfill a huge need in our community.

*some of the potential use of the powerplant site would be greatly enhanced by the reliable availability of woodlawn park to compliment it. If planned flood mitigation could assure the nonflooding of woodlawn you would have tremendous possibilities for an inner city recreation and gathering place.

*I would like to see something family and child orientated, Something my family can enjoy. I live very close and would use something with my family on a regular basis.

*Water Park???

*Would love to see it as a recreation center for all ages. Indoor park for kids, game room/teen area, a place to meet friends for any age. Some place to go on a cold winter or rainy day.

*Thanks for the great report! I am impressed with the thoroughness and the completeness. Can any of the 1.4 million dollars be used to upgrade the outside area of the power plant now....such as the bike path near and below the power plant?? It needs resurfacing and leveling off so there are no low pockets that flood.THANKS FOR ALL YOUR WORK!

*I think that if Moorhead has the means to adaptively reuse the facility that option would be preferred, but if there are private entities that have respect for the historic power plant and an agreement would be established to preserve the structure, I am not opposed to private development for private use. In its life as a power plant, the general public wasn't invited inside, so if the opportunity for private development to preserve the structure with a creative reuse, I support the project.

*Thank you for your work--keep at it, and keep us all informed.

*Reasoning for not delaying decisions based on the economic downturn: the design should be a revenue generator for the City, whether directly or indirectly through retention of our college-aged and beyond adults, ages when the individual can pick up and go on their own. Similarly for why the

selling to private developers is discouraged. Delaying based on Flood decisions? Only if a diversion is not an expected outcome. Moorhead is a fine city, somewhat like St. Paul is to Minneapolis (Fargo), potential for a rich accent on the arts, music, community-supported agriculture; Trollwood is in fact a state-of-the-art performance space, something we should be most proud of, as is the Rourke. The Universities and Colleges are an important asset to the Region, maintaining a positive sense of place for our young adults is vitally important to abate any brain-drain. David DeMuth, Jr. - 7 River Oaks Pt. - demuth@umn.edu

*I have a vision for a Moorhead/Fargo Youth Rec Center that would be open in afternoons and evenings and weekends. We have >3 colleges/universities that could be called on to offer internship opportunities in social work, public health, recreation, ... Barry Nelson would be the obviously paid twin city coordinator. Having opportunities for youth, like model train railroad set-up design, with support from local club members, ... Please get creative and start offering more opportunities to our area youth, with mentoring potential, especially those that are from less fortunate backgrounds. Sincerely, Nancy Shappell 701-271-8207 shappell@i29.net

*Are there more pictures of the original buildings? If so, could you please display them on this site? Thanks.

*Power plant should most definitely NOT be sold to the highest bidder. It is a superb location and should be worthy of consideration for various PUBLIC uses. Please do not abandon either building or site. Thank you!

*what you should do is turn it into a neighborhood park with swing set ect ect. 1. low up keep. 2. more or less no more traffic. 3.just mow it to maintain it. its pretty simple. we the tax payers dont need more specials or taxes and we in the neighborhood sure dont want more traffic.....

*I like the idea of some sort of recreation center. With the large higher education community in Moorhead we should brand our community as a youth friendly environment. Biking, canoeing, jogging, and gathering space. Beautify and transform connecting it to the disc golf in Woodlawn. Extending bike paths significantly would also be highly supportive of this experiential site.

*Preserve it. It is the most dynamic, unique structure in F-M. Thank you for being thoughtful and open minded. (Entered online from survey completed at Open House, 1.6.10)

*I would like something I can enjoy with my child, especially since I live across the street!!!

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*the area should be developed for a 55+ middle income homes/condo's with lite comercial for park & home area resident's, but only after a permant souldution for flooding has been acheived and put in place....

*I have lived a block from the power plant for many years now and at first thought it a wonderful idea to preserve it for some other use. We know that adapting old buildings to modern uses is challenging and very expensive. Portions of the existing structure may work, but please do not fall into the mindset of thinking that all old buildings are treasures. A few nice historical photos of it displayed in a new structure would suffice to commemorate this era of Moorhead. When considering new public uses, maintenance and security expenses must be included in the proposals. Flooding will continue some years; how about extending Woodlawn Park to include this site, with picnic shelter and restrooms. Juneve Givers

*The usage needs to be extremely compatible with the scale and purpose of the neighborhood---that means as a residential neighborhood, the use of the power plant needs to conform to the neighborhood's residential nature. Moorhead needs to value its older residential neighborhoods because not everyone wants to live south of I-94 in a sheetrock McMansion. Small scale, older and affordable homes with character are very attractive to certain demographic niches of our community. We lost a great artistic and professor's family to Fargo---as the woman said "Moorhead was so ugly I couldn't think about driving through it every day so we chose Fargo". Moorhead has a reputation for tearing down everything of interest or historical value--this is not a value held by an intelligent population. There is virtually no history or culture left in Moorhead after the developers have had their way---tear down historical buildings to build new fake historical-looking buildings. Go figure.

SPREAD THE WORD! Finding a 'key player' or 'project leader' to pull together a proposal and organize public use of the Power Plant site will be important. If you think of suitable people or organizations let them know, and also let us know.