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Open House Summary Report

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Introduction

In 2007, the Portland City Council approved funding to develop and begin implementation of the East Portland Action Plan. This focused, short-term effort is sponsored by the City of Portland in partnership with Multnomah County. It is designed to build on information gathered in the *East Portland Review* study and look strategically at short-term opportunities to improve livability, as well as long-term strategies to address some of the challenges facing East Portland. The action plan is being conducted by the City of Portland Bureau of Planning with guidance from community leaders serving on an East Portland Action Plan Committee.

On April 2, 2008, a public open house was held at the East Portland Community Center to check in with the broader public on ideas being generated by the East Portland Action Plan Committee. This report is a summary of the public open house feedback.



Who participated?

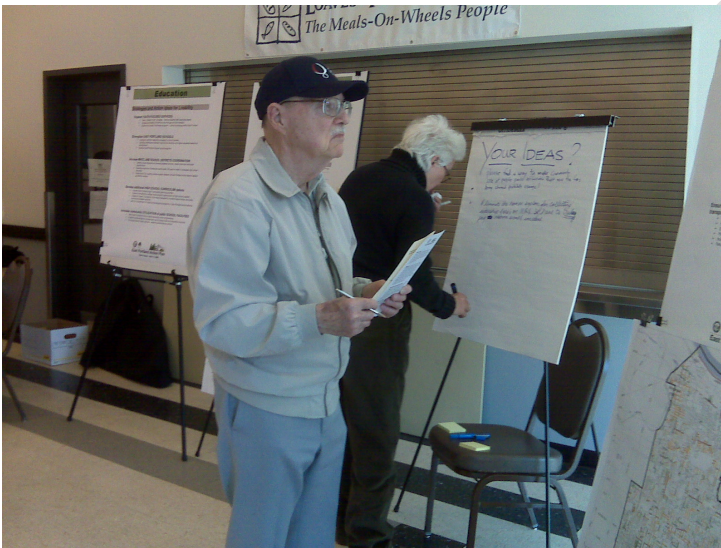
The Bureau of Planning and Office of Neighborhood Involvement issued invitations to the open house via direct mailings to approximately 1000 addresses from East Portland interested parties mail lists, and by email to a broad array of community stakeholders from e-mail lists developed by the East Portland Neighborhood Office (EPNO neighborhood contact lists), and the Portland Bureau of Planning (East Portland Action Plan, East Portland Review, VisionPDX, and other lists). Information about the event was also distributed by ONI's E-Notification group list. The event was also publicized in the Oregonian, Portland Tribune, and East Portland News.

Over 120 people attended the 3.5-hour event. Residents and representatives from businesses and non-profit organizations from all over East Portland attended the event. Many East Portland Action Plan Committee members and East Portland Neighborhood Association chairs were also in attendance. The event was staffed by the Bureau of Planning project manager and staff and the project consultant team to ensure availability to answer questions from the public.

How did people participate?

Attendees to the open house were asked to familiarize themselves with the draft strategies and action ideas for addressing key livability issue areas identified through the process: Housing, Transportation, Infrastructure, Parks/Trails/Open Space, Natural Areas, Sustainability, Economic Development, Commercial Areas, Education, Public Safety, Safety Net Services, Housing Assistance, Community Building, and Equity.

Once familiar, participants were asked to record their questions and comments on the presentation boards, verbally provide information to project team members, and/or complete a questionnaire. Nearly 50 people completed and returned the questionnaire. Many additional comments were provided in writing on the presentation boards and verbally to staff throughout the meeting. The attendees were very active in their feedback, providing insights to their concerns and potential solutions.



Summary of Feedback

In reviewing the comments submitted on the presentation boards and further analyzing responses to the questionnaire, three main priorities emerged as demonstrated by the number and type of responses received. In order of importance:

- ◎ **Safety**
- ◎ **Housing**
- ◎ **Transportation**

Attendees provided details as to their specific concerns and desires in each of these and other areas through the community survey and other feedback mechanisms. The following is a summary/synthesis of the open house responses in the key topic areas. Each topic area discussion includes, as appropriate, a list of top-ranked “concerns” as well as a list of top-ranked “action priorities” as derived from the community surveys and other open house feedback. Details on actual public responses and survey questions can be found in the appendix.

Housing

A large majority of those who responded to the questionnaire (~70%) mentioned “housing” as a priority concern for livability in East Portland. Most of those responses were focused on new development in the area. There were a few comments regarding maintenance and management of existing structures. As has been voiced in the past, top concerns included increased density of residents and lack of commensurate amenities, the location of new residential structures (especially multi-family units), and a perceived lack of quality of new construction.

Housing Concerns

- Location of new housing (Infill, flag lots, multifamily development in single family neighborhoods)
- Increased density or growth (General comments about new residential growth, including “Too many”, “Density too high”)
- Lack of amenities to balance the increased density
- Lack of quality (Materials, design)
- Other (Management, maintenance, “housing” in general)

Housing Action Priorities

- Decrease density
- Increase quality of new development
- Other or general

Transportation

Nearly half of the questionnaire responses mentioned transportation as a primary issue for livability. The comments covered many topics within transportation and, in some cases, suggested very specific improvements. Participants most frequently noted concerns with the lack of sidewalks and street improvements throughout East Portland and the related pedestrian and school-children safety. Corresponding to concerns, respondents frequently suggested improving local streets as a priority action for the East Portland Action Plan. A summary of priority transportation concerns and actions is as follows:

Transportation Concerns

- Unimproved local streets/lack of sidewalks (Unpaved streets, lack of sidewalks - generally)
- Automobile Management (General comments about “traffic”, congestion, speeding)
- Transit Service (Concerns about lack of frequency, lack of service to and from some areas)
- General Pedestrian Safety
- Other/General

Transportation Action Priorities

- Improve Local Streets

- Improve General Pedestrian and Bike Safety
- Improve Automobile Management
- Improve Street and Path Maintenance
- Other/General

Utilities and Infrastructure

Few comments provided were related to utilities and infrastructure. When included, comments were general, “improve infrastructure”, or specific about methods to employ while improving infrastructure, “Use stormwater solutions that work in the long run,” and “Provide funding assistance for seniors to convert from electric to gas heat.” These comments have been included for consideration in the appropriate issue areas categories, including Sustainability and Safety Net Services.

Parks/Trails/Open Space

Those who completed questionnaires rarely mentioned parks or trails. Yet, many comments were received on the presentation boards. Generally, participants are supportive of increasing the park network in East Portland and they desire for existing parks to be improved. A new idea also emerged: focus on landscaping various public spaces including school yards and streets. Recommended Parks/Trails/Open Space solutions are summarized as follows:

Parks Action Priorities

- Provide New Parks and Open Space (Open “natural areas” to passive recreation, active/athletic facilities, look for small pockets throughout neighborhoods and at school facilities)
- Landscape Public Areas (Include trees and non-grass/native landscaping, schools, street spaces, vacant lands)
- Other (Funding, community gardens, partnerships)

Natural Areas and Sustainability

Few comments were received with relation to Natural Areas or to Sustainability. Those that were given were requests for providing better access to natural areas throughout East Portland and sustainable solutions for stormwater management.

Commercial Areas and Economic Development

A moderate number of responses to the questionnaire and comments on the boards related to commercial areas and economic development. Generally, concerns related most to lack of commercial services in many parts of East Portland and prioritized solutions were concentrated on work force and job development.

Commercial/Economic Development Concerns

- Lack of diverse retail (Especially needed within walking distance of residential areas)
- Vacant commercial building (Prioritize reuse over new development)
- Decreasing or stagnant income and educational levels

Commercial/Economic Development Action Priorities

- Commercial and mixed use development (Within walking distance of neighborhoods and transit; especially in underserved areas)
- Match job training to job opportunities in East Portland
- Encourage more small businesses
- Promote businesses with family wage jobs

Education

Many comments were complimentary of the strategies and action ideas presented. Other comments regarding education were focused on quality of school facilities and growth in school children population in the area.

Education Concerns

- Overcrowded schools
- Schools overwhelmed/challenged by community change

Education Action Priorities

- Ensure adequate school capacity (Facilities in place before approving new development)
- School Facility Funding (Earmark permit fees for school facilities)
- Develop education partnerships
- Provide adult learning opportunities (Tie together education and economic development; provide civics education, English classes)

Public Safety

Public Safety was the concern noted most frequently by open house attendees. These typically addressed crime-related safety issues. However, respondents also considered the lack of sidewalks and speeding cars to be public safety issues. These are addressed under other topics. Many of the concerns have been noted throughout the process and considered by committee members. A few new concerns were mentioned: noise pollution (barking dogs, freeway noise) and negative impacts of vacant buildings. Largely, the concerns and solutions prioritized are aligned with the strategies and actions that have been developed:

Public Safety Concerns

- Rapid growth leading to crime
- Gang activity
- Graffiti and litter
- Deterioration of properties (Lack of maintenance/upkeep, vacancies)
- Groups loitering and truancy
- MAX safety
- Safety at Parks and Trails
- Drug house reporting and cleanup

Public Safety Action Priorities

- Graffiti abatement
- Gang Prevention
- Community cleanups
- Increase community policing and police patrols
- Public outreach for public safety
- Enforce code violations and animal control

Safety Net Services and Housing Assistance

Very few attendees noted Safety Net and Housing Services as a concern for East Portland (beyond the strategies and actions already noted). However, a number of suggestions were provided for assisting those in need in the area.

Safety Net & Housing Services Action Priorities

- Provide a teen community center
- Increase soccer facilities
- Increase support for independent elderly and disabled
- Increase funding for schools/family/housing partnership
- Provide a Health Clinic

Community Building

As with Safety Net Services, few participants noted concerns with Community Building, but offered many ideas for improving the good work underway.

Community Building Concerns

- No centralized point for community information
- Lack of strong neighborhood associations

Community Building Action Priorities

- Create neighborhood programs for elderly and disabled residents (Reach out through Neighborhood Block Captains)
- Inventory and promote East Portland's positive attributes
- Promote community building among all ethnicities
- Create community gathering places (Create places unique to East Portland)

Equity

As has been noted throughout the process, there is concern that East Portland is not receiving a fair share of amenities and services. The feedback received was general in scope, but relates to provisions for each of the other issue areas.

Equity Concerns

- Lack of attention from City leaders
- Inequitable distribution of resources

- Lack of housing/income diversity (Perceived disproportionate abundance of publicly-subsidized housing)

Equity Action Priorities

- Foster equitable distribution of revenue and resources (Increase spending in East Portland to compensate for past imbalance)
- Create stronger neighborhood connections (Funding East Portland advocacy position)



Next Steps

Information from the public open house will be shared with the action plan committee and considered in formulation and refinement of action strategies and action items. The information will also be considered during any future process for prioritization and implementation of actions.

Appendix 1: Comments on Strategies and Action Ideas for Livability

This section contains the list of strategies and action ideas presented to the public, along with comments received.

- Original actions ideas are denoted with a solid “bullet”
- **Community comments and new ideas are in bold and marked with a circle “bullet.”**

The comments have been edited for clarity where appropriate and in some cases have been moved to most appropriate categories.

Housing

Improve **QUALITY** of housing

- Enhance (housing and nuisance) code enforcement
- Improve the design and quality of new multi-family housing
- Create housing rehab program with urban renewal dollars (*underway*)
- Provide financial incentives/other mechanisms for materials upgrades
- Undertake demonstration projects for quality housing
- Expand community home repair and rehab programs
- Implement Courtyard Design Competition (*underway*)
- Provide more amenities and improved design to attract middle-income residents
- Improve education and training for developers - convey the benefits of design and quality improvements
- **MAINTENANCE/MANAGEMENT: Emphasis on homeownership programs, no more rentals with negligent landlords**
- **QUALITY: Create design requirements/ mandatory design overlays in high-impact infill areas, i.e. PGNA.**

Improve **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION** and **PARTICIPATION** in land use

- Improve notifications to schools; better neighborhood notification
- Expand translation of City information; assist non-English speakers
- Expand capacity of East Portland land use committee and neighborhood leaders
- Develop classes to improve technical capacity and expertise for neighborhood leaders

Improve **REGULATIONS AND PROGRAMS** for new housing development

- Study impacts of housing tax abatement policies
- Review policies and zoning of Outer Southeast Community Plan
- Improve flag lot privacy issues (*underway*)
- Explore design tools and infill compatibility tools
- Address tree code and preservation issues (*underway*)
- Address planning and design of development around transit /MAX (*underway*)
- Fast-track development review for quality development
- **LOCATION/SIZE: No 3 stories**
- **LOCATION/SIZE: No more shot gun houses**

- **LOCATION/SIZE:** I don't like those ugly skinny houses
- **LOCATION/SIZE:** No 3-story homes in single family home neighborhoods.
- **LOCATION/SIZE:** Use a stair step approach to new construction as the new building meets the existing neighborhood structure. Increase set back as a transition.

Address LONG RANGE PLANNING for housing

- Link new housing development to transportation infrastructure and connectivity
- Provide for or promote a broader variety of styles of housing for different needs (possible over emphasis on rowhouse/town house model)
- Address all components of good neighborhoods, such as parks and schools, when planning for housing
- **AMENITIES:** Individual houses that have no sidewalks (like the two just up the street on the East side of the street) should have sidewalks put in my the City with property owner charged (on lien on property)
- **AMENITIES:** (Provide) open space with town house development
- **LOCATION/SIZE:** No apartment houses in single home neighborhoods.
- **DENSITY/GROWTH:** No more apartments in Glenfair.
- **EQUITY:** Evaluate 'affordable housing' inventory – too many agencies, rules, regulations.
- **OTHER:** Create new housing to south & require use of solar panels on roofs

Your Ideas for Housing

- **HOUSING ASSISTANCE:** Remove stumbling block to home ownership- Many do not know basic benefits to saving for down payment, etc. Partner with local banks/ credit unions to offer classes- people who complete course receive incentive- perhaps matching \$ if save interest for required time toward 1st home purchase. (Portland Housing Center offers classes)
- **HOUSING ASSISTANCE:** Let first time potential home buyers know the true cost of home ownership. Their more than just a mortgage payment. There is insurance, property tax, maintenance, yard care etc. If more knew this we'd have fewer slum-like houses cropping up.
- **HOUSING ASSISTANCE:** Eliminate tax abatement.
- **OTHER:** Work on crime 1st/ build later

Transportation

Improve TRANSIT SERVICE throughout East Portland

- Prioritize planned transit stop and shelter improvements in East Portland
- Increase North/South transit service, especially for workforce and student travel needs
- Study transit service demand in Foster/Jenne Road/Pleasant Valley area
- Increase frequency and coverage of transit options throughout East Portland
- Pursue bus rapid transit on Powell Boulevard
- Improve transit facilities (including shelters) along Sandy Boulevard
- Develop pilot program for free bus service for students during school commuting hours

- **TRANSIT SERVICE:** (Provide more) parking lots on 205 rail line.
- **TRANSIT SERVICE:** (Improve transit service on Glisan) Reducing buses on major streets like Glisan to once an hour, and stopping runs at 6pm creates a disincentive to use mass transit
- **TRANSIT SERVICE:** Need more N/S transit routes to connect to MAX, especially on 148th and 162nd
- **TRANSIT SERVICE/SAFETY:** Eliminate the honor system for collecting ridership fare's on MAX. If have to truly pay income would increase AMEN.

Increase PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE SAFETY (AND CONVENIENCE)

- Identify low cost/high impact maintenance-type improvements on Powell Boulevard
- Initiate Powell Boulevard street improvements/planning
- Implement pedestrian safety improvements on Glisan, Halsey, Stark, Division, 122nd Avenue, Powell, Foster, Sandy, and Burnside
- Identify sidewalk improvements through the Safer Routes to School program
- Review code standards and consider revisions to ensure sidewalk improvements with new development
- Increase street lighting (as needed) throughout East Portland
- Separate bike lanes from pedestrians when planning routes
- Improve north/south bike connections in East Portland

- **PED SAFETY & ACCESS:** Improve pedestrian paths through super blocks and commercial areas – access routes to MAX station
- **PED SAFETY:** 136th Powell to Foster is a pedestrian death trap; also 117th Burnside to Division
- **PED SAFETY:** Difficult to cross Halsey in order to ride transit, especially east of 122nd
- **PED SAFETY:** Add sidewalks in locations where they are needed instead of widening existing ones
- **SAFETY:** Add bus pullouts to streets instead of curb extensions...
- **PED/BIKE SAFETY & ACCESS:** Multimodal improvements to 136th Avenue to Division to Foster
- **PED/BIKE CONNECTIONS:** Improve connection to 205 bike/pedestrian path at Crystal Springs Blvd
- **HANDICAP ACCESS:** Wheel chair accessible sidewalks within ½-mile of every bus stop
- **BIKE ACCESS:** – East to West – Powell, Holgate and Division is unsafe for bikers

Ensure East Portland receives an EQUITABLE SHARE of transportation planning and services

- Prioritize East Portland schools for Safe Routes to School Funding
- Prioritize East Portland streets for Safe, Sound and Green Streets funding
- Establish ongoing East Portland Neighborhoods transportation advocacy group
- Provide East Portland-specific bicycle safety education and outreach (*underway*)
- Increase street sweeping and sustain higher level of service
- Refurbish and maintain landscape traffic islands on NE Sandy and NE 122nd Avenue

- **MAINTENANCE:** Prioritize road maintenance and paving.
- **MAINTENANCE:** Street cleaners need to clean SE 139th Avenue (off Foster)

- **MAINTENANCE:** on Foster and 111th on the south side there is not grass, glass on street it is dangerous. The Brookside wetlands prohibit you from walking on the south side.

Improve CONNECTIVITY, CAPACITY AND LEVEL of improvements

- Repair potholes throughout East Portland in a timely manner
- Acquire right of way for streets in the Central Gateway area
- Develop alternative and flexible improvement standards for unimproved streets
- Improve/pave all unimproved local streets; aim for “green streets”
- Evaluate policies for building sidewalks during development process (require construction of sidewalks at time of development)
- Improve signal timing on Burnside at East 102nd and East 122nd
- Develop a connection from Powell Butte to MAX Green Line
- Improve transportation access, especially to schools, within Pleasant Valley
- Reduce “superblocks” in area; improve road capacity and circulation and shorten routes
- Complete the local street network east of I-205
- Promote and improve the Springwater Corridor as a multiuse commuting path
- Connect natural areas to the transportation system
- **IMPROVE LOCAL STREETS: SE 117th (Burnside – Division) sidewalks and curbs. Heavy pedestrian area and lots of schools (4 in area)**
- **IMPROVE LOCAL STREETS: Pave 127th between Burnside and Stark.**
- **IMPROVE LOCAL STREETS: Pave unimproved streets before new larger projects**
- **IMPROVE LOCAL STREETS/CAPACITY: Widen roads and build sidewalks.**
- **IMPROVE LOCAL STREETS: Connect streets that lead to schools (staff: pedestrian or roads?)**
- **IMPROVE LOCAL STREETS: Don’t acquire ROW for streets in the Central Gateway area if the street is not improved**
- **IMPROVE LOCAL STREETS: Pave our unimproved streets before making a huge investment in 12-lane bridge or massive streetcar system**
- **IMPROVE LOCAL STREETS/TRAFFIC: Spring Water Trail needs parking lots, shouldn’t have access to Spring Trail if street is not paved**
- **AUTO MGMT: Top priority: stop traffic congestion.**
- **AUTO MGMT: Work on Mt. Hood freeway**
- **AUTO MGMT/PED SAFETY: Improve Powell Blvd**
- **AUTO MGMT: Improve southern access ways to East County to get Gresham communities off our side streets as they avoid Burnside, Stark and Glisan**
- **OTHER: Visual quality needs to be improved on Powell through Gilbert**

Your Ideas for Transportation

- **OTHER: Fill area between the road on the walk with a material that doesn’t require homeowner maintenance on Burnside between 122 and 160th**
- **OTHER: Plant more trees along busy roadways.**

Utilities and Infrastructure

UPGRADE and MAINTAIN Public Utilities and Infrastructure throughout East Portland

- Improve Powell Butte Reservoir
- Re-pipe Powell Valley wells for capacity/emergency
- Improve capacity to Columbia Groundwater well fields
- Develop a “concurrency” plan that matches infrastructure needs with the pace of development - in particular housing

Your Ideas for PUBLIC UTILITIES + INFRASTRUCTURE

- **LIGHTING:** (Improve) Lighting = safety
- **EQUITY:** Taxes generated from new housing in SE should go to us. We need it for policing and streets.
- **SAFETY NET:** Provide funding assistance for seniors to convert from electric to gas heat
- **ENVIRONMENT:** (Use) storm water solutions that work in the long run and don't require a lot of enforcement

Parks + Trails + Open Space

Develop SCHOOL/PARK joint use facilities

- Expand the Schools/Families/Housing partnership mission to include parks
- Develop Parks uses on school properties
- Develop a joint use master plan for Glenfair Park and Glenfair School
- **SCHOOL/PARK:** School/spaces, playgrounds and fields should be used more fully as resources for the entire community, 7-days, throughout the year. This means we all help school districts operate and maintain spaces.

Improve EXISTING PARKS

- Improve/develop access to Bundy Park (**141st and Foster suggested**)
- Develop Beech Park
- Develop master plans for undeveloped parks
- Partner with community organizations to build play structures
- Address gaps in Columbia Slough Trail and Marine Drive Trail
- Designate mountain bike area on Powell Butte to reduce conflict with hikers/walkers
- **OTHER:** Need community process to name “Beech Property” - protect stream first
- **FUND EXISTING:** Get money and finish East Holladay Park

Develop NEW PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTERS

- Build a community-built park - per VisionPDX
- Develop community center at Parklane Park
- Find land and build more sports/parks practice fields throughout East Portland
- Develop “Gateway Green” open area between I-84 and I-205

- Identify opportunities to develop small parks (**especially in regional center at Gateway**)
- Develop a linear park between NE 99th and NE 100th (from Outer SE Plan)
- Develop trailhead for Springwater Corridor Trail
- Identify opportunities for Water Bureau property to be developed as parks
- Identify opportunities to regenerate 'brownfields' into parks
- **NEW PARK: Provide safe and adequate open space and athletic resources for East Portland**
- **NEW PARK OPP: Parks/open space between houses**
- **NEW PARK OPP: Gateway Green (mountain bike opportunity)**
- **NEW PARK OPP: Freeways fumes are a concern in Gateway green area. Adding many trees/shrubs will help a lot.**
- **NEW PARK OPP: 102nd and Pacific (across from Fred Meyer) develop vacant land (5+ acres) into park**

Create Access to and Develop FACILITIES FOR WATER BODIES

- Develop paddling facility near I-205 to access Government Island and other facilities for launch points
- Consider launch points along Johnson Creek
- Create access to Fairview Lake/Mud Lake for kayaks
- Maintain access to slough and river as parcels develop in that area (**including Colwood Golf Course.**)
- Partner with drainage districts for access to river and slough

Develop new MULTI-USE TRAILS AND GREEN CORRIDORS

- Identify streets that can provide north-south connections for linear parkways that combine bike trails and walkways (such as 139th Avenue)
- Add street trees to existing streets to create green corridors
- Develop the Sullivan's Gulch trail
- **NEW TRAIL OPP: Support innovation – Sullivan's Gulch and Gateway Green**

Your Ideas for PARKS+TRAILS+OPEN SPACE...

- **LANDSCAPING PUBLIC AREAS: Why are there so few trees on school properties (Parkrose High School)? Lawns require fertilizer., water - a lot of maintenance**
- **LANDSCAPING PUBLIC AREAS: Innovation- Contents of use vacant lands school garden competition, partner w/ non-profits and events to improve reinvent open space land.**
- **LANDSCAPING PUBLIC AREAS: Support street planting – flowering/colorful trees**
- **ENVIRONMENT/PARK: Use BES properties for passive recreation**
- **COMMUNITY GARDENS: We need gardens. Community food grow space for future post oil**
- **HOUSING/PARKS: Park and Rec., Planning and PDC/BHCD- Coordinating to link multifamily housing w/ parks, open spaces and reinvention**
- **PARK USE: Please find a way to make community use of public parks affordable, Right now the fees being charged prohibit usage.**
- **OTHER: Secure bike storage (staff: in parks?)**

Natural Areas and Sustainability

Improve NATURAL AREAS

- Improve Johnson Creek habitat and flood storage
- Advance Powell Butte wildfire protection
- Support and develop “Gateway Green” concept between I-84 and I-205
- Leverage METRO land purchase in Lava Domes area to begin “Forest Park East”
- Develop Citywide Tree Code initiative to address tree/development issues (*underway*)
- Potentially open the east end of Columbia Slough (issues with flooding and levy system pump station)
- Control invasive species – ivy, etc., especially along the Columbia Slough
- **ACTIVE USE: Include neighbors impacted by trail usage – increase safety.**
- **ACTIVE USE: Semi developed acquired park lands (at least make them useable until they can be developed more**

Commercial Areas and Economic Development

Provide COMMERCIAL AND MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT opportunities throughout East Portland

- Explore adding commercial zones on Powell & 136th Avenue
- Redevelop 92nd and Harold for mixed use
- Explore commercial and mixed use development opportunities in Powellhurst-Gilbert on SE 122nd Avenue
- Explore commercial and mixed use development opportunities in Northeast neighborhoods: Argay and Wilkes
- **COMMERCIAL REZONING: Create more “community” areas within walking distance of neighborhoods. Improve commercial district planning on transportation corridors**
- **REDEVELOPMENT: Redevelopment of 102nd between Pacific and Gilson in Gateway Area. Go up, go green**
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: More business development on foster between 112th and Barbara Welch; More independent business between 122nd and Barbara Welch**

Promote VITAL and HEALTHY multi-use commercial areas

- Support Business Improvement District model for key commercial areas
- Promote parts of 82nd Avenue as an ethnic/Asian district
- Expand the storefront improvement matching grant program throughout East Portland
- Develop an arts/entertainment facility or district – possibly in Gateway
- Support the Avenue of Roses Parade – expand to include a street fair
- Sponsor workshops about retail and business district revitalization and development
- Develop a map of local, small, and unique businesses in East Portland
- Develop unique/iconic signage/artwork for business districts
- Explore and remove barriers to small business/restaurant development in East Portland

- Support pedestrian infrastructure improvements in business districts

Increase/promote WORKFORCE TRAINING opportunities

- Promote East Portland as a location for trade and technical schools
- Develop relationships with business community for mentoring (students)
- Develop clearinghouse program to connect people to existing job training opportunities
- Increase awareness of small business assistance programs

Connect and promote PUBLIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT efforts

- Develop partnership between city, county, and state economic development agencies and promote business recruiting strategy for East Portland, especially for living-wage jobs
- Develop work skills profile for East Portland; target business recruitment
- Expand and fund the Bureau of Housing and Community Development's Economic Opportunity Initiative for micro and small business development
- Explore opportunity for public uses in key commercial areas (Gateway, Lents, MAX Stations)
- Develop a small business resource center
- Promote East Portland as a film/movie location

Education

Expand YOUTH-FOCUSED SERVICES

- Start a "Mentor East" campaign - linking students with business people
- Increase availability of SUN schools throughout East Portland
- Create local student exchange program – cultural exchange within East Portland and **tie into language immersion programs**

Strengthen EAST PORTLAND SCHOOLS

- Develop a schools marketing campaign to recruit families
- Develop connections between high school students and higher-education/workforce development
- Develop East Portland magnet school programs

Increase MHCC AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS COORDINATION

- Identify at-risk students and develop targeted services; explore alternate education opportunities
- Develop programs to locate and assist adults (25 years or older) to complete high school education
- Create forum for ongoing communication between all East Portland school district leaders and MHCC and PCC leaders

Develop additional HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM options

- Include East Portland youth in education planning activities
- Expand cost-effective college credit program opportunities for high school students
- Augment Career Consortium (inter-district programs) to expand opportunities and better coordinate between districts
- Add full complement of trade and professional programs in East Portland school districts

Increase community UTILIZATION of public SCHOOL FACILITIES

- Work with Portland Parks to add community center programming
- Explore partnerships to increase joint use of playgrounds and playfields at schools

Improve EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Provide free full-day kindergarten at all East Portland public elementary schools
- Advocate through legislature and others for statewide funding
- Increase academic component for East Portland kindergarten students
- **HEALTH CLINIC**

Increase PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT in and access to public schools

- Identify issues and develop program to reduce cultural barriers to school/parent interaction
- Create opportunities for parents to interact with schools in a positive way: art, food, music, student performances
- Outreach to parents to educate them on their rights to advocate for their children
- Develop English language learning and civics education classes for parents

Your Ideas for EDUCATION...

- **LIBRARY SERVICE**
 - Increase branch library service – explore partnerships at schools
 - Add book drops/activity centers (small scale libraries) who pays?
 - Add 2 more libraries
- **SCHOOL FACILITIES:** Appropriately compensate East Portland schools for facilities usage and maintenance
- **EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Improved education= improved economic development_ E. Portland is seriously underutilizing our human capital-strengthen E. Portland schools and links to PCC/MHCC/PSU etc.
- **SCHOOL FUNDING** Make builders pay a percentage/Sq.ft. to go towards our schools for improvements and maybe more schools
- **COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES:** Agree with expanding college credit opportunities for us students

Public Safety

Enhance COMMUNITY POLICING efforts in East Portland through PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGING

- Initiate a multi-lingual “OK to Call” non-emergency public safety campaign (*in progress*)
- Add culturally-specific domestic violence resources to messaging campaign
- Broaden outreach for community policing to diverse communities (*in progress*)
- Initiate “Community Policing Citizen of the Month” program (*in progress*)
- Expand Block Captain Program
- Increase participation in East Precinct Advisory Committee (*in progress*)
- Institute a “311” phone system that allows residents to place a single phone call for information/services
- Develop police force in East Portland that reflects the community diversity

Pursue GANG PREVENTION PARITY

- Audit and adjust resource allocation for gang prevention
- Increase resources for gang prevention in East Portland
- Increase children's activities and parenting resources

Develop comprehensive, sustainable GRAFFITI CLEAN-UP AND PREVENTION programs

- Create an East-focused graffiti prevention task force (*in progress*)
- Use Multnomah County corrections work crews for cleanup, where feasible
- Initiate targeted graffiti clean up of key areas (*in progress*)
- Develop an ongoing adopt-a-block program
- Provide funding for youth and community groups to fundraise through graffiti clean ups
- Develop an on-going graffiti removal program that has a high level of frequency and coverage

Improve safety and conduct on TRI-MET FACILITIES

- Provide enhanced security in Park and Ride lots
- Sustain/enhance TriMet security measures on trains, stations, park and rides
- Post safety, contact and conduct info on TriMet facilities and vehicles
- Develop phones/communications at every MAX station
- Increase police/security staffing on MAX
- Explore MAX platform design to allow for use by transit riders and restrict general access

Increase SAFETY throughout East Portland

- Proactively address code compliance issues, not just respond to complaints (*underway*)
- Assess street lighting levels in key crime hot spots
- Increase safety through physical design improvements - lighting, sidewalks, activity centers
- Increase safety improvements along the Springwater Corridor and I-205 Path, especially at trailheads
- Seek inter-jurisdictional partnerships to ensure borderless crime fighting
- Require Good Neighbor agreements for significant new development
- Explore ways to prevent identity theft such as encouraging use of locking mailboxes

Increase PROPERTY CRIME POLICING

- Reestablish Auto Theft Task Force

Your Ideas for PUBLIC SAFETY

- **LITTER PROGRAM:** There needs to be a litter program, more trash cans along the streets and media campaign to inform and ??? people to "put it in"
- **AIR POLLUTION:** Stop polluting the air with wood burning stoves
- **CODE COMPLIANCE:** Tougher penalties for people who need garbage services, barking dogs. Fees that can pay for meth houses being destroyed.
- **METH HOUSES:** Find more help to get rid of meth houses in David Douglas

- **COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT:** Find an anchor store in Meadowland shopping area 174 and Powell
- **BIKE INSURANCE:** for riders 16 and older
- **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Agree W/ proactive code enforcement (2)
- **POLICE/TRI-MET:** TriMet needs their own police. Portland needs to be on the street, YES.
- **TRANSIT FARES:** Will platform design idea-build in longer ticket validation time? I punch my ticket just prior to boarding to get maximum use.
- **ADEQUATE PARKING:** Do not open up trail (Springwater) access for public to unpaved streets parking on Springwater Corridor. Not on our unpaved streets abutting trail
- **COMMUNITY POLICING:** True Community policing does not happen in Portland. Many neighborhood problems police are aware of are not addresses and there appears to be no interest in problem solving. I agree.
- **SIDEWALKS:** We need sidewalks- especially in neighborhoods around schools so that student can safely walk to school. Connect the sidewalks together.
- **RECYCLING PRACTICES:** Have a discussion with Fred Meyer/ Safeway stores concerning the hours of their recycling center to help manage the crowds that it attracts at all hours of the day. Folks that roam the neighborhood and gathering recyclables and breaking into cans and homes.
- **SIDEWALKS:** Sidewalks on 136th Powell- Foster

Safety Net + Housing Services

Assist in STABILIZING low income residents/families

- Increase energy assistance for low income residents in East Portland
- Pilot a Schools/Families/Housing rent assistance program to assist families to remain in one home throughout the school year.
- Expand the Lents Homeownership Initiative model to all of East Portland: stakeholder-driven, marketing campaign, community leadership
- Increase funding and outreach for home maintenance assistance to low income homeowners
- Increase services for single, homeless adults in East Portland

Assist in DIVERSIFYING neighborhoods

- Provide more amenities and improved design to encourage development that is attractive households with a range of incomes (low to high)
- Increase sustainable homeownership for moderate income households
- Increase opportunities for minority homeownership

Increase support for INDEPENDENT ELDERLY AND DISABLED

- Create a good neighbor program through block captains, tailored to reach out to elderly and disabled residents
- Build support system through community building efforts/increasing social infrastructure

Promote “RESIDENT SERVICES” COORDINATORS

- Institute policy requiring ongoing provision of coordinator for publicly-financed properties

- Develop mechanism to require or incent hiring of a coordinator at existing multi-family housing, private and public
- Develop recreation and interaction activities for younger multi-family housing residents

Redirect and ASSIST INDIVIDUALS with misdemeanor offenses

- Institute the Portland Police Bureau's Project Clean Slate in East Portland (program to aid with rehabilitating/clearing low-level criminal offenses from record – way to open doors to jobs, housing, education)
- Schedule Project Clean Slate on an ongoing basis (annually or bi-annually)

Increase availability of AFTER-HOURS/SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Institute SUN schools throughout East Portland
- Increase funding to after-school programs such as Boys and Girls Club, Police Activities League, etc.
- Increase access to community-based youth athletic programs
- Organize community-led soccer tournament open to all East Portland youth

Your Ideas for SAFETY NET + HOUSING SERVICES...

- **SOCCER FIELDS:** Provide soccer/ athletic fields to East Portland youth
- **PUBLIC HOUSING:** Support enhancing policies around public housing but think most of infrastructure to enforce should existing in HAP
- **READING PROGRAMS:** Fund reading programs. 60-703. ESL students
- **LARGER MULTI-FAMILY UNITS:** Less studio apartments and more multi-bedroom housing with permeable yards where children can play supervised by parents.
- **SCHOOLS/FAMILIES/HOUSING:** More community grants through school/families/ housing
- **CONCURRENCY:** Stop allowing more multi family dwelling to be built in David Douglas until there are adequate facilities to accommodate growth, such as more schools, parks and sidewalks.
- **STORMWATER AND PLAY AREAS:** Require apartment complexes to have permeable grounds to accommodate rain water and provide play areas for children
- **OFF-STREET PARKING:** Require apartment complexes to provide adequate off- street parking. One parking spot per apartment is not reasonable in our auto driven society. The overflow parking is clogging our neighborhood streets.
- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Enough low income housing. We don't need any more on Foster Road East of 122nd
- **NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUPS:** More neighborhood dumpster drive ups – Help those who need help with this.

Community Building

Increase interaction among CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND GEOGRAPHIC NEIGHBORHOODS

- Promote block parties/develop block party kit to distribute to organizations (*in progress*)
- Provide community translation services to remove barriers between ethnic communities

- Create an annual cultural/ethnic event (*underway*)
- Organize community walking/biking tours – to explore and discuss issues (*in progress*)
- Provide additional support (staff) for community organizing (*in progress*)
- Provide support to neighborhood events and celebrations (*in progress*)

Empower East Portland citizens in CIVIC DECISION-MAKING

- Build ongoing advocacy group to sustain and build on the East Portland Action Plan effort
- Host City Hall week in East Portland
- Develop/hold leadership classes to build capacity
- Assess and improve East Portland's participation in City/County policy and budget setting

Involve East Portland residents in creating a COMMUNITY IDENTITY

- Develop survey instruments/tools for community conversations
- Establish a “listening post” or information center at existing events
- Initiate community conversations at community forums regarding identity

Create community GATHERING PLACES

- Further develop areas to serve as an eastside “downtown” / gathering places
- Identify / target areas for community activities
- Develop “gateway” plans for East Portland entries
- Support East Portland as the location for a citywide multicultural center

Foster and MARKET EAST PORTLAND'S POSITIVE ATTRIBUTES

- Promote positive media stories for East Portland
- Develop marketing campaign about why East Portland is a great place to buy a home
- Inventory East Portland's unique assets and promote them
- Create a longer-term marketing/media campaign to publicize East Portland attributes

Your Ideas for COMMUNITY BUILDING...

- **POWELLHURST/GILBERT NEIGHBORHOOD:** Create event for Powellhurst/Gilbert need stronger neighborhood association
- **COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS:** Support the development of community newspapers
- **COMMUNITY INFORMATION:** Find someway to communicate all those ideas to residents of outer East Portland

Equity

Foster an EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION of public resources

- Initiate equity audit of City and County: taxes and expenditures, representation, schools
- Provide annual East Portland “set aside” for neighborhood projects

Foster regional equity in DISTRIBUTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Look at ways to balance regional affordable housing supply – fair share.

Your Ideas for EQUITY...

- **DISTRIBUTION OF URBAN RENEWAL FUNDS:** There was money left over from Pearl District Urban renewal - Spend it on outer East Portland
- **DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES:** As we are seeing very little if any City dollars spent here.
- **URBAN RENEWAL SPENDING FLEXIBILITY:** More flexibility in urban renewal spending
- **ADVOCACY:** Create an advocate position for funding neighborhood groups
- **STRONGER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS-** I want to be able to call who cares about our problems and will not tell me there is no money for our area.
- **INEQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Put more low income housing in the Pearl District and save East County from BLIGHT.
- **TRANSPARENT PARTNERSHIPS:** Transparent partnerships with community and City Bureaus
- **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING:** Forget about Sauvie Island bridge transplant and give the money to East County (David Douglas)
- **IMPLEMENT ACTIONS:** Communicate and act on proposals- Demonstrate citizen involvement in concrete and long-term methods.

Appendix 2: Community Survey Feedback

This section contains the actual comments received in the community survey.

Question 1: Do you live in east Portland? If so, which neighborhood?

- 128th and Burnside (2)
- Between Powell and Holgate on 130th (2)
- Centennial
- Cherry Blossom (3)
- Colson Subdivision
- David Douglas
- Foster Run on 139th off Foster Road (2)
- Gateway
- Gilbert Powellhurst
- Glenfair
- Hazelwood (8)
- Lincoln Place (2)
- Mill Park (5)
- Montavilla
- NE 141st, Between Burnside and Glisan
- Pleasant Valley (1)
- Powell- Butte
- Powell Gilbert (2)
- Powellhurst Gilbert (4)
- Russell (2)
- Starkwood
- Wilkes
- Woodland Park

Question 2: Do you work or provide services in east Portland? If so where?

- 4610 SE Belmont SE ADS
- 9204 SE Hawthorne
- Alice OH middle school
- Automotive Parts
- Businesses on 82nd SE, write for SE paper
- Crime prevention, Hazelwood, Mill park, Lents and Powellhurst-Gilbert
- Gateway care center
- Human Solutions-122nd and Powell
- Mobile Locksmith
- NE 127th and Stark
- Pacific Power
- Painter- everywhere
- Portland Adventist Hospital
- Providence Medical Center
- Retail- Albertsons
- Retired (5)
- Self employed
- Sno-Cap volunteer
- TRIMET Powell Garage
- Volunteer at School

Question 3: What do you like best about living or working in east Portland?

- I like it because my growing up years were in East Portland. I remember a more upper class East Portland. Stores were close by, Schools not crowded. People were polite.
- Affordability.
- I live less than 2 miles from where I work and can get to most things I need without having to get on a freeway.
- Easy to get around-car/ public transportation.
- Transportation option-was a major consideration. The biggest complaint I hear is the length of time it takes on the bus as opposed to driving. Perhaps all buses could have 15-minute schedules.
- Close to 205 to get out of town. The area is getting too crowded.
- Closeness to all activities i.e. parks, schools stores, etc.
- Green spaces, quiet neighborhood close to schools areas to walk dogs.
- The mix or urban/rural environment.
- Central location access to airport, library-DDSD everything.
- Open, green w/ small communities.
- Location.
- Central access to freeways, rail, collector streets. Pretty quite.
- I love the open spaces and the country feeling.
- Diversity.
- The home like feeling with homes with yards, trees and landscapes.
- Thinking about moving out of the area.
- It is my life long home town.
- Neighbors not so close, not so crowded.
- Short blocks/ streets.
- It was better before we were annexed: 1) It used to be single family homes 2) low crime 3) peaceful lots of beauty and trees 4) felt safe 4) not anymore.
- Diversity and Potential (that's two things but I like them both best).
- It has been a wonderful area to raise a family until recently. It has been open, but is rapidly becoming apartment dense.
- Originally- a quiet, desirable area still may positives. Community Center is one!
- The yuppies are far away.
- Affordability of housing and convenient shopping.
- My neighborhood and neighbor.
- Powell-Butte.
- I have loved the neighborhood-lived here 26 years but last 5 years I see signs it may be time to move. Gang graffiti, sirens multiple times a day and night. Pit bulls everywhere.
- Large residential lots: safety to walk in neighborhood.
- I enjoy having a backyard in an established neighborhood that is affordable and doesn't look down on my neighbor's yards.
- Easy to find your way around. Powell Butte is a treasure.
- Large lot.
- East Portland is a community unto itself. Unfortunately it seems to be ignored by City Hall.
- Easy access to freeways/ work.
- Area is level- good for walking easy access to freeways and mass transit- MAX commuter, doesn't look like urban California.
- What I like best- more room empty land, there does not have to be something on every inch of land.
- Affordability- close to parks, Powell Butte, green Spaces, but some of this is rapidly diminishing.
- Easy access to freeway and areas of work.
- Less as train goes by. Affordable housing, to begin with.

Question 4.1: Please list your top three concerns about livability in east Portland

- Drug houses- rentals where owners are negligent.
- Growth too fast/ Crime up.
- Overcrowding - apartment complexes dumping hundreds of new people into an area with limited public services.
- Crime/Safety.
- Trash on the streets and at bus stops without trashcans (and some with) and some MAX stations.
- School.
- Gang violence, graffiti.
- Housing.
- Infill.
- Poorly designed multi-housing.
- Housing infill.
- Education.
- Safety.
- Changing zoning codes to allow more commercial properties within what was once residential is wrong.
- Grocery stores in area South of Burnside-as well as outer areas.
- No apartment housing in single family neighborhoods.
- Crime/Safety.
- New development without any landscaping 122nd and Ramona SE corner.
- Over crowding in school.
- Polluting the area with wood burning stoves.
- Transportation-bus turnouts so busses stopping for passengers do not block other traffic and cause motorists to consume fuel.
- Traffic congestion-speeding.
- Need curbs and paved streets in all areas promote walking for health.
- No sidewalks on 117 between Stark and Division.
- Crime/public safety.
- To many apartments in certain areas.
- Area has been ignored for too long (by the city and downtown financial interests).
- Crime.
- Transportation .
- Leave us alone.
- The trash abandonment on Burnside the City doesn't do anything about.
- Freeway noise.
- Public safety in and around MAX (if you don't feel safe walking to MAX you aren't going to use MAX).
- There are no sidewalks, making for a very unsafe situation when walking to the grocery store or bus stop. The boulevard is also unsightly, with no consideration given to landscaping. Beautifying Powell Blvd is needed for the community and those who travel through.(A project similar to MLK).
- Lack of animal control.
- Transportation - many areas of East Portland have sporadic bus service and inadequate or no shelters.
- Regulations regarding zoning of new housing, specifically flag lots!
- Crime/ Safety.
- Density.
- Speeding automobiles.
- Crime.
- Declining economic status of residents.
- Not safe for bicycles to be between cars and (parked) cars bicycles s/b off road.
- Ill-managed apartment complex.
- Density without amenities or infrastructure. This is not family friendly.

- Drug houses.
- Safety.

Question 4 (2): Please list your top three concerns about livability in east Portland

- Overcrowding with apartments. And low income housing (builders need to pay tax for schools).
- Taxes from growth is going where?
- Overcrowded and overwhelmed schools.
- Housing.
- Groups of young people out during the day (School?). Parents need to be responsible.
- School.
- Deterioration of properties on 122nd. Looking like a slum.
- Crime.
- Infill.
- Lack of public safety and social services to support.
- School crowding.
- Traffic.
- High density.
- Too many multi family dwellings, High rise apartments, too many people per square feet.
- Safety in outer area.
- Flag lot construction.
- Sidewalks.
- Unsafe roads with no sidewalks 136th between Powell and Foster.
- No parks of places for kids to play in high density areas.
- Speeding in neighborhood.
- Less studio transit housing more multi bedroom housing with yards for children to play.
- Crime.
- Tagging.
- No more housing, way too much now (low income).
- Tax payers have little really no control on what's happening in their area. City doesn't care. Impact on schools not addressed.
- Long standing infrastructure and capital needs are growing more critical, just as the economy starts shrinking.
- Housing/population density.
- Public safety.
- Do not plan everything.
- The glaring housing codes abuses that clutter up the front yards of property on Burnside that are left to neighbors to point out to the City.
- If you want to use a Portland Park to hold a community gathering (funfair etc.) the fees to use the parks is so much you can't afford to use your own tax payers' park. Make it affordable if you want to use the park for community building.
- There appears to be no consideration for aesthetics when building a house or apartment complex. For example, flag lots are disappearing and houses are being built on any available space- at an alarming and discouraging rate. I have not seen this kind of development in any other part of the city.
- Increase of violence and graffiti.
- Availability of diverse retail. We must still drive good distance to get to book stores or specialty groceries, pharmacies etc.
- See above- concerns w/ cheap building.
- Preserving open spaces.
- Skinny houses.
- Noisy automobiles (after 10:00).
- Housing.
- Increasing traffic and congestion-priority given to traffic not pedestrians.

- Too many apartments too close together.
- Code violations; City wide - not limited to East County.
- Traffic and pedestrian safety, especially Powell Blvd.
- Low income housing to much lot fill-ins.
- Influx of too much housing without developers being responsible to provide infrastructure.

Question 4 (3): Please list your top three concerns about livability in east Portland

- Not enough upper end retail to balance out taxes we pay.
- Too many unpaved streets. Yet they access Springwater Trail. Streets will get worse.
- Safety-lack of livability-sidewalks, parks, places to socialize.
- Parks/Trails.
- Empty business buildings need to be put to use before new ones built.
- School.
- Traffic.
- Crime (see infill).
- Badly managed rental properties.
- Infrastructure.
- Neighborhoods.
- Panhandlers, graffiti.
- Not listening to residents concerns and doing what you want to do. Traffic! Building! Zoning! Taxes!
- Too much/ many apartments.
- Skinny housing on little pieces of land.
- Parks (lack of).
- Kids walking in street in areas with no sidewalk.
- Add sidewalks where needed instead of replacing/widening existing ones.
- Over building- too many houses on lot that once held one single family house.
- Houses without yards for children to play in, people enjoy a yard. Cross walk at 122 and Main/ Salmon, should be some sort of light to slow cars down!
- Crime, litter way up.
- Income and educational levels are stagnant or losing ground - the past decade of prosperity did not reach East Portland.
- Displacement of people from urban renewal areas to outer SE and no city funding for outer SE.
- Commercial areas/economic development
- We are asking our schools to take the place of parents. Parents need to take responsibility for their own family.
- Traffic on Powell Blvd. has increased as the development has increased. Has there been any consideration given to the impact on traffic with all of the development? Powell Butte is experiencing more traffic and not all of it is positive. I live at the base of Powell Butte on the N side and see the changes in the environment weekly. There has been gang graffiti on the signs, trees and benches. Garbage and destruction of trails is greater then ever before. There are also "homeless" camps on both N and S side of the Butte. With the increased development (low income apartments, duplexes and homes) there has not been an increase of green spaces and parks for children and families. My husband and I have been living in SE since 2001. I have been a resident of Portland since for the past 15 years. We chose to live in SE because of Powell Butte, as our back yard is adjacent to the N side of Powell Butte. I am an itinerant teacher in Portland for Portland public schools and have the opportunity to see many neighborhoods in Portland. What I see happening in SE, along the Powell Butte corridor, concerns us very much and needs to be addressed by the city.
- Reduction of buses on streets like Glisan - discouraging mass transit option. 10 plus blocks from light rail-plus over crowded light rail. Might as well drive.
- See above- density exceeding police capabilities.

- Infill gone crazy!
- People who already live here are ignored.
- Burglary.
- New business.
- Declining infrastructure.
- Unwarranted bad reputation.
- Cutting down trees. Please look at this right away.
- Rentals not being well kept.
- If I have questions, concerns, who cares?

Question 5 (1): Which three strategies or action ideas (for improving livability in east Portland are the highest priority for you?)

- Reduce multi family dwelling-more single family owned occupied homes
- Crime
- Address all components of good neighborhoods, such as parks and schools, when planning for housing
- East Portland receiving its fair share from the city, don't forget that there are residents that own homes in the gateway area-
- Housing linked to public transportation good- Also need services and business in MAX (Sunnyside rd. with mall , dentist, restaurant hair place, groceries, ect. every mile a good example-puts some jobs in neighborhood.
- Make school the number one priority before any development is approved.
- Public Safety
- Johnson Creek Protection
- Safety Net
- Community engagement/ outreach for public safety
- Schools-Ed.
- education partnerships
- open space, Comprehensive Plan Designations has no green space in Gateway (from Halsey to Stark)
- Housing
- commercial development
- Improve natural areas and create more
- Prioritize EP (east Portland) streets for safe, sound and green streets funding
- Improve the building code to force more greenspaces in new development
- less density- less apartments
- develop a partnership... promote business for family wage jobs
- increase support for independent elderly and disabled
- Sidewalks
- Butte to Butte trails (Kelly to Rocky) before land is unavailable
- education
- Housing Livability
- public safety and gang, graffiti enforcement and prevention
- Improve/ pave all unimproved local streets. Look at 119th between Alder and Morrison-Please!
- I have lived in this area for 40 years and I have never seen a plan that works. All plans need to be revised as conditions change, but you do not recognize changes that happen naturally.
- Landscaping Burnside
- Safety
- transportation-sidewalks on Powell Blvd. Increase pedestrian and bike safety
- South facing housing with solar panels
- Improve sidewalks

- Better neighborhood notification re: housing and land use.
- streets and sidewalks
- Repair potholes
- Community building
- transportation
- Low income housing
- Review policies and zoning of outer Southeast Community Plan
- cut back on multi- family housing 122nd and Foster-East
- More police patrols

Question 5 (2): Which three strategies or action ideas (for improving livability in east Portland are the highest priority for you?

- More private businesses (coffee shops-clothing) grocery stores- more theaters
- Enforce yard clean-up in a positive manner (some people need help)
- Education-require adequate school facilities to be available before allowing any more apartment complexes to be built.
- Development/clean up empty lots on 102nd Avenue between Pacific and Glisan
- Need to work on education and job training to match job availability in area
- Make all streets safer when development is taking place
- Education
- More walking/ bike trails
- gang outreach resources
- community building
- Open space/ parks and athletic opportunities
- transportation
- transportation
- public safety
- improve/pave all unpaved streets
- More landscaping is required for a shopping center than new housing developments
- develop alternatives and flexible improvement standards for unimproved streets
- create neighbor programs through Block captains tailored to reach out to elderly and disabled residents
- Sidewalks
- Concept is great- Sullivan Gulch to Gateway green!
- quality housing and apartments
- Economic development and Education (can't have one without the other)
- equity strategies and City spending dollars on outer SE
- Initiate graffiti clean-up
- Housing (limit high dens.)
- Parks and trails and open space- increasing all of them! Develop new parks and community space
- Foster an equitable distribution of public resources. Especially for school districts- Parkrose, David Douglas, Centennial.
- Enforce code violations
- Improve natural areas by preserving more of them
- utilities and infrastructure
- improve all unimproved streets
- education
- public safety
- Economic dev. Inc. arts
- Increase pedestrian and bike safety

- Lack of help w/ concerns in my neighborhood 139th and Foster area, i.e. barking dogs drug houses

Question 5 (3): Which three strategies or action ideas (for improving livability in east Portland are the highest priority for you?

- Open green spaces with walking trails and parks. Plant more trees and add sidewalks to streets and pave all unpaved streets
- More garbage dumpster clean ups
- Gang prevention- increase resources for prevention
- All ideas under education and job training to match job availability in area there are numerous centers in area that need good caring certified nursing aides
- Take a percentage of all permit fees and mark them for school. To be used for land, building, etc. Not salaries or normal expenses.
- Community building- involving all ethnicities
- Develop more parks
- Graffiti Abatement
- Parks trails
- equity of revenue and resources
- utilities, schools
- housing
- develop new trails and green corridors
- institute prospect clean slate in East Portland
- Inventory East Portland's unique assets and promote them
- explore commercial and mixed use development opportunities in Powellhurst Gilbert on 122nd Avenue
- Sidewalks
- open space, parks and natural spaces
- Safety net/services
- Improving housing development has apartments and more home ownership. Education
- community building
- Market East Portland's positive attributes.
- Create community gathering places- not like downtown. Instead model after Hawthorn-The Pearl, Belmont
- Develop Citywide Tree Code initiative. Address tree code and preservation issues.
- Safety net/housing services
- Synchronize stop signals to allow through traffic to proceed at 35 MPH (A La San Francisco's 19th Avenue)
- public safety
- commercial development
- Compliance enforcement
- Address tree code and preservation issues.
- More private businesses, coffee shops no more apartments 122nd and Foster East.!
- Getting information to residents

Question 6: Please tell is if there are other strategies or actions that you would like to be considered in the East Portland Action Plan.

- More community policing and access to police in our neighborhood (give them more ability to get rid of bad or drug influenced people.) Create roundabouts in streets. Lacey Washington has great examples. Reduces speeding, created green spaces and helps traffic flow.

- Housing-new housing and business buildings should be oriented to south and solar panels used (should be requirement of all new construction. Agree with most ideas put forth need to make sure that all of these agencies, communities boards etc. are providing outcome analysis (?) for the programs and that SE resources (and efforts, and money) are not overlapping
- Stop talking and so what needs to be done in Lents
- Land use planning, Johnson Creek Basin Protection, Light Rail station area planning
- All ideas
- Improve sidewalks within 1/2 mile of every bus stop to encourage use of public transport
- Infill development needs to fit the scope, size scale and character of existing structures and have some green space requires not built property line to property line. Neighborhood needs to have some say over zoning
- Build fewer apartments, multi family units with no play areas for children
- Get grocery to move into old Albertson's specifically Trader Joe's. Consider a satellite PCC in the current County jail bldg. 122 and Glisan
- Possibility of more patrols throughout Central Gateway by County and City ? Due to crime stats.
- Create a community teen center and programs for activities fro kids. This keeps kids off the streets and not causing crime. Mae builders responsible to build better buildings. Make owners responsible for interviewing better quality tenants
- Infrastructure, Parks/ Open spaces. Creating community- less apartments and more home areas.
- Please do not make such a fine-grained plan, it's a waste of time and money.
- Get money - should be spent on clean-up East side Max lines on Burnside with beautification projects like trees and that strip of land between the sidewalk and the road owned by the City but left to homeowners discretion to maintain
- Dealing with Gangs
- Strategy-increase the money proposal for budget to help improvement the Action Plan
- Return music to the schools-studies show strong connection between music/ math and graduation rates. Creative beautify/ edible garden contest to utilize "small pockets" of land. Partner w/ landscaping companies/ ;landscape architects/ schools/ daycares/ non profit organizations. Install solar/ wind power on public bldgs- schools. Plant trees- low water landscaping instead of all that grass.
- Approp (sic). Compensate East side Schools funding-Education- Improve design of in builds. Review flag lot privacy issues
- Preserve the character of Portland- leave some of the signs of out history for future generations
- Need to force pedestrian path access through large block areas, presently pedestrians are blocked by fences in many areas, and forced to use round about paths along busy streets
- Zoning changes that will protect more trees which in turn will make infill more attractive, which may slow down building multi-units. That are not built with neighborhoods in mind.
- Get agencies (city, county, state) working together so there's coordination in places, projects, communities, etc. Is there a phone number to contact to get information on concerns?

Question 7: Please share any other comments below.

- I want home owners responsible for rental properties to be taxed heavily for properties neglected. Tax i.e. pay penalties and fees for neglected properties, bad tenants drug dealers. I want properties confiscated by the city for drug houses that homeowners neglect.
- Thank you to everyone who is volunteering working on this effort it is appreciated beyond measure

- We need to get our Portland Police off the max line and on the street. TriMet can create their own security
- quality of life is a subjective term
- Agree with all points below, community building infrastructure and everyone.
- City of Portland should worry about Portland Schools and leave David Douglas School alone!
- Make an effort to improve quality of life in " Outer Southeast" - the City does not end at 82nd
- I voted three times to not be a part of Portland. Fourth time we were made part of Portland. We were promised better livability. Instead. Single family homes have been destroyed. Why don't they put more low income housing back downtown.
- Stop cutting down trees. We want clean air and trees are work happens for that
- 119th street between Alder and Morrison is impossible: becoming a dumping ground. In last month a City of Portland truck with a crane was used to remove a large Oregonian box. Undesirable taking over "street". Safety is an issue
- You guys want to spend \$ 7,000,000 for a bicycle bridge within one block of an existing bridge for people to ride bikes, thinking they are special!
- We need one speed bump on our street
- I don't always agree with the plans and decisions but I'm thankful we do have a plan.
- I appreciate all of the work that has been done to improve the livability of SE Portland. Thank you! But how far will \$ 5000,000 go?
- Rather than just fining/ penalizing negligent home owners (nuisance complaints) offer option to attend class to learn skills to better care for home and landscaping. I hate addition of bike lane w/o commitment to enforce them. So many cars drive in them on 122nd that lines disappear. Police even drive in them-making it unsafe to ride a bike there. Bikes are always on sidewalks I called Police to enforce vehicle using 122nd @ Halsey as a turn lane and dispatch refused to report! I spoke with 5 people wearing "badges" about Action Ideas- Asked for more information... what does this mean. But they could not tell me. They were nearby- most could not respond to me intelligently. They were nice, enthusiastic- but not informed. Disappointing.
- Great Job- Thanks for listening
- Preserving the open spaces and the larger neighborhood trees and homes that show some of our history with their character should be generic new small trees and modern structures to the extent that they are being replaced.
- Development of the Gateway area will require a new electrical substation and transmission line access to it. It should be included in Planning.
- To many multi- family dwellings 122nd and Foster East 122nd and Powell South