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1.	Have you all spoken with the city about the proposed street improvements/road diets? I ask because bicycle lanes are not part of the EBR ped/bike master plan that was approved in 2020 by the metro council. The complete street committee I think would also need to be aware of this recommendation and discrepancy from the master plan to determine feasibility/next steps.	BREC	The pedestrian and bicycle facilities recommended in this plan build off of the recommendations in the Ped/Bike Master Plan - and are developed at the community level, which the master plan did not address. Additionally, the revised sections with off road bike lanes are in alignment with recommendations of the MOVEBR project and the planning commission.
2.	On page 53 it notes “BREC or DOTD to identify or develop a program to maintain trees.” Not sure which trees you are referring to but BREC would only maintain trees within their parks and DOTD would only maintain trees in their ROW of state owned roads (unless they have JUA with BREC/City to maintain in specific DOTD ROWs). Any street trees within the ROW of city owned roads would be maintained by the city.	BREC	Addressed: Action Item changed to read “Determine appropriate agency/agencies to develop a program to maintain trees, based on tree location. (Possible agencies include BREC, the City-Parish or DOTD)”
3.	Thriving Community Strategy 2.2: Streamline the commercial and residential development process, Action Item: Request the Department of Development to expedite review or waive third party review fee requirements for commercial and residential development within targeted development area. - All permits are done third party as of 2022	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Action Item changed to read “Request the East Baton Rouge Parish Department of Development to expedite and waive review fee requirements for commercial and residential development within targeted development areas consistent with this plan.”
4.	Welcoming Neighborhood Strategy 1.1: Action Item: Amend the East Baton Rouge City-Parish’s zoning ordinance to allow mixed use developments by right. Currently a planned development is required for mixed use developments - new zoning districts should be integrated into the development code to reduce uncertainty in the development review process. - This is already allowed in zonings NC through C5 (live work, and multi-family above office)	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Action Item changed to read “Initiate a new mixed use zoning district that promotes desired development and eliminates the potential for new heavy commercial or industrial uses along these corridors. Alternatively, amend the Unified Development Code so that existing commercial districts that allow mixed-use development require incompatible commercial and industrial uses-such as tire sales, outdoor storage, etc.-to obtain a conditional

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			use permits.”
5.	Welcoming Neighborhood Strategy 1.1: Action Item: Provide incentives to implement development projects such as: Providing clear guidelines for renovating historic buildings. - <i>and brownfield sites</i>	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Action Item edited to include bullet point that reads “Provide clear guidelines for renovating historic buildings and brownfield sites.
6.	Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategy 1.2: Action Item: Review zoning restrictions to ensure they support standards for infill development. Regulations that may require review include - Parking standards - <i>Part of Scotlandville is in Old Town the Redevelopment Overlay District, another resource</i>	BR Planning Commission	Noted
7.	Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategy 1.2: Action Item: Review zoning restrictions to ensure they support standards for infill development. Regulations that may require review include – Nonconforming lots and uses. <i>Chapter 7 has tools in place to allow non-conforming sites to be developed by right.</i>	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Revised to include Chapter 7 regulations
8.	Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategy 1.2: Action Item: Enact a property tax abatement program - <i>Restoration Tax abatement is available for rehabbing buildings, but new construction is not and would have to be done at the state level</i>	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: The Action Item revised to read “Encourage developers to work with the City-Parish to take advantage of the state Restoration Tax Abatement Program, for infill development for existing structures within economic development and historic districts, as well as opportunity zones. This program provides an up-to 10-year abatement of property taxes on renovations and improvements of existing commercial structures and owner-occupied residences.”
9.	Offer Density bonuses at infill locations - <i>Can be done through an overlay, similar incentives are being done on Plank. Language</i>	BR Planning Commission	Removed

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	<p><i>should mention the overlay. But most areas of North BR are not building to the maximum densities.</i></p> <p><i>A4 zoning is active again (43 units /acre)</i></p>		
10.	<p>Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategy 2.2: Adaptively reuse vacant buildings. Action Item: Evaluate existing barriers - eliminate pre-development costs like remediation - <i>skipping site remediation could increase health disparities, Brownfield program does exactly this...(local program as well as state)</i></p>	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Action Item changed to include information on the Revolving Loan Fund, which can be a resource for site remediation.
11.	<p>Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategy 3.1: Provide modular housing Action Item- Review ordinances and building codes to remove barriers to building modular housing - <i>Modular housing is allowed, what other barriers are there? This may confuse people to think that modular homes are not allowed</i></p>	BR Planning Commission	Removed
12.	<p>Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategy 3.2: Encourage home improvement and neighborhood investment initiatives. Action Item - conduct a housing conditions assessment to determine the level of need - <i>This is already done, Office of Community Development</i></p>	BR Planning Commission	No change
13.	<p>Community Image and Beautification Strategy 1.1: Develop and implement a commercial Facade Improvement Program. Action Item: Partner with BRAC to develop a facade improvement program for businesses along Scenic Hwy - <i>BRNEDD, Build Baton Rouge typically do facade grants, better to partner with those who have existing facade programs.</i></p>	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Action Item revised to read “Support and expand existing BRNEDD and Build Baton Rouge facade improvement programs.
14.	<p>Community Image and Beautification Strategy 1.1: Develop and implement a commercial Facade Improvement Program. Action</p>	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Action Item revised to read: “Through the SCDC or other non-profit, bring business and property

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	Item: Develop design guidelines for businesses for style, color scheme etc - if done as a review, this would add time, costs and another level of review to projects		owners together to develop guidelines for businesses in order to set a standard for a cohesive strategy in style, color scheme, branding, and overall community image. These guidelines would be implemented through the facade improvement programs.”
15.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 2.1: Develop design standards for infrastructure Action Item: Section of Scenic Hwy at Swan Ave (facing north) - Consider a separated/off road bike lane	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: separated bike lane is recommended
16.	Community Image and Beautification. Strategy 3.1: Make walking and biking easier throughout Scotlandville Action Item: Implement a community bikeshare program - Already have a bike share, perhaps "expand" is better word	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Action Item revised to say “Expand the existing community bike-share program- Gotcha Bike Sharing- to place stations within the Scotlandville community so residents and students have easy access to bicycles and additional mobility.”
17.	Rendering of bluff development at Southern University: strictly opinion... the only natural bluff in BR, rendering is excessive in concrete, seating and shade yes, perhaps less concrete or more natural material.	BR Planning Commission	Noted
18.	Connecting Scotlandville, Southern University and Beyond: Strategy 1.4 Create a Scotlandville Cultural District - this is done	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Revised to “Promote and support Scotlandville as a cultural district.”
19.	Connecting Scotlandville, Southern University and Beyond Strategy 2.2: Action Item: Establish and enforce design standards for major corridors surrounding Southern University, including Scenic Highway, Swan Avenue, Scotland Avenue, and Harding Boulevard. - again, this could create barriers	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Updated to remove “design guidelines”
20.	Mixed-Use Corridor Priority Action Items: Develop and implement design standards and guidelines to align frontages of building	BR Planning Commission	Removed

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	<p>facades, bring buildings up to the street, and place parking at the side or rear of buildings. Implement design standards to create a sense of place, continuity, and uniformity along mixed-use corridors which include storefronts and display windows, signage, lighting and street trees. - <i>could be done through overlay, but also create barriers to development ex.. Florida Overlay</i></p>		
21.	<p>Mixed-Use Corridor Priority Action Items: Initiate a new mixed-use zoning district that promotes desired development and eliminates the potential for new heavy commercial or industrial uses along these corridors. - <i>C-AB rezonings can be controversial and this may be problematic.</i></p>	BR Planning Commission	<p>Addressed: Priority Action Item revised to: "Initiate a new mixed-use zoning district that promotes desired development and eliminates the potential for new heavy commercial or industrial uses along these corridors. Alternatively, amend the Unified Development Code so that existing commercial districts that allow mixed-use development require incompatible commercial and industrial uses-such as tire sales, outdoor storage, etc.- to obtain conditional use permits."</p>
22.	<p>Mixed-Use Corridor Priority Action Items: Consider implementing a "Pink Zone" program to simplify zoning and building codes so projects in the Scotlandville area (and other struggling redevelopment districts) can get going more quickly by making the bureaucratic red tape so light it looks pink. - <i>lets discuss, elements of a pink zone as outlined by CNU, maybe to eliminate environmental impact reports in an area that is an EJ community seems inappropriate</i></p>	BR Planning Commission	<p>Addressed: The Priority Action Item revised to include "Health and safety reviews such as environmental impacts and neighborhood adjacency reviews would continue to be required in pink zones."</p>
23.	<p>Mixed-Use Corridor Priority Action Items: Initiate a land acquisition program to provide developable sites for local entrepreneurs. - <i>This is Build Baton Rouge land bank</i></p>	BR Planning Commission	<p>Addressed: Priority Action Item edited to read "Expand Build Baton Rouge land acquisition program in Scotlandville to provide developable sites for local entrepreneurs."</p>
24.	<p>Mixed-Use Corridor Rendering - <i>Rail blocks access, creating an internal development</i></p>	BR Planning Commission	<p>Revised mixed-use area to not extend across rail line</p>

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25.	Neighborhood Preservation Priority Action Items. - Add neighborhood registry as a resource	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Priority Action Item added: “Encourage neighborhood groups and organizations to register with the East Baton Rouge Neighborhood Registry, whose purpose is to promote neighborhood preservation and improvement. Neighborhoods in Scotlandville that are currently registered include Southern Heights, Park Vista, and Perry Place.”
26.	Neighborhood Mixed Use Priority Action Items: Provide rebates for platting, zoning, and permitting. - point to existing incentives which are under used and could cover these costs	BR Planning Commission	No change
27.	Priority Strategic Actions - First 1 to 2-year Actions (DRAFT) 2. Create a detailed inventory of buildings available for renovation or adaptive reuse and vacant properties available for redevelopment, including property contacts. - Brownfield program can do this and Scotlandville is a targeted neighborhood	BR Planning Commission	No change
28.	Priority Strategic Actions - First 1 to 2-year Actions (DRAFT) 4. Work with the City-Parish Planning Commission to review the development code, area zoning, and development processes to remove barriers to development and ensure that the types of development desired are easy and straightforward to accomplish. - identify	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Action Item amended to address specific code amendments and enforcement.
29.	Opportunity Zones: Scotlandville and most of north Baton Rouge are designated Opportunity Zones. Opportunity zones are credited for spurring economic development, like in downtown Baton Rouge and in southeast East Baton Rouge Parish. - ?	BR Planning Commission	Removed

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30.	EPA Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program - <i>mention the local and state program as these would move faster.</i>	BR Planning Commission	Revised to include Baton Rouge Brownfields Program
31.	EPA Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program: The Brownfields Program was started in 1995 to help communities and government entities work together to clean up contaminated properties. The program provides grants for environmental assessments, cleanup, research, community outreach, and more. This program is particularly helpful to offset the cost of environmental remediation often associated with demolition or redevelopment of deteriorating older buildings or lots previously used for industrial purposes. - <i>demo is not the goal of this program</i>	BR Planning Commission	Removed
32.	EPA Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program: The Brownfields Program was started in 1995 to help communities and government entities work together to clean up contaminated properties. The program provides grants for environmental assessments, cleanup, research, community outreach, and more. This program is particularly helpful to offset the cost of environmental remediation often associated with demolition or redevelopment of deteriorating older buildings or lots previously used for industrial purposes. - <i>also smaller scale uses such as gas stations, dry cleaners and historic structures, see website for language</i>	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Sentence added to the paragraph discussing Baton Rouge Brownfields Program to read “Eligible sites include abandoned or underutilized areas that have real or perceived contamination issues, which can include former gas stations, dry cleaner locations, and industrial business sites.”
33.	State Programs: Louisiana Enterprise Zone - <i>local program can piggy back on the state incentive, project must be located in an EZ</i>	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Sentence added to read “A new local incentive program can piggyback on this state program for projects located within Enterprise Zones.”
34.	Existing Economic Development Efforts:	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: Sentence added to the end of this section and reads “Many of these resources can also be found on the Louisiana Economic Development FastLane

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	Baton Rouge North Economic Development District (BRNEDD) - <i>Louisiana Economic Development oversees most of these programs, link to their Fastlane, Historic tax credits done through SHPO</i>		website, https://www.opportunitylouisiana.com/business-incentives/fastlane , which provides searchable database for incentives data and manages applications for these incentives.”
35.	Land Use & Zoning: Zoning: Zoning regulates what kinds of uses are permitted on specific parcels of land and outlines design and development requirements, such as building height, setbacks, design requirements, landscaping, and other regulations. - <i>consider rewording</i>	BR Planning Commission	Addressed
36.	Land Use & Zoning: Zoning: However, the many disjointed zoning districts within such a small community can pose a challenge for potential investors and developers to navigate; they should be able to easily understand required development standards and regulations. A review of the zoning ordinance to streamline the districts as they pertain to Scotlandville is warranted, to ensure they do not create unnecessary barriers to investment. In addition, East Baton Rouge City-Parish should consider updating zoning ordinances to permit mixed use development by right - so property owners do not have to navigate a Planned Unit Development to build an appropriate mixed use development. - <i>already allowed, see earlier comment</i>	BR Planning Commission	Removed
37.	Zoning District, Use table - <i>should say "purpose"</i>	BR Planning Commission	Addressed
38.	Inclusionary Zoning: Inclusionary Zoning creates balanced housing development and mixed-income communities by ensuring that some portion of new housing development is affordable. - <i>discuss?</i>	BR Planning Commission	Revised

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39.	<p>Brownfield Sites:</p> <p>The federal Environmental Protection Agency defines brownfields as abandoned, idled, or underused industrial and/or commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. There are five brownfield sites within Scotlandville, one of which is currently vacant. Brownfield sites can directly impact public and environmental health due to contamination that can pollute soil, air and water resources. Remediation through the City of Baton Rouge Brownfields Program can encourage redevelopment of these sites and maximize Scotlandville’s development potential and improve environmental quality. - <i>any site can be a deemed a brownfield if it is hindering redevelopment. This map only shows federally identified sites that have gone through the program. an inventory of brownfields can and should be done.</i></p>	BR Planning Commission	Addressed: The sentence “There are five brownfield sites within Scotlandville, one of which is currently vacant,” has been removed.
40.	<p>Please acknowledge Scotlandville CDC and CADAV, Inc. for their initial initiative in this vision.</p> <p>This plan derived from Scotlandville CDC and CADAV. Initial Plan was not started with School of Arch.</p> <p>-Need to acknowledge how Plan got started. Partnership between CADAV, Community Building (CBI) - Tara Wicker, SCDC</p>	Stakeholder committee member	Added foreword to describe this effort
41.	<p>Want to make sure it’s clear of the zoo to Jewell- to Plaza/swan to airport to Harding Hooper crossing at plank</p> <p>Acknowledge the connection of the collaboration to connect SU to community, which is connected to the zoo, to Jewel Newman, to the Plaza/Swan Ave, to the airport, to the Harding Hooper crossing at Plank Rd.</p>	Stakeholder committee member	Included in foreword

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42.	My comments are chiefly along the lines of what ██████ said in our last meeting. I really believe the document needs to be shovel-ready and more actionable. It feels like a set of recommendations and options, but not mandates and a blueprint. Is there any way to further edit the document with this feedback in mind? I truly believe Scotlandville needs "a look", not just one that is suburbia or a Starbucks here and there but more so, a look and a culture that actually honors the integrity of those who live in the area. A look that honors the land, air and water and with the environment and sustainability being less of a feature and more of the core, the centerpiece that sets it apart from the rest of other neighborhoods and communities. Additionally, when I think of facade and architecture, I think of mi city or the area around the Main Library. The businesses have an architecture that is less commercial, random chains and more so intentional offices and businesses that have brick and designs that match and complement one another. It looks like community. These are things I think any strategic plan document should help bring about in a clear way, not in an optional fashion.	Stakeholder committee member	No change
43.	Guiding Principle #4 - include Mills Ave	Stakeholder Committee Member	Addressed: Mills Avenue Park is included in Scotlandville Recreation Inventory on page 66.
44.	For Connecting Scotlandville, SU and Beyond, clarify that beyond means to connect to parks, Plank Rd, and downtown	Stakeholder Committee Member	Addressed in Connecting Scotlandville, Southern University and Beyond Vision
45.	For subdistrict recommendations: Mention food stabilization and food desert (elimination)	Stakeholder Committee Member	No change: Food stabilization and food deserts are mentioned in other areas of plan (see pg. 1, 10, 48).
46.	Include the following neighborhoods on subdistrict map: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● University Place ● Crestworth ● Park Vista 	Stakeholder Committee Member	University Place – added as University City Crestworth - is not in the map frame Park Vista - label added

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jordan Place ● Banks ● Montesano Farms <p>Include 72nd Ave</p>		<p>Jordan Place – added as Jordan Terrace Banks – added as Bank Addition Montesano Farms - added 72nd Ave - added</p>
47.	<p>On Mixed-Use Corridor Map:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Incorporate live/work/play and a variety of retail services and entertainment <p>Include the address of building renderings or specifically state: these are examples of potential new development</p>	Stakeholder Committee Member	Addressed
48.	<p>On University Corridor Map: Add student housing</p>	Stakeholder Committee Member	Mixed-use housing is included in this map
49.	<p>On Neighborhood Infill and Stabilization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Add school education ● Business education <p>Partnership with Ag Center</p>	Stakeholder Committee Member	Addressed: Priority Action Item added to Neighborhood Infill and Stabilization Vision: “Work with the school district and Southern University to support student learning and preparedness for educational and work training opportunities.”
50.	<p>Are drainage and flood issues addressed? Broadband?</p>	Stakeholder Committee Member	<p>No change: Drainage and flooding issues will be addressed in the city drainage study. Addressed: Broadband access addressed on page 113.</p>
51.	<p>For Neighborhood Mixed Use Map: Include student housing and connections</p>	Stakeholder Committee Member	No change
52.	<p>Under implementation and funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mention Harding Blvd project under #5 ● #7 include - assist in small business ● Include evidence for # of housing unit goals for #7 	Stakeholder Committee Member	Addressed: “Implement the Harding Boulevard Beautification project between Scenic Highway and I-110.” added to “First 1 to 2 Year Actions”
53.	<p>Community Vision and guiding principles - <i>Include a civic sustainability rubric/model that can be implemented in other communities?</i></p>	Community member	No change: The sustainability model that can be implemented in other communities is noted in guiding principle #12.

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54.	Guiding Principle #2 - <i>is this ranked by priority or by ease of implementation?</i>	Community member	Addressed: Added language to state that these are not ranked in any order.
55.	Guiding Principle #3 - <i>Is a plan for tax dollars allocation included? How existing ITEP approvals can be balanced to return community funding?</i> <i>What is residential reinvestment, rehabilitations, and assistance? Is this one stop shop for the city, parish, state, and private funds/resources available to residents?</i>	Community member	No change: Resources for rehabs, etc. are outlined in the implementation and funding section.
56.	Guiding Principle #5 - <i>why isn't this higher up?</i>	Community member	No change: these are not ranked in any order
57.	Guiding Principle #6 - cohesive, supportive, and present (Labor support from automation and local talent priority)	Community member	No change
58.	Guiding Principle #7 - <i>Improve? Safety, mobility, climate resiliency?</i> <i>Is this a principle or a recommendation?</i>	Community member	Addressed: Added climate resiliency to final guideline to read "Be a regional showcase for climate resiliency and sustainable development practices."
59.	Guiding Principle #8 - <i>How many points improvement in community walkability score or amenity-rich neighborhood score?</i>	Community member	No change
60.	Guiding Principle #9 - <i>replace encourage with support</i> Replace "healthy foods and promoting physical activity" with "fresh produce, safe recreation"	Community member	Addressed: Replaced "encourage" with "support." No change
61.	Guiding Principle #11 - <i>cultural sustainability model/rubric that can be shared</i>	Community member	No change
62.	Guiding Principle #12 - <i>sustainability and resiliency is not shown as a priority in this guiding principles area. Where is localized flood prevention and property protections?</i>	Community member	Guiding Principles are not ranked in any order
63.	Page 11 - this Plan and will help to create a foundation which will <u>spur</u> further investments - <i>how?</i>	Community member	Addressed: Changed to read "...the completion of these initiatives will help to spur further investments and jumpstart redevelopment in Scotlandville."

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64.	<p>Page 11 – Scotlandville Plaza Development - Implementation of a pavilion on the plaza to enhance the space and accommodate performances and vendors.</p> <p><i>"enhance the space" lacks meaning, maybe "fosters community connection", "supports micro-economic commerce", reduces transportation emissions with green infrastructure, diverts x gals of storm water from city drainage with permeable sidewalks</i></p>	Community member	No change: The pavilion is not guaranteed to address these concerns.
65.	<p>Page 12 – Description of MOVEBR’s Scenic Highway Improvements - A note of railroad incidents and a highlight reduction percentage</p>	Community member	No change: This information will be provided in MOVEBR’s reports.
66.	<p>Page 13 - assists developers in qualifying for tax-incentives to preserve historic areas</p>	Community member	No change
67.	<p>Page 14 - Through community meetings, stakeholder interviews, and surveys - An SOP of this process could be used for future educating materials</p>	Community member	No change
68.	<p>Page 14 - Community Needs survey - There could be the question of if the survey was free form and how were the topics chosen for survey questions. Describing if survey topics were based of preliminary interviews.</p>	Community member	Addressed: Text added to further describe survey, and reads “ The survey was based on the highest needs that were identified in the 2011 SCCDP.”
69.	<p>Page 14 - Survey distribution description - inclusive multi-communication approach</p>	Community member	No change
70.	<p>Page 16 - Safety and crime - lack of employment to black market crime activity pipeline</p>	Community member	No change
71.	<p>Page 17 – The Priority Recommendations survey was advertised via email blasts - an explanation of one mode of communication for priorities survey</p>	Community member	No change
72.	<p>Page 20 - During the community engagement process, residents and stakeholders identified several high priority issues - This statement requires more highlight than an in-passing comment.</p>	Community member	No change: The high-priority issues mentioned in this paragraph are described in the following sentence, which reads “These challenges are centered around economic development, housing, vacancies and blight,

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			community image, mobility, and connections with Southern University.”
73.	Page 20 - These challenges are centered around economic development, housing, vacancies and blight, community image, mobility, and connections with Southern University.” Should these challenges be quantified?	Community member	No change
74.	Page 20 - Implementing the recommendations and strategies presented in this Plan will take a combined effort - this statement has been previously made	Community member	No change
75.	Page 20 - These recommendations will work together to build a sustainable, well-connected community with a strong culture that attracts new residents and supports locally-owned businesses.. - switch order or remove "new" and replace w/ "increased community participation" or "supports residents"	Community member	No change
76.	Page 20 - Desired Plan outcomes - Enhance and Improve is overused ambiguous language	Community member	No change
77.	Page 21 - Thriving Community Vision - typo	Community member	Addressed
78.	The Matthews Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship ..provides econ. Dev. tools needed in the community - committed to addressing this need	Community member	Addressed: Text changed to read “The Matthews Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, being built on Harding Boulevard across from Southern University, is helping to address this need by providing a number of the economic development tools for local entrepreneurs and businesses.”
79.	Page 22 - Thriving Community Vision: Scotlandville provides housing, services and shopping for existing and new residents - can be simplified by just saying “residents”	Community member	No change
80.	Page 23 - EDA University Center at SU - Grant and pitch competition support around community priorities and social determinants of health.	Community member	No change
81.	Page 23 - Small Business Incubator Action Items; collaborate with area schools to encourage enrollment in SU progs - fundraise for	Community member	Addressed: Action Item added, which reads “Explore opportunities to provide scholarships to accept

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	<i>scholarships to programs</i>		students who may need assistance enrolling in the EDA University Center and Small Business Incubator program.”
82.	Thriving Community Strategy 1.2 (description of services provided at facility) - <i>Grant writing support and usable data analytics for developers and businesses</i>	Community member	Addressed: This falls under technical assistance.
83.	Thriving Community Strategy 1.2 Action Items - <i>Incorporate this strategic plan into Regional Resiliency Plan</i>	Community member	No change
84.	Thriving Community Strategy 1.2 Action Items - <i>Address zoning and land use challenges for business development. Codify local employment priority and re-entry incentives to businesses</i>	Community member	No change
85.	Thriving Community Strategy 2.1 Action Items: Create an inventory of potential development sites - <i>Agreement with elected officials on zoning and land use initiative. Develop standard around brownfield site rehabilitation and industrial buffer zones to residential areas.</i>	Community member	No change
86.	Thriving Community Strategy 2.1 Action Items: Determine whether zoning changes are required for specific sites - <i>zoning board adoption of pertinent areas of this strategic plan where applicable for future Economic Development requests</i>	Community member	No change: This plan will be adopted by the Planning Commission and Council.
87.	Thriving Community Strategy 2.2: Request the Dept. Of Development to expedite process - <i>for strategic plan compliant applicants</i>	Community member	Addressed: Text added to read “...consistent with this plan.”
88.	Thriving Community Strategy 2.4: Action Item - Develop a board of commissioners for BID - <i>and by-laws zip code requirements for commissioners?</i>	Community member	No change
89.	Thriving Community Strategy 1.2 Action Item - Develop design guidelines to ensure infill development is compatible with existing neighborhood character - <i>and strategic plan priorities and values</i>	Community member	No change: Action Item deleted.
90.	Welcoming Neighborhoods - Strategy 1.2 Action Item - Property Tax Abatement Programs - <i>particularly for seniors</i>	Community member	No change

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91.	Welcoming Neighborhoods Cottage/cluster housing for Seniors sidebar - <i>More focus and planning for senior community is need to reflect the current makeup of the area</i>	Community member	No change: Senior housing is addressed in the plan. See pg. 32 (Welcoming Neighborhoods, Goal 1, Strategy 1.3: Continue providing housing for seniors)
92.	Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategy 1.3 Action Item - Provide grants to senior homeowners with limited equity to supplement equity received from the sale of their existing home and the cost difference to acquire the new cluster unit in lieu of providing them a grant for renovation of their existing home. - <i>Renovation grants are still needed and the waitlist for such programs are burdensome.</i>	Community member	Addressed: Action Item added, which reads “Provide grants to senior homeowners with limited equity to supplement equity received from the sale of their existing home and the cost difference to acquire the new cluster unit in lieu of providing them a grant for renovation of their existing home.”
93.	Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategy 2.2 Create technical <i>AND</i> financial assistance programs	Community member	Addressed: text included
94.	Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategy 3.2 Action Item - Develop a resource list of available home improvement grants and programs - <i>one-stop shop for up-to-date program support</i>	Community member	Addressed: action Item now reads “...Provide a one-stop shop through the CDC or other nonprofit for up-to-date program support.”
95.	Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategy 3.2 Action Item - Identify infrastructure needs and sources of funding to support housing rehabilitation - <i>match support with homeowners in a timely and affective manner</i>	Community member	Addressed: Action Item now reads “Identify infrastructure needs and sources of funding to support housing rehabilitation and match support with homeowners in a timely and effective manner.”
96.	Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategy 3.2 Action Item -Expand on existing self-help initiatives by developing a compliance store to assist homeowners with repairs and addressing code-compliance issues. <i>reduce waitlist and confusion barriers</i>	Community member	Addressed: Action item now reads “Expand on existing self-help initiatives by developing a compliance store to assist homeowners with repairs and address code-compliance issues, and reduce waitlists and barriers to accessing assistance.
97.	Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategy 3.2 Action Item -Implement a Youth Build and Repair Program in conjunction with local schools to teach young people how to build new homes and repair older ones. - <i>similar to programs such as Uncommon Construction</i>	Community member	Addressed: unCommon Construction added to “Examples of Grassroots and Self-Help Community Building Opportunities”.

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98.	Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategy 3.2 Action Item - Recruit volunteers from neighborhoods..to implement “fix up” and clean up campaigns to repair homes occupied by elderly or disabled people - <i>consistency and dependability is necessary for these populations to realize</i>	Community member	No change
99.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 1.1 Action Item: Develop design guidelines for businesses to set a standard for a cohesive design strategy, <i>including visibility, safety, climate resiliency</i>	Community member	No change
100.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 1.1 Action Item: Create a broad program with eligible improvements of: window and door repair or replacement <i>weather protections</i>	Community member	No change
101.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 1.1 Action Item: Create a broad program with eligible improvements of: repair/replacement of gutters and downspouts <i>rainwater collection and diversion from drainage</i>	Community member	No change
102.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 1.1 Action Item: Create a broad program with eligible improvements of: Parking lots <i>permeability and localized flooding prevention for building insurance incentives</i>	Community member	No change
103.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 1.2: Action item: Work with EBR, Arts council etc to develop desired aesthetic... <i>areas include welcoming functionality for pedestrian, biking, and public transit modes (i.e. theme coordinating colored, permeable cobblestone/brick crosswalks and bike lanes) and traffic speed awareness</i>	Community member	No change
104.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 1.3: Implement the Harding Blvd beautification program: Proposed improvements include adding trees, landscaping and pedestrian amenities <i>carbon emission offsetting</i>	Community member	No change

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105.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 1.3 Action Item: Use the plant palette developed in the SCCDP as a guide for selecting native or well-adapted plants to be used in street beautification for this and other community projects. <i>engage Dana Brown and Associates, who won bid in landscaping Airport can continue aesthetic to Harding I-110 intersection, including their current planter box initiative</i>	Community member	Addressed: Action item now reads “Use the plant palette developed in the 2011 SCCDP or refer to the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport drainage and landscape improvements as a guide...”
106.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 2.1 Action Item: Incorporate the following on all transportation improvements to the greatest extent possible: – Pedestrian enhancements including street trees, sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and crosswalks <i>permeability for drainage diversion and localized flooding risk reduction; city safety cameras</i>	Community member	No change
107.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 2.1: Scenic Hwy at Swan Ave road section: Road diets can lead to reductions in certain types of crashes, improved bicycle and pedestrian flow, decreased volume, and improved livability. <i>However, still supports businesses' commercial trucking needs while accommodating local traffic peak time easing</i>	Community member	Added
108.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 2.1: Scenic Hwy at 72nd Ave <i>72nd is a vital artery of local traffic</i>	Community member	No change
109.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 2.1: Harding Blvd at Helene St Option 2: Urban 4-lane <i>Has to accommodate peak traffic to University times</i>	Community member	No change
110.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 2.1: Image of crosswalks - <i>permeable cobblestone/brick crosswalks and bike lanes can encourage speed awareness</i>	Community member	No change

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111.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 2.2: Implement commercial corridors with street-oriented buildings and implement streetscape design guidelines Action Item: Buildings placed closer to the street - <i>is this contradictory to the first action item?</i> (Ensure new construction is aligned with existing building setbacks to better define the “street wall”)	Community member	Addressed: Action Item now reads “Ensure new construction is placed in a manner that better defines the ‘street wall’...”
112.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 3.1: Enhance community safety Action item: <i>Promotion of automation safe jobs at various skill levels</i>	Community member	No change
113.	Community Image and Beautification Strategy 3.1: Enhance community safety Action item: Increase community safety through Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) measures- <i>Insert Univ. of Columbia study showing well maintained greenery w/ trees versus shrubs led to a reduction in crime than large paved areas.</i>	Community member	No change.
114.	CPTED call out - increasing traffic controls <i>crime cameras are more effective and less extractive of the community's resources than traffic ticket cameras</i>	Community member	Addressed: Bullet point now reads “Increasing traffic controls to slow traffic.”
115.	Community Health call out: Some important considerations from a planning perspective include characteristics of the housing stock, the ability to safely walk or bike, access to open space... <i>Assistance is needed for instances like the neighborhood entrance on 72nd Ave to the park has been repeatedly blocked by dumpers of old cars and debris. Welcoming entrances for recreating are needed.</i>	Community member	Addressed: text changed to “...access to open spaces that are attractive to encourage people to use them...”
116.	Community Health Strategy 1.1: Develop a framework to provide fresh food to Scotlandville residents - Previous market studies have shown that Scotlandville does not meet the critical mass criteria for number of households and income for a grocery store to successfully operate within Scotlandville; - <i>certain grocery stores</i>	Community member	Addressed: Text changed to say “most grocery stores.”
117.	Community Health Strategy 1.3: Implement a community garden	Community	Addressed: Action Item added: “Develop a program to

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	and community composting - Incorporating composting into the strategy develops an internal community cycle, where green material is sourced from Scotlandville residents, to a composting site and then, as mature compost, to the community garden. and compost to sell (i.e. Compost Now of NOLA drop-offs at libraries on Wednesdays)	member	sell excess compost, such as the Compost Now of Nola program which drops off compost at libraries on Wednesdays.”
118.	Community Health Strategy 2.1: Incorporate green design practices in public and private development. Action Item: Promote the use of green technologies for housing construction, renovation and rehabilitation that reduce energy and water consumption and cost for utilities, maintenance and repair. Relating renovation commissioning to current resiliency infrastructure funding and Entergy funds for reduced energy consumption	Community member	Addressed: Action Item added: “Explore funding availability of federal programs such as Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), which can be leveraged with local partners such as Entergy, to support programs that reduce energy consumption”.
119.	Community Health Strategy 2.4: Address visual and air impacts from industrial uses Action item: Work with businesses emitting odors to address impacts - Partner with elected officials for policy change and LDEQ enforcement of pollution standards. Require at least carbon and pollutant particulate offset community greening projects using quantifiable monitoring data and technologies.	Community member	No change
120.	Community Health Community Health Strategy 3.1: Make walking and biking easier and safer throughout Scotlandville Walking is also not a comfortable experience as there are few amenities to protect pedestrians, such as sidewalks, shared roadways, or tree canopy. & trail entrances	Community member	Addressed: Text changed to: “Walking is also not a comfortable experience, as there are few amenities to protect pedestrians, such as sidewalks, shared roadways, trail areas, or a tree canopy”
121.	Community Health Strategy 3.1: Make walking and biking easier and safer throughout Scotlandville Action item: Implement proposed bicycle trails in Scotlandville in the East Baton Route Bike/Ped Master Plan. Welcoming and protected neighborhood entrances to recreating trails in parks and through community.	Community member	Addressed: Action Item added: “Create welcoming and pedestrian-protected neighborhood entrances to trails in parks and through the community.”

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122.	<p>Community Health Strategy 3.1: Make walking and biking easier and safer throughout Scotlandville</p> <p>Action item: Develop an educational campaign about the benefits of walking and biking to incentivize residents to consider walking or biking. Examples include partnering with a healthcare provider or non-profit to add markers to the trail system that highlight calories burned, distance walked or other health benefits.</p> <p><i>Support funding for local organizations versed in this area with city RFPs</i></p>	Community member	Addressed: Action Item now includes an additional sentence to incorporate comment which reads “Include the participation of local organizations to implement the campaign.
123.	<p>Connecting Scotlandville, Southern University and Beyond Introduction: Based on stakeholder input, the vision for strong connections includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •local community amenities and businesses such as coffee shops .ie. Coffee call for safe and accessible late-night co-working and study spots 	Community member	Addressed: “Local community amenities and businesses, such as coffee shops, that provide safe and accessible late-night, co-working, and study spots.”
124.	<p>Demographic Snapshot, Age chart, persons 65 years and over</p> <p>Nearing retirement age but cannot access aging resources. Main population needs that should be addressed</p>	Community member	No change
125.	<p>Renter Housing Projections: the projected demand numbers, which are based on household income, may overstate the number of low and moderate-income housing units needed for three key reasons:</p> <p>Seniors with assets but low annual incomes may be living in homes that are fully paid for. They may not be able to afford these homes if they had to purchase them today. <i>Aging in-place and aging in-community for people on fixed incomes how cannot withstand the cost of housing burden</i></p>	Community member	No change
126.	<p>Economic Development - Employment</p> <p><i>Low-skilled call center jobs went away in 2000s to globalization. No percentage requirement for local hiring to high paid managerial positions at nearby plants like ExxonMobil.</i></p>	Community member	No change

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	<i>No protections to automation put in new acceptances of businesses. Like good bankteller jobs now made virtual reducing lunch and commercial visitations in community.</i>		
127.	Existing Economic Development Efforts: Retail and business Incubators - <i>Pitch competitions to address strategic plan's community needs and Social Determinants of Health.</i>	Community member	No change
128.	<p>I don't see much in the plan that speaks towards resolving the flooding issues in the avenues and many other areas, the lack of significant canopy (helpful for keeping down electricity bills when the sun is most hot as well as flood water mitigation), or the question of air quality in the area.</p> <p>I know that the third is more difficult, but the first two could be considered in more than a few projects if only an environmental sustainability consultant or a similar subject matter expert were to be allowed to weigh in on the plan itself.</p>	Community member	Addressed: Drainage and flooding issues are being addressed in the city's drainage study. Tree canopy and tree plantings are addressed throughout the plan in addition to air quality.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. Do you support the Plan? **Yes**

If not, what would you like to see. **It's awesome**

What elements of the Plan are you most excited about? **The banks of the Mississippi behind SU where the steps will be and the tents and "Southern" written on the ground. - I'm most excited about that**

2. Do you support the Plan **Yes**

If not, what would you like to see

What elements of the Plan are you most excited about? **Utilize the vacant lots and keeping them maintained. Yard clean up of broken cars, help rebuild old houses, use one of the vacant lots for community garden.**

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3. Do you support the Plan? Yes

If not, what would you like to see

What elements of the Plan are you most excited about? **Health Initiative - integrate partners such as BREC to provide programming classes to support enhanced recreational capabilities. Rentals: Tenant right/ change rtd lease - law allow to make repair Rental Homes - business license/register, inspections, fees/penalties for standard.**

4. Do you support the Plan? Yes

If not, what would you like to see

What elements of the Plan are you most excited about? **The grocery store, how they are going to pave the bluff**

5. Do you support the Plan? Yes

If not, what would you like to see

What elements of the Plan are you most excited about? **Residential, commercial, and training opportunities. Would like to see middle to upscale residential developments to replace abandoned properties.**

6. Do you support the Plan? Yes

If not, what would you like to see: **Street lights so you can walk without worry. Better car service for people who cannot afford a car. Street beautification. Ramps for handicap people. Community place for learning. Places for elderly people.**

What elements of the Plan are you most excited about? **Affordable housing (homes, apt). Retail stores in the area. Grocery store. Road repair, major street repair or totally fix Scenic Hwy, Plank Rd, 72 Ave. After care programs for children. Walking trails, bike trails.**

7. Do you support the Plan? Yes

If not, what would you like to see: **I would like to see Southern University spill over into the community. A walkable community with the University at its core, from the airport to downtown to Southern University**

What elements of the Plan are you most excited about? **I'm excited about the real estate mixed use development**

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8. Do you support the Plan? **Yes**

If not, what would you like to see

What elements of the Plan are you most excited about? **Housing, creating a healthy community is a great idea**

9. Do you support the Plan? **Yes**

If not, what would you like to see

What elements of the Plan are you most excited about? **I like the impact and education to the youth, hopefully by local businesses and reps as well.**

10. Do you support the Plan? **Yes**

If not, what would you like to see

What elements of the Plan are you most excited about? **The experience that is being created which builds reinvestment. Creating the experience once the airport with the walkability, eateries, shopping, etc also financially strengthens the local economy**