Compiled Green Zone recommendations

Equity/Anti-Displacement

Prevent direct and indirect displacement of current residents; develop metrics for continued assessment.

Create EJ/Green Zones position at City of Minneapolis, liaison to community.

Solutions should be community-driven and community-owned, as possible.

Greening

Existing environment *(tree canopy, garden programs, parks, bike paths, etc.)* and energy incentive programs should prioritize Southside Green Zone.

Increase climate resiliency, prioritizing vulnerable and overburdened communities.

Incentivize green, healthy building standards.

Community-owned clean energy projects that incorporate job training opportunities.

Air, Water and Soil Quality

Conduct cumulative impact assessment of Southside Green Zone; prioritize overburdened neighborhoods for pollution reduction.

Transition higher polluting small businesses toward lesser pollution options.

Andersen School and surrounding area is priority for further investigation and green investment.

Monitor and reduce motor vehicle traffic and pollution to and from industrial sites and along major roads.

Target air monitoring, research and pollution-reduction funding to Southside Green Zone.

Major road infrastructure projects should assess and decrease impacts on local air quality and health.

Focus on community-identified contaminated sites.

Investigate contamination and fund clean-up even if no immediate redevelopment projects.

Ensure redevelopment is purposeful and appropriate, creating living wage jobs for residents.

Health and Energy in Housing

Clean Energy Partnership energy planning should integrate health impacts, focusing investment in neighborhoods with households vulnerable to energy-related impacts.

In rental housing, link cost burden of the renter to the efficiency measure, and benefits acquire to renter, mitigating displacement - keep housing affordable.

Evaluate energy program utilization in Southside Green Zone. Identify gaps and strategies for improvement.

Remove lead, asthma, radon and energy issues.

Integrate eviction reduction and improvement of rental history in health and energy projects.

Green Jobs

Promote local hiring - connect employers and workers.

Reduce unnecessary background checks.

Increase business ownership and jobs for POC.

Increase training and certification opportunities for green jobs.

Healthy Food Access

Enable renters to garden.

Grow produce locally and create and sell value-added products in the community.

Partner with active organizations in local food.

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