These minutes represent a summary of the content and character of each meeting and are not meant to be an exhaustive list of the comments made. Also, these notes are an initial attempt to understand the student life, academic support, and external issues that affect UWM; we will return to gather additional information as necessary.

**ATTENDEES**

Cate Deicher, Murray Hill  
Lacey Engelke, AIAS  
Ted John, Murray Hill  
Joyce Tang Boyland, Murray Hill  
John Boyland, UWM-CEAS-EECS  
Gary Thiel, community member  
Michael Rosen, Mariners  
Jane Mohr, Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association  
Marshall Dixon, Mariners  
Andrew Brea, community member  
Greg Bird, Bayview  
Alan Meyers, Downer Ave.  
Betty Meyers, Downer Ave.  
Patricia Arredondo, UWM  
Chris Gluesing, UWM  
Amy Watson, UWM  
Kate Sullivan, UW System  
Jon Jenson, Wisconsin Department of Administration  
Julie Penman, HGA  
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SUMMARY

A. What do you like best about your neighborhood?

- It is possible, and relatively easy, to live without a car, since all services are within walking distance.
- There is a small town scale
- Until recently, the neighborhood was very diverse. The east side and Sherwood used to be the only places in Milwaukee where diversity was accepted.
- UWM is a full university in a much-defined footprint, offering the neighborhood comprehensive offerings, research offerings, and extensions into the city.
- Downer Avenue was once a significant retail draw, but it has gone downhill recently.
- The lakefront and Lake Park are assets.
- The neighborhood feels safe, and still mostly has the sense of a close community of neighbors.
- The bus hub is convenient, and public transportation throughout the area feels safe.
- From the perspective of students, the concentrations of student neighborhoods are assets.
- Summer season is a major asset to the community; it was suggested that UWM think about expanding summer programming, in terms of both course offerings and events.

B. Do you take advantage of university programs and events? Why or why not?

- The U-Pass is appreciated, but the schedules recently have become less reliable.
- Community members reported attending plays, films series, and alumni association events, but would still like to see an increase in community events. It was noted that the film choices are much wider than commercial theaters or other universities, and movie prices at the Union offer a savings.
- The fitness center used to be more of an attraction to the community; the new pricing structure has deterred people.
- Community members view parking as an obstacle to visiting the campus for programs or events. It was suggested that parking fees are too low, and investment should be redirected toward the university bus.
- There is a perception that many community members do not know about all the public programs and events that are available to them.

C. Other

- Community members expressed concern about the density of the campus.
- Community members spoke positively about Oscar Perez and the COAST program as existing ways to successfully bridge student-community relations.

Next Steps

1. Document meeting minutes.
2. Perform data and site analysis throughout the summer.
3. Present initial analysis findings in the fall.
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