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PROGRAM/OPPORTUNITIES	Continue Phase I program; needs test based; concentrating on code violations/structural		1			1				5	2			1				10	
	Encourage interesting Fruen Mill development; lobby; assist with \$ if it includes affordable hsg.		1											1	2		2	6	
	Long range plan/buy land/research models to guide development of senior/mixed hsg	1		2			1	1			1							6	
	Assist seniors w/property tax assistance/"senior helper" program so they can remain in home		2	2			1	1										6	
	From Phase I program, expand availability of housing programs to middle income folks			1			1			1	2							5	
	Lengthen residency requirement for loan forgiveness from 5 to 7-10; encouraging remaining in their homes						2				1							1	4
	Insufficient funds to develop hsg ourselves; seed money; partner; lobby developers; CCHT; TPS							1		1		1			1				4
	Plan a mix of housing types in one complex; need more housing development			1											2			1	4
	Make homes safe for seniors and safe for disabled	1		1	1								1						4
	We need a greater diversity of housing prices								1			1			1				3
	Landlord incentives to fix up property without raising rents; to owner occupied standards		1	1			1												3
	Encourage development of a well-designed multi-unit housing complex (senior/rental/afford)			1					1						1				3
	Programs to assist low income neighbors to maintain and encourage income diversity						1			1			1		1				3
	Offer educational program - a how-to program; design assistance for additions (all incomes)						1		1				1						3
Don't employ mortgage assistance program (unless revolving), BM is not collapsing/unstable										1	1			1				3	
Address city code violations				1														1	2
Improve conditions of garages and alleys											1							1	2
PROGRAM/OPPORTUNITIES	BM to sponsor a Habitat for Humanity House			1		1												2	
	Plant disease-resistant elms, oaks, big trees not of big houses, rain gardens, native, environ.			1						1								2	
	Encourage co-ops, use NRP funds to help with affordable housing	1	1															2	
	Tie rental rates to renters' incomes			1														1	
	Make homes more energy efficient				1													1	
	Section 8 housing - Do we have any; and if not, why not?			1														1	
	Incentives to landlords to keep rents affordable			1														1	
	Use zoning to support: senior housing, affordable rents, and to keep housing			1														1	
	Incentives to homeowners to rent a portion of their home that they are not using		1																1
	Phase 1 grants (\$5,000 to \$10,000) benefited only recipients; with soaring home values, do these help?												1						1
	Research land trusts		1																1
	Wider range of income/low interest loans for maintaining homes						1												1
	I would be willing to subsidize senior housing (taxes) at \$1,000 per year with my taxes							1											1
	Encourage CPED/MCDA to develop senior housing on the four Xerxes lots												1						1
For sale (rather than rental) affordable housing									1									1	
Use higher density housing to counteract home price escalation														1				1	
Assist renters under condition that they become more fully "invested" in neighborhood														1				1	





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**FOCUS GROUP/SURVEY IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS MADE COMMENT**

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Parks! Proximity to parks	1	1	1	1		1	1		3	1		2	1				14
New 24th Street Playground is beautiful						1										4	5
Youth would like a waterpark; an expanded wading pool, with waterslide/diving board														4			4
Access to lakes and trails; N, S, E, and W						1		1					1				3
BM Meadows used for school picnics, soccer, baseball														3			3
Woods behind schools used for ecology, water testing, and tree projects; and cross-country skiing														3			3
Bryn Mawr Meadows is used very efficiently: church picnics; cricket, diversity in sports								1							1		2
Beauty of Cedar Lake, Brownie Lake	1															1	2
Recreation plus program is used by students														2			2
You can walk to a place to swim	1																1
Area of neighborhood is rural and woody in appearance, with lots of animals						1											1
Close to Cedar Lake, Theodore Wirth Park							1										1
Outdoor gathering spaces														1			1
Parks are well used												1					1
Native plantings																1	1
Takes MPRB Forestry too long to grind out tree stumps for tree replacement												1	1				2
Access to Bryn Mawr Meadows is poor						1	1										2
Access to Cedar Lake Trail is poor							1	1									2
Bryn Mawr Meadows is overbooked!								1							1		2
Schools need a dedicated soccer and football field														2			2
Concern about MPRB development of Bryn Mawr Meadows into a "sports complex"									1				1				2
Too many parks; "Parks up the 'wazoo' "											1						1
Cedar Lake Point Beach is not well cared for						1											1
Canoe rack is in disrepair						1											1
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STRENGTHS

WEAKNESSES

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ISSUES	Many concerns about future MPRB plans for Bryn Mawr Meadows: fences, lighting								1	4								7												
	MPRB staff moves ahead with planning/development beyond master plan and MPRB commissioners											2	1					3												
	Development of the private (and public) open land can have a great effect on neighborhood						1	1										2												
	Need for organized sports/activities for youth in neighborhood; open gym night, volleyball														2			2												
	Fund and develop nature center in Anwatin Woods											2						2												
	Safety concerns, access to parks, safety from criminal activity; current state of facilities						1											1												
	Condition of hillside plantings/buckthorn removal between Cedar Lake Parkway & homes above						1											1												
	Access to Cedar Lake Parkway and to Cedar Lake Trail is poor							1										1												
	There are lots of land that we have no control over - MPRB park land, and private land (Target)							1										1												
	Concerns about poor lighting in parts of Bryn Mawr Meadows, esp. near I-394 bridge								1									1												
	and traffic and parking and Meadows fields access								1									1												
	Bryn Mawr Meadows should be left as is, without such intrusive "improvements"!								1									1												
	Concern that many of our boulevard trees are reaching maturity and will soon be lost								1									1												
	Concern about the planting of improper species of trees; inadequate care for trees								1									1												
PROGRAM/OPPORTUNITIES	Need for job opportunities for youth														1			1												
	Lack of attention to concerns voiced by Mpls residents; MPRB staff doesn't notify neighborhoods of plans												1					1												
	Improve water quality and clarity of our lakes																	1												
	Plant bigger trees, provide for watering and maintenance; tree replacement; elm tree removal			1				1					1					1												
	Educate public and lobby MPRB for planting of proper tree species; improved tree care								1			1						1												
	Expand BM Meadows wading pool, adding a small water slide, or small diving board													3	1			4												
	Native plant restoration; buckthorn removals											1	1					2												
	Address lighting & safety for park paths, esp. new Cedar Lake Parkway bridge; BM Meadows path repair/shoveling							1										1												
	Improve access to trails; specifically Cedar Lake Trail; improve signage and maps of other trails											1						1												
	Repair Cedar Lake canoe rack; add canoe rack/spaces for Bryn Mawr residents only							1										1												
	Clean and improve Cedar Lake Point Beach							1										1												
	Address need for maintenance of plantings along Cedar Lake Parkway/homes above							1										1												
	Provide a system to provide support for neighbors seeking to improve environment - rain gardens								1									1												
	Insist on vehicular access to Bryn Mawr Meadows from Van White Blvd										1							1												
Address ltg and safety under I-394 bridge near Cedar Lake Trail															1		1													
Add a rope tow in Bassett's Creek park at "suicide hill"															1		1													
Add a skateboard/in-line skate facility somewhere															1		1													
Add bowling alley															1		1													
Advocate for preservation of BM Meadows openness, visual trademark, skyline views													1				1													
Improve relationship between Bryn Mawr Neighborhood and MPRB													1				1													

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		BMNA is strong and involved				1						1	2		1					5
Neighborhood events! Garage Sales, Bryn Mawr Music Festival											1					4		5	10	
Helping hands here; good energy; great neighbors; Anwatin MS students volunteer-RIF		1						1				1	2		4	1			10	
Bugle in print and on the website		1	1	1											2			5	10	
Friendliness of people, neighbors on the street				1						4	1							1	7	
Relaxed atmosphere; small town; feel at home here; curvey streets; unique flavor				1			1			5									7	
Diversity is appreciated; quiriness; "crazy patchwork quilt"; Cohesiveness in spite of this			1	1							1			2				1	6	
Vida Ditter, neighborhood organizer, and volunteers; they and all at BMNA do a great job				1				1										2	4	
Strong sense of boundaries; boundaries are natural not imposed (except I-394 by outsiders)				1	1								1	1					4	
Liberal, progressive politics; a concern for others; strong civic involvement (voting strength)		1		1			1						1						4	
Definite character; a special place				1	1								1						3	
Longevity of relationships and residents; stability of neighborhood		1	1															1	3	
"Hidden treasure" and "crown jewel" of the city				1									1						2	
Openness and diversity; evidenced by number of same sex and multi-race couples						1	1												2	
Lack of "negative aspects of city" here				1														1	2	
Lots of dogs and dog-owners			1																1	
State representative as a neighbor		1																	1	
NRP breaks down barriers; encourages the ability to "fight City Hall"								1											1	
Communicate that investing in public spaces/amenities returns much to all; private prop.									1										1	
Close to people of color in Harrison; appreciation of diversity			1																1	
Area 1 residents feel disconnected from the neighborhood							4											1	5	
Volunteers are getting tired and burned out. It's difficult to get new people involved								1				2		1					4	
Not enough racial diversity			1					1										2	4	
Lack of friendliness				1									2						3	
Concern that we are growing into a bedroom community for downtown Mpls		1		1															2	
Eco-socialism may make neighborhood somewhat exclusive				1								1							2	
Renters mention not feeling a part of neighborhood, not fitting in			1	1															2	
Not "lively" like Harrison neighborhood				1															1	
No senior center		1																	1	
BMNA is "clique-y"				1															1	
Volunteer apathy not limited to BMNA; it's present in townhome association as well								1											1	
Renters feel disconnected with/not interested in getting involved in neighborhood												1							1	

















