

# Urban Survey Information

## STRUCTURES AND SPACE

### Buildings

What are the building types?

What are the buildings usages?

What are the conditions of the buildings?

Are the usages of the buildings changing? If so, how?

### Space

How is the land being used?

What are the natural boundaries of the neighborhood?

DO you know when you have left the community?

What and where are the public spaces?

What and where are the private spaces?

How is personal space treated?

Where are cars parked?

What are the yards used for?

Are there fences?

What does all the above say about neighborhood values?

### People

Who are the people living in the community?

Ethnic background:

Age breakdown:

Economic level:

### Family Structure

Single

Single parent

Couple

Grandparent led

What is the average length of time people have lived in their location?

Who are the people leaving the community?

Who is replacing those who are leaving?

Why are the people changing?

### **PIECES OF LIFE**

What artifacts do people leave lying around?

What is seen on the front porches?

Are the things on the front porches ethnically or culturally specific?  
If yes, what culture?

Where are people traveling to or from in the neighborhood?

Based on what you see, what values can you predict people have?

### **BUSINESSES**

What are the local businesses in the neighborhood?

What services do they provide?

For how much?

What products do they provide?

For how much?

Are they local or chain stores?

What do the prices say about their customers?

What are the hubs of activity?

Where are the hubs located?

Are their banks or credit unions in the neighborhood?

If businesses are not found in the neighborhood where do people shop?

### Ways to earn their living

What ways do people use to earn their living? List types.

Full-time

Part-time

Daily pick up work

Welfare

Micro-business out of home

### **SIGNS**

Are there billboards in the neighborhood?

If so, what is being sold on them?

Who are these outside campaigns marketing to?

What language is used on the signs?

Who is the target audience of the signs?

What do the signs say about the neighborhood's political or religious values?

## **SOUNDS AND SMELLS**

What music is being played?

What age group does the music cater to?

Are there different patterns of language?

What do you smell?

What do the smells tell you about the different parts of the neighborhood?

## **INSTITUTIONS**

### Schools

What schools do the children attend?

Nursery

Elementary

High School

Vocation Training

### Medical

What medical care is found in the neighborhood?

Hospital

Clinic

Physician's office

Dentist's office

What are the major health problems in the neighborhood? List.

### Library

Is there a library in the neighborhood?

What services are offered there?

**SIGNS OF HOPE**

Do you see evidence of God at work in the neighborhood?

What are the different major religions seen? (Christian, Muslim, Jewish, etc.)

What Christian churches do you see?

Number

Type

Where do the members come from to worship?

Are the churches open during the week or only on Sundays?

**POLITICAL/GOVERNMENT**

What government services are being provided within the neighborhood?

What infrastructures are in the community? List.

Will the infrastructures help or hinder change?

Is their city transportation in the neighborhood to and from the rest of the city?

Who are the leaders in the neighborhood?

Formal leaders

Informal leaders

**IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND PROBLEMS**

List assets people living in the community have to meet needs in their neighborhood.

List any associations operating in the neighborhood.

Who is the leader?

List any non-government agencies working in the neighborhood.

Who is the leader?

As a neighborhood, have the people come together to improve their way of life?

If so, what did they try?

Were they successful?

## **MAP OF NEIGHBORHOOD**