Team Name: Smart Park (EE)

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**Product Title**: “Smart Park System”

**Update:**

At this point in Senior Project Design II, we are still in the beginning phase of the continuation of my team’s product. We are roughly three weeks into the school semester, and I am personally nearing the very end of my undergraduate college tenure. It is simultaneously a brief reprieve and diminution of overall stress plus a sense of unease. I think this is due to the excitement of finally achieving tangible enhancement to my overall being and the addition of extra credentials regarding my professional/career life. Also, the unknown of the future, such as the extra time of the day that will be relinquished for me to do anything (like working on my team’s product idea for my main career focus) has me a bit worried.

I have personally struggled with self-esteem issues, drug addiction, and other abuse for many years without true relief or solutions to those problems. In other words, I don’t think those underlying and prevalent hinderances will immediately diminish (like in my wildest dreams). However, I will have a better chance at succeeding with relinquishing those ailments given that I will have acquired and earned post-secondary education beyond general studies from high school. I’ll consider graduate school options later, but not immediately after I earn my bachelor’s degree.

**Personal Product Reflection:**

Anyway, my team and I have outlined a base schedule that we’re following to have at least one true working unit at the end of the semester. Admittedly, I have been having some difficulty contributing meaningfully right now, in the beginning, but I have been communicating with my team(s) every day with direct text messages and Microsoft Teams app. I’m not sure if Andy knows that I’m in the group, since I’ve been quiet in the main lobby(ies) I have been invited too on Teams. I believe I am since I was able to retrieve updates and invites from my cell phone, last time I checked (previous week). Also, I have been working on some of the pre-requisites for Engineering+ at WSU. I have earned a paid internship for the Summer, 2022 from an organization called MKEC Engineering Inc. They are a very beautiful and goal orientated employer.

**Goal of the Week and Potential Problems:**

Long story short, I’m having a bit of trouble balancing my time at this moment in time. I’m doing my best to prepare and do well as there is a lot of work to be done. Current potential problems, from my perspective, regard actual improvements to the physical design of the product, specifically a better power solution. At least provide a better idea and solution(s) than our current option(s) that we are using at this moment. Fortunately, the team is understanding and we’re all willing to help each other. Sometimes, we’ll each make a compromise, so long as we achieve our needs and goals for our product. Otherwise, I’ve got nothing else to add or talk about at this moment in time.