Npc guide for balancing

Npc ai script location:

assets→_project→DesireSystem→Scripts2.0→VisitorNpcAi



Desires and Values

desires are created with 2 values

- 1. a random values signifying the starting value of the desire i.e. "0.2 hunger", "0.15 thirst"
- 2. the rate at which the desire changes, imagine for example(not real), 2f causes the desire to increase at 0.2 per second.

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//Desire To Race (Will)
RaceDes = new Desire("Race", Random.Range(0f,1f),1f);

//initialises desires with an instance of the class
//constructs them with a names, random value for the desire initially
//and finally the rate at which the desire increases
HungerDes = new Desire("Hunger", Random.Range(0f, 0.3f),2f);//2
BoredomDes = new Desire("Boredom", Random.Range(0f, 0.3f),3f);//3
ThirstDes = new Desire("Thirst", Random.Range(0f, 0.3f), 1.5f);//1.5
ToiletDes = new Desire("Toilet", Random.Range(0f, 0.3f), 1f);//1
```

Wander and tiredness

while the wander and tired desires are structurally the same they act slightly differently to the others

- wander
 - wander shouldn't increase at all so don't change the second value in the constructor
 - wander acts as a threshold to stop the npc constantly fulfilling desires
 - they will wander if no other desires are above the threshold (the assigned value, currently 0.4f)
 - increasing this will reduce the amount of time before an npc decides it want to act on a desire
- Tired
 - tired should always construct at Of

- tired represents a visitors "lifetime" in the game, once tired = 1 the visitor will leave the park
- only change the rate of change (second val currently 0.6f) to change how long visitors stay
 in the park

```
//wander desires value is static and functions as the lower threshold a desire needs to reach in order to be made a priority
WanderDes = new Desire("Wander", 0.4f, 0f);
//tired is a bit different as we dont want npcs to begin really tired
//it essentially defines how long a npc will run for so we want it to change less than the others
TiredDes = new Desire("Tiredness", 0.0f, 0.6f);
```

Satisfaction

satisfaction is both individual to each npc as well as representative of them as a collective for individual npcs:

```
2 references
public void updateSatisfaction()
{
    if (currentDesire.value < 0.9f)
    {
        satisfaction += 0.1f;
    }
    else if (currentDesire.value > 0.9f)
    {
        satisfaction -= 0.1f;
    }
}
```

- the first if statement:
 - this means the if the desire is below 0.9 when it completes an action, the npc will gain satisfaction
 - 0.9 is the threshold for positive interaction can be changed
 - 0.1 is the amount the satisfaction changes each interaction recommended don't change unless it really needs it - wouldn't increase at all
- the second statement
 - reverse of the first values represent the same things

instruction for overall satisfaction will be in the spawner guide when i make it.