

**Community Policing Action Council (CoPAC)  
Ypsilanti, Michigan**

**Minutes  
November 1, 2005  
6pm, Haab Building**

**Treasurers Report**

1057.41, plus \$70 to be deposited

**Marketing Committee Report - Nancy Vogt**

**Membership Committee Report**

Rebecca Dunkle & Greg Peoples discussed ways of welcoming new members into CoPAC. Ideas included a small pamphlet or handout that gave basic information such as members, schedule of meetings, the responsibility of dues, who was on the executive committee, etc.

It was also discussed that due to meetings being every other month, if someone missed a meeting, then it would be 4 months between meetings and maybe we should go back to a monthly meeting schedule.

**Neighborhood Reports**

Normal Park - Senior Center on Congress will be closing at the end of the year due to lack of funds. Rebecca Dunkle talked about ways to possibly keep it open, including offering volunteer time for some services to cut down on maintenance costs.

West Middle School wants to cut down some trees in the area to move the parking garage for the school buses. Neighbors noticed the signs and are forming a citizen's committee to help study this issue. They asked the school about it, so now there will be a school board meeting about the issue.

Gateway Community Council - The Parkridge Community Center will close at the end of the month unless additional funding can be found.

Midtown - Midtown has a brand new website - [Midtown.ypsi.com](http://Midtown.ypsi.com)

Historical Southside - Prostitution has increased in the area. Residents are seeing “new faces”. Steve Pierce talked about the “John’s School” where those arrested for soliciting a prostitute have their automobiles impounded and can only get them back by attending a John’s School where they learn the impact their actions have on the community.

Historical Eastside - Increase in prostitution.

Miles Area - Increase in prostitution.

### **Picnic**

The next annual picnic is scheduled to be hosted by Historic Eastside, Miles St., and Prospect Park.

### **Election of CoPAC officers**

President - Margaret Ann Kildau was re-elected.

Vice President - Rebecca Dunkle was elected to finish the term (1 year).

Secretary - Megan Turf was elected.

### **Police Report**

Crime Stats - Deputy Chief Harshberger explained the weekly statistics that the Ypsilanti Police Department generates based on their calls for service. These stats are sent out to the CoPAC group as well as the Ann Arbor News. Occasionally, what is mapped and posted on the Ypsilanti Police Department’s website does not match what is sent out, so he explained about the difference in time between the generated file and when they are pulled again to be mapped at the station.

Budget & Income Tax - Chief George Basar gave an update on the possible Income Tax situation for the City. Due to Visteon staying another year, the estimated deficit for the next fiscal year will be closer to \$360,000 rather than \$1.1 million. The Income Tax proposal has been taken off the table as a ballot option.

### **Nuisance Abatement Team Update**

Lieutenant DeRidder informed the committee that the NAT team is keeping a list of ~130 houses in the city that appear vacant or abandoned. They have a top ten list they are working on to work with owners to clean up, tear down, or just generally make better the appearance of their property.

A house in Miles Area (808 Young St) was recently closed up due to illegal activity.

David Kircher is having to work with a new management team (possibly from Ann Arbor) to assist in the upkeep of his properties. Properties already occupied will be turned over to the management team to manage. Properties that are vacant must be brought up to code and then turned over to the management team to screen tenants and manage the properties.

### **Next Meeting**

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUES., JANUARY 3, 2006