

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

**Minutes
May 02, 2006
6pm, Haab Building**

In Attendance:

CoPAC Members: Peter Hubbard (Gerganoff), Rodney C. Nanney (Midtown), Judy Williston (CHENA), Esther Williams (Gateway Community Council), Megan Turf (Prospect Gardens), Rod Johnson (Historical Eastside), Sandee French (DTA), Matt Harshberger (YPD), Greg Peoples (EMU), Margaret Ann Kildau (Prospect Park), Keith Peters (YCC), Fred Williams (Heritage Park), Rebecca Dunkle (Normal Park).

Others: Paul DeRidder (YPD)

Minutes from the previous meeting (March 7, 2006) were approved and will be posted on the website (ypsicopac.org).

Treasurers Report

\$1671.28 total.

We will be paying for CoPAC shirts as soon as they come in.

Neighborhood Reports

CHENA

- University Heights wants to be officially included in CHENA, however there is some resistance due to size issues.
- Suggestions included: including them on a temporary basis until they can survive on their own, continue to invite them to meetings so they can get an idea of how other NAs work.

MIDTOWN

- The modified down-zoning plan was approved by City Council. They are now working on additional down-zoning steps.
- A new Vice President was elected.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- Parkridge Community Center is now closed. No staffing, no programming for the kids.
- It has been noticed there is an increase in public disturbances since the center closed.

NORMAL PARK

- Raised over \$4000 to help the Senior Center in a Rock-a-thon.
- Will be having their yard sale on the first Saturday in June (June 3rd).

HISTORIC EASTSIDE

- General meeting is in June.
- Lt. Paul DeRidder is scheduled to present on the Nuisance Abatement Team updates.
- Rise in prostitution in two main areas
 - Alley b/w Grove & Park
 - Vinewood cul-de-sac

PROSPECT GARDENS

- First annual elections are in May.

PROSPECT PARK

- Vagrants and smell of marijuana in Prospect Park.

YPSILANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Commented on the upcoming Friday night music events downtown
 - Keith noted that the CBC (sponsoring group) is a subcommittee of the chamber, yet the chamber had been unaware of the scheduled summer event.
 - Will work with the CBC to see if the event can continue (due to insurance and other concerns).

HISTORICAL SOUTHSIDE

- Problem with traffic at Michigan and Huron due to the shortness of the light. Loud music coming from cars who are waiting for the light to change.

HERITAGE PARK

- Identified problem house – narcotics.
- YPD is trying to schedule a meeting with the owner since it is a rental and the tenants are not cooperative.

Old Business

Summer Picnic

Picnic is scheduled for Saturday August 26, 2006 at Prospect Park.

Hosting NAs are Historic Eastside, Prospect Park, and Miles Area.

It is posted on the website.

Rod will send out a sign-up sheet for stuff to bring and will send out the new flier as well.

We need volunteers to staff the CoPAC booth both here and at Heritage Fest.

Website update

Megan is listing individual NA meeting dates and times on the events page. If you are interested in having your group's meetings listed, send her the info:

mturf@isr.umich.edu

Greg Peoples will follow up with EMU for a student to take over full time.

Ypsilanti Pride Day

Ypsi Pride Day is May 20th this year. Gardeners from the Gardening Club and Growing Hope will be participating. We will be giving away wristbands instead of t-

shirts again this year. More perennials will be used this year for a more permanent, low maintenance upkeep.

Any group that wants to adopt an area (do maintenance and upkeep throughout the summer) can contact Diane Keller (Diane@ypsichamber.org).

Aachen Motors will donate \$50 to Pride Day for every car donated to them. They will allow you to crush your own car with the crusher if you pay \$100.

DNA Letter

Margaret Ann announced that she had received the information for this and will be passing it on to Megan Turf to start the letter to our State Legislature.

New Business

New Chief of Police Search

City Manager Ed Koryzno and Bob Bruner came to the CoPAC exec board meeting to explain how things are currently working.

By this Friday (May 5), the search committee hopes to have selected the firm that will select the final candidates. It's possible we won't have a Chief until August.

Parades

There are three parades this summer (1) Memorial Day, (2) 4th of July and (3) Heritage Fest. Which one do we want to walk in?

It was decided that CoPAC would be represented in the Heritage Day parade.

Greg will be charge of sending out a reminder email to the group a week before – reminding people of where to meet, to bring their banner, etc.

Matt will fill out the paperwork needed to participate in the parade.

Happy Hour at Cady's

Cady's Grill has offered to put together a Happy Hour on Monday's from 6-8pm in honor of Neighborhood Associations. There will be free appetizers and drink specials. The first Happy Hour is Monday May 8th!

Nuisance Abatement Team Update

Lieutenant Paul DeRidder gave us an update of what the NAT team has been working on lately.

148 – 160 S. Prospect – Increase in narcotics calls, ordinance calls for trash & stray animals. NAT is requesting a letter from the City Attorney to the owner of the building to let them know they are a focus of the group and to start cleaning up their area and screening tenants.

Kircher – Currently on probation. He is required to hire a management company to screen tenants and clean up properties, but it is believed that he has not done this and continued to rent out properties. The City Attorney is requesting a probation violation through the court.

9 S. Washington – There are a few structural issues to be dealt with but the Clinic is up and running.

The three houses by Dairy Queen – 1 is being torn down, 1 is occupied, 1 has a sale pending, but since it's been so long and it's run down the city is requesting it be torn down.

Feel free to email Lieutenant Paul DeRidder if you have any questions or want an update on a property – pderidder@cityofypsilanti.com

YPD Update

Operational Changes now that Matt has become Interim Chief:

- Sgt. Eldridge is taking over NA meeting coordination with the officers. He will make sure an officer is at each meeting, issues raised at the meetings are dealt with, and updates are sent back to the next meeting with the next officer.
- Sgt Troy Fulton is in charge of area 211 (Northwest side)
- Sgt Tom Eberts is in charge of area 212 (Northeast side)
- Sgt Stan Eldridge is in charge of area 213 (Southeast side)
- Sgt Kevin Dorsey is in charge of area 214 (Southwest side)
- New Bike Patrol – This used to be a volunteer program. However, this year the Friends of the YPD are buying new uniforms for every officer that wishes to participate as long as it becomes mandatory participation.
- Lt. Craig Annas is now in coordinating city events.
- Lt. Paul DeRidder is now coordinating the Volunteer Service Corp.
- New summer shift will include a 3p – 3a officer.
- Two recent prostitution stings (regular & reverse) resulted in 3 johns & 1 impounded car and 2 females.

[From an email from Matt on Thursday about the larceny issue:]

The city is currently experiencing a rash of Larcenies (mainly from motor vehicles and garages, etc) over the past two weeks. Everyone needs to keep their vehicles locked at night because the vast majority of larcenies from motor vehicles are of vehicles left unlocked. Also, valuables need to be taken out of the vehicle or placed in the trunk or under the seat . Any valuable (lab-top computers, phones, CDs, sunglasses, purses, wallets, etc.) items left visible in the vehicle is only an open invitation to those that want to break-in. Also, with regard to garages, please make sure to close and lock garage doors each evening. As it gets warmer and residents are out doing yard work, it is easy to forget to close them. Lawn mowers, hand tools, etc. are easy pickings when doors are left open.

From a review of all the incidents over the past two weeks (21 incidents in all), the vast majority of incidents occurred after 9p.m. Most were of unlocked cars and garages left open. The incidents are taking place pretty much citywide, so there is no real geographical focus. If you have any further questions or have any information as to who may be committing these incidents, please contact the YPD ASAP.

We will also be putting this information in the Ann Arbor News in an attempt to assist with residential notification. If we take away the opportunity for the crimes to be committed, we will stop the crimes from occurring. Also, with our new summer shift period starting this Saturday, we have incorporated a 3 p.m to 3 a.m. road patrol position. This officer will concentrate on these incidents over the next few weeks until we either catch the individual(s) responsible or take away the opportunities that causes an end to the incidents.

Outstanding Dues Owed

The following groups are currently unable to vote until they become current with their dues. Please see Esther Williams to make your group current:

- Miles Area – 2005 and 2006. \$70 total (\$35/year)
- Worden Gardens – 2005 and 2006. \$70 total (\$35/year)
- Ypsilanti Housing Commission – 2005 and 2006. \$50 total (\$25/year)

Miscellaneous

Matt will send out an update on the Maxi juveniles being released in our area on purpose.

Next Meeting

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUES., July 11th, 2006

EXECUTIVE MEETING TUES., June 6th, 2006