

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

**Minutes
July 11, 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), Matt Harshberger (YPD), Greg Peoples (EMU), Margaret Ann Kildau (Prospect Park), Diane Keller (YCC), Juanita House (Heritage Park).

Others: Lt. Mark Angott (YPD)

Minutes from the previous meeting (May 2, 2006) were approved and will be posted on the website (ypsicopac.org).

Treasurers Report

\$1652.91 total.

Marketing Committee

We will be a part of the Heritage Parade Saturday August 19, 2006. Meet at the station by 9:30am. Each group will have a poster sized sign for their own group recognition – 2x3 standard size.

Also – we need to start signing up for volunteers to work the CoPAC tent at the festival.

Neighborhood Reports

WOODS ROAD

- Tisha is looking for a new rep.
- Neighbors were interested in how to properly interpret the curfew. Is it valid for a minor to be out at all if it's under a parents supervision? Answer is yes, with parents permission it is ok if they are going directly to or from somewhere. Not just "hanging out".
- There is a dirt bike in Recreation Park (motorcycle, not bicycle). YPD says those types of bikes must be registered, only one rider per bike, and helmets are required. Please contact YPD to report any further incidents – 483-9510.

CHENA

- Met with 3 people from University Estates (now calling themselves College Heights West). They're pursuing combining both groups. Will possibly be merged by January 2007.

MIDTOWN

- Signs for the neighborhood – marking the boundaries. Any suggestions? Not sure on the design yet, but they want more than just metal DPW signs.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- Curfew is big in this area. Burton Ct. used to be quiet,. Not sure where these kids are coming from, but the community specifically requested the curfew due to the disturbances.

NORMAL PARK

- July 20th at the Senior Center – meet the candidates for Mayor.

HISTORIC EASTSIDE

- Had a presentation from Lt. DeRidder regarding the NAT team.
- 333 N. River – appears to be just minors living there with no adults. There is quite a bit of negative attention between the residents and the rest of the neighborhood. A fight broke out between a resident of this house and another neighbor when the neighbor came by to ask them something.
- Prostitution stings by the YPD appear to be working. However, they seem to have moved to along River near Maple.
- Saturday nights (mostly) people are driving into Prospect Park over to the shelter – YPD can enforce this ordinance.
- Two burned houses in the neighborhood will be dealt with by the end of the year.

PROSPECT GARDENS

- No report.

PROSPECT PARK

- Had a successful neighborhood picnic.

YPSILANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- No report.

HISTORICAL SOUTHSIDE

- Drugs on Ferris (across from the Cooler). Also in a house near the funeral home.

HERITAGE PARK

- No report.

GERGANOFF

- Request for combined meet the candidates. Want to schedule something prior to the Primary on August 8th. Possibly combine with Riverside?

RIVERSIDE

- Working to hold a Mayoral debate at EMU on Thursday July 27th at 7pm.
- Drugs are being dealt out of a house at the corner of Forest and Huron, next to the party store.
- Riverside is interested in becoming a 501(c)3. Will talk to Janelle in small business.

Old Business

Summer Picnic

- Picnic is scheduled for Saturday August 26, 2006 at Prospect Park – in the pavilion near the tennis courts. DPW will assist in getting additional tables.
- Hosting NAs are Historic Eastside, Prospect Park, and Miles Area.
- It is posted on the website.
- Flier is ready to go. Rod will send it out electronically so that we can all send it on to our own groups. Hard copies will go to local businesses.
- Expecting ~200 people. Everyone who signed up to bring something, please plan to cover that many people.
- Bookmobile has been invited.

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.

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. (Obviously, this still hasn't been started yet. Will keep you informed).

New Business

New Neighborhood Association voted in!

Welcome Riverside NA!! Boundaries are Jarvis on the North. Lowell, Perrin and Hamilton on the West. Michigan Ave on the South. And Huron on the East. An email has been sent to Historic Southside because these new boundaries cover the blocks between Michigan and Pearl between Hamilton & Huron that currently belong to HSS. Question being – can Michigan be the diving line instead? Will update next meeting.

Update on New Chief of Police Search

Below is an email from Bob Bruner (rbruner@cityofypsilanti.com):

The Police Chief Selection Committee will meet again on Thu 7/13/2006 to review our consultant's semifinalist list. The Committee may add or subtract candidates from the consultant's list based on our discussion.

The consultant will then conduct telephone interviews with the semifinalists and finalists and make a recommendation as to whether or not any of the semifinalists will be added to the already established finalist list. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or for updates.

Heritage Festival is coming!!

- We need volunteers to work the CoPAC booth at the festival. Tasks include informing the public of what CoPAC is and trying to get them involved in a neighborhood association in their area, informing them if they live in an area that has one, and helping the YPD tent blow up balloons. ☺
- Shifts available will be sent out in an email as soon as I get them.

Nuisance Abatement Team Update

Lieutenant Mark Angott is replacing Lt. Paul DeRidder on NAT updates. Lt. Angott gave us an update of what the NAT team has been working on lately.

148 – 160 S. Prospect – Constant nuisance calls. Meeting has already been scheduled with the City Attorney and the owner of the complex and the ordinance department. Owner appears to be willing to cooperate. The main concern with this location is cleanliness. Rear of the building contains old concrete debris, trash, etc. Owner said he was entertaining the thought of evicting everyone and starting over. However, it was mentioned by the other groups involved that, that was not going to do much good if he didn't start screening his tenants. If screening did not take place, he would end up in the same place he is now. A second meeting with the owner to track progress is scheduled for August.

MJ's (otherwise known as the Wooden Nickel) – Constant problems in the parking lot are taking a lot of the YPD's resources to cover. Talked with the City Attorney about starting a nuisance lawsuit. The problems are spilling over to other nearby businesses.

Feel free to email Lieutenant Mark Angott if you have any questions or want an update on a property – mangott@cityofypsilanti.com.

YPD Update

CURFEW

A curfew has been put into effect for the city for all minors 17 and under.

- Curfew starts at 11p and goes to 5a. Call 483-9510 if you see any minors out during those times! Both parent & child receive tickets.
- Parent's fine:
 - \$150 first offense or 8 hours community service.
- Minor's fine:
 - \$60 first offense or 8 hours community service.
 - \$120 second offense or 16 hours community service.
 - \$240 third offense or 32 hours community service.
- Interim Chief Harshberger noted that there have been about 50 tickets so far and they are working with the courts to push for community service instead of the fines.

RECENT YPD RAIDS

- Most activity is being noted on Burton Ct. Loitering young adults, fighting, and drug activity. Two raids have been done on this street – heroin, ecstasy, and marijuana were found. One house was shut down due to fire code violations. The other one (438 Burton Ct.) was re-opened due to work done by a local church.

DRUG SAFETY BOOK

Does the YPD want to endorse this book? Representative from the organization told the YPD they would be listed in the book as an endorser and that they solicit local businesses for the \$\$ to produce these books. Because the organization claims to be non-profit, instead of telling businesses that they will keep the leftover \$\$, it was discussed that a distinct possibility would be that they would imply the leftover \$\$ would go to the YPD. It was decided that since the YPD has GREAT and DARE

and the middle school police academy, those were enough and not to endorse this book.

MEDIAN ORDINANCE

City Council unanimously passed a new ordinance to keep people from loitering on the median on Michigan Ave in downtown. Reasons stated for this new ordinance include a recent increase in people standing on the median for a prolonged period of time, driver's extent of vision is blocked, safety issues are involved if a person gets shoved off into the street, etc. A person can cross the street, but they can't stop and loiter. DPW will put up signs informing people of this new ordinance before the YPD will begin to enforce it. It has not been decided if a violator will be arrested or only receive a ticket.

NEW YPD CARS

- The YPD is getting 3 new vehicles in July and 4 more in August.
 - 3 are the new all black so they are not as recognizable.
 - 4 are the same classic black & whites.
- New graphics are being applied to the cars. The 150 year anniversary of the YPD is coming up in 2008. New motto "To protect & serve since 1858". Also, the YPD's website & phone number are now visible.

PROSTITUTION STINGS

Another one coming soon to a neighborhood near you!

Currently, the YPD is targeting both prostitutes and the johns. They've arrested 13 males and 12 females. All vehicles involved in the sting are confiscated and require \$750 to release them from impound. All will have the conditional Michigan Ave bond (which includes 2 blocks both north & south). Will start to include N. River as well as a target area.

Outstanding Dues Owed

The following groups are currently unable to vote until they become current with their dues. Please see Esther Williams (Eeswms@aol.com) 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)

Next Meeting

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUES., September 5, 2006
NO EXECUTIVE MEETING