

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

**Minutes  
January 16, 2007  
6pm, Haab Building**

**In Attendance:**

CoPAC Members: Peter Hubbard (Gerganoff), Allen Morgan (CHENA), Candace B. Pinaud (CHENA), Bob Krzewinski (Prospect Park), Walter Norris (YHC), Megan Turf (Prospect Gardens), Rod Johnson (Historical Eastside), Matt Harshberger (YPD), Greg Peoples (EMU), Rebecca Dunkle (Normal Park), Joel Schultz (Normal Park), Beth Bashert (Normal Park), Robert Miller (Friends of the YPD), Harvey Krage (Midtown), Fred Williams, Jr. (Heritage Park)

Others: Jim Vick (EMU) Lt. Mark Angott (YPD), Officer Matthew Spunar (Wayne PD), Officer Alan Maciag (Wayne PD)

**Looking for Volunteers**

Midtown - Interested in improving the cosmetic appearance of the business Exxotik'k' Afrik'k' on the corner of Ballard and Congress. They will try and contact the owner of the building through the city assessment records. Looking for other interested persons willing to work on this team – even outside of Midtown.

**Treasurer's Report**

\$1595.65 total.

**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 and 2007. \$105 total (\$35/year)
- Worden Gardens – 2005 and 2006 and 2007. \$105 total (\$35/year)
- Ypsilanti Housing Commission – 2005 and 2006 and 2007. \$75 total (\$25/year)
- Depot Town Assoc. – 2007. \$35
- East Side NA – 2007. \$35
- Historic South Side NA – 2007. \$35
- Midtown NA – 2007. \$35
- Woods Road NA – 2007. \$35
- Ypsi Chamber of Commerce – 2007. \$25

Dues for 2007 were due at the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting!

- Full Associations - \$35
- Associate Associations - \$25

Those owing back dues were excused from 2005, if 2006 and 2007 were paid at the January meeting.

If you are unclear which group you belong in, please contact Robert Miller (ypsimitil@sbcglobal.net).

## College Place Presentation

(See map on second to last page)

Mr. Jim Vick, Vice President of Student Affairs of Eastern Michigan University, came and did a presentation on the proposed closure of College Place, north of Cross Street, in front of Pease Auditorium. EMU has applied for a three-part grant from the state of Michigan, and since Ypsilanti is a "Cool City", the grants qualify for more money. EMU will be requesting a 99 year lease from the city for College Place and they own all the property on both sides already. Additionally, Forest, running West, will now end at Perrin St.

The purpose of the closing is to make a pedestrian park for the students. It is also felt that will help get students into Depot Town, Downtown, and the neighborhoods more.

The City of Ypsilanti will be losing state money (MDOT) for the cost of the road and parking spaces. However, in return for the street, EMU has agreed to trade the parking lot behind the AATA bus stop on Pearl, so the City can gain the parking spaces back.

The cost to EMU is \$1.4 million dollars. The grants they have applied for will cover \$600,000. The request has already passed one reading at City Council, and is scheduled for its second reading (most likely February 2007) once word from the grants comes in, which is scheduled for mid January 2007.

The Ypsilanti Fire Department has reviewed the plan, and no comment was made by Mr. Vick that they found issues with being able to still get their fire trucks through to all buildings, since the City supplies fire coverage to the university.

## Committees

It was decided at the January meeting that the February Executive Board meeting would be open to all and that the time would be spent restructuring, redesigning, and redefining the committees. The date will be February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

## Neighborhood Reports

### CHENA

- Worried about Mr. Pizza's new zoning request for staying open until 4am on weekends.

### DTA

- No representative, no report.

### EMU

- No report given.

### GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- No representative, no report.

### GERGANOFF

- Writing a letter to the President & Athletic Department Director. Student athletes running through the neighborhoods don't look both ways before crossing streets and have almost gotten run over by residents.

### HERITAGE PARK

- Still continue to meet, though they are still dealing with the same issues. They feel they share the same issues as neighboring associations.

### HISTORIC EASTSIDE

- No report given.

### HISTORICAL SOUTHSIDE

- No representative, no report.

### MIDTOWN

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- Property crimes have increased again. Looking for citizen suggestions on how to combat the problem.
  - Meet with Riverside to discuss common issues.
  - Start a neighborhood watch.
  - Come up with a schedule for residents to sign up for shifts.
  - Walk in pairs.
  - Always keep a cell phone handy.

### NORMAL PARK

- No report given.

### PROSPECT GARDENS

- December saw their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Winter Party.

### PROSPECT PARK

- No report given.

### RIVERSIDE

- No representative, no report.

### WOODS ROAD

- No representative, no report.

### YPSILANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- No representative, no report.

### YPSILANTI POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Robberies are up. It does appear as those half are related, perpetrated by the same two individuals. See press release, last page of the minutes.

## **Old Business**

### 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](mailto:mturf@isr.umich.edu)

### 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**

It was decided that we would invite the City Heads to the March meeting.

## **Nuisance Abatement Team Update**

Lt. Angott gave us an update of what the NAT team has been working on lately.

Empty buildings on Harriet – part of the “dangerous building list”. The Fire Marshall checks on them each week.

Wooden Nickel is still open and operating. The City Attorney attempted to obtain a consent order with the owner, but the Wooden Nickel is not cooperating. A Consent Order is a when the business owners and the CA meet to discuss whatever the nuisance is – loud music, fights, underage drinking, hours open, etc. They talk about ways to combat the nuisance, make it more law-abiding, peaceful, and improve the overall perception of the place. Then they go to court & the business agrees to abide by the consent order conditions.

107 E. Cross – Waiting for word from the court to tear it down.

14 N River – New roof has been installed. HDC (Historic District Commission) is involved.

113 E. Cross – A lot of foot traffic, suggestive of drug sales.

1304 Washtenaw – Was boarded up, but someone has pulled the boards down. This property is currently owned by a bank.

402 S. Huron – Owned by a bank. Possibly, someone is interested in purchasing, but not sure.

BP on Owendale – Abandoned vehicles parked along the property.

Feel free to email Lieutenant Mark Angott if you have any questions or want an update on a property – [mangott@ewashtenaw.org](mailto:mangott@ewashtenaw.org)

## **Next Meeting**

EXECUTIVE MEETING TUES., February 6, 2007 – All invited

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUES., March 6, 2007 – City Department Heads





## **Press release**

# **One Man arrested for the Armed Robbery and Sexual Assault of Coin Laundry Attendant -One remains at large.-**

**January 19, 2007**

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One man was arrested in connection for the armed robbery and sexual assault of an Ypsilanti Coin Laundromat attendant. The Ypsilanti Police Detective Bureau and the Van Buren Detective Bureau worked collectively on near identical cases that occurred on the same night and a short time apart.

Information developed when a relative of the victim from the Van Buren robbery and sexual assault watched the local news and observed the surveillance video from the Ypsilanti case. Detectives from both agencies worked in concert and made positive identification of both suspects.

Detectives located the whereabouts of the suspects and armed with arrest warrants arrested one suspect as he exited a Van Buren Township apartment building. The second suspect remains at large.

Any further questions can be directed to Chief Matthew E, Harshberger at (734) 483-8590 Or Van Buren Police Captain Gregory M. Laurain at (734) 699 – 8930.

Respectfully,

Lt. Craig T Annas