

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

**Minutes
July 24, 2007
6pm, Haab Building**

In Attendance:

CoPAC Members: Allen Morgan (CHENA), Sandee French (DTA), Peter Hubbard (Gerganoff), Rod Johnson (Historical Eastside), Steve Pierce (Historical Southside), Harvey Krage (Midtown), Sarahanne Wright (Miles Area), Beth Bashert (Normal Park), Margaret Ann Kildau (Prospect Park), Megan Turf (Prospect Gardens), Matthew Harshberger (YPD)

Others: Lula Jones (Riverside/Human Relations Commision), Richard Murphy (City Planning Dept)

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Outstanding Dues Owed

The following groups are currently unable to vote until they become current with their dues. Please see Robert Miller (ypsimit@sbcglobal.net) to make your group current:

MULTIPLE YEARS OWED:

- Miles Area – 2005 and 2006 and ~~2007~~ (paid). \$70 total (\$35/year)

2007 ONLY OWED:

- Woods Road NA – 2007. \$35

Dues for 2007 were due at the January 2nd meeting!

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

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

New Business

Human Relations Commission

Lula Jones gave a presentation on the Human Relations Commission and handed out brochures. The brochures are available through the City Clerk's office and additional information is available on the City's website – www.cityofypsilanti.com → Boards/Commissions. She is interested in meeting with each of the neighborhood associations individually.

New Ad Hoc Committee – Email Listserves

Steve Pierce and Megan Turf have volunteered to put together a new CoPAC listserve for CoPAC members as well as a new city-wide one (name to be determined) that can be used to pass non-neighborhood news around to.

Neighborhood Reports

CHENA

- Voted to incorporate the west side of their area. Formally University Estates. The two groups will get together and form a new organization with new bylaws and a new name.

DTA

- No report given.

EMU

- No report given.

FRIENDS OF THE YPD

- No report given.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- No report given.

GERGANOFF

- Wrote the city to put up noise ordinance signs on Huron and Gregory. The stoplight at Huron and Superior is good, but the cars that stop have very loud stereos.

HERITAGE PARK

- No report given.

HISTORIC EASTSIDE

- Back on a regular meeting schedule.

HISTORICAL SOUTHSIDE

- Appreciates increased YPD patrols.
- Will work on identifying houses that need lights on after dark.
- Talking to DPW about raising the tree canopy above the street light level.

MIDTOWN

- Welcomes the new Dos Hermanos grocery down on Michigan between Ballard and Hamilton.
- With Ozone, they will be cleaning up the block on Saturday August 4th (hopefully before/after the CoPAC picnic! ☺).
- The laundry in that same block will be re-opening and they will provide pickup and drop off of laundry.

MILES AREA

- There are two males sitting on the guardrail at Miles and Michigan, occasionally with a woman. Appears to be prostitution activity.

NORMAL PARK

- Currently on summer vacation – no meetings

PROSPECT GARDENS

- Summer picnic will be held sometime in August.

PROSPECT PARK

- Submitted a formal complaint to the ordinance department on a residence with constant garage sales and abandoned vehicles in his yard.

RIVERSIDE

- Invites everyone out Friday nights for Crossroads on Washington for live music.

WORDEN GARDENS

- No report given.

WOODS ROAD

- No report given.

YPSILANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- No report given.

YPSILANTI POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Additional patrols are being done in Riverside & Historical Southside due to the rise in property crimes, prostitution, and vehicle larceny
- Closed down 314 Pearl and 106 S. Huron
- Early August a new position will be created - Administrative Sergeant. The position will be filled in September. They will be the Community Policing Lead, and be in charge of the Citizen's Police Academy, Internal reports, Special Events, and the Volunteer Service Corps among other things.
- Will also be posting for the first canine officer position.
- Additional Taser Demonstrations:
 - Aug 13 – Heritage Park, Midtown, Worden Gardens
 - Sept 13 – CHENA (new name??), Gerganoff, Normal Park, Woods Road

- Oct 3 – Depot Town, Historical Eastside, Miles Area, Prospect Gardens, Prospect Park.

OTHER

- Mongolian Restaurant (Michigan/Washington) – Permits have all been acquired. Moving forward. Cigar/wine bar in the basement possibly.
- Old wig shop (Michigan/Washington) – being bought by the Maurers. May turn it into an Irish Pub & Grill.

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

Committee update

- Marketing/Website – currently looking for volunteers!
 - CoPAC and members of the NAs will be walking in the Heritage Festival Parade. Meet at 9:30 outside of the YPD at the corner of Michigan & Congress.
 - Still looking for volunteers for the CoPAC tent at Heritage Festival. See Rod Johnson to sign up for a shift - rhoneman@comcast.net
- Picnic
 - Sign up sheet is complete.
 - Story sent to the newspapers.
 - Will have the city map so people can mark where they came from.
 - YPD will bring the CoPAC banner.
 - YPD, YFD, and bookmobile will be there.
- CPA Ad Hoc
 - Spaghetti dinner is being scheduled at St. Luke's for September.
 - Buttons are for sale for \$1 – *"I support the Citizen's Police Academy. Ypsilanti Police Department"* See Lula Jones or Megan to purchase one or more.
 - T-shirts are coming. They will be sold for \$20 with \$10 going to the CPA fund.
 - Possibly a calendar.

Nuisance Abatement Team Update

Richard Murphy from the City Planning Department came and talked. His primary role is with the Historic Commission but also deals with occupancy issues, illegal housing units and zoning issues.

Hot spots:

- 2 S. Huron – Boarded up. Was bank owned but now has been sold to someone willing to fix it up.

- 416 N. Huron – Carriage barn was illegally destroyed (Historic building). Court order forced owner at the time and the new owner to rebuild. As of last week the building had been completed.
- 107 E. Cross – Still in the court system. City wants either (1) building destroyed (must be ok-ed by the Historical Society) or (2) an owner who will fully repair the building to certain standards.
- 1926 Washtenaw (West Ridge Apartments) – Building Dept was pressuring former management team to padlock units that didn't pass inspection. ~ weeks ago a new management team came in and is more willing to work with the city to upkeep the units to keep from having to padlock them. Parking issues seem to be pretty much resolved. Former management company had a contract with a tow company that would tow from the parking lot so residents were parking in front of the house instead of in their lot. New management had the contract nullified. Most cars are now parking in the lot again.
- Thompson building – Bank requires 80% units leased before granting construction loan. Beal currently has 60%. First floor will be mostly retail/restaurant. Above floors currently will be loft apartments.
- Peninsula Place Apartments (Huron River Drive) – Was eligible for tax incentives but the owner did not apply in time.
- Water Street – Still looking for developers able to handle the entire area.

Next Meeting

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUES., Sept 25, 2007

EXECUTIVE MEETING TUES., August 7 2007