

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

**Minutes
September 25, 2007
6pm, Haab Building**

In Attendance:

CoPAC Members: Allen Morgan (CHENA), Fred Williams, Jr. (Heritage Park), Rod Johnson (Historical Eastside), Sarahanne Wright (Miles Area, Pat Grimes (Prospect Park), Megan Turf (Prospect Gardens), Linda French (Riverside), Janice Thompson (Worden Gardens), Diane Keller (Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce), Matthew Harshberger (YPD)

Others: Bill Bohlen (Director, DPW), Bonnie Wessler (Stadium Meadows)

Treasurer's Report

\$2083.28 – report given in email after the meeting took place.

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
- Stadium Meadows will be prorated from Oct – Dec at \$3/mon. \$9 due.

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

Solid Waste Presentation

Director of DPW, Bill Bohlen, gave us a presentation on solid waste in the city. Please see the appendix

Neighborhood Reports

CHENA

- Was present at a previous taser demonstration.
- Meeting was held to come up with a new name now that they are incorporating the old University Estates. Voting is still going on.

DTA

- No report given.

EMU

- No report given.

FRIENDS OF THE YPD

- No report given.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- No report given.

GERGANOFF

- No report given.

HERITAGE PARK

- Adopted Parkridge Park. People now walk through each day looking for trash and brush. DPW came out and helped pick up.
- Also continuing to work with YPD on other issues.

HISTORIC EASTSIDE

- Next general meeting will be held 10/15 at Corner Brewery. Director Bohlen will be coming to speak.

HISTORICAL SOUTHSIDE

- No report given.

MIDTOWN

- No report given.

MILES AREA

- No report given.

NORMAL PARK

- No report given.

PROSPECT GARDENS

- Summer picnic was held with record attendance!

PROSPECT PARK

- Next meeting is at the Corner Brewery – Director Bohlen is on the agenda.

RIVERSIDE

- No report given.

STADIUM MEADOWS

- Voted in as a new member!!

WORDEN GARDENS

- Summer picnic was held. Handed out book bags & school supplies to the kids. Red cross truck came. Kids wanted to do it again the next week! ☺

WOODS ROAD

- No report given.

YPSILANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Received reports of graffiti from Angel Food Catering (near the Michigan entrance to Riverside Park). Block writing accompanied by an eyeball looking up.

YPSILANTI POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Another Taser Demonstration will be held Oct 10 at 6:30p at Adams Elementary. Targeted NAs include Prospect Park, Historic Eastside, Miles Area, and Prospect Gardens, though all NAs are welcome to attend.
- The DAY and DDA have reported seeing suspicious persons in “gang colors” loitering downtown. Red and white are the colors.
- At full staff. Five officers are still part of the FTO (field training officer) program. Two are due to graduate in the next two weeks. Once this happens, Chief Harshberger will post a Special Unit Sign up for two officers who will take on the task of focusing solely on Neighborhood Issues. (Similar to the old Neighborhood Policing Team – NPT). Will not take direct calls from dispatch, but will receive assistance from the road patrol as necessary. Will most likely work a schedule of Tuesday through Saturday, either 4p-midnight or 6p – 2a. Hours to be determined.

OTHER

- No report given.

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!
 - HF wrap up – need more volunteers for the parade.
 - HF wrap up – The tent needs more organization – the banner, pencils, fliers. Seemed to be too much a part of the YPD tent.
- Picnic
 - DJ was good
 - If we keep the same date next year, that will make the picnic on the Saturday prior to the August primary. We will have to deal with all sorts of political issues that we do not want to deal with. Suggestion was made to move next year's picnic to the Saturday after the primary instead.
 - Next year's NAs are Riverside, Miles Area, and Prospect Gardens.
 - Where has not yet been determined.
- CPA Ad Hoc
 - Chili dinner is scheduled at Pub 13 for November 2. \$8 donation.
 - 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.
- Email Listserve Ad Hoc
 - Steve Pierce and Megan Turf have volunteered to put together a new CoPAC listserv 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.

Nuisance Abatement Team Update

- The city has not been enforcing the abandoned/dangerous buildings ordinance because of no personnel. Not getting the escrow from the owners because it's not being enforced.
- YPD is going after criminal activity at these locations b/c other departments aren't enforcing on their end.
- And they are not enforcing b/c then they would have to enforce it on themselves due to the buildings on Water Street.
- A council member said that they already passed a resolution saying that they are not enforcing it, but no one else remembers, so it's being checked into.

Next Meeting

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUES., Oct 23, 2007

EXECUTIVE MEETING TUES., Oct 9, 2007

**PRESS RELEASE
September 18, 2007
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**BY WILLIAM BOHLEN,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The Ypsilanti City Council approved policy changes for solid waste collection services on September 4, 2007. These changes have been deemed necessary as a result of increased operational costs for all solid waste collection services.

Curbside Loose Leaf Pick-up:

Collection of loose leaves placed in the margin area will be reduced to one pick-up per year. Please see the schedule below for service dates. For this program to be effective, it is essential that leaves be raked into piles and placed on margin area no later than 7:30AM Monday of each specified week.

The dates for the 2007 loose leaf collection pick up are as follows:

Monday Refuse Collection Day Week of November 05, 2007
Tuesday Refuse Collection Day. Week of November 12, 2007
Wednesday Refuse Collection Day. Week of November 19, 2007
Thursday Refuse Collection Day Week of November 26, 2007
Friday Refuse Collection Day Week of December 03, 2007

In order to provide the most efficient service to residents, they are encouraged to remove all vehicles from the street on their scheduled week between the hours of 7:30AM and 4:00PM.

Curbside pick-up services for contained yard waste (including leaves and grass clippings) will now be extended until December 21, 2007. Residents that desire to dispose of leaves before their scheduled loose leaf pick up can place them in specified containers prior to the above schedule and they will be picked up with all other yard waste materials. Please place waste material in either a brown, paper compost bag or trash container no larger than 32 gallons for pick-up on trash day.

Curbside Brush Pick-up:

As of December 28, 2007 curbside brush chipping will cease. Curbside brush pick up will commence on April 7, 2008 with the following changes:

- Brush must be tied and bundled.
- Bundles may not exceed 50 pounds.
- Bundles shall not to exceed 4 feet in length.

In the event that residents do not wish to tie and bundle their brush the following options are also available.

Residents can utilize the Ypsilanti Township compost facility on Clark Road free of charge with a limit of four free passes annually. Residents must obtain a pass from the Department of Public Works located at 14 West Forest prior to each visit to the compost facility. Proof of residency will be required when picking up passes.

Additionally, residents can utilize a new pay as you throw system for chipping services provided by city staff. The cost of the service will be \$45.00 for the first 15 minutes and \$30.00 for every 15 minutes thereafter. This service will only be available only to city residents and not to contractors doing work on behalf of a resident. This service will require that DPW provide an estimate of cost to the resident and then the services will be prepaid at the DPW offices, prior to receiving said services.

Ypsilanti Recycle 100 Challenge:

In an effort to offset future cost increases and maintain service levels, The City of Ypsilanti is encouraging all residents to take part in the Ypsilanti Recycles 100 Challenge. The goal of this program is to increase the amount of recyclables picked up curbside by 100 lbs per household. The financial benefit of this program is to reduce disposal costs and to generate higher recycling revenues.

Anyone with questions as it relates to these changes may contact the Department of Public Works at 734.483.1421 from 8:00AM to 4:00PM, Monday through Friday.