

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

**Minutes
October 23, 2007
6pm, Haab Building**

In Attendance:

CoPAC Members: Allen Morgan (CHNA), Sandee French (DTA), Greg Peoples (EMU), Rod Johnson (Historical Eastside), Steve Pierce (Historic Southside), Joe Schultz (Normal Park) Megan Turf (Prospect Gardens), Bonnie Wessler (Stadium Meadows), Beth Talbot (Woods Road), Matthew Harshberger (YPD)

Others: Charles Boulard (Building Dept), Sgt. Amy Walker (YPD), Ofc Brad Compton (YPD), Ofc Peter Wist (YPD), Lula Jones

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

Possible amendment to the bylaws restricting political involvement by CoPAC

This is in response to a couple of incidents mixing political issues with the CoPAC name.

Executive board will put together some rough draft language for the next meeting.

Some preliminary ideas include:

- Bringing an issue to the group and requiring approval v. not becoming involved in any political issue at all. Vote together/Stand together.
- The fact that we are the reps for the NAs should mean that we can make decisions on their behalf and not have to take issues back to them and then come and take a vote (too long of a turn around time, especially if NAs don't meet often).
- No individual can make the collective decision.

Elections

Elections for President & Secretary will take place in November. Be sure to send in your nominations!!

Neighborhood Reports

CHNA

- Voted on new name! No longer College Heights East. Now just College Heights.

DTA

- Partnering with the city on taking over Riverside & Frog Island. Will be responsible for the maintenance in return for controlling festivals, etc.

EMU

- Currently doing a President search (national). Search committee is made up of community members as well as students & faculty.
- Will most likely have open forums in the future to gather input on a selection.
- Dr. Donald Loppnow is now the Executive Vice President and Provost for the University, Bernice Lindke is the Interim Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, and Bob Heighes is the Interim Chief of Police in charge of DPS.

FRIENDS OF THE YPD

- No report given.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- No report given.

GERGANOFF

- No report given.

HERITAGE PARK

- No report given.

HISTORIC EASTSIDE

- Director Bohlen came and gave the solid waste presentation.
- Crime items include a increased thefts near the marsh plating company. Prostitution on Michigan Ave.
- Many residents received a white supremacy flier in their mailbox.

HISTORICAL SOUTHSIDE

- Still looking to do something about the short cycle of the light at Michigan & Huron. It's a very short cycle. Traffic backs up and cars take shortcuts through the neighborhood.
- Crime report – panhandling & prostitution.

MIDTOWN

- No report given.

MILES AREA

- No report given.

NORMAL PARK

- No report given.

PROSPECT GARDENS

- No report given.

PROSPECT PARK

- No report given.

RIVERSIDE

- No report given.

STADIUM MEADOWS

- No report given.

WORDEN GARDENS

- No report given.

WOODS ROAD

- No report given.

YPSILANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- No report given.

YPSILANTI POLICE DEPARTMENT

- No Sgt Amy Walker & Ofc Brad Compton of the Neighborhood Patrol Team (NPT) came and talked about the focus of the new group. Ofc's will go to the

NA meetings, collect 1-3 top priority crime/quality of life issues and work on them.

- City Council will hopefully be voting on the taser issue at the first meeting in November. The Chief expects a 4-6 week delivery time once Council approves.
- Canine Ofc Buky joined the force last week! Ofc Tony Schembri spent 6 weeks with him in officer training school in Ohio. This program will be supported by drug forfeiture funds.

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!
- 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
 - ypsicitylist@umich.edu has been created. The members of ypsicopac@umich.edu are the default starting members. Please let Megan know if someone wants to be added. Only those belonging to the listserv can email to that address.

Nuisance Abatement Team Update

- The abandoned/dangerous building ordinance is not be enforced by the city because of the buildings on water street.
- 148/150 S. Prospect (Valley View Apts) – Progress with the owner at the start, but no longer. There is a contempt hearing December 7th.
- Tickets have been issued for overcrowding with rental houses.
- Starweather House – Closed down. The Historical Society will take over determining what will happen with the property.
- Body shop on North Park did not receive its Certificate of Occupancy. It's proceeding through the planning commission now.
- There are new townhouses & condos going in on North Park.

- 1926 Washtenaw (West Ridge Apts) – Lender came in and took possession. Fixed some physical problems and is dealing with security issues. Could have video surveillance in the future.
- 107 E. Cross (Kircher house) – on Oct 1, the court gave the order to raze the house. On the last possible day, Kircher filed an appeal, so not sure the direction this is going at the moment.
- 511 W. Cross – lost to taxes. Current owner is looking to unload the property.

Next Meeting

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUES., Nov 27, 2007

EXECUTIVE MEETING TUES., Nov 6, 2007