

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

**Minutes
January 22, 2008
6pm, Haab Building**

In Attendance:

CoPAC Members: Allen Morgan (CHNA), Sandee, Rod Johnson (Historical Eastside), Steve Pierce (Historic Southside), Harvey Krage (Midtown), Joe Schultz (Normal Park) Megan Turf (Prospect Gardens), Margaret Ann Kildau (Prospect Park), Linda French (Riverside), Bonnie Wessler (Stadium Meadows), Beth Talbot (Woods Road), Janice Thompson (Worden Gardens), Matthew Harshberger (YPD)

Others: Sgt. Amy Walker (YPD), David Curtis (DAY), Christine Kitora (DAY)

Treasurer's Report

No report given.

Outstanding Dues Owed

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

MULTIPLE YEARS OWED:

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

2008 OWED:

- College Heights
- Depot Town
- EMU
- Gateway
- Gerganoff
- Heritage Park
- Historic Eastside
- Midtown
- Miles Area
- Normal Park
- Riverside
- Woods Road
- Worden Garden
- Ypsi Chamber of Commerce
- Ypsi Housing Commission

2007 ONLY OWED:

- Woods Road NA – 2007. \$35

Dues for 2007 were due at the January 22nd meeting!

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

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

New Business

DAY organization

- Dave Curtis and Christine Kitora came to represent.
- It's an organization of business owners of downtown.
- Focusing on promoting downtown.
- Organizes the Crossroads music Fridays.
- Mongolian restaurant – Painting the walls now, hope to have all the equipment by the end of Feb and starting to train employees.
- Three new businesses in the last couple of months
 - Mich/Washington – Art Gallery
 - Two new stores – Simply Devine and ??
- Mother Fletchers is leaving at the end of the month.
- Boundaries – Overall Ypsi area.
- Meet once at month at the College of Business. Tuesdays, but normally third Wednesday of each month. Daypsi.com
- DAY was unanimously voted in as a new member.

Second First Reading of the Bylaw Amendment

- Rod read.
- Fix the wording – Need to add “with a quorum present” to “b” after “...scheduled CoPAC meeting...”.
- No discussion.

Change of meeting schedule

- Back to bi-monthly.
- No discussion
- Fourth Tuesday of the month

Gary Clark talk about Give Local Initiative.

- You have all seen the Buy Local flyer that Mark handed out. Gary is here to talk about a similar initiative called Give Local.
- We have local non-profit organizations that could benefit by keeping donated dollars local.
- Greater impact if the donations come to our own organizations than other, larger, national organizations and hope it trickles back down to our area.
- Those available to be on the list of those receiving donations must serve the Ypsilanti area.
- The purpose of Give Local is to increase awareness.
- Excluding those non-profits that are not located in Ypsi or do not serve the Ypsi area directly.

- Shop Local has a link to the list. It's not a final list yet, but it's there. Michigangivelocal.org → link to a partial/non-final list.
- Possible to give time as well as money.
- Activists? Not in the plan.
- Will send the link electronically.
- Also interested in the history of each neighborhood for the 20/20 initiative.
- If each group wants to put together a small paragraph about their neighborhood. What's the character, who lives here, what's the history. These can be sent to Gary at gacsk8@aol.com
- If we know about a 501(c)3 that aren't on his list, send Gary an email about it.

Neighborhood Reports

CHNA

- Still re-doing bylaws since merging CHE and UE. Met earlier this month and will meet again in March. Might incorporate Gerganoff if they do dissolve.

DAY

- Problems with panhandlers. They've become smarter, running out to the street. See the same panhandlers seen in Ann Arbor.

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

- No report given.

HISTORIC EASTSIDE

- Larceny from MV (but not reported)

HISTORICAL SOUTHSIDE

- Had Winter Party in December, panhandling. Don't know if meeting next Monday.

MIDTOWN

- No report given.

MILES AREA

- No report given.

NORMAL PARK

- No report given.

PROSPECT GARDENS

- Had Winter Party in December.

PROSPECT PARK

- No January meeting. MAK resigning as Pres, but will stay as CoPAC rep. Next meeting is 4/2 at Corner Brewery.

RIVERSIDE

- Doing a survey of the neighborhood – find out who we all are. Biggest problem is the Residential Parking Permit ordinance. People in RS want to change it. Tickets are given by the Parking Officers.

STADIUM MEADOWS

- Feral cats in the area, working with Humane Society. They'll come and neuter the cats and feed them – Trap, neuter, and return. Kathryn Hancock – Main Humane Society number, extension x103, Kathryn@hshv.org.

WORDEN GARDENS

- Cut-throughs by the houses to Cal's Party Store. Quieter now that some people moved out. Speeders are still a problem. Were doing a traffic study but people kept removing the tracking cables. Want speed bumps installed or speed tables (wider for the snow plows).

WOODS ROAD

- Haven't met. Also has feral cat issue, but another neighbor is working Humane Society on the same thing as Stadium Meadows.

YPSILANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- No report given.

YPSILANTI POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Goal setting sessions – one this weekend at Haab, 8:30a (Saturday).
- Hopefully this week they'll decide final cuts.
- YPD will be among those that get cut, don't know extent yet.
- Deficit – 1.7 mil over 2 years. 2 year budget is being done.
- Feb 1 cc meeting – some talk about goal setting then as well.
- Criminal activities are down due to the cold.
- Increase in dashboard GPSs being stolen.
- Tactical patrol vehicle (the magnum) is out.
- NPT – officers working hard. Problem solving db is down from 15 to 8.

- Regional policing – Study not finalized yet, but Chief thinks this is the way to go.
- Interim release of the study posted on the Ann Arbor News website.
- Ypsi Township did not participate in the study, but they can opt in, in the end.
- EMU – Greg O’Dell, new Director of Public Safety. Starts 2/7.
- Tasers got approved at the last cc meeting. Place the order next week or the next after. Probably won’t see them with the ofc until April.

OTHER

- Margaret Ann asked people’s opinions on pursuing the mayor about instituting snow emergency routes. Every street v. certain streets?

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

Committee report

- Volunteers for the marketing committee.

Picnic

- No update
- Between Candy Cane or Prospect
- Most likely scheduled after the Primary

Nuisance Abatement Team Update

- Gerganoff – Stop sign at Mark/Louise/Gregory
- Prostitution at Michigan and Miles
- DAY – vagrancy, drug activity
- Looking for prostitution bond with the city lots, similar to the Michigan Corridor.
- Bus stop – more transients, drug dealing.
- HEST – Prostitution and drug activity around Klucks drive-in.
- Her – Transient along Hawkins & Monroe, drugs
- CHNA – Traffic at Oakwood.
- WRG – Pathway between houses and party store.
- DT – Transients behind dumpsters at Frog Island.
- Transient camp in Waterworks park? Sgt. Will check into it.
- Very tall guy, aa, hooded parka with fur around the hood, waving down cars on Summit between Michigan & Congress. During the day/evening. When cars slow he runs back to the house/driveway.

New Bylaw Amendment Wording

As CoPAC excludes from membership, "Ad hoc groups, single-issue groups, individuals, political groups, fraternities, sororities and elected electoral constituencies" (CoPAC By-Laws, Sec 3.5),

a) No CoPAC member or representative of the aforementioned groups shall engage in formal and/or organized activities that demonstrate or advertise or solicit at a CoPAC event without a majority endorsement of CoPAC members at a regularly scheduled CoPAC meeting with a quorum present within the previous six months.

b) no member of CoPAC shall put forward an official or positional statement on behalf of CoPAC without a majority endorsement of CoPAC members at a regularly scheduled CoPAC meeting with a quorum present within the previous six months.

For the purpose of clarity, the wording of this amendment shall differentiate a regularly scheduled CoPAC meeting where positional stances of CoPAC are officially discussed, from a CoPAC event that performs a service to the community.

Next Meeting

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUES., Mar 25, 2008

EXECUTIVE MEETING TUES., Feb 5, 2008