

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

**Minutes
March 25, 2008
6pm, Haab Building**

In Attendance:

CoPAC Members: Allen Morgan (CHNA), Christine Kitora (DAY), Greg Peoples (EMU), Robert Miller (Friends), Fred Williams (Heritage Park), 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), Matt Talbot (Woods Road), Janice Thompson (Worden Gardens), Diane Keller (Ypsi Chamber), Matthew Harshberger (YPD)

Others: Jon Ichesco (YFD), Frances McMullan (Clerk's Office), April McGrath (City Manager's Office), Karl Barr (Assistant City Attorney), Marilou Uy (Finance Department), Stan Kirton (Dept of Public Works).

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@sbcglobal.net) to make your group current:

MULTIPLE YEARS OWED:

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

2008 OWED:

- Depot Town
- EMU
- Gateway
- Gerganoff
- Historic Eastside
- Miles Area
- Normal Park
- Riverside
- Worden Garden
- Ypsi Chamber of Commerce
- Ypsi Housing Commission

Dues for 2008 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

Department Heads Meeting

April McGrath, City Manager's Office

- Goal setting with council. Working on the budget.
- Water street. New direction for development. Last RFP only brought in one response.
- New possibilities for Water Street – use multiple developers instead of just single developer.
- Work session with council – 4/24. Focus is water street only.
- RFP for real estate only. To help broker the property and make sure we target the right people.
- CM office – Intern from EMU to upgrade the website. More user friendly, interactive forms.
 - 4/17 – Town Hall meeting about the budget at the Senior Center. 7pm
- HR dept – Four unions, ratified 3 of 4 POAM, COAM, DPW workers & Admin aides. Still in negotiation with Fire Dept.
 - DPW Director iw's in April.
- Planning – Karen's last day 4/1. This dept is now being overseen by April.
 - Just finished rec master plan.
- Building dept – contracting with Pittsfield. Director is gone, but still have 6 employees. Contracting with Pittsfield is proving to be more expensive than intended, so they're exploring other options
 - Ordinance enforcement, building permits, dog licenses.

Marilou Uy, Finance Department

- Bid out auditing.
- Bid out study for post-employee benefits.
- Partnering with Washtenaw County to get electronic timesheets.
- Doing a two year budget.
- Saved \$1M in the last year by cutting employees and selling property.
- Assessors office
- City accountants

Frances McMullan, City Clerk's Office

- Two employees.
- Ed is deputy treasurer.
- Conducted 4 elections to date.
- Instituted hands on training with election inspectors.

- Voter registration, elections, prepare poll books, recruit and hire election inspectors, candidate information, publish city notices, taxi cab & peddler licenses, process city insurance claims.

Jon Ichesco, Fire Department

- "We do fire."
- Solvency plan – down to 18 firefighters down from 21.
- Fire Marshall position is vacant, but is temporarily being filled by a fire fighter on light duty.
- Will reduce EMS services. 1st class response in 2004 (every hva call), down to 2nd class response (only some hva calls) (2100 calls in 2004 down to 1400 in 2005). Up to 1600 in 2006. Will probably drop to 3rd class response (heart attacks, hazardous materials, etc).
- Will continue to get federal grants to supplement their budget.
- Worked out a plan with AA to train together. Worked out a way to trade use of one of the trucks with an AA station for backup.
- Long range goal would be a "functional district."

Stan Kirton, Department of Public Works

- Sidewalk inspection, replacement program.
- Working with EMU on improving storm water run offs.
- Personnel management. 21/22 employees.
- Prepare budget for DPW.
- Billing for permits, accounts payable. Collaborate with EMU to purchase and store salt.
- FOYI, mailing requests, streetlight outages, trunkline reports, motor pool records, tree planting.
- Trash pick up. Contract out to waste management.
- Curbside carts for recycling for apartment buildings.
- Parks – change after July.
- Park maintenance, trash removal twice a week.
- Graffiti removal.
- Winter maintenance.
- Oversee janitorial contracts.
- Tree removal, trimming, stump removal, planting trees.
- Maintain traffic signals.
- Street signs.
- Changes
 - Get away from general fund dependency. Admin & parks come from here.
 - Changes in leaf & bulk pick up. All leaves must be bagged.
 - Will rotate starting location each year.
 - Losing 3 of the 4 park workers. Will try and compensate with better machinery so one worker can work more efficiency.
 - DTCD is taking over Riverside & Frog Island.
 - Branch chipping will now have a fee.
 - Bagged/barreled leaves will start March 31st.
 - Looking at adopt a park program.

Teresa – County Extension/DDA (Downtown/Depot Town Development Authority)

- Economic downtown, streetscaping.
- Hyatt-Palma 5 year plan.
- Increase in office space, entertainment, living space.
- Getting CC to approve the plan.
- Plan is available at the library, clerk's office, dda website – ypsilantidda.org
- Applying for a sod improvement plan.

Karl Barr, Asst City Attorney

- Prosecute cases.
- Advise department heads.
- Contractual position with the city.
- Drunk driving, civil infractions (speeding).
- 1/3 of the fees come back to the city.
- Forfeiture of property and vehicles with drug cases.
- Draft legislation.
- Written opinions to council and dept heads.
- Assist with training YPD on reports & testifying.
- FOYI coordinator for the city.
- Member of the NAT. Meet twice a month now.
- Involved in the DTCCDC negotiations.
- Gave NAT update but the computer choked and didn't get them.
- Brandys - NAT is working on them. Can CoPAC do anything? Help revoke the liquor license? Help document the problem?

Matt Harshberger Police Department

- Brandy's - received additional complaints.
- Looking to use the nuisance ordinance against Brandys
- Tasers are in - training starts in April.
- Full taser deployment by mid-April.
- Will be losing staff. Patrols down to 4 per shift. Losing property officer position.

First Second Reading of the Bylaw Amendment

- Rod re-read Amendment laws from the bylaws.
- We've had a first reading.
- We've had a second first reading.
- Prepared to do the first second reading tonight.
- Confusion was created by multiple interpretations of the current bylaws over the definition of quorums and members in good standing, so the reading was tabled.

Neighborhood Reports

CHNA

- No report given.

DAY

- No report given.

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

- No report given.

HISTORICAL SOUTHSIDE

- No report given.

MIDTOWN

- No report given.

MILES AREA

- No report given.

NORMAL PARK

- No report given.

PROSPECT GARDENS

- No report given.

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- 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

- See YPD Department Head section

OTHER

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

Update was given by Karl Barr, but my computer failed and by the time it was back up and running he was done.

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., May 27, 2008

EXECUTIVE MEETING TUES., April 1, 2008