

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

**Minutes
May 27, 2008
6pm, Haab Building**

In Attendance:

CoPAC Members: Allen Morgan (CHNA), Christine Kitora (DAY), Sandee French (DTA), Robert Miller (Friends), Fred Williams (Heritage Park), Rod Johnson (Historical Eastside), Steve Pierce (Historic Southside), Harvey Krage (Midtown), Megan Turf (Prospect Gardens), Margaret Ann Kildau (Prospect Park), Linda French (Riverside), Bonnie Wessler (Stadium Meadows), Diane Keller (Ypsi Chamber), Matthew Harshberger (YPD)

Others: Denise Cutlip (DAY), Rodney Nanney (Midtown), Sgt. Amy Walker (YPD)

Treasurer's Report

\$2314.11

Outstanding Dues Owed

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

MULTIPLE YEARS OWED:

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

2008 OWED:

- EMU
- Gateway
- 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

Second, Second Reading of the Bylaw Amendment

- Rodney talked about why he presented suggested changes. Importance being so the future board understands what we meant.
- Steve tried to table the amendment again by saying:
 - We weren't following the rules in 11.2.
 - Thinks we may be in violation in the discrimination ordinance of the city.
 - Reiterated that he was fully against the amendment.
- Allen tried to give his perspective on behalf of Heritage Festival and renting a location. When renting the park, who ever rents it has the right to restrict the behavior of those attending.
- Sandee – Backed up Allen's point of view. Especially the danger of appearing to endorse someone b/c their opponent isn't there. Should be open to the city.
- Rodney – agreed we should have some control over attendants to the picnic, but that the language allows for a future board to say yes to one group and no to the opposite view.
- Linda – Is it legal to do whatever you want in the park? Has there been a legal point of view on the amendment?

Bylaw passed, breakdowns as follows:

Members in good standing	Quorum # needed
14	7.14
15	7.65
16	8.16
17	8.67

Present & in good standing	Need to pass
8	5.28
9	5.94
10	6.6
11	7.26
12	7.92
13	8.58
14	9.24
15	9.9
16	10.56
17	11.22

Available votes	need to pass
13	8.58
14	9.24
15	9.9
16	10.56
17	11.22
18	11.88
19	12.54
20	13.2
21	13.86
22	14.52
23	15.18
24	15.84
25	16.5
26	17.16
27	17.82
28	18.48
29	19.14
30	19.8
31	20.46
32	21.12

	In good standing	In attendance	Quorum available votes	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
College Heights NA	1	1	2	2		
Downtown Association of Ypsilanti	1	1	2			2
Depot Town Association	1	1	2	2		

Eastern Michigan University	0	0	0			
Friends of the YPD	1	1	1	1		
Gateway Community Council	0	0	0			
Heritage Park NA	1	1	2	2		
Historic Eastside	1	1	2	2		
Historic Southside	1	1	2		2	
Midtown	1	1	2		1	1
Miles Area NA	0	0	0			
Normal Park NA	1	0	0			
Prospect Gardens NA	1	1	2	2		
Prospect Park NA	1	1	2	2		
Riverside NA	1	1	2	2		
Stadium Meadows	1	1	2	1	1	
Woods Rd NA	1	0	0			
Worden Gardens NA	1	0	0			
Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce	1	1	1	1		
Ypsilanti Housing Commission	0	0	0			
TOTALS:	16	13	24	17	4	3

Neighborhood Reports

CHNA

- Less active meeting scheduled.
- Haven't heard anything from Gerganoff about merging.
- Have not yet approved new bylaws after merging with Stadium Heights

DAY

- Panhandlers
- Pleased with the YPD. More foot traffic that's not panhandling.
- Seems to be increase in retail businesses as well as perceived public safety.
- Crossroads starts June 6th.
- TC's is having a fundraiser on May 31st for Crossroads. Kid-friendly.
- Also passed out the DAY brochure advertising downtown.
- Can Crossroads be a link on the CoPAC website?

DTA

- Vendor selling food at Hamilton & Harriet (outside of Cannon's). Not sure they have a food permit. If they do it has to be posted. Sgt. Walker confirmed that NPT was looking into it. Could be Victor from Biggies? Do they have a second permit for giving out food at a different location? NPT will look into it.

EMU

- No report given.

FRIENDS OF THE YPD

- No report given.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- No report given.

GERGANOFF

- No report given.

HERITAGE PARK

- New people walking around. Not sure if they're residents.
- Overgrowth in certain house's yards.

HISTORIC EASTSIDE

- Spring meeting – pretty good attendance.
- NPT showed at the meeting.

HISTORICAL SOUTHSIDE

- New prostitutes in the area.
- Larceny from motor vehicles.
- The clinic that burned down ~3 years ago was finally torn down.
- Hawkins BBQ burned.
- 20% of the neighborhood is now covered by Wireless Ypsi.
- Remind your neighbors that the residential permit parking expires in August so you have to renew if you want to! Steve will send \$\$ info about it.

MIDTOWN

- Talked about the amendment.
- Talked about participating in Pride Day.
- Looking to get to know new residents, including students. Informational survey.
- www.midtown.ypsi.com

MILES AREA

- No report given.

NORMAL PARK

- No report given.

PROSPECT GARDENS

- No thru trucks signs have disappeared. Followed up with Stan.
- Interested in noise ordinance forms so we can report loud stereos.
- Another neighbor has stepped up to lead a beautification effort. Neighbors seem to be responding.

PROSPECT PARK

- Pretty quiet. Did have April meeting. New President. MAK will send it to Megan.
- Block closing for annual party.

RIVERSIDE

- Getting ready for Junk in your Trunk
- Break ins near the river by people living under the bridge.

STADIUM MEADOWS

- Trespassers from SOS to Hewitt. Apparently middle school kids crossing through.
- Car broken into but nothing taken.

WORDEN GARDENS

- No report given.

WOODS ROAD

- No report given.

YPSILANTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- No report given.

YPSILANTI POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Closing lobby doors at night (from 6p to 9a).
- Adding a menu to the 9510 number.
- Down 4 more officers.
- Cut down in overtime.
- Increase in use of volunteer service corps.
- Hopefully no change in NPT.
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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

Committee report

- Volunteers for the marketing committee.

Picnic

- Will be held at the YPD this year.
- August 9th
- 150 anniversary of the YPD.
- Megan will send out checklist sign up.
- Will probably close the center driveway.
- Sesquicentennial

Nuisance Abatement Team Update

- Chief Ichesco has taken over as Chair
- No police investigations, mostly (43) fire or building code violations in the city.
- Elbow room – their front façade has been given the ok to upgrade.
- Kircher still in litigation with the city.
- NPT
 - 8 current NA issues.
 - Prostitution at Michigan/Miles
 - HSS & DAY panhandlers & vphc activity at 220 Pearl
 - Bike patrol to start soon
 - CHNA – Traffic signal & speeders.
 - Worden Gardens – pathways between party stores and residences, vphc & prostitution
 - Riverside park had a prostitution shack
 - Prospect Park – kids causing trouble in the park. Speeders.
- (Matt) – 60 pages summary of AATA public safety issues in the city.

New Bylaw Amendment Wording

Next Meeting

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUES., July 22, 2008
EXECUTIVE MEETING TUES., July 1, 2008