

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

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

**In Attendance:**

CoPAC Members: Christine Kitora (DAY), Greg Peoples (EMU), Robert Miller (Friends of YPD), Rod Johnson (Historical Eastside), Steve Pierce (Historic Southside), Harvey Krage (Midtown), Claudia (Normal Park) Megan Turf (Prospect Gardens), Linda French (Riverside), Bonnie Wessler (Stadium Meadows), Beth Talbot (Woods Road)

Others: A/Lt. Amy Walker (YPD), Mackenzi Rettie (East Prospect Park), Tracy Lewis (Michigan Suburbs Alliance)

**Treasurer's Report**

\$2584.11

**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:

- Gateway
- Miles Area
- Ypsi Housing Commission

Dues for 2008 were due at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting!

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

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

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Tracy Lewis – Economic Survey

Tracy Lewis from the Michigan Suburbs Alliance came and did a presentation about an economic survey that the Michigan Suburbs Alliance has done with city officials

and non-profits throughout the city. They are interested in also working with the neighborhoods. (See handout at the end of the minutes).

They are looking to finish interviewing by August 30<sup>th</sup>, so if any neighborhood association is interested in hearing more and taking the survey, please contact her at [tracy@suburbsalliance.org](mailto:tracy@suburbsalliance.org) or 734-482-9697.

### Vote

Due to the new amendment of the bylaws, both the bookmobile and Icescapes was voted on to be present at the picnic.

Ypsilanti Public Library Bookmobile - The Bookmobile is a unique branch of the library in that it brings library materials to people. It serves as an alternative to stationary branches, and can go places where library use may otherwise be minimal or nonexistent, breaking down barriers of unfamiliarity and reaching people who cannot get to a library building due to physical, economic, social geographic, or other barriers.

Icescapes – Icescapes is a commercial business located on Washtenaw just West of Hewitt. They sell slushy type ice treats and are interested in coming to the picnic to provide free samples to all who attend.

Both the bookmobile and Icescapes were unanimously approved by all in attendance.

### Heritage Festival

- A sign up sheet went around for people to sign up to staff the CoPAC booth at the Festival. We share a space connected to the YPD.
- Please sent out notices to your NA to gather interest in walking in the parade. We're the second slot, just behind the YPD.
- Chief will order new CoPAC shirts for those people that do not have them.

### New group

Mackenzi Rettie came on behalf of East Prospect Park (North East corner of the city). They are in the process of still writing their bylaws. Will submit them when they're ready and expect to be done by end of September.

### Announcements

Updated bylaws are posted at [www.ypsicopac.org](http://www.ypsicopac.org)

## **Neighborhood Reports**

### COLLEGE HEIGHTS

- No report given.

### DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION OF YPSILANTI

- No report given.

### DEPOT TOWN ASSOCIATION

- Elvis Festival went well. Few less in attendance this year, but they raised the prices slightly so it all evened out. Steve P had helped them become wireless and they're looking into doing live feed next year on the internet.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

- No report given.

FRIENDS OF THE YPD

- No report given.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- No report given.

HERITAGE PARK

- No report given.

HISTORIC EASTSIDE

- Work on Luna Lake in Prospect Park continues. They are looking forward to planting perennials in October.

HISTORICAL SOUTHSIDE

- No report given.

MIDTOWN

- No report given.

MILES AREA

- No report given.

NORMAL PARK

- No report given.

PROSPECT GARDENS

- Will be working with St. Luke's youth group out of Ann Arbor to do a mini beautification project in August. The kids are going to come clean the curb lines and trash around our neighborhood.
- Summer picnic is scheduled for Sunday August 24. Location to be determined.

PROSPECT PARK

- No report given.

RIVERSIDE

- Summer picnic is coming up.

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

### **Committee Updates**

#### 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](mailto: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**

A/Lt. Amy Walker gave the NAT update.

- Most properties being tracked are now own by banks.
- 30 Kramer St is in the court process.
- 480 S. Hamilton has no certificate of occupancy and the outdoor cooking/selling has stopped b/c the correct licenses from the Health Department had not been procured.
- 515 W Cross St (Screaming Eagle) is still working on their certificate of occupancy and it's moving forward.
- 1926 Washtenaw (Old West Ridge Apartments) is now owned by new management. Name has been changed to Covington Apts and they've been painted.
- Will look into the two houses on the East side of Park between Cross and High that are straddling the alley way. Rod thinks they're vacant.

### **Next Meeting**

NEXT REGULAR MEETING TUES., September 23, 2008

EXECUTIVE MEETING TUES., September 10, 2008