



CITY OF YPSILANTI
POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
December 16, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
[Zoom Meeting](#)
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS:

Renee Echols
Andy Fanta
Herman Humes
Kathleen McCormick
Gail Wolkoff

STAFF LIASION:

Police Chief Tony DeGuisti

COUNCIL LIASION

Council Member Morgan

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

V. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

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- A. Approval of the November 18, 2021 YPAC Meeting Minutes
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- B. Monthly statistical analysis report - Chief DeGuisti

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- C. Approval of the 2021 Police Advisory Commission Annual Report
[Report](#)

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- D. Approval of the 2022 Schedule of Meetings for YPAC
[Schedule](#)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Communications strategy for Boards and Commissions

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

- A. TBD

IX. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Thursday, November 18, 2021
Council Chambers

The POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

2 ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS:

Renee Echols – Absent

Andy Fanta - Present City of Ypsilanti/Washtenaw County

Herman Humes - Present City of Ypsilanti/Washtenaw County (7:34)

Kathleen McCormick - Present City of Ypsilanti/Washtenaw County

Gail Wolkoff - Present City of Ypsilanti/Washtenaw County

STAFF LIASION:

Police Chief Tony DeGuisti

COUNCIL LIAISON

Council Member Morgan

3 AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Andy Fanta moved, Commissioner Kathleen McCormick seconded to approve the agenda as submitted. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

None

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Approval of the October 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Andy Fanta moved, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen McCormick to approve the October 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes. On a voice vote the motion carried.

6 RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

a) Police Department statistical update. - Chief DeGiusti

- b) Discussion regarding the formulation of the YPAC email address once created.
- Commissioner Fanta

Commissioner Andy Fanta moved seconded by Commissioner Herman Humes to call the question.

3 - Yes; 1 - No (Wolkoff); 1 Absent (Echols)

Commissioner Andy Fanta moved, seconded by Commissioner Herman Humes to table Item B.

3 - Yes; 1 - No (Wolkoff); 1 - Absent (Echols)

- c) Presentation on Analyzing Police Traffic Stop Data for Evidence Bias - Dr. Kevin Karpiak (40 minutes)
- d) Discussion regarding communication with the Ypsilanti Community.
- e) Resolution No. 2021-006, requesting City Council to pass a resolution to urge the streamlining of the expungement process.

Commissioner Andy Fanta moved, seconded by Commissioner Herman Humes to approve Resolution No. 2021-006.

4 - Yes; 1 - Absent (Echols)

7 OLD BUSINESS

8 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

None

9 NEXT MEETING DATE

- a) December 16, 2021

10 ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Andy Fanta moved, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen McCormick to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM. On a voice vote the motion carried.



City of Ypsilanti

Police Advisory Commission

Annual Report for 2021 Submitted by Gail Wolkoff chair

The 2021 calendar a year a constant learning and changing. For Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission, it was a year of learning new ways of bringing all voices and ideas to the zoom table. As commissioner, we learned the best ways to be present virtually. For example, when technology permitted, each commissioner agreed to "have their screen on." It was our investment to strengthening the relationship between the community of the City of Ypsilanti and the Ypsilanti Police Department. Beginning 2022, YPAC commissioners are on solid ground to

Commissioner's update:

- February there was the election of a new chair and vice chair. Heather Freeling was elected as chair and Gail Wolkoff was elected as vice chair.
- Due to personal reasons, Heather Freeling moved away from the city of Ypsilanti. In May, Gail Wolkoff became the chair. There is not a vice chair.
- Precious Turman completed the application to be a commissioner. City Council accepted her application. Precious did not attend any commission meetings. In September's meeting she was removed from the commission. Several commissioners and the city clerk reached out to her to learn more. No, communication occurred.
- Colleen Kennedy left the commission in September.
- YPAC is needs a commissioner from both Ward 1 and 2
- Commissioners: Gail Wolkoff Chair. - Exp. February 1, 2023, Andy Fanta - Exp. February 1, 2022, Kathleen McCormick - Exp. February 1, 2024, Herman Humes Jr. - Exp. February 1, 2024, Renee Echols - Exp. February 1, 2023

Each month Chief DeGiusti or Lieutenant Yuchasz give the Presentation of Ypsilanti Police Department monthly statistics. This includes; Activity report, statistics for the current period reflected by the past three months, Personnel, Department Activity, Citizen Complaints, Use of force, Crime Stats, CLEMIS report for the month, and articles. As a commission we ask questions concerning the monthly statistics and questions received from the community.

Visitors to YPAC:

- Barbara Niess-May from SafeHouse concerning the steady increase of sexual assault of 1st degree
- Eli Savit concerning becoming the prosecuting attorney in Washtenaw County
- Ashley Shukait from Unified Health concerning Ypsilanti Paraphernalia tickets
- Dr. Kevin Karpiak Presentation on Analyzing Police Traffic Stop Data for Evidence Bias –

Discussions on ways to enhance community and police relations and serve as an advocate for programs, ideas, and methods to improve the relations between the police and the community the commissioners need to hear from and talk with the people living in the city. There have been few people attending monthly meetings and sharing during public comment.

- A virtual or face to face townhall

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- An interview with David Fair from WEMU
- Add YPAC to the Ypsilanti City Website homepage
- Social Media: Facebook and Twitter
- Joint City Council and YPAC meeting

Resolution sent to council:

- Resolution No. 2021-005, requesting the City Manager to direct the Police Department to include photos and bios of Ypsilanti Police Officers on the city's website.
- Resolution No. 2021-006, requesting City Council to pass a resolution to urge the streamlining of the expungement process.

Goals for 2022:

- Continue to have joint meetings with City Council every six month (August and March)
- Monthly YPAC updates on the City of Ypsilanti newsletter
- Analyzing Police Traffic Stop Data for Evidence Bias in Ypsilanti
- Increase attendance at YPAC monthly meetings
- Find two commissioners
- Build a stronger relationship between residents of Ypsilanti, the police department, and YPAC in order to bring current concerns to the table for discussion.

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2022 Calendar of Meetings

The regular meetings of the City of Ypsilanti **Police Advisory Commission** for 2022 will generally be held on the **third/fourth Thursday** of each month, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (first floor) at One South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Dates for 2021 **Commission** meetings are as follows:

January 27 – Joint meeting with City Council
February 17/24
March 17/24
April 21/28
May 19/26
June 16/23
July 28 – Joint meeting with City Council
August 18/25
September 15/22
October 20/27
November 17
December 15

The City of Ypsilanti encourages persons with disabilities to participate and will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) services, and audios of printed materials being considered at the meeting. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids or services should provide two (2) days' notice to the City, and contact the City by writing or calling the following:

City Clerk's Office
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All persons are welcome to attend. For further information on the Police Advisory Commission, contact the Office of the Chief of Police at 505 W. Michigan, or 734-483-8590, or <http://cityofypsilanti.com/671/Police-Advisory-Commission>