



APPROVED

**CITY OF YPSILANTI
POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION AGENDA
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018
7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS:

Andy Fanta	Present
Heather Freeling	Present
Kathleen McCormick	Present
Susan Melke	Present
Michael Stone-Richard	Absent
Gail Wolkoff	Present

STAFF LIASION:

Police Chief Tony DeGuisti	Present
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III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Melke moved, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, to approve the agenda as submitted.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Desirae Simmons, 407 Charles, stated she is looking forward to the work of the Commission. She cautioned more police does not necessarily equate to greater safety. She took issue with some of the EMU Police Department's tactics.
2. Ruth Cassidy, 1511 Whittier, representing Transforming Justice Washtenaw read a letter from the group. She urged the commission to assist in creating greater equity in the city.
3. Leah Mills-Chapman, Ypsi Resident, stated she attended a showing of "Walking While Black" and asked what projects the County Mental Health and Safety Millage will be allocated.

Commissioner Melke asked for statistical analysis and hopes the Commission could be provided with a monthly report. Commissioner Fanta replied he believes the Commission will be supplied those statistics. He agreed the Commission should receive a monthly report.

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Commissioner Fanta stated he appreciates the concerns of Ms. Cassidy, and realizes there importance, however, they are not in the purview of this commission.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Melke moved, seconded by Commissioner Wolkoff, to approve the minutes as submitted.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

VI. MEETING SCHEDULES

— 2018 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Freeling moved, seconded by Commissioner McCormick to approve the 2018 Commissioner Meeting Schedule.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the 2018 meeting schedule was approved.

— 2019 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Freeling moved, seconded by Commissioner McCormick to approve the 2019 Commissioner Meeting Schedule.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the 2018 meeting schedule was approved.

VII. REPORTS

A. Chief of Police

Chief DeGiusti provided a presentation regarding police operations and the complaint process.

Commissioner Wolkoff asked if a person has a complaint with an EMU police officer would they use the Ypsilanti online complaint form. Chief DeGiusti responded the complaint would be routed to the EMU Police Department.

Commissioner Melke asked if she could request police data for the Commission to review. Chief DeGiusti responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Fanta asked if any other Commissioner has a dataset they would like to review, to please make that request and he will forward it to the Chief. He added it would be useful for this Commission to understand what crimes are taking place in the city.

Commissioner McCormick stated she is pleased to see the city will have a school resource officer in the middle school. She understands the county has had officers in the schools in the past, but it is not the county who is policing the children's neighborhoods. She would like to see the Ypsilanti Police Department in the High School. Chief DeGiusti stated the school resource officer and the middle and high school are in constant communication.

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B. Commission Chair

Commissioner Fanta informed the Commission he is working with the city in order to acquire email address for Commissioners.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Leah Mills-Chapman, 1511 Whittier, asked about the discipline the officer received for the racial issue.

Chief DeGiusti responded unfortunately he is unable to discuss discipline administered.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Melke moved, seconded by Commissioner Wolkoff to enter into Committee as a Whole.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the Commissioner entered into a Committee as a Whole.

The Commission engaged in conversation regarding the creation of a marketing plan, included the development of a Commission business card. The card would include the name of the Commission, City Hall address, main phone number, and the reverse side would include the approved Commission schedule.

- A. Heritage Festival
- B. Summerfest
- C. Farmers Market
- D. Other
- E. Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission Contact List

Commissioner Freeling moved, seconded by Commissioner McCormick to exit a Committee of the Whole.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the Commission exited the Committee as a Whole. Commissioner Melke abstained.

Commissioner moved McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Freeling to authorize Commissioner Wolkoff to design and print Commission business cards to include the city logo, commission name, City Hall address, city's main phone number, and the 2018 and 2019 Commission Schedule on the reverse side of the card.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and Commissioner Wolkoff was authorized to develop the Commission business card.

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Website
- B. Facebook Discussion

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

— August 23, 2018

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Melke moved, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, to request City Council budget \$200 for printing of information cards. Approved: Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – 1 (Stone-Richard)

1. Desirae Simmons, 407 Charles, stated she is glad the Police Department is not using surplus military equipment.
2. Leah Mills-Chapmen, 1511 Whittier, compelled the Police Department to increase their training and change thinking behind biased behavior.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Melke moved, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, to adjourn the meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.