



MINUTES POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Thursday, May 27, 2021
ZOOM MEETING

The POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the ZOOM MEETING, with the following members present:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Heather
Berkovitz

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Andy Fanta (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Commissioner Kathleen McCormick (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Commissioner Herman Humes (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Commissioner Gail Wolkoff (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Commissioner Colleen Kennedy (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Commissioner Renee Echols (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti)

STAFF LIASON: Police Chief Tony DeGuisti

COUNCIL LIASON: Council Member Morgan

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Yes - 3 No - 3 (Fanta, Humes, Echols)

Commissioner Echols moved to add a discussion from Council Member Morgan regarding the position council voted on. There was no seconded to this motion. The motion failed.

Commissioner Humes moved, seconded by Commissioner McCormick to remove item H from the agenda.

Yes - 4 No - 1 (Echols) Absent - 1 (Kennedy)

Commissioner McCormick moved, seconded by Commissioner Humes to approve the agenda as amended.

Yes - 5 No - 1 (Fanta)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Two members from the public spoke.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the April 22nd, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner McCormick moved, seconded by Commissioner Echols to approve the minutes of the April 22nd, 2021 meeting. On a voice vote the motion carried.

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VI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Presentation from Barbara Niess-May - SafeHouse

The Chair tabled the discussion for next meeting.

B. Presentation of Ypsilanti Police Department monthly statistics - Chief DeGiusti

C. Co-Chair and a new Commissioner - Discussion **(Added)**

Commissioner Fanta nominated Commissioner Wolkoff as Chair. Commissioner Wolkoff accepted the nomination, and with no opposition, was voted Chair.

Commissioner McCormick nominated Commissioner Fanta as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Fanta declined the nomination.

Commissioner Fanta moved, seconded by Commissioner Humes to defer the appointment of Vice-Chair until the vacant seat is filed by Council.

Yes- 5 No- 0 Absent - 1 (Kennedy)

D. Update concerning safe house and sexual assault of 1st degree (Wolkoff)

Tabled discussion until presentation from SafeHouse.

- E. Resolution for putting YPAC link on the homepage for the city website (Wolkoff, Fanta)
- F. Townhall gun violence meeting with council members Morgan, Jones-Chance, and Brown (Morgan, Brown, Jones-Chance, Wolkoff)

Council Member Morgan

The next meeting will be held on May 29th.

- G. Facebook presence (Kennedy)

The chair tabled the discussion.

- H. ~~Open discussion about the vast difference of race relations, crime and policing (Morgan)~~ **(Removed)**
- I. Graffiti and stickers on the B2B trail that have cropped up lately along with gunfire (Wolkoff)
- J. Increased gun fire (Wolkoff)
- K. Local Concerns:
 - 1. Can something be done about the people going 60+ MPH on Washtenaw and E Forest near Ford Blvd, Cornell?
 - 2. Changing the name from Advisory Commission to Oversight Commission. **Tabled**
 - 3. A document that outlines the commission's goals and concrete steps to achieve them. **Tabled**
 - 4. Send out a police report which includes more data, similar to EMU. The Police could make the report available for anyone that wants to see it.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

None

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

June 24th, 2021

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fanta moved, seconded by Commissioner McCormick to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.