



# MINUTES

## POLICE ADVISORY

### COMMISSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Thursday, September 23, 2021

Virtual

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The POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 7:14 PM, in the Zoom Meeting.

#### 1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM.

#### 2 ROLL CALL

**Present:**

Commissioner Echols - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

Commissioner Fanta - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

Commissioner Humes - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

Commissioner McCormick - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

Commissioner Wolkoff - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

**Staff Liaison** Lieutenant Brent Yuchasz - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County

**Council Liaison** Council Member Morgan - City of Brighton, Livingston County

**Absent:**

Commissioner Turman

#### 3 AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved.

**Commissioner Fanta moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner McCormick.**

**Approved:**

**Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 1**

#### 4 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

No comments were made.

#### 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 22, 2021 meeting were approved.

**Commissioner McCormick moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Echols.**

**Approved:**

**Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 1.**

## 6 RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Ypsilanti Police Department Monthly Statistics - Chief DeGiusti

**Lieutenant Yuchasz presented on the statistics as well as the vandalism of the Riverside Parks mural and the shots fired incident from September 22, 2021.**

- b) Strategies to distribute information to the community

**Commissioner Wolkoff gave a presentation, prompting discussion regarding the commission's relationship with city council. Commissioner Humes agreed to take charge of developing a newsletter format to present at the October meeting.**

- c) Establish free calls from jails

The following resolution was proposed to cover agenda items C, D, and E. Discussion also included agenda item F. The resolution was approved:

**RESOLVED BY THE YPSILANTI POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION:  
The following matters being fully discussed by the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission, the commission urges city council by formal resolution to:**

**A) Urge the proper Washtenaw County authorities to develop a policy for free calls from individuals in Washtenaw County, and**

**B) To establish a city policy to aid and assist individuals with their criminal record expungements, and**

**C) To develop a city policy concerning open records for the hiring of prospective police officers for the city of Ypsilanti.**

**OFFERED BY: Commissioner Fanta**

**SUPPORTED BY: Commissioner Humes**

**YES: Commissioner Fanta, Commissioner Humes, Commissioner Wolkoff**

**NO: Commissioner Echols, Commissioner McCormick**

**ABSENT: Commissioner Turman**

**VOTE: Approved, 3-2**

- d) Expungement actions and commission involvement
- e) Police hiring and open records
- f) MCOLES Reform
- g) Sentencing Laws

**Commisisoner Fanta encouraged Commissioner Wolkoff to invite County Prosecutor Eli Savit to a future YPAC meeting to speak on restorative justice and Ypsilanti ordinance sentencing as well as his thoughts on an advisory commission's role. Commissioner Echols questioned the**

**necessity of this, and Commissioners Echols, Humes, and McCormick stated they do not believe a visit from the prosecutor is necessary.**

- h) Discussion regarding the commission receiving complaints submitted against the police department.

**Commissioner Wolkoff presented, prompting discussion from Commissioner Humes regarding the difference between an advisory versus an oversight committee.**

- i) Traffic stop data

**Commissioner Wolkoff presented, prompting Commissioner Fanta to request the attendance of Dr. Kevin Karpiak as well as Ypsilanti Police Chief Tony DeGiusti or his designee at the October meeting to discuss further.**

- j) Information to add to the YPAC page on the City's website

The following resolution was proposed and approved:

**RESOLVED BY THE YPSILANTI POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION:**  
**The matter of the secondary navigation page for the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission being fully discussed by the commission, it is hereby resolved to the the chair meet with the city manager or her designee to design a new user-friendly website for YPAC.**

**OFFERED BY: Commissioner Fanta**

**SUPPORTED BY: Commissioner Humes**

**YES: Commissioner Fanta, Commissioner Humes, Commissioner Wolkoff, Commissioner Echols, Commissioner McCormick**

**NO: None**

**ABSENT: Commissioner Turman**

**VOTE: Approved, 5-0**

- k) New and specific programs that will offset, or work in conjunction with three new police officers.

**Council Member Morgan made a presentation. The commission agreed to table further discussion until Police Chief DeGiusti is present at a future meeting.**

- l) Removal of Precious Turman from the commission

**Commissioner Fanta moved to add an agenda item addressing Commissioner Turman's three consecutive, unexcused absences from commission meetings, seconded by Commissioner Humes.**

**Approved:**

**Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 1**

**Commissioner Fanta moved to recommend city council remove Commissioner Turman from the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission, seconded by Commissioner Humes.**

**Approved:**

**Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 1**

Commissioner Fanta requested Commissioner Wolkoff attend a city council meeting to tell them that appointments to YPAC are distinct from other commissions in that they require further vetting, prompting discussion from Commissioner Humes and Council Member Morgan.

**7 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)**

One member of the audience (Kevin Carpiak) made comments.

**8 NEXT MEETING DATE**

a) October 28, 2021

**9 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM.

**Commissioner Fanta moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Humes.**

**Approved:**

**Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 1**