



**CITY OF YPSILANTI  
POLICE ADVISORY MEETING  
April 22, 2021 @ 7:00 pm  
ZOOM MEETING  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87948893073>  
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Heather Berkovitz  
Renee Echols  
Andy Fanta  
Herman Humes  
Colleen Kennedy  
Kathleen McCormick  
Gail Wolkoff

**STAFF LIASION:**

Police Chief Tony DeGuisti

**COUNCIL LIASION:**

Council Member Morgan

**III. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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- A. Approval of the March 25th, 2021 Meeting Minutes  
[POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION - 25 Mar 2021 - Minutes](#)

**VI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

- A. Presentation of Ypsilanti Police Department monthly statistics - Chief DeGuisti  
B. Update on Social Worker position for YPD - Chief DeGuisti

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- C. Request to add YPAC to the Ypsilanti City Website homepage  
[Request from YPAC to City Manager](#)

- D. Proposed dates for a YPAC/City Council Meeting  
E. Other items

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)**

**IX. NEXT MEETING DATE**

- May 27, 2021

**X. ADJOURNMENT**



# MINUTES POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Thursday, March 25, 2021  
Virtual

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The POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Virtual, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:**

**ABSENT:**

## 1 CALL TO ORDER

**The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.**

## 2 ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Andy Fanta (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Commissioner Heather Berkowitz (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

## 3 AGENDA APPROVAL

**The agenda was approved as submitted.**  
**Commissioner Fanta moved, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy.**  
**One a voice vote, the motion carried.**

## 4 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

## 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Approval of the February 25th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Commissioner McCormick moved, seconded by Commissioner Wolkoff.**  
**On a voice vote, the motion carried.**

## 6 RESOLUTIONS/GUESTS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Letter of recognition for past Chair and Vice-Chair of YPAC
- b) Future joint meetings with City Council

**Commissioners agreed to not assign specific days to attend, but each Commissioner are encouraged to attend Council meetings.**

- c) Date for receiving YPAC packet and police reports

**Commissioners are requesting to receive YPAC Packet and police reports a week in advance.**  
**Requesting for police reports to be sent electronically.**

- d) Update on Social Worker position for YPD

**Still being budgeted. There were change requests from the City.**

- e) Increase presence on Social Media

**Will discuss with the City Manager about a Facebook presence.**

- f) Rescheduling the David Fair broadcast with Andy, Heather, or Herman
- g) Presentation of Ypsilanti Police Department monthly statistics- Chief DeGiusti (Added)

**A motion was made to add presentation from Chief DeGiusti to the agenda.**  
**Moved by Commissioner Humes, seconded by Commissioner Wolkoff.**  
**On a voice vote, the motion carried.**

**Lt. Yuchasz presented monthly statistics in the absence of Chief DeGiusti.**

- h) Link for the CREW report, Eli Savit referred to at 2/25/2021 YPAC Meeting

<https://www.citizensforracialequitywashtenaw.org/crew-s-report>

## 7 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

**1 member from the public spoke.**

## 8 COMMUNICATIONS

## 9 NEXT MEETING DATE

- April 22, 2021

## **10 ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.**



Request from YPAC to City Manager and City Council

Date: April 18, 2021

Subject: Ypsilanti Police Commission to gain a link on the homepage of the City of Ypsilanti.

Summary:

Community Relations between citizens and the police department continue to be tense. Citizens concerned about their safety while citizens do everyday actions. The level of fear increases. Several years ago, Ypsilanti created a Police Commission to improve the relationship between citizens and the officers within police department.

Many citizens Do Not Know the commission exists. At this time, Ypsilanti Police Commission Must do everything possible to change fear to calm. One way to do this is by letting people know YPAC exists.

YPAC wants the city to spread information about the commission. A link on the homepage for the City's website is a one small positive step towards letting citizens know policing is a concern and is actively being addressed. YPAC has to show that the city of Ypsilanti and Police Department are changing ways as they have been done. We need a place where citizens go to learn what changes are being made to make everyone safer and to decrease the levels of fear.

Respectfully Submitted to the Ypsilanti Police Commissioners,

Gail Wolkoff