

2017 Annual Report  
Student Advisory Council  
The City of Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Our Charge (from SAC MOU)**

The purpose of the Student Advisory Council is to promote dialogue and increased collaboration among students and the City on policies, programs, and actions affecting all stakeholders.

The Student Advisory Council is expected to provide comments and recommendations to the City Council and City Administrator; the UM Central Student Government, Rackham Student Government, and the Dean of Students and Off-Campus Housing Office; and the Superintendent of AAPS on the following:

- (1) Initiatives focused on improving the quality of life for students;
- (2) Public safety, such as lighting and crosswalks;
- (3) Student-community relations;
- (4) Student access to local services;
- (5) City housing and homelessness;
- (6) Student engagement in local affairs and policymaking;
- (7) Policies relevant to students and the impact of proposed projects on students;
- (8) Priorities and budget allocations impacting students;
- (9) Promotion of a safe, inclusive, and integrated Ann Arbor community;

**Meeting Structure**

The members of the 2017 Student Advisory Council (SAC) elected to meet monthly, on the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings were held in the Michigan Union from 5-6 pm.

The 2018 SAC should, during the first meeting, select a monthly day and time that fits their schedules, keeping in mind the constraints of the professional and city staff members who attend the meetings.

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**Leadership**

The 2017 Student Advisory Council was led by a Chair, Jeremy Glick (CSG). The Chair was responsible for meeting minutes, leading the meeting agenda, scheduling meetings, meeting reminders, and the facilitating of the creation of the annual report.

For the 2018 SAC, it is our recommendation that the group elect a Chair, who will be responsible for scheduling meetings, leading discussions, reporting comments and concerns to City Council and other groups, and facilitating the creation of the annual report, and a Secretary, responsible for meeting minutes and meeting notices. We recommend these positions are filled during the first, January, meeting of the Student Advisory Council.

**Presentations**

This year, the Student Advisory Council had the opportunity to hear from university parking and transportation, in regards to different aspects of student related services. This presentation was useful in educating SAC members about what services exist, and where services may be needed.

It is our recommendation that the 2018 Student Advisory Council request more presentations, earlier in the semester, in order to help build a knowledge base on which to make recommendations to the City and University, in regards to future potential projects.

**Focus Areas**

This year, the Student Advisory Council focused on two projects: street light mapping in off-campus student neighborhoods, and new ways of disseminating information to students.

For the street light mapping project, we identified two neighborhoods where, highly populated with student residents, where we felt lighting needs may not be fully addressed. These are the neighborhoods off of Hill & Packard, and the Kerrytown area. In surveying the Hill & Packard area, we found that certain areas were very well lit, beyond our expectations, while

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others were completely dark. (Findings will be attached to final report). Due to time constraints, the surveying of the Kerrytown neighborhood was not yet completed, although we hope the 2018 SAC will continue this project.

In regards to getting information to students, we discussed production of informational videos, social media accounts, an CSG/ Ann Arbor partnerships as possible ways to help get vital City information to students.

### **Going Forward**

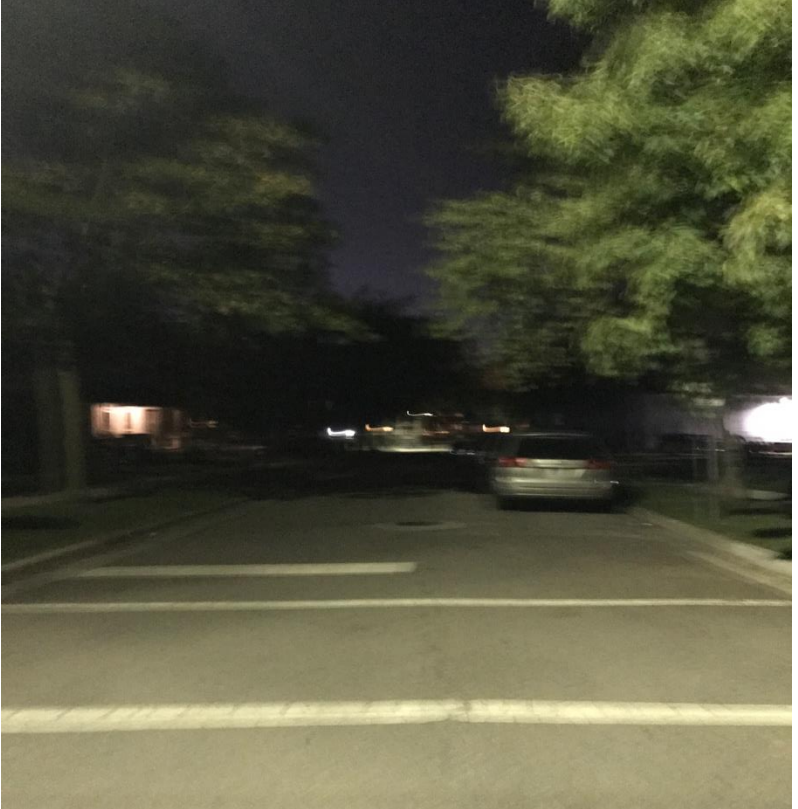
We recommend the following for the next year of the Student Advisory Council:

1. Select leadership positions, meeting times at the first (January) meeting.
2. Request presentations on topics that interest the groups. These could be related to crosswalks, busing, sidewalks, class schedules, etc. The City and University leaders who attend SAC meetings will be able facilitate coordination with relevant departments and individuals. In addition, hear presentations early (Jan-April). This will give you more time to formulate ideas and potential projects later in the year.
3. In our discussions, the 2017 SAC expressed a desire to facilitate the passage of information from the University and City to the students. In order to do so, we recommend exploring the idea of a student intern (who may receive some type of compensation) to help coordinate social media, and other communications efforts.
4. The 2017 SAC has created a google drive containing information from the first year of the council. This will be shared with the Chair and Secretary of the 2018 SAC, following their election.


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**Street Light Mapping – September 20, 2017**

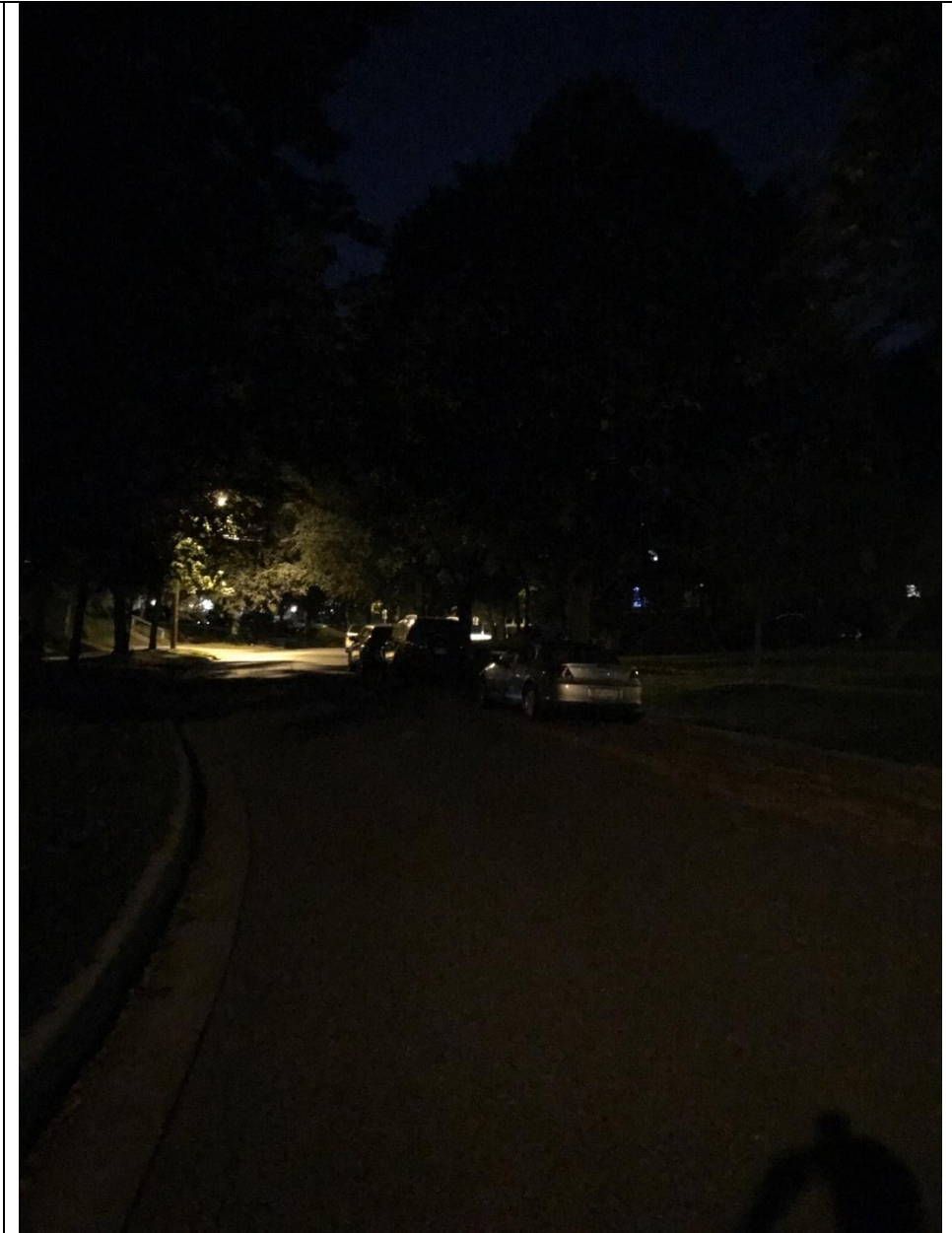
Below are some of the examples from the first of our street light mapping. For the purposes of this report, we have shared with you some of the more extreme examples. Upon request, full results can be provided. All photos were taken on September 20<sup>th</sup> between 8:15 and 9:15 pm.

Location	Comments	Image
Cambridge St	Private, appears to be no lighting	

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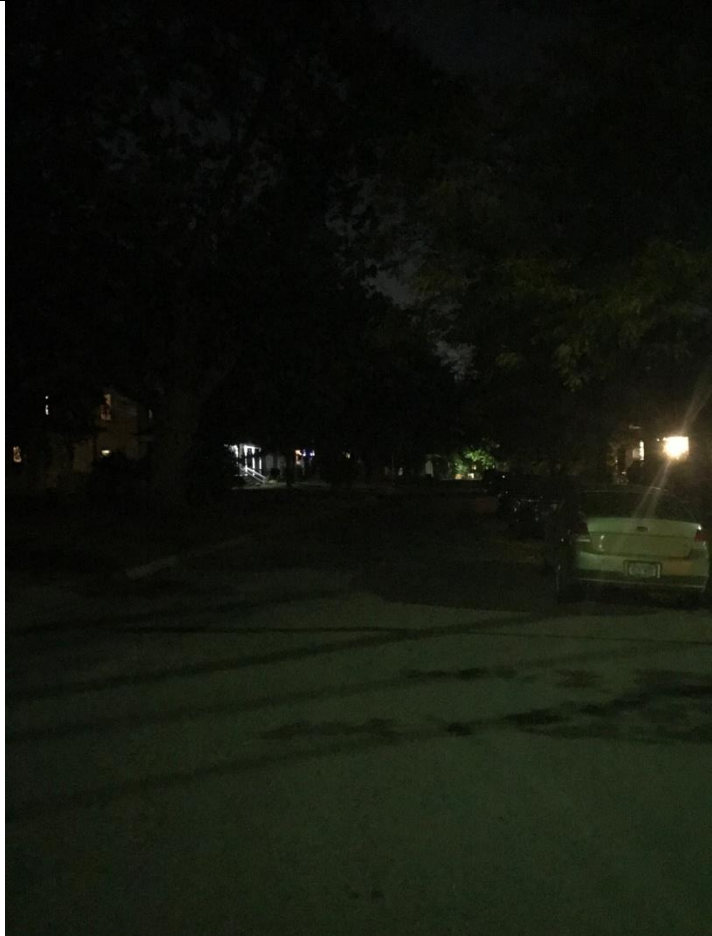
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<p>Prospect St.</p>		
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<p>Oakland, between Forest and Church</p>	<p>Oakland does not appear to have lighting</p>		
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717 Arbor	Street light is obstructed by large tree	
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We recognize that some of these issues may have been resolved, but these are examples of different types of lighting issues we observed in the Packard area.