



Camera Review Committee

Randall Skigen, Chair
Ted Jankowski
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Ron K. Thomas
Paul Waldron

CAMERA REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Minutes for February 5th, 2015 Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members

Randy Skigen, Chair
Ted Jankowski
Paul Waldron

Ron Thomas - absent
Donald Rozier - absent

City of Stamford Staff

Brian McElligott, Stamford Police Captain
Mike Toma, Law Department
Ernie Orgera, Operations Department
Mike Pensiero, Technology Mgmt Department
Kathy Ruther, Public Safety Secretary

Meeting came to order at 9:07am, and was presided over by Chair Randy Skigen.

Approval of Previous Minutes – January, 2014

Motion – Committee member Paul Waldron moves to pass minutes, seconded by Ted Jankowski. Minutes pass unanimously.

Review of Current Applications

Chairman Skigen called for a motion to enter Executive Session to review the current application from the Operations Department. Motion – Ted Jankowski moves to enter Executive Session, seconded by Paul Waldron.

9:10am – Executive Session begins

9:21am – Executive Session concludes

No votes were taken, no decisions made during Executive Session.

Call for New Applications

Mike Pensiero, Technology Mgmt Director for the City of Stamford, submitted an application for a camera to be placed at the Hurricane Barrier. He explains that the City has won a grant for a Harbor Camera, and would like the first located on the Hurricane Barrier. Mike briefs the Committee, shows pictures. Would like to stream out live on the web, useful to boaters. CCTV Level 1, facing east branch area. Pan, tilt, zoom capability on the camera. During calm weather, the camera would be pointed out to the sound. During inclement weather, it would point to the

hurricane barrier. Discussion around category level. Would be monitoring weather activity, not human activity. Discussion around Level definitions, and definition of the word “surveillance”. Federal grant, Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to tap into their electrical to run the camera. They have a 3 year agreement to run the camera. The Director of Public Safety would decide who controls the pan, tilt, zoom.

At the next CRC meeting, the public will be allowed time to comment on this and Mill River applications.

Mill River – Ted Jankowski will reach out to Milton Puryear to see where they are in their funding, in regards to their previous camera application.

Discussion of Policies and Procedures Manual

Chair Randy Skigen asks Mike Toma to define “Surveillance”, discussion continues around lack of definition. Randy Skigen says the Committee should include this in their recommended changes.

Committee discussed possibility of cameras making it easier for City of Stamford to monitor events. Discussion around what a Level 1 request would look like; possibility of eliminating Level 1. Group discusses definition of “monitored” – preventing crime?

There is currently no budget to post required public notices; next year recommend to budget \$2K for notices and expenses. Discussion continues around costs involved in posting signs, traffic camera signs, possible signage changes and possibility of that acting as a deterrent at traffic intersections.

Retention of recordings. Compile records retention rules. FOI rules are 30 days. Discussion around costs of retention and equipment involved. Need to put together rationale and thinking on each point.

Randy Skigen asks Mike Toma to submit suggestions for changes in the Manual, to the committee.

Adjournment

Motion – Paul Waldron moves to adjourn, seconded by Ted Jankowski. Meeting adjourned at 10:03am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ruther