



Camera Review Committee

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CAMERA REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Minutes for March 26th, 2015 Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members

Randy Skigen, Chair
Ted Jankowski
Donald Rozier
Paul Waldron

City of Stamford Staff

Brian McElligott, Stamford Police Captain
Mike Pensiero, Technology Mgmt Department
Kathy Ruther, Public Safety Secretary

Ron Thomas - absent

Meeting came to order at 9:16am, and was presided over by Chair Randy Skigen.

Public Comment Opportunity on Current Applications

No members of the public appeared to comment on the Mill River Park application
No members of the public appeared to comment on the Stamford Hurricane Barrier application.

Review of Current Applications

Hurricane Barrier – Mr. Pensiero reports that he anticipates the camera and feed to be operational by early summer.

Motion – to approve the Hurricane Barrier application is made by Mr. Jankowski, seconded by Mr. Rozier, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Committee agrees to hold off on voting for the Mill River Park until they ask Milton Puryear a few more questions, including the number and location of cameras he anticipates.

Call for New Applications

Mr. Jankowski reports that the DSSD will be submitting an application shortly. He will find out about recording traffic cameras, and may put in an application for that.

No new applications are being submitted for this meeting.

Discussion of Policies and Procedures Manual

The Committee discussed traffic camera record and retention. Mr. Pensiero suggests costs of \$50,000 for 6 months storage of camera footage. For 70+ cameras, slightly less than 30 can be viewed here in the Traffic department. The camera at Atlantic and Bedford intersection discussed. Hope Street and Weed Hill intersection discussed. A 360° camera is newly installed this week (at Atlantic and Bedford intersection).

Manual – would traffic video be disclosed (requiring street signage)? For crime prevention you wouldn't want the sign.

Mr. Jankowski will present report from Legal, hopefully at next meeting.

Mr. Skigen will be visiting Bridgeport facilities soon.

Mr. Skigen recommends every new capital projects include cameras and a budget for cameras.

Mr. Jankowski will also be going to Bridgeport and Hempstead.

The Stamford Town Center is upgrading their cameras and has asked to meet with Mr. Skigen.

Suggested changes to manual:

- 1) Definitions – “monitored surveillance”, “surveillance” not defined. Page 19, Section 22 – retention period is cost prohibitive and technologically challenging. Suggested change to 30 days for any recorded camera.
- 2) Policy doesn't address recording – especially traffic cameras. Mr. Jankowski will review.
- 3) Mr. Jankowski and Mr. Toma will finalize changes to the manual and present at the next meeting.

Additional questions include:

- Section 5.4.6 – does this apply to the cabin of a boat? What about the expectation of privacy?
- Page 3 definitions – “Traffic Monitoring” being used for “traffic violations”?
- Section 8 – Legal authorization; in 8.2 – remove?

Mr. Jankowski will ask Mr. Toma about all these questions, and plans on having a draft ready for the next meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes – February, 2014

Motion – Mr. Waldron moves to pass minutes, seconded by Mr. Jankowski. Minutes pass unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion – Mr. Waldron moves to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jankowski. Meeting adjourned at 9:49am.

Next meeting will be held on April 23rd.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ruther