ST Meeting #47 – 05/30/2023

**Participants:**  
Nico Diaz   
1st Deputy Chief Shoff  
Valerie Didamo  
Mark King  
Jawwaad Rasheed  
Daniel Schwarz  
Johannes Himmelreich  
Jason Scharf  
Tim Liles  
Martha Grabowski  
Michelle Sczpanski  
Jennifer Tifft  
  
**Absent**  
Deputy Mayor Sharon Owens (Excused)  
Ocesa Keaton (Excused)  
Chief Tim Gleeson  
  
  
**Agenda/Notes:**

* Body Worn Cameras
  + We began to go through the public comments
  + Johannes stated that the main thing that stuck out to him was the difference between filming inside someone's home rather than external footage, as a lot of police officer’s is.
  + Jen Tifft asked if there would be a way for residents to opt out of the video camera’s being used.
    - Nico also about how this consent is being sought.
  + Mark asked what the main goal of this technology is
    - Whether this is the safety of the worker or to document the conditions of the home
    - Is the concern for safety from residents, landlords, or pets.
    - This would affect how long the group might recommend this data be kept for
    - This would also affect the cost to store this data.
  + Nico read the responses
  + Jawwaad stated that there are Federal Guidelines for record retention periods
  + Martha stated that she was asking about how this data could be combined with other data, and discussed the need of developing a policy for this.
    - Nico stated that he believed that this data should fall into the category of “highly sensitive” and should only be accessed for legal reasons.
  + Jason stated that he appreciated the comment that was made regarding the staffing needs for requests for this video.
  + Nico asked what we feel that we need to move forward
    - Johannes stated that he felt that he hasn’t gotten a good description about what the main concern is why this technology is desired
    - Should the group consider if the strengths outweigh the negatives when making recommendations.
    - Stipulations could be very onerous, and Johannes asked if we would take this into account when making a recommendation.
    - Johannes reiterated the Deputy Mayor’s comments about the staffing that might be needed for this.
    - Nico stated that a next step forward for this was to go back to Jake the questions, Nico said that he wasn’t sure if we wanted to use SPD’s policy as a guide, or the Justice Departments recommendations as a guide.
      * Nico asked for a few volunteers to help draft guidelines:
      * Jen Tifft and Bradford volunteered to assist with this
      * Martha asked if we could start a Google Doc to get started on stipulations
* Vacant Lot Monitoring
  + Jen Tifft shared that 5 lots were identified by SPD and DPW as being high-flyers for illegal dumping
  + Would be sensers that are attached to poles.
  + Jen stated that this technology technically would have been grandfathered in, as the technology was already approved for use in 2020. DPW has held off on using this, but they have held off on using this.
    - It was part of a state-funded grant and the sensors have already been purchased.
  + Nico asked what state of implementation we are in
    - Jen T. stated that SPD and DPW stated the parks that were of concern
    - NY Power Authority gave the city a grant to the city to implement IOT devices to implement with Syracuse’s Smart City Network.
    - Jen stated that there were a number of delay’s implementing this project.
    - The city would like to start implement the technology for illegal dumping.
    - If the city determines that this technology is helpful to prevent illegal dumping we may have a basis to seek this for more lots.
    - The state helped the city design the project and identify the specific technology.
    - There were a handful of questions from the public comment period that we weren’t sure how to answer.
    - Jen stated that she obtained answers to the questions that the group had and feels that we could be ready to approve this.
    - Nico discussed that we could either move this forward, or we could do another comment period.
      * Martha stated that she thinks the nice thing is being consistent in our reviews of technologies.
    - Daniel asked about the different answers that seem to be in conflict (data is not captured, data is captured), asking which one is it?
      * Jen T. stated that there were two different technologies that they were looking at. One did campture images, but would take a lot of data for storage retention
      * The one the decided on (edge processor) does not store information.
    - Mark shared that if a large change in the technology, we should not
* Coming Up
* Questions

**Previous Action Items:**

* Invite Jake to come back for next STWG meeting, and draft a list of questions

**New Action Items:**

* Add Following questions to be sent to Jake:
  + Beyond the high level of safety concerns, the concern for safety from residents, landlords, or pets?
    - Perhaps asking for a couple of examples documented.
  + Ask Codes to suggest a few previous (anonymous) use cases where having the cameras would have been beneficial?
  + Include relevant questions raised from the public comment period
* Schedule a time to meet for Body Worn Camera’s with Jen Tifft and Bradford - [@Scharf, Jason](mailto:jscharf@syr.gov)