

Camera Oversight Committee

October 4, 2017

In Attendance:

Committee Members: Susan Howards, Henry Chaveriat, Ian Polumbaum, Jack Corrigan, Sam Scott (arrived 550)

Town Staff: Chief O'Leary, Officer Scott Wilder, Officer Casey Hatchett

Members of the Public: Clint Richmond, Cornelia van der Ziel

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was opened by Susan Howard at 5:38pm and members of the Board introduced themselves. Jack made a motion to approve the minutes. Ian suggested the following suggestions:

- 1) First full paragraph addressing the change in immigration law
- 2) Correction to spelling of Kade Crockford, ACLU

Susan Howard moved to 2) on the agenda, the Mid-Year Review. Chief reported that 10 cameras are still operating 24/7. The camera at Hammond and Boylston is not functioning. Despite being on, we are still tracking the requests for footage and usage and conducting audits of the cameras use, supervision and policy compliance. The Chief discussed the requests for footage, such a request for footage following a fatal accident involving the MBTA and camera footage for Boston for a sexual assault.

Jack Corrigan suggested fixing the camera at Hammond/Boylston so that it could be a deterrent for dangerous traffic/pedestrian behavior.

Ian asked about the use of footage for the fatality for the MBTA and if it was useful. Scott Wilder reported that the footage showed he hit the "side" of the trolley. He also asked about footage for public records requests and what could be seen. Scott Wilder reported the footage was too far away.

The board unanimously voted to accept the Mid-Year report.

Clint Richmond asked if there were any upgrades to the technology. Scott Wilder reported that there have been no updates since the ones reported two years ago.

Chief discussed the automatic license plate readers and at this point is in negotiations with the Union. At this point, he reported, the technology is outdated and will not be put into use because the upgrades would be too expensive.

At this point in the meeting, Sam Scott arrived.

The Committee resumed discussion on the union objections to the ALPRs and Chief O'Leary reported the issue is in negotiations. Jack asked if the technology could be put on a driverless car, or maybe a drone. The committee discussed removing the ALPRs from the agendas until the negotiations are completed.

Clint Richmond asked if the Brookline PD had drones and Chief O'Leary reported that we do not have drones. Chief O'Leary said could see the value during large demonstrations like recently took place in Boston. Susan Howards asked if other departments use drones and Chief O'Leary said there are other communities utilizing drones.

Clint Richmond asked how many "quick deploy" cameras we have and if we are looking to get additional. Scott Wilder reported we have two and that there is no current plan to acquire more.

Clint asked if the any of the footage that has been retained for court has proven useful. Chief O'Leary reported that there was footage from the shooting/stabbing but that case may not go to trial, but it narrowed our search immensely and aided in our investigation. Ian Polumbaum explained that the footage often results in a case not going to trial.

Jack Corrigan made a movement to adjourn at 6:03pm and the meeting ended.

- *THESE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 10th*