

## **Flock Camera Questions:** from previous Ad Hoc Committee Meetings:

**Yellow:** From June 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting

1. **Can we place the cameras on existing PG& E Light Poles, Power Poles-** Yes- With Approval from PG& E we can hardwire the cameras and mount them on existing power poles and light poles. We did this with our existing cameras (2017)
2. **Do we need cameras in the residential area?** Comments from the group were to remove them from RA.- Cameras can be placed where they are needed, That would be a council decision.
3. **No Black Poles- Could these be wood?-** Yes, the poles could be wood.
4. **Can we use something other than Cloud based storage?-** Not with the Flock system.
5. **Can people opt out of the camera system? Would that be just our system or all?-** Flock offers an Opt out service and it would be for our system only. This is used for HOA's but something we could explore for the community. Yes, it would be our system only.
6. **Can cameras be installed on Buildings?-** Yes, but these cameras need to be placed in an area where they can view license plates. On buildings the view may be blocked or angle may not right.
7. **Can you provide a policing strategy (Point of View) for locations?** - Yes, this would be an import reason for the placement of cameras. We want to optimize safety and their use given the cost.
8. **Have we looked at competitors of Flock?-** I am unsure if the previous Chief's have looked at competitors. I am convinced that Flock is the leader in camera deployment for law enforcement. Flock is used by most agencies and all agencies in our area. We are increasing our ability to prevent and solve crime by using Flock cameras. Sharing information via Flock also provides increased chances in locating lost or missing persons.
9. **How many Cameras do we need?** That is a decision that needs to be made and impacts the effectiveness of the system. Wha the balance the community is looking for?
10. **Can we put them only on the perimeter, like our existing cameras?-** Yes, we already have placed them on the perimeter.
11. **What is the need/advantage of having them downtown?-** We create a double layer of safety. When investigating a crime multiple cameras can help us confirm the location, route of a suspected vehicle and help solidify a case for further investigation (if needed).

12. **Can we reduce the number of days we store videos?** Currently 30-Days?- Yes, but not advised. We don't always get notified of a crime right away. Reducing the storage below 30-days could impact our ability to solve cases.
13. **Do police surveillance require signage notifying the public of their being surveilled?** - No, in California, police agencies are generally not required to notify people that they are being recorded when filming occurs in public places where there is no reasonable expectation of privacy.
14. **How many cameras are currently on PG&E poles?**- We have a few mounted to the PG&E light poles, unknown number. These are only mounted on the poles, not hardwired.
15. **Do you have Maps/Locations of existing cameras?**- Yes, we have a map of each location.
16. **Can we have a similar system but keep it in-house?** – We could opt to go with our own system but we would be giving up some of the benefit of the Flock system, including agency alerts and access to other agencies information (Alerts).
17. **What happens -No Flock Cameras and a car stolen in Carmel? Would Seaside or any other Flock agency know it was stolen on their Flock system?** - Yes, the police enter the information into the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS). The Flock cameras are constantly reading license plates to see if it is a plate that was entered into the system. Flock does not have access to your personal information, only if it was entered by law enforcement as a wanted vehicle.
18. **What are the successes of the perimeter cameras- Wouldn't that suffice for Flock Cameras?**- We have had successes with the perimeter cameras. The additional cameras enhance what we have and would allow us better coverage of the village, more opportunities to catch criminals, and help with convictions.
19. **What do our Axon Cameras do now? Are they a part of Flock or independent? Where does captured data go?**- Our cameras are constantly recording vehicle license plates as they travel by the cameras. These cameras Do Not, run each plate to determine where you live, who owns the car. Flock doesn't have the ability to look up this data. The police have controlled access through CLETS-California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System. Flock can only read plates and it will register on vehicles entered by police either manually or via CLETS as a stolen, missing, at-risk or wanted vehicle. The only data the cameras identify is if the plate has been entered as a wanted vehicle.