

ST Meeting – 12/02/2025

Participants:

Deputy Mayor/Mayor-Elect Owens
Nicolas Diaz
Jason Thomas
Jena Klimaszewski
Jennifer Tift
Johannes Himmelreich
Mayor Walsh
Corey Driscoll Dunham
Mark King

Absent:

Val Didamo
Michelle Sczpanski,
Dr. Martha Grabowski
Bradford Morse
Chief Rich Shoff
Chief Tim Gleeson
Daniel Schwarz
Councilor Monto

Agenda/Notes:

- Thank you from Mayor Walsh
 - Special thanks to non-city staff that are in the working group
 - Reflection from Johannes: Grateful for all the cooperation from city departments, the working group is necessary for accountability
 - Reflection from Mark: The group allows for the combination of data and ethics; it is nice to have a place where the city allows residents to give input.
 - Thoughts from Nico and Jason who helped create the group
 - Reflection from Nico: There have been 77 meetings, 9 technologies have been reviewed, 2021, and over 1000 comments from the public since 2021. The group has allowed us to be more thoughtful and transparent when it comes to technologies. Some improvements could include having the capacity to complete follow-ups and action items.

- Reflection from Jason: There is more of an openness between STWG and SPD since the start of the working group.
- Going forward, Mayor Walsh asked the group to stay aware of facial recognition technology as that is a rapidly evolving technology. Another thing to keep in the thoughts of the working group is facial recognition technology.
- Introductions
 - Corey – Chief Administrative Officer
 - Jena – Data Program Manager (API)
 - Councilor Monto will be joining in the future
- Response from Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
 - The STWG asked DCJS to answer a number of questions related to data sharing and automated license plate readers.
 - The questions were provided to a DCJS representative in writing and all questions and responses are in the slides.
- Flock ALPR Update
 - There has been a lot of coverage around Flock and their data sharing practices. Two Councilors proposed an item to revoke Flock's right to have their cameras in the City's right of way, but the item was held at the November 24th council meeting.
 - ALPRs do benefit the city, so the City is looking into working with a different vendor in the future.
 - Discussion: Destiny USA and Syracuse University have Flock cameras in their parking lot/campus, respectively; it is their private property, and the city cannot control that.
 - If they shared data with the City, there are concerns about the data coming from Flock, a company the City is trying to end its relationship with.
- Assessment Drone Pilot
 - ResilienX is offering to do a free pilot with us on their drones that allow assessment to see changes to properties without going to them. They are a local drone start-up.
 - This would be a 3-property pilot, and they would be willing to present to STWG if the City wanted to implement the technology.
 - There's a lot of questions about the data that would be collected from these drones.
 - The benefit of this would be that the city would not have to invest in their own drones for this specialized use, it would be done through this company. This type of technology is known as "drone as a service."

- Image capture is still something that needs to be figured out, but the City could potentially just get data points and not images.
- Drones as a First Responder Update
 - There has not been much movement on this since the last STWG meeting.
 - They are planning on having a public hearing and a public safety committee meeting.
 - SPD is continuing to work on the policy.

Action Items:

- ☐ Follow-up with DCJS and ask if they consider outdated immigration documents as criminal - Jason