



Community Surveillance Working Group

Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Attendees:

- Eleonor bounds
- Cynthia
- Vin Tang
- Michelle Merriweather
- Jenifer lee
- Joe Woolley
- Kayleigh McNiel

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Agenda:

Administrative topics
CSWG Recruitment
HNT Timeline & Approach

Minutes:

First topic – what are we doing about membership?

Eleanor – recruiting since April, publicly reaching out via linkedin and reaching out to local partners in tribal communities and Public Info Officer's shared it out across the city. Ran it through June and so far have had only 2 applicants – reached out to UW connections and asked them to reach out as well, asked Dept. of Neighborhoods to see if they could help us branch out more.

Vin – Equitable focused org needs to be represented. We have done a lot of outreach, but it is tough to get a large pool of applicants. Bottom line is that we are trying to fill 5 positions so we can have 100% of membership filled by next year.

- Joe 12/31/2023
- Michelle 12/31/2023
- Jen 12/31/2024
- Kayleigh 12/31/2021

Jen – will be leaving the ACLU in August – will recommend that her replacement will be put onto this working group. Might have to be a formal procedure to put her replacement onto the group. Will need to follow up with my manager at the ACLU to see if they can be her replacement.

Vin – Suggests drafting a short document from the group identifying Jen's replacement as the person who will be fulfilling the remainder of Jen's term.

Eleonor – are we sure if this person will be taking over this?

Jen – I think it would make sense for them to be added onto this group but will need to confirm with my team to make that happen. If you could send me the steps to do that, I will.

Vin – the decision lands on Councilmember Nelson.

Joe – concerns about keeping up our numbers to have quorum when it has not been

Jen – the issue is not the working group wanting to do meet the requirements of the ordinance, it is just that we are so under staffed. If the group cannot provide the recommendations and insight that is necessary, I would suggest that the acquisition of new surveillance technologies should stop rather than the city pushing forward and buying new tech without the impact assessments being sent to the Counsel.

Vin – I will use my Hail Mary and see if we can get someone from C-Tab to come in and be part of the group.

Eleanor – I agree with you all and everyone we have been talking to about getting it staffed agrees that it is hard to get this staffed.

Joe – maybe reach out to Stephen who used to Run C-tab, he might know someone who

Vin – I remember Stephen, I will try and reach out to him

Kayleigh – How about a UW student org that focuses on cyber rights and privacy issues.

Vin – Based on the code – we need 5 people who represent equity based organizations so a student org that focuses on equity issues could qualify, that is where the

Vin – how about we talk about the throw phones

Joe – my main concerns were that there was not enough info about the retention policies surrounding the data from the hidden cameras and audio recordings.

Jen – we can get a draft to everyone for review by Monday.

Joe – do we have to reconvene before submitting? Vin will look into that now.

Michelle – did not have any concerns about the phones, it doesn't look like it is used very rarely.

Kayleigh – Concerned about the lack of info on how often it is actually used. I only saw stats from 2021. I'd like to know if there are stats available from other years. Also whether the use of the throw phones has ever been audited by SPD. The SIR stated that most of the time it is being used with the knowledge/consent of the barricaded person. I would like to know if they have stats on how many times it is used overtly, with knowledge/consent of the parties being recorded versus how often it is being used covertly, without the knowledge and consent of those being recorded.

Vin – Group Can review the draft and submit without another formal meeting per the bylaws.

Joe – everyone will email notes to the group and find another time to meet in August.