
DATE: Friday, October 29, 2021
TIME: 1:00pm
PLACE: *Vineyard Church, 1500 S. Lincoln, Urbana, IL 61801

A majority of a quorum of the Urbana City council met in conjunction with the NAACP in town hall meeting on Friday October 29th 2021 at 1:00 PM.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; CM Maryalice Wu; CM Chris Evans, CM Shirese Hursey

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Bryant Seraphin, Lemond Peppers, Deputy Chief Rich Surles, Kate Levy, Bridget Broihahn, Cassie Heldman, Darcy Sandefur, Carla Boyd, Carol Mitten,

OTHERS PRESENT: Minnie Pearson

1. Call to Order

Lemond Peppers began the introductions for the town hall and went over housekeeping items at 1:00 PM.

Mayor Marlin gave an opening and explained the purpose of this meeting. Minnie Pearson the president of the NAACP Champaign County made her opening remarks.

2. PRESENTATION

Chief Bryant Seraphin presented a power point on ALPR compiled from previous council presentations. He reviewed previous concerns and questions. Provided example image captures and where they are installed. Presented on policy considerations. Explained how it works and what databases it checks against. Explained the storage of data practices and the information safeguards. Deputy Chief Rich Surles presented on the factors considered for determining camera placement. Chief Seraphin presented on other jurisdictions that are in the process of acquiring FLOCK ALPR or similar technology.

3. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Facilitated by Lemond Peppers of the City of Urbana. Public can ask panel (Chief Seraphin, Deputy Chief Surles, Mayor Marlin, Minnie Pearson) as a whole or as individuals.

Anonymous asked how ALPR relates to gun violence in practice. Asked if there is any data that ALPR prevents gun violence. *Chief Bryant Seraphin and Deputy Chief Surles responded.* **Maurice Hays** asked about any human investments in these same identified violence hotspots. Asked about bringing the resources to the people as opposed to tasking the people with finding the resources. *Mayor Diane Marlin and Minnie Pearson responded.* **Benjamin Volprie** asked about the Mayor and Chief of police going on record with a truth commission about the history of Urbana in order to build trust. *CM Shirese Hursey responded.* **Katherine Robbins** asked what the agency is and how the system handles stolen license plates and mismatches. *Chief Bryant Seraphin responded.* **Diane Orr** asked how are the police without tips going to be able to use license plate information. Asked what resources are being provided to citizens right now to help protect against retaliation. *Chief Bryant Seraphin and Deputy Chief Surles responded.* **Marcy Goldstein** asked how long FLOCK stores the images and how would the city verify that. Asked how there's no connectivity if you can access personal information from a license plate. *Chief Seraphin responded.* **Anonymous** asked if any of it is subject to FOIA. Asked what the primary focus of having ALPR in Urbana is if they are not designed to be a deterrent. *Chief Bryant Seraphin responded.*

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Minnie Pearson president of NAACP made closing remarks. Mayor Diane Marlin made her closing remarks.

Public Input: **Linda Turnbull** spoke to the trauma she has experienced due to the community violence. **Rev Dr. Evelyn Underwood** spoke to the necessity for safeguards and the importance of exploring other technologies and not moving too quickly. **Anonymous** shared some information from the articles provided about FLOCK. Spoke to the threat to privacy. **Anonymous** asked how our community wants to be policed now and in the future. Expressed that there are other solutions that should be pursued. Spoke to the demographics of traffic stops in relation to population within Urbana. *Mayor Marlin responded directly to that public input.* **Rita Connerly** thanked everyone for participating, wanted to echo Rev Dr. Evelyn Underwood's earlier comments and the need for caution. Expressed concerns about the potential for inequities. Shared neighborhood opinions she gathered from online regarding ALPR from other communities who have implemented it. Shared story of machine error. **Drake Matere** expressed the issue with the criminalization of children. Expressed that the community cannot move in haste. Shared story of how community involvement in Louisiana was able to reduce the number of fight's within a school. Expressed the need for community involvement to address the violence.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Lemond Peppers declared the meeting over at 3:00 P.M.

Darcy Sandefur
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: 11/08/2021