



Safety & Security Committee Minutes

MYHMC Admin Building 1st Floor
401 N. Roadway Street
New Orleans, LA 70124

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Time: 5:30pm

Board Members Present:
Christopher Hammond
Keith Amacker

Community Members:
Stanton Murray
Sonny Drouilhet
Jay Smith
Kerry Cuccia

Welcome

Meeting called to order by C. Hammond at 5:35p

ITEMS

2. Terrorism Insurance Discussion by Keith Amacker

We have \$5million coverage for approximately \$1200/year. Being heavily involved with 9/11, I was surprised we could have this type of coverage. As I suspected, there is a list of exclusions, 3 pages long, that includes acts of war. Other exclusions were chemical and biological weapons such as sarin gas or anthrax. The policy also excludes electronic losses such as cyber warfare. Nuclear incidents are excluded – bombs with no nuclear detonation or radioactive material. Of course, acts of war are excluded. An incident does not have to be declared a war. War-like activity are usually called conflicts.

C. Hammond: To your point, there are so many exclusions that the policy doesn't really cover anything.

K. Amacker: An adjuster could say an occurrence is not an act of terrorism, but an act of war which is excluded from the policy.

C. Hammond: It is my understanding that we are required to carry a terrorism policy and the current policy exceeds the minimum requirement. I have no issue with looking to see if we can find something better.

K. Amacker: It's only \$1,200/year but what's the purpose of the policy if we cannot make a claim?

Public Comment: There was a grant written by the Federal government when there was a terrorist attack in Mumbai, India and the terrorists took over fishing boats. Many marinas received various forms of this grant. NOFD received an approximate \$1M grant and was able to purchase a new fire boat.

K. Amacker: I asked for a list of properties that would be insured under this coverage to determine if the boathouses would be covered. The language in the policy suggests that the boathouses would in fact be covered. The policy I have in hand is expired but I was informed that it has been renewed for the same coverage with a slightly higher premium.

3. Past Concerns by C. Hammond

Public Comment: Question regarding the effectiveness of the cameras. Are they connected to the internet? Since installation, one boat and two trailers have been stolen.

C. Hammond: It is my understanding that all cameras are not connected and that we are waiting for an antenna to arrive that is on backorder.

K. Amacker: The cameras that are connected now are connected by Wi-Fi and are monitored in a central monitoring station. Due to lack of personnel, they are not monitored at all times. However, the cameras are always recording. The antenna in question is supposed to be shipped this week and arriving next week. I have also asked, upon the antenna arriving, how long installation would take. I would also question if the Wi-Fi network that the cameras are on is going to be shared with boat owners. Will everyone be using the same bandwidth or are we on separate servers?

Public Comment: Is there any consideration of installing license plate readers?

C. Hammond: There is a privacy issue with that. It's different when law enforcement is using it for a specific purpose.

K. Amacker: City Council banned them some time ago.

Public Comment: How long are recordings stored? Is there a process in place to be able to save footage while an investigation is in process?

C. Hammond: We would have to ask Bryan. I would suggest that if something is stolen, you contact Bryan immediately. He has access to all footage and could best direct you.

K. Amacker: I would like to see our cameras feed into law enforcement's network.

Public Comment: We should consider installing a camera with public access. That way, volunteers of the public could watch the cameras on the marina's behalf.

K. Amacker: I don't have a problem with it but I would think we'd have the same privacy issue as the license plate reader.

4. New Concerns by C. Hammond

Public Comment: there are people camping overnight on Lakeshore Dr. And they are getting closer and closer to this area. Levee District Police has chosen not to enforce clearing the area because of the pushback.

K. Amacker: If OLD is refusing to enforce, I would contact Giarrusso's office and continue calling the cops daily.

Public Comment: MYHMC passed a resolution prohibiting overnight camping in the park areas. I think we should have asked for an ordinance the same as other city parks have. The city attorney advised Bryan that MYHMC did not need an ordinance to enforce regulations because of the lease agreement. I'm not sure if the resolution has the force of law.

K. Amacker: OLD has arresting authority. Our grounds patrol officers do not.

K. Cuccia: The question is whether the resolution truly has the force of law. If it was an ordinance, law enforcement would have the right to force people out of the area. I drafted an ordinance to be filed almost identical to the other parks. If overnight camping is a safety issue, that is something we should revisit.

C. Hammond: Please send me a copy of the draft ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm