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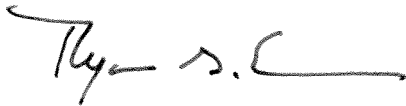


DATE: April 17, 2009

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **Surveillance Camera Protocol Proposal**

Attached is briefing material on the "Surveillance Camera Protocol Proposal" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, April 20, 2009.



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Attachment

Copy to: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
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Surveillance Camera Protocol Proposal

Public Safety Committee

April 20, 2009



Mission

- Detect and deter criminal activity
- Investigate criminal activities captured on video
- Increased quality of life
- Improved safety perception of Downtown and Jubilee Park areas
- Contribution to the overall revitalization of these areas



Partners

- The Meadows Foundation provided \$840,000, for initial 40 Downtown cameras and is proposing to fund 40 cameras for Fair Park
- Downtown Dallas has pledged \$600,000 to expand current operations by 42 cameras
- The Jubilee Park Association has funded 14 cameras in conjunction with many partners including the South Dallas/Fair Park Development Fund and is adding 2 more
- Equipment and maintenance are being funded by the private sector in special interest areas
- Personnel for monitoring purposes is provided with funding by the City of Dallas

Crime Reduction Impact

January 1 – March 31
2008 vs. 2009

	Central Business District	Jubilee Park
Violent	-11%	-25%
Non-Violent	-11%	-50%
Total	-11%	-47%

Camera Activity Stats

Calls and Arrests
January 17, 2007, to March 31, 2009

	Central Business District	Jubilee Park	Total
Calls	6492	403	6895
Arrests	1700	90	1790

Evaluation

- Lessons learned from DPD's experience with Downtown and Jubilee Park camera monitoring
 - The Department has a better understanding about the importance of proper camera placement for optimum results
 - Calls for assistance based on camera monitoring consistently compete with 911 calls for resources
 - Cameras have shown an effectiveness in addressing crime and public disorder issues
 - Personnel costs for camera monitoring are a particular challenge

Expansion of Current Program

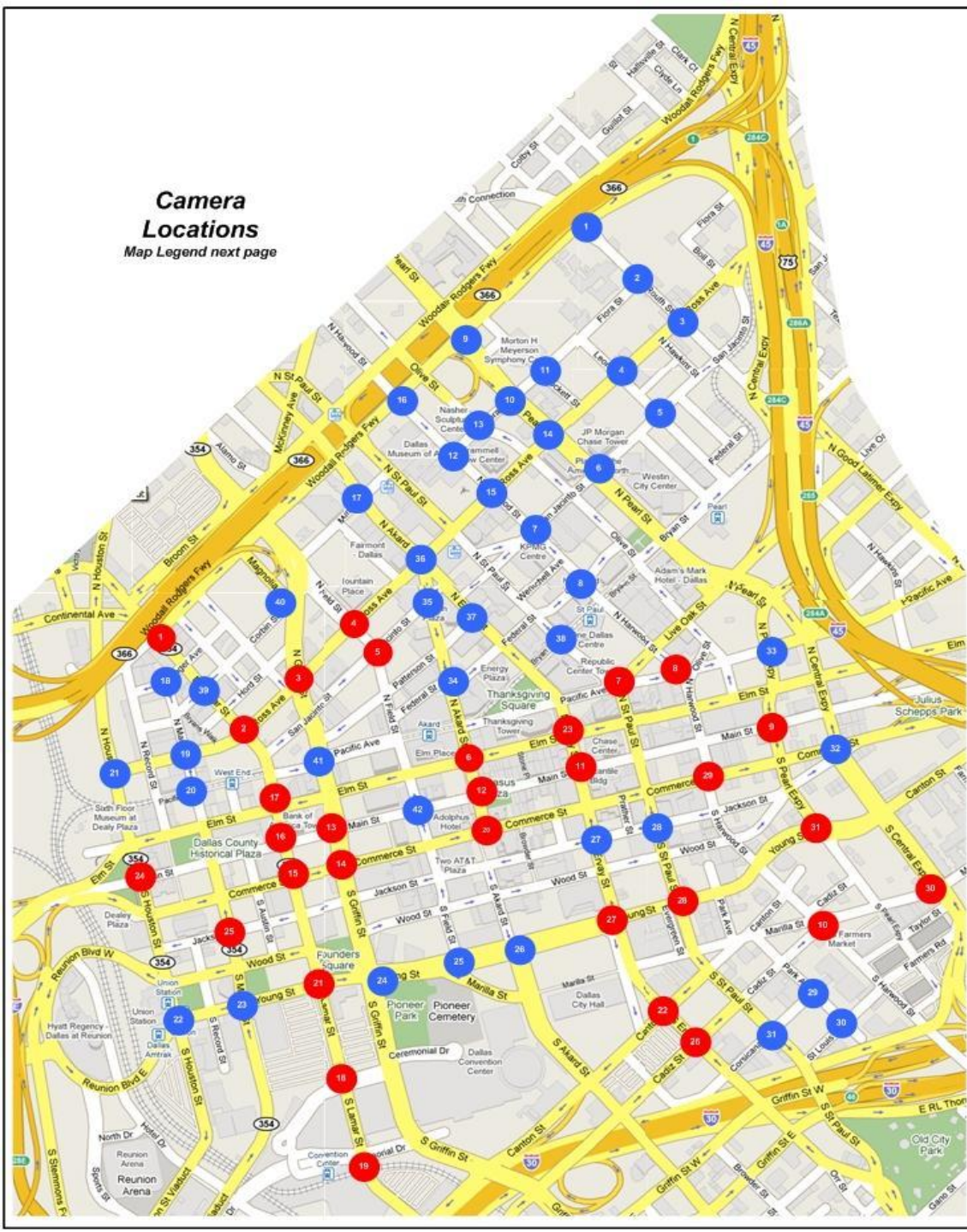
Central Business District

- 42 cameras are being added to Downtown
 - 17 already operational for the King Tut exhibit
 - 17 already operational in Downtown
 - Final 8 cameras to be operational by end of April 2009
- Total Cameras in Downtown area - 82
- Second Phase funding of \$600,000.00 raised by the Downtown Dallas Association

Jubilee Park

- 7 cameras have been added to Jubilee Park
- Total Cameras in Jubilee Park – 14 with two more slated to be added for a total of 16
- Second Phase funding of \$107,000 raised by Jubilee Park neighborhood and business associations

Camera Locations
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Downtown

Existing Locations

Red

Future Locations

Blue

Jubilee Park Camera Locations



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Jubilee Park
Existing Locations
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Map Legend

Phase I Camera Sites

- 1** Lindsley and Fitzhugh
- 2** East Grand and Fitzhugh
- 3** East Grand and Barry
- 4** East Grand and Haskell
- 5** Parry and Carroll
- 6** Carroll and Garland
- 7** Parry and Haskell

Phase II Camera Sites

- 1** Garland and Ann
- 2** Ash and Carroll
- 3** Lindsley and Bank
- 4** Gurley and Bank
- 5** Parry and Caldwell
- 6** Gurley and Fitzhugh
- 7** Barry and Phillip



Potential Camera Program Monitoring Sites

Fair Park

- Meadows Foundation is installing 36 cameras in and around Fair Park

Uptown

- Uptown Improvement District is installing 20 cameras in the first phase of a project

White Rock Lake

- White Rock Association has proposed installing cameras in and around White Rock Lake

Jefferson Boulevard

- 11 cameras with record function only have been installed

Program Expansion Challenges

- DPD continues to receive requests from local associations and businesses to monitor additional public locations
- Industry standards indicate that one employee at a single monitoring station can effectively monitor no more than 25 cameras at once
 - DPD utilizes a combination of less than full duty officers and part-time retirees for monitoring
 - Current staffing averages 2 employees per shift, limiting effective monitoring to 50 cameras, however, employees are regularly required to monitor approximately 100 cameras
 - DPD currently has 3 monitoring stations allowing for effective monitoring of 75 cameras
 - DPD Communications Division has enough space for 10 monitoring stations, allowing for effective monitoring of up to 250 cameras

Program Expansion Challenges

- Existing cameras and projects currently proposed would bring the total number of cameras to approximately 145, requiring additional monitoring stations and personnel
- DPD must increase the number of monitoring personnel incrementally as cameras are added
 - Approximate cost of \$250K per year to monitor one station 24/7 with part-time employees
 - Less than full duty officers would be utilized as available
- Any more than 250 cameras would dictate moving operations to a larger space and expanding the number of assigned personnel

Recommended Monitoring Guidelines

- The Police Department requests the Public Safety Committee establish the following criteria for determining participation in the camera monitoring program
 - Public funding for monitoring should be reserved for TAAG (Targeted Action Area Grid) areas identified by the Department as having a high crime rate (see addendum for list of TAAG locations)
 - Privately funded groups/associations requesting monitoring in other than a TAAG location would be required to fund the complete cost of participating in the surveillance camera program

Pay Box Burglar/First Conviction



Questions?

City of Dallas
Targeted Action Area Grids ("TAAGs"), Part One Violent Crimes
Year to Date as of April 5, 2009

Locations	Orig Rank	Curr Rank	Offense					Total	% Total	Sq Miles
			Murder	Rape	Rob - Business	Rob - Individual	Agg Assault			
Five Points	1	6	0	1	2	25	12	40	5%	1.065
Forest/Audelia	2	2	2	2	3	32	9	48	6%	0.8125
NW Hwy/Harry Hines	3	1	0	0	2	38	10	50	7%	1.25
Hatcher/2nd	4	8	0	0	1	15	18	34	4%	1.875
Buckner/Peavy	5	8	0	3	6	12	13	34	4%	0.875
Walnut Hill/Harry Hines	6	9	1	1	0	22	9	33	4%	1.25
Skillman/Royal	7	17	0	1	0	5	12	18	2%	0.6875
Cedar Springs/Wycliff	8	4	0	1	5	27	11	44	6%	0.8125
Jefferson Corridor	9	3	1	0	10	21	14	46	6%	1.0625
Ft Worth/Hampton	10	7	0	0	4	18	15	37	5%	1.3125
Camp Wisdom/Chaucer	11	4	3	2	8	15	16	44	6%	0.625
Ross/Bennett	12	5	2	0	2	28	9	41	5%	0.875
Buckner/Bruton	13	9	0	0	6	17	10	33	4%	1.1875
Maham/Spring Valley	14	20	0	1	2	6	4	13	2%	0.8125
Overton/Illinois	15	14	0	2	0	11	8	21	3%	0.875
Columbia/Fitzhugh	16	18	1	0	3	11	2	17	2%	0.625
Jim Miller/Loop 12	17	15	0	0	3	8	9	20	3%	0.685
MLK/MalcomX	18	13	0	1	1	11	10	23	3%	0.625
Akard/Main	19	10	1	1	3	11	12	28	4%	0.685
Wickersham/Walnut Hill	20	17	1	0	0	14	3	18	2%	0.75
Ledbetter/Bonnieview	21	18	1	1	1	6	8	17	2%	0.5
Walton Walker/Tech	22	12	1	1	5	6	11	24	3%	0.685
Lamar/Hatcher	23	16	1	2	1	3	12	19	2%	0.6875
Woodmeadow/Ferguson	24	19	0	0	0	10	4	14	2%	0.625
Kiest/Polk	25	11	0	0	1	13	13	27	4%	0.5
Monfort/Spring Valley	26	15	0	2	2	6	10	20	3%	0.5625
TAAG Total Crimes			15	22	71	391	264	763	100%	22.3075
City Total Crimes			36	119	269	936	1002	2362		384.91
% of TAAG vs City Total			42%	18%	26%	42%	26%	32%		6%

Target Action Area Grids

