CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
Notice and Agenda

Community Meeting Notice

Tuesday, October 8, 2024
4:00 PM

FLOCK CAMERA AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

WHAT: Community meeting hosted by Ad Hoc Committee member Bobby Richards, with staff support from Chief Tomasi, to discuss and receive feedback from the public on the number and location of the Flock license plate reader cameras throughout the Village. Information gathered from the meeting will inform a future Ad Hoc Committee recommendation to the full City Council.

WHERE: City Council Chambers located on Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, and via Zoom Webinar.

ATTENDANCE OPTIONS: The meeting will be held in person in the Council Chambers and via Zoom Webinar. You may also watch the livestream on the City's YouTube Page at: https://www.youtube.com/@CityofCarmelbytheSea/streams

Please note that the community meeting will proceed as normal even if there are technical difficulties accessing Zoom. The City will do its best to resolve any technical issues as quickly as possible. To participate in the meeting via Zoom, copy and paste the link below into your browser.

https://ci-carmel-ca-us.zoom.us/j/83037519057 Webinar ID: Webinar ID: 830 3751 9057 Passcode: 278872 Dial in: (253) 215-8782

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: The public may give their comments on Flock Cameras in person, or using the Zoom teleconference module, provided that there is access to Zoom during the meeting. Zoom comments will be taken after the in-person comments. The public can also email comments to cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us, with "Flock Cameras" in the subject line of the email. Speakers will have five (5) minutes to speak; but that limit may be increased or decreased at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Introduction and Welcome

B. Discussion and information gathering session on the number and placement of Flock license plate reader cameras throughout the Village.

ADJOURNMENT

This agenda was posted at City Hall, Monte Verde Street between Ocean Avenue and 7th Avenue, Harrison Memorial Library, located on the NE corner of Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Street, the Carmel-by-the-Sea Post Office, 5th Avenue between Dolores Street and San Carlos Street, and the City's webpage http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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COMMUNITY MEETING
Staff Report

TO:	Community Meeting Members
SUBMITTED BY:	Nova Romero, City Clerk
SUBJECT:	Discussion and information gathering session on the number and placement of Flock license plate reader cameras throughout the Village.

RECOMMENDATION:

Hold a discussion and information gathering session on the number and placement of Flock license plate reader cameras throughout the Village.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On June 10, 2024, the Flock Ad Hoc Committe held a Community Meeting to discuss the Flock Cameras and answer questions from the public. Staff's presentation slides from the June 10, 2024 Flock Ad Hoc meeting are attached to this staff report as **Attachment 1** for additional background.

FISCAL IMPACT:

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

Flock Camera Presentation - 6-10-2024 Ad Hoc Meeting

flock safety

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

June 10th 2024

Today's Topics

- Introduction to Flock
- Addressing Community Concerns
  - Privacy
  - Number of Cameras
  - Location of Cameras
  - Aesthetics

What is Flock?

- Founded in 2017
- License Plate Reader (LPR) Technology
- Used in 42 US States and 4,000+ cities;

Monterey County Agencies Using Flock

- Pacific Grove PD - 12
- Salinas PD - 72
- Marina - 20
- Seaside - 25 + 1 mile gunshot detection
- Sand City - 10
- Monterey - 34
- Soledad- 6 (final council approval next week)
- Monterey Co - 60

How Flock Works?

- Photographs license plates and stores that image in the cloud
- Sends a notification to email or phone if a:
  - Stolen vehicle is detected
  - Stolen license plate is detected
  - Amber or Silver alert (Missing children/adults)
  - Manuel entry for wanted person or vehicle

What happens when a wanted vehicle passes a FLOCK camera?

A text message or email is sent to the police officers on duty, notifying them of a stolen vehicle/wanted vehicle/missing person. A photograph is also sent

Plate	→ CA 7EMS6◯	Source	California SVS	Camera	#13 Leavesley Rd @
Date	5/14/2024, 11:34:23 AM	Topic	Stolen Vehicle		101 Off Ramp - WB
	3 hours ago			Network	Gilroy CA PD

Recent Carmel Police Department Flock Alerts:

04/30/2024: A person wanted for sexual assaulting a 7 year old in Seaside was captured on Flock. The suspect was arrested.
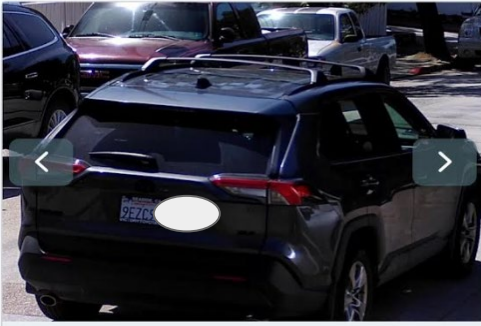
Recent Carmel Police Department Flock Alerts:

On 5/1/24, Seaside and Monterey Police were searching for a carjacker, burglar, and kidnapper, last seen driving a white van with license plate 8BNP560

Plate
CA 8BNP560
Date
5/1/2024, 9:29:51 AM
Location
#13 4th Ave @ Junipero St - WB

Plate
CA 8BNP560
Date
5/1/2024, 9:40:58 AM
Location
#01 Rio Rd @ Lausen Dr - NB
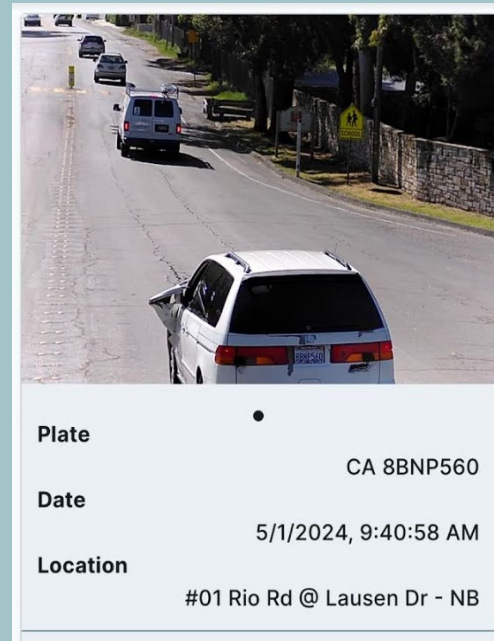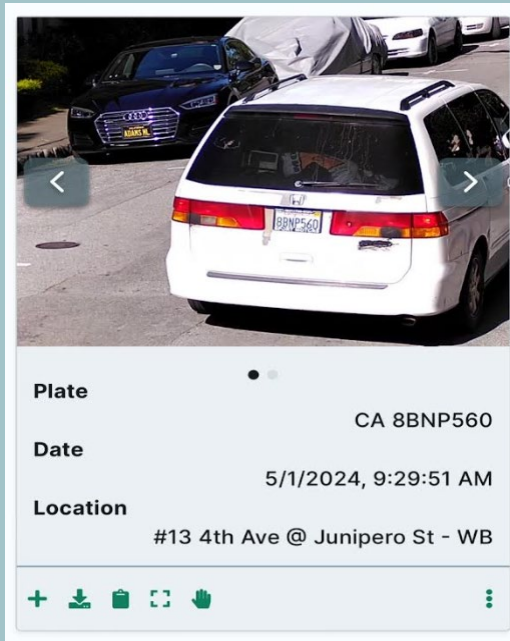
Privacy Concerns

- Flock does **not** capture people (i.e Facial recognition)
- Data is only retained for 30 days
- Manual searches for license plates can be done but only with a report number or reported crime (Misdemeanor or Felony)
- Flock does not continuously record or record live feeds
  - We do have 6 perimeter cameras that do live feed (approved by council in 2017)

Transparency Portal

- ci.carmel.ca.us/police-fire
- External organizations share
- Number of searches in last 30 days (29 as of 5/14/24)
- Public Search Audit (Date, time, reason why the search was done)

Camera Locations in CBTS
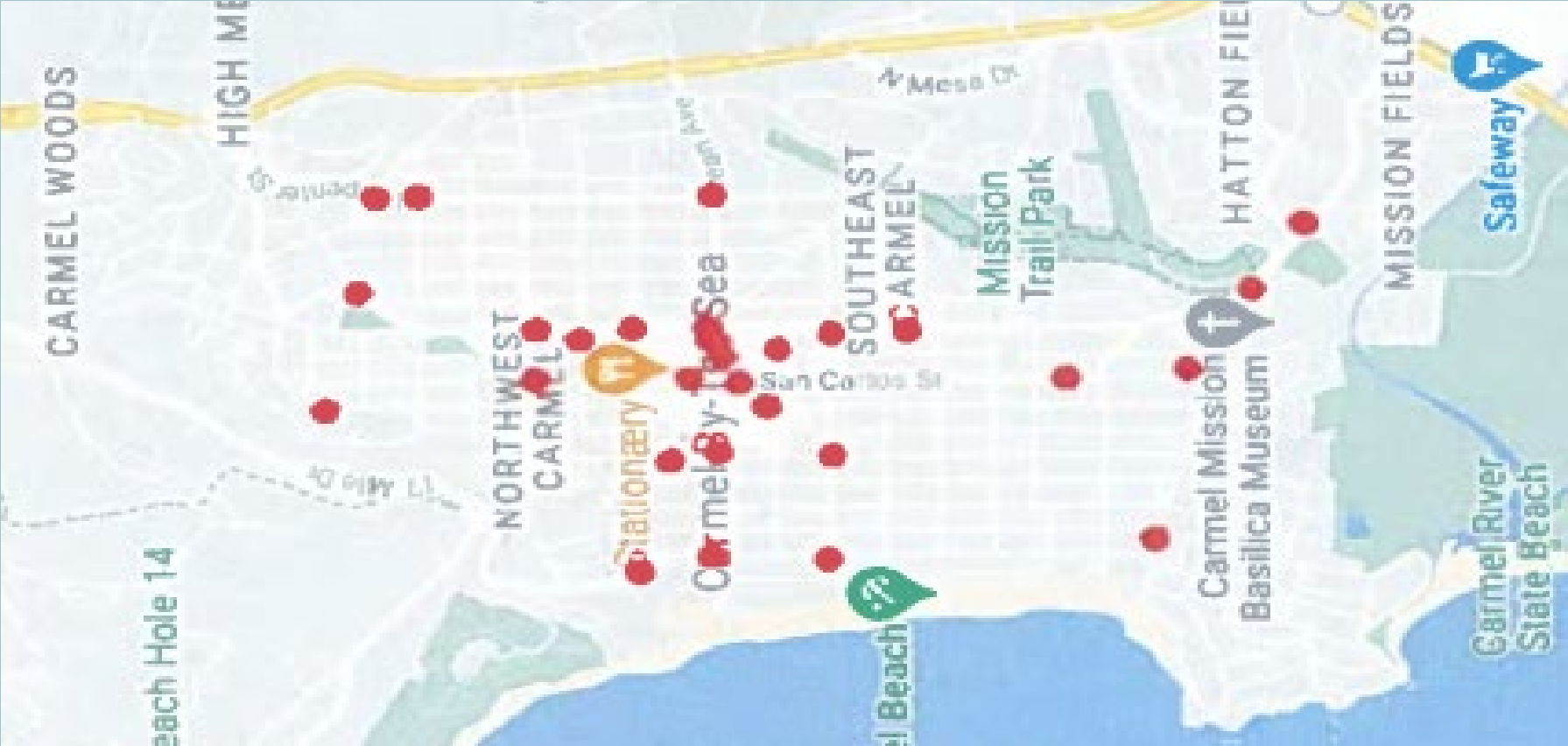
Number of Cameras

What's the Right Number?

Valuable tool for Police

- Crime Trends
  - Robbery/Theft Crews
  - Sideshow Activity
- Missing Persons
- Stolen Vehicles

BURGLARIES

CARMEL POLICE OUT NUMBERED BY CRAZY SUPERCARS STUNTING!!
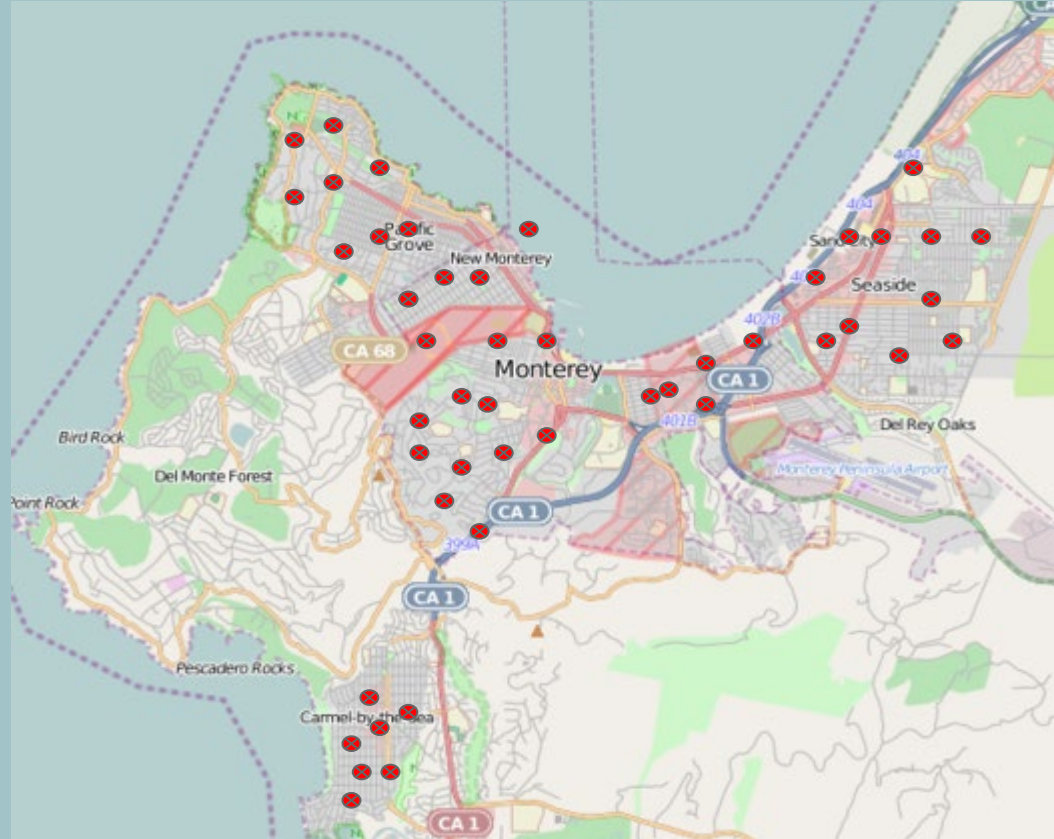

SILVER ALERT

Number of Cameras

- Crime Fighting Techniques
  - 2000 era – ROPE – Roadblock Observation Plan or Enforcement
  - Flock helps us prevent crime and Catch Criminals
- Change in Policing
  - Techniques
  - Staffing

Network of Cameras

- Using Technology to our Advantage

Number of Cameras

What is a good Balance?

Goal

- Keep Community Safe
- Prevent Crime
- Solve Crimes

- Business District Only?
- Residential District Only?
- Combination?

Aesthetics

What do we want?

- Solar?
- Electric?
- Combination? (Electric where possible?)

Goal: Place cameras in the most beneficial locations while not disrupting the look of the village.

Questions

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Recommendation

Chief's Recommendation!!!

1. Begin w/Flock Cameras at Perimeter Camera Locations (6)- Outer Perimeter
2. Add Cameras around Business District (10-17)-Inner Perimeter-No cameras in residential area (except for (6) on Perimeter Cameras
3. Look for hardwiring options in as many locations as possible- Light Poles, PG&E poles, Eves of businesses. Solar only in areas where no other option is available.
4. Provide yearly report to council on camera use. (Justify Numbers) Council to approve contract extension & number of cameras.

Next Steps

- Identify locations in business district where cameras can remain, be installed, be removed. Come back in July with specific locations and numbers of cameras in downtown between 10-20.