

Emanuel Synagogue Security Committee

Status Report – 6 Apr 2022

Background

The security committee was tasked to review a security assessment report, also referred to as a TVRA Report (Threats, Vulnerabilities, Risk Assessment) issued by SCN (Secure Community Network). The assessment was conducted on Oct. 19, 2021, by John Colangelo (Community Security Director for Jewish Greater Hartford). The SCN report identified 59 security vulnerabilities, which have been consolidated into twenty (26) issues, many of which are common issues that exist in multiple areas (example: inadequate security camera coverage, inadequate exterior lighting, etc).

Status of Review

The security committee has:

- completed a review of the identified vulnerabilities
- reached consensus on the disposition of all vulnerability issues
- reviewed and endorsed all mitigations already put in place by the 2019 Security Committee (such as identification of safe spaces, upgraded door locks, etc).

Record Security Committee Meeting - March 31, 2022

The security committee reached consensus on disposition of all vulnerability issues raised in the SCN assessment. That also reached consensus on recommended actions to mitigate risks identified, including those mitigation projects that are eligible to be included in an application for a FEMA grant in the 2022 NPSG program. Please note that FEMA has not yet issued the notice of opportunity to submit an application, stated the limit for the maximum grant amount, or specified rules for what types of projects will be eligible for the 2022 grant program.

All six (6) of the security upgrade projects recommended by the security committee for implementation are listed in the table below.

Upcoming Security Committee Meetings

No further meetings of the entire committee are scheduled at this time. A number of committee members, however, are engaged in preparing bid requests to suppliers, cost estimates, and descriptive details to support the development of the Emanuel application for the 2022 FEMA grant program.

Recommended Security Mitigation Projects in Priority Order

Priority	Vulnerability Identified in TVRA Report	TVRA Report Page Ref	Security Mitigation Projects	Estimated Cost	Eligible for FEMA Grant in 2022
1	Insufficient Emergency communication	pp 38, 42, 45, 48, 49	Install Multicarrier Cell Phone Booster System	\$10,000	NO
2	Insufficient Security Camera Coverage	pp. 18, 23, 24, 34, 36, 41, 51	Upgrade Security Camera System	\$70,000	YES
3	Vehicular Impact – Building Facade	pp. 19, 24	Install Bollards or Security Planters to protect Auditorium Window Wall and Service Area at rear of building	\$40,000	YES
4	Vehicular Impact – people in parking lot	pp. 14, 19, 24, 30	Move outdoor events to Courtyard. Install Security Planters, or Bollards at perimeter of courtyard along the parking lot to protect people in Courtyard. Fence may also be an option if FEMA allows.	\$35,000	YES
5	Unprotected Glass - Chapel	p. 50	Install shatter-resistant Plexiglass inside stained glass windows in Chapel	\$5,000	YES
6	Windows Enable Interior Surveillance	p. 39	Install Shades on Window Wall in Auditorium	\$5,000	NO

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