



RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2006

Location: Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria St. N

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendees:

Chad Bergo-Maplewood

Carrie Geraths- Ramsey Washington Watershed Dist.

Deb Jones- Falcon Heights

Joel Koepp- Roseville

James Lehnhoff-Arden Hills

Steve Lorbach- St. Paul

Liesa Miller- MnDOT Metro

Curt Peterson- Ramsey County

Jolinda Stapleton- Roseville

Jan Vanderwall-Roseville School District

Julie Wotczak-North Oaks

Meeting was called to order by Steve Lorbach at 2:02 p.m.

2. Approval of 2006 November Minutes

The minutes of the 2006 November meeting (posted at <http://www.ramseygis.com/Webpages/>) were approved by consensus.

3. 2007 Meeting Location

The Council Chambers at Shoreview City Hall has been reserved for the first Thursday of the month for the entire 2007 year. The group will not necessarily need to meet at this location for every meeting. Someone from the Board should contact Shoreview ahead of time if a meeting is cancelled or moved to another location.

4. CivXplorer 4.0 Update

Jolinda Stapleton had provided the url for the RCGISUG members to view the new CivXplorer 4.0 application before it was made public. Jolinda asked for comments and feedback on the new application. There was consensus that the group would like to go directly to the mapping application verses going to a disclaimer page. Jolinda will contact PlanSight on this feedback and should have the updated County On-Line Mapping application live in the next week.

5. 2006 Aerial Photography Update

Curt Peterson brought the 2006 aerial images to the group on a external hard drive. The tiff files consist of 58G of data and the Mr. Sid files are 3G. Each image is a 5,000 x 5,000 foot tile. Martinez did not yet supply the images that are outside of Ramsey County. Martinez is not complete with the physical feature updates. Jolinda Stapleton indicated that she would put the new aerial images on the County On-Line Mapping application.

6. Current Data Release – Curt Peterson

Curt Peterson brought along new data CD's. There is new TLG data on the CD. There is also new CAMA, sales and permitting data.

The St. Paul parcel spatial adjustment project is complete and an estimated 70% of the parcels were adjusted. The County is almost complete with correcting the St. Paul watermain coverage.

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Curt provided copies of clipped areas of the draft 2007 Highway Map for cities to review. The County is using standardized symbols for schools, libraries, etc. Curt suggested that cities could use this same format in their maps in the future.

The trail database continues to be discussed by the County and other interested parties. The discussion includes the long-term effort for a statewide or regional database that would allow communities to update trail data themselves.

7. Excensus Presentation Planning

Jolinda Stapleton communicated with John Carpenter about presenting his work with census information during a RCGISUG meeting. Jolinda will formally invite him to the February 1 meeting and see if this will work with his schedule.

8. Secretary Opening

In 2007, Jan Vanderwall will be the Chairperson of the RCGISUG, Jolinda Stapleton will be the Vice-Chair, and the secretary position has not been filled. Steve Lorbach will send out an email to members to determine which members are interested in this opportunity.

9. Ramsey County CAD (911) Upgrade

Steve Lorbach updated the group on the Ramsey County CAD (computer aided dispatch) upgrade. It is expected that the new CAD system will go live during the week of December 14-20th. Steve has worked to adjust the existing centerline data so that it will work with the software for the time being. Steve will then begin work on rebuilding all the data from scratch using the County centerline data and digitizing the response zones.

10. Community Announcements and Reports

Roseville I.T. staff is currently working on providing access to Pictometry for metro-inet users. Pictometry is being installed for those users who responded to an email Jolinda Stapleton sent to the RCGISUG metro-inet members.

The St. Paul Parks Department is looking at a new asset tracking software. Steve Lorbach plans to look into using ArcGIS Server as a potential way for the park employees to remotely input data.

Chad Bergo announced that the DNR is distributing a natural resources GIS CD. The CD includes data such as groundwater depths, wildlife migration, etc.

Curt Peterson updated the group on the meeting with Terre Heiser from Roseville and Mary Mahoney, David Fenner from Ramsey County to discuss network connection opportunities. Curt indicated that it was a productive meeting and that he felt that there was potential for the organizations to work together to achieve some type of network connection.

11. Adjournment

 was at 3:28 p.m.

Next meeting will be on January 4, 2007, 2:00 p.m. at Shoreview City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Jolinda Stapleton, Secretary.

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