



# RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2007

Location: Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria St. N

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendees:

Mark Andrlle- New Brighton

Matt Baker-Shoreview

Derek Erickson- Bonestroo

Michael Goodnature-Ramsey Conservation District

Heidi Heller- Mounds View

John Jacobson- Ramsey County

Deb Jones- Falcon Heights

Joel Koepp- Roseville

John Moriarty-Ramsey County Parks

Curt Peterson- Ramsey County

Jolinda Stapleton- Roseville

Etoile Strachota-URS

Jan Vanderwall-Roseville School District

Jody Yungers- Ramsey County Parks

Meeting was called to order by Jan Vanderwall at 2:03 p.m.

### 2. Approval of 2007 January Minutes

Joel Koepp moved to approve the minutes of the 2007 January meeting (posted at <http://www.ramseygis.com/Webpages/>). The motion was seconded by Deb Jones. The motion carried with no dissent.

### 3. Secretary for RCGISUG

Jan Vanderwall announced that John Blackstone volunteered to be the Secretary for the User Group in 2007. John was not able to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Jolinda Stapleton will fulfill the Secretary duties for the meeting.

John Moriarty moved to approve John Blackstone as the Secretary of the User Group. The motion was seconded by Deb Jones. The motion was approved with no dissent.

The User Group welcomes John to the Board.

### 4. User Group Website Re-design

Steve Lorbach was not able to attend the meeting and provide an update on the website project.

### 5. ESRI Grant/ArcGIS Server Status

Curt Peterson and Jody Yungers provided the User Group with an update on the Pedestrian and Bike Route related projects. The State Legislature has mandated Mn/DOT to create statewide bikeway coverage. The project will start with the eight county metro area with Met Council and LMIC taking lead roles. The goal is to create common schema and a model for the data.

Curt attended a meeting the previous Monday where ESRI did a presentation on ArcGIS Server to LMIC. ESRI demoed the product and the key functions. Curt indicated that the ability to edit centerlines, pathways or other complex polylines may not be available through ArcGIS Server at this time. He did indicate that there may be the possibility to do a disconnected editing session to update polylines.

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The User Group has a March 15 deadline for the ESRI discounted price for an ArcGIS Server. Curt, Jody and John Moriarty will work with local ESRI representatives to determine if alternative options could be made available which includes software development that enhances the ability to edit polylines.

## 6. Ramsey County data updates – Curt Peterson

Curt Peterson brought along new data and geodatabase CD's. Updates include parcels, new CAMA, sales and permitting data. The physical feature updates are complete and are available on the FTP site. Contact Curt if a User Group member needs a user name and password for the FTP site.

Jolinda Stapleton indicated that the updated physical features will be put on the Ramsey County On-Line Mapping application. Curt requested that the annotation for lot dimensions also be updated. Curt asked Jolinda to replace the existing trails layer to be replaced by the Ped Bike System personal geodatabase. Jolinda indicated that she would convert it to a shapefile and put it on the site.

Martinez supplied Curt with new aerial photos that have been reformatted and enhanced. Jolinda will get a copy of the new images and put them on On-Line Mapping.

Curt indicated that there are two workstations with ArcInfo available for City employees or interns to use so they can update pathways, centerlines or other data. The workstations are at the Public Works Building in Arden Hills. Contact Curt to schedule a time.

## 7. Strategic Plans for 2007

Jan Vanderwall provided copies of the "Strategic Planning Overview for 2007" to the attendees. The document is a summary of the Board of Directors strategic planning meeting that took place in December, 2006. Jan reviewed the priorities with the group and opened them for discussion. The status of the User Manual was discussed in –depth. It was determined that the User Manual will probably not continue as is but may turn into a how-to guide for on-line mapping.

Deb Jones announced that Randy Johnson contacted her regarding the Metro GIS strategic planning process. Metro GIS is looking for feedback on the organization to use in their strategic planning. Contact Deb Jones or Randy Johnson if you would like to provide any information.

## 8. Community Announcements and Reports

Curt Peterson informed the group that Mike Juniper has left the County and that a job posting for his position will be posted.

Jolinda Stapleton confirmed that John Carpenter from Excensus will present at the March 1 User Group meeting.

John Jacobson announced that the Ramsey County Property Records and Revenue Director has left. The position may be vacant for up to one year.

Etoile Strachota shared a helpful website that she used to download national land cover. The Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics (MRLC) Consortium website can be found at [www.mrlc.gov](http://www.mrlc.gov).

Jody Yungers was informed that University of Minnesota is always looking for GIS intern opportunities. Jody will email the contact to the group. Macalester College is also looking for intern experiences. Contact Holly Barcus, Assistant Professor at [barcus@macalester.edu](mailto:barcus@macalester.edu).

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Jody also announced that the Blue Cross Blue Shield grant has provided a position to work with municipalities to incorporate active living concepts into the comprehensive plans.

Jan Vanderwall updated the User Group on his presentation to a Roseville High School geography class. The students found the On-Line Mapping as a useful and fun tool. Jan hopes to continue sharing GIS with students.

**9. Adjournment** was at 4:08 p.m.

Next meeting will be on March 1, 2007, 2:00 p.m. at Shoreview City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Jolinda Stapleton, Acting Secretary.

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