



RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

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Meeting Minutes

2:00 – 4:00 PM, February 2, 2012

Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St N

1. Introductions

Mark Andrlle, City of New Brighton
Melissa Baker, Capitol Region Watershed District
Mike Goodnature, Ramsey Conservation District
Craig Hinzman, Ramsey County
Deb Jones, City of Falcon Heights
Joel Koepp, City of Roseville/City of North St. Paul
Carrie Mack, Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District
John Moriarty, Ramsey County
Curt Peterson, Ramsey County
Ger Pha, City of St. Paul
Tom Riedesel, White Bear Township
Jolinda Stapleton, City of Roseville
Jan Vanderwall, Roseville School District

Meeting was called to order by Joel Koepp at 2:05pm.

2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Agenda approved by consensus.

3. Approval of January 5, 2011 Meeting Minutes.

Minutes approved by consensus.

4. MAPRamsey Demo by Jessica Fendos

Jessica Fendos, the ArcGIS Server System Administrator for Ramsey County provided a demonstration of the new MAPRamsey web mapping application which will replace the current County mapping application.

Ms. Fendos provided an overview of the development and functionality of MAPRamsey which includes functions such as pan, zoom, global search, draw and measure tools, buffer, create reports, export maps and link to 3rd party web maps.

John Moriarty asked if a custom title can be added to an exported map. Jolinda Stapleton suggested that scaled defaults be added to the map and additional page size options such as 11x17 be included for the exported map. Ms. Fendos stated she would look into adding these features.

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Ms. Fendos then demonstrated the text box feature and showed how a project can be saved then revisited by entering the saved URL into a browser. The MAPRamsey viewer would then open just as the user saved it. Ms. Fendos stated that the saved projects would be saved to their server for a period of time.

Jan Vanderwall asked if a routing feature can be added to the application. Ms. Fendos said that routing could be done through Google with their routing function. Mr. Vanderwall asked if the global search function could include school district and elementary school boundaries. Ms. Fendos stated she will research the possibility of adding a search function for specific boundaries such as school districts, school boundaries, watersheds, cities, etc.

Ms. Fendos then showed how users can add shapefiles and .CVS files to the viewer. She also demonstrated the Clip & Zip function where users can select map features in the viewer, then export them into a shapefile.

User group members provided several other comments and suggestions. Ms. Stapleton suggested that the address search should appear on the front page of the viewer and the scale in the viewer and on the exported PDF map need to be the same. Ms. Stapleton added that the mailing label feature needs to include the name and address of the property owner as well and the property address. Curt Peterson shared a concern that the Clip & Zip function would allow access to data that the County charges a fee for. Ms. Fendos stated that the Clip & Zip function would be available only from a viewer that has a secure web URL.

Ms. Fendos stated she would work on the suggested changes to the application and will provide another demonstration for the User Group before MAPRamsey goes live.

5. Data License Agreement With Ramsey County

Joel Koepp discussed a concern from Ramsey County related to the data license agreement between the County and the User Group. Mr. Koepp stated that there was some confusion on when the agreement would expire. He added that the User Group minutes from the Nov. 2010 meeting, stated that the license agreement expires in 2015. Mr. Koepp said he will follow up with Matt Koukol to further clarify this issue.

6. Ramsey County Data Updates

Curt Peterson reported that the County is beginning a project that will utilize ESRI's Parcel Fabric to combine parcels, plats and easement into one continuous parcel data set. Mr. Peterson said the main issue is how to handle the right-of-ways and easements because they are open space in the County's data set. The County will begin a pilot project to first test the data.

Mr. Peterson reported that the County is still working on correcting spatial issues with the parcels lines. He estimates that about 22% of the County has been corrected. He reminded the group to report parcel line errors to the County.

Craig Hinzman reported that Matt Koukol will be managing the contract for the 2013 aerial flight. Mr. Peterson added, communities should think about additional data that could be collected during the flights. Any additional data requirement can then be considered to be included in the flight contract.

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Mr. Hinzman said that the County should receive the new LiDar data in July which will include 2 foot contour lines and updated points. He added that it would be helpful if cities would pass along any construction plans that change the grade or contours of a construction site. The County can then update their contour layer based on the construction plans.

Mr. Hinzman inquired about the User Group's interest in funding 2-3 interns who would work on the Parcel Fabric project for the County. Mr. Koepp suggested that the County make a formal proposal to the User Group at the April 2012 meeting.

7. Community Announcements

Jolinda Stapleton reported that the search by address function is now working for the on-line version of Pictometry. The County is still working to improve the way the function will zoom to the parcel.

8. Agenda for April 5, 2012 Meeting

Possible items may include another demonstration of the changes made to the MAPRamsey application and a funding proposal from the County for work on the Parcel Fabric project.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday April 5th, from 2-4pm, at the Shoreview City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Mark Andrle, Secretary.

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