



RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

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Meeting Minutes

2:00 – 4:00 PM, August 2, 2012

Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St N

1. Introductions

John Anderson, City of Arden Hills
Mark Andrlle, City of New Brighton
Chad Bergo, City of Maplewood
Melissa Baker, Capitol Region Watershed District
Tate Castillo, Frogtown Neighborhood Assoc.
Mike Goodnature, Ramsey Conservation District
Brian Jastram, MWMO
Etoile Jensen, EOR
Ger Pha, City of St. Paul
Maggie Pearson, Frogtown Neighborhood Assoc.
Jolinda Stapleton, City of Roseville
Jan Vanderall, Roseville Schools

Meeting was called to order by Melissa Baker at 2:10 pm.

2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Agenda approved by consensus.

3. Approval of June 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved by consensus with one minor change to remove the username and password information for MapRamsey Luxe.

4. Impervious Surfaces Dataset

Melissa Baker explained that the Capitol Region Watershed District is interested in obtaining an impervious surfaces dataset. She added that the CRWD has funds to contribute to the cost of the dataset and is seeking other organizations to share in the cost. Ms. Baker suggested that the impervious dataset collection could be added to the contract for the 2013 aerial images and physical features flight.

Ger Pha stated that the City of St. Paul is currently using software that identifies impervious surfaces using current aerial images. Jolinda Stapleton asked if Mr. Pha would be willing to demonstrate the work St. Paul is doing with impervious surfaces at a future RCGISUG meeting.

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5. Data Access For Non-Profit Organizations

Tate Castillo, representing the Frogtown Neighborhood Association provided an overview of the work his organization is conducting for their neighborhood. Mr. Castillo stated that they are collecting a variety of data about the neighborhood using a handheld GPS. They then post the information on a web mapping application using GeoMoose. Mr. Castillo stated that recently they collected a forestry dataset that included the locations of all the ash trees in the neighborhood.

Mr. Castillo went on to explain that they are looking to expand the scope of their project by joining, as many as 40 other neighborhood groups to create a data consortium that would include the entire metro area. Mr. Castillo would like to make the Ramsey County data accessible to the consortium members. He went on to explain that the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) would act as a clearinghouse and would be responsible for the management and distribution of the data. The data could then be used by the consortium members for data comparisons and analysis with other communities.

Chad Bergo provided Mr. Castillo with a proposed cost for CURA to become a member of the Ramsey County GIS User Group. The annual fee, which is based on population served would be \$2,152.98 with an additional one-time membership fee of \$500. CURA would then have access to the county-wide data that is updated monthly as well as the 2011 orthophotos and new physical features updates.

Jan Vanderwall expressed some concern that if CURA acts as the data clearinghouse, the User Group will not know who is using the data and for what purposes. Mr. Castillo stated that CURA would have a contract with each organization in the consortium. Information about each organization and how they plan to use the County data would be passed along to the User Group.

Etoile Jensen asked if Mr. Castillo has contacted other Counties for access to their data. Mr. Castillo stated that Hennepin County is providing data. Ms. Stapleton suggested that Mr. Castillo's group could access the MetroGIS data which includes parcel data covering the entire metro area.

Mr. Bergo suggested that Mr. Castillo attend the November User Group meeting and provide a specific project proposal which could then be discussed and possibly finalized at that meeting. Mr. Castillo agreed and stated he would like to present some of the work they are currently conducting. Mr. Vanderwall suggested that there could be a cost savings if there was some data sharing between the User Group and Mr. Castillo's group.

6. Ramsey County Data Updates

No one from Ramsey County was in attendance to provide an update. Ms. Stapleton did state that updates to the online mapping application will occur this week. She added that the old application is still running but will be turned off in a couple months.

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7. Community Announcements

Ms. Stapleton reported that the City of Roseville will begin using an asset management software to track all city work, utilities and items. The software will assist in tracking the maintenance of city owned items such as signs and utilities which should reduce overall costs.

Mr. Vanderwall reported that he plans on retiring from Roseville Schools this spring. He wanted some feedback about having a teacher with a background in GIS replace him in the User Group. Ms. Stapleton said having a teacher represent Roseville Schools would be a great idea.

8. Agenda for November 1, 2012 Meeting

Possible demonstration by Ger Pha of the software St. Paul is using to identify impervious surfaces.

Possible presentation from Tate Castillo about the GIS work being done by the Frogtown Neighborhood Association.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday November 1st, from 2-4pm, at the Shoreview City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Mark Andrlé, Secretary.

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