



RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

An alliance of communities sharing Geographical Information Systems

Meeting Minutes

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM November 5th, 2015

Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria Street North

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Jolinda Stapleton, Roseville
Ger Pha, St. Paul
Jared Haas, City of Shoreview
Chad Bergo, City of Maplewood

Brian Jastram, MWMO
James Lystad, Ramsey County
Gustavo Castro, CRWD
Niki Hill, City of Shoreview
Carrie Magnuson, RWMWD

Meeting called to order at 2:04 pm

2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

3. Approval of the August 2015 Meeting Minutes –Item 6, paragraph 3, sentence 1. “be” should be “big.

4. Ramsey County –James Lystad – James handed out an update that included

- MapRamsey 2.0 Development – the development of the new viewer is going well. A group has met a couple times to give input and review of the proposed new site. The site will be browser agnostic and support both desktop and mobile platforms. Highlights include:
 1. Access Pictometry imagery without having to dig down to the parcel level to do so.
 2. Much improved pop-up behavior. No more “map tips”.
 3. Simplified interface.
 4. Jolinda also added that there is not a ton of difference. No clip and zip and select feature is different.
- i. Some of the “undesired features” discovered to date include:
 5. Selecting large number of features may result in not to all the selected features being highlighted at the same time on the map.
 6. List view of selection doesn’t highlight the record you are currently interested in.
- ii. Jessica is working with GeoCortex to hopefully resolve some of the bugs or enhance the features to be more available soon. The SID file is available on the FTP share – go to the imagery directory.
- Pictometry Orthoimagery – We will have a raster image service of the Pictometry Ortho from this spring available soon. The SID file is available on the FTP share – go to the imagery directory.
- Surdex Data Collection:
 - i. Imagery – The imagery is nearly processed. There are a number of issues that we had staff review and Pictometry is working on fixing them (some areas where merging images resulted in half buildings and vehicles, or were roads didn’t quite match up.
 - ii. Impervious Surface Data: We have gotten the first cut of the sample data and it does look very good.
 - iii. Both products are anticipated by the end of the year.

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- New ½ Section Maps and USNG Maps by City have been produced using the Pictometry aerial imagery. Half sections can be downloaded from either the RC Survey map or MapRamsey. USNG are available on the GIS Data web page on RC Web.
- Address Editor Training: Last week Ramsey County finished the third of three training sessions for the Address Authorities in the counties regarding the use of the Address Editing Tool. At this point 11 of the 19 Municipalities have sent representatives to the training. They would really like everyone to attend, and help improve this data,

5. GIS/LIS Conference Discussion – Overall those who attended has positive reviews of the conference. The sessions and workshops were helpful but a little bit disorganized. Jack Dangermond, founder of ESRI, came and spoke. Overall there was a record number of attendance as well.
6. **Community Announcements** – There is a secretary position opening up for 2016. This is a 3 year commitment with the 1st year as secretary, the 2nd year as Vice Chair, and the 3rd year as Chair. The final year the Chair has the choice to attend a national user group conference. Chad highly recommended taking the opportunity to do so if one hasn't already. The ESRI National Conference is an experience in itself and there is so much going on.

Jolinda stated that her Public Works Director alerted her to nearmap (aerial photography). They are out of Australia but are making their way to the North American Market. They fly the area multiple times a year and can get up to a 2.8 resolution for some of the flights. There are two options for a license –data plan (unlimited users) versus single user (unlimited data). The sight is www.nearmap.com and they offer a free 15 day trial. There is a possibility of looking into it as a group for a discounted rate as well. This may be helpful for ongoing community development, transportation, environmental projects and more. They fly purposely with some leaf on and some leaf off to try to get the varying views. So far they have done 3 flights but it is only their first year.

7. **Adjourn at 2:29 pm** - The next meeting will be held on December 3rd , from 2 - 4pm, at the Shoreview City Hall. Secretary voting and end of year items will occur.

Minutes submitted by Niki Hill, Secretary.

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