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Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 17, 2020
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

Nate Zwonitzer, CRWD	Tyler Thompson, VLAWMO
Sam Klimoski, Saint Paul	Justin Markon, Falcon Heights
Jolinda Stapleton, Roseville	Brian Jastram, MWMO
Dan Holzemer, White Bear Lake	Mike Mrosla, Arden Hills
Niki Hill, Shoreview	Len Cacioppo, Gem Lake
Jon Sevald, Mounds View	Donovan O'Connor, Saint Paul
Geoff Maas, Ramsey County	

1. Call to order, introductions, and brief statement on what you've been working on

   - Chair Nate Zwonitzer called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM
   - Introductions
     - Nate Zwonitzer, CRWD: Contracting workflows
     - John Sevald, Mounds View: Appreciating MapRamsey update
     - Dan Holzemer, White Bear Lake: Completing street projects; anticipating minimal work in 2021
     - Tyler Thompson, VLAWMO: Finishing cost share program; GIS updates this fall and winter
     - Justin Markon, Falcon Heights: City wide garage sale map
     - Niki Hill, Shoreview: Business relief program
     - Geoff Maas, Ramsey County: Longer update later in the meeting
     - Sam Klimoski, Saint Paul: Working with Parks Department on Como project and different citizen engagement pieces
     - Mike Mrosla, Arden Hills: Using CARES Act funds for ArcGIS Enterprise
     - Jolinda Stapleton, Roseville: Training other staff on new asset management program
     - Brian Jastram, MWMO: Changing network because of nearby apartment; mapping monitoring locations in ten year plan
     - Len Cacioppo, Gem Lake: Getting residents hooked up to sewer
     - Donovan O'Connor, Saint Paul: Toured Ford Site

2. Additions or corrections to the agenda

There were no additions/corrections to the agenda.

3. Approval of June 25, 2020 meeting minutes

    The minutes for June 25, 2020 were approved by unanimous consent.

4. 2021-2025 JPA status/reminder (Justin)

    Six agencies have sent their signed JPA to the Gmail account. Dan Holzemer asked about any increase in dues. There was no increase to dues for 2021.

5. Recommended Action: Approve amendment to Joint Powers Agreement between Ramsey County GIS Users Group and Ramsey County

    Nate Zwonitzer shared that the original RCGISUG and Ramsey County JPA was signed in 1998 and has not been updated since then. Geoff Maas worked on an update internally in the County, which became an amendment to the JPA. The amendment removes outdated language about licensing for data and inserts language about shared services. The amendment was reviewed by the Officers and Falcon Heights' City Attorney, on behalf of the Users Group. No changes were offered by the members. **Tyler Thompson moved, Sam Klimoski seconded to approve the amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement between Ramsey County GIS Users Group and Ramsey County; motion passed unanimously.**

6. Review ESRI User Conference (Sam)

    A few members acknowledged that they attended the virtual ESRI User Conference. Sam Klimoski shared his experiences. First, he noted that the content of the UC was still abundant. All sessions were pre-recorded, with live questions and answers after the session was streamed. Sam Klimoski said that the exhibit hall/expo and networking pieces were lacking, as could be expected with a virtual conference. However, he said that overall he was impressed with the online transition given the short timeframe. Nate Zwonitzer said that he was also impressed with the online presentation and how simple it was to find content attendees wanted to know. He noted that it sounds like a blended ArcGIS Collector/Survey 123 app is in development.

7. Review Draft 2021 Budget (Nate/Tyler)

    Nate Zwonitzer said that the new Users Group JPA calls for an approved budget by December 31 of each year. Tyler Thompson reviewed 2020 expenses, which are very similar year over year. The reserve balance in January 2020 was approximately

$170,000. Nate Zwonitzer said that the Nearmap cost for 2021 may increase, but there will not be an aerial imagery cost. He suggested a $10,000 line item in place of aerial imagery for a special project. Overall, the goal is to be budget neutral for next year. Sam Klimoski asked if there was a reserve threshold, and Jolinda Stapleton said the goal has been to stay ahead of the cost of aerial flights. Niki Hill said that in the past, the Users Group has helped to pay for interns or their projects. These interns were officed with Ramsey County Public Works. Members noted this could be a possible collaboration in the future.

8. Discuss 2021 Secretary and Vice Chair positions

   With the departure of Justin Markon, two positions will need to be filled in 2021. Members were asked to consider volunteering for an open Officer role. More discussion will take place at the next meeting.

9. Discuss possible special projects i.e. LiDAR, street-level asset capture, others

   Members discussed the possibility of taking on a project and/or supporting Ramsey County. Geoff Maas noted that asset capture, such as landscaping, could be an opportunity. Sam Klimoski said that physical asset capture, such as rights-of-way, and a LiDAR update, would be helpful. LiDAR was last captured in 2011. Geoff Maas asked if a LiDAR update would be useful, and members said it would be. Dan Holzemer noted that easements can sometimes be difficult to track down, and adding those to MapRamsey would be helpful.

10. Ramsey County update

    Geoff Maas shared updates on the following topics:

    ● The County is part of the case data pipeline for COVID-19, taking data from the Minnesota Department of Health and turning it into maps or other visuals.
    ● MapRamsey is now updated with new layers and features
    ● Aerial imagery was taken in early April. The results look clean and accurate, and images should be delivered in October.
    ● The joint Ramsey County and RCGISUG JPA amendment will result in smarter use of data and money.
    ● The Ramsey Unified Imagery Program is still underway. They are considering every-other-year imagery collection. A drone imagery capture policy is being worked on.
    ● The Metro Stormwater project is collecting feedback and conducting outreach. There could be a pilot in Ramsey County in 2021.

11. *Member Presentation* - St. Paul Sewer GIS - Donovan O'Connor

   The presentation was moved to the next meeting due to lack of remaining time.

12. Discussion on future content and meeting locations

   The next meeting will be online.

13. Community Announcements

   Nate Zwonitzer and other members thanked Justin Markon for his time serving as Secretary and member of the Users Group.

14. Adjourn

   The meeting adjourned at 3:32 PM.