

Minutes for Enterprise Steering Committee

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Public Works – Conference Room A

900 South Fremont Avenue

Alhambra, CA 91803

Meeting was called to order by Mark Greninger at 1:30PM.

GIS Activity Reports

- **Training**

Introduction class was taking place at the DHS computer training facilities and will run until Thursday (10/18). David Kwan from DPH received news this morning that the advanced GIS course would be cancelled. [*Plans for the advanced course resumed on Thursday (10/18).*]

- **Demonstration of Web Services**

David Ahia of DPSS shared some technical details about the development of GIS web services for their department's website. (Due to connectivity issues, David was not able to provide a full demonstration.) David utilized the ArcGIS Server system on gis1.lacounty.gov. ArcGIS Server has geocoding services available, to which you can make calls to functions available in the service. There are several parameters – mostly elements of an address – you must pass, which is where David is encountering some difficulty sorting through the proper number of parameters.

Mark Greninger introduced the committee to the new interface of ArcGIS Server. Through the interface, you can manage these services. Moreover, GeoCortex Essentials, a product of Latitude Geographics, somewhat replaces/enhances the ArcGIS interface, as GeoCortex IMF is a replacement/enhancement for ArcIMS.

- **Web Site**

Nick Franchino of DRP constructed a pilot site for the intranet eGIS site – intended for internal communications – on the DRP web server:

<http://10.2.8.154/EnterpriseGIS/>

The application behind the site is WordPress (<http://wordpress.org/>), an open source content management application, requiring minimal programming. This has been a successful tool for DRP. Nick provided a walk-through of its features: page authoring control, commenting, and content search function.

Nick invited everyone to test the site and provide feedback. If this is acceptable, he will migrate the site to the ISD servers.

Mark and Nick also invited content contribution from departments: training information, plotter exchange, and/or GeoCortex forum.

Geocortex

- ITF meeting is scheduled for October 22nd, 2007. The proposal, if approved, also covers 3 year of maintenance. [*ITF grant was approved in the interim of this meeting's drafting.*]

- Mark Greninger needs a point of contact from each of the participating departments.

Enterprise GIS Group Discussion

- CAMS Update: Register Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) is in process of uploading the TRNL (Thomas Bros. Transportation Lines) files. Once uploaded, it will transfer to ISD. CEO Urban Research will provide point data, except for the city-provided point data.
- Jeremy Bok of the Dept. of Parks & Recreation shared their excitement of the GIS development so far, coming a long way from the paper clippings and Xerox copying days. DPR has no current plans for a dedicated GIS, but GeoCortex will help tremendously.
- David Kwan from DPH shared his experience at the HealthGIS conference in Arizona briefly. He considered a very worthwhile opportunity to meet people from different agencies and states. The work in Public Health draws from many disciplines, from law enforcement to park and urban planners.
- Probation is working with Urban Research on an application to utilize GeoCortex.
- Fire Department has a GIS-equipped truck to make mapping and plotting available at the incident site(s). It will be showcased at the next 2008 ESRI International Users Conference.
- A question ensued on the LARIAC licensing issues with respect to the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers. The matter will be discussed among the consortium.
- Dept. of Public Works is working on an RFP for parcel-level data. In the past, the Assessor's Office produced CAD files that were not controlled for field environments. DPW plans to make the data into a web-enabled GIS service with the cadastral fabric in GIS instead CAD. This is important because the city and street boundaries are based on it. However, this project will need qualified surveyors and technical knowledge. (Apologies, but that was all I jotted!)

GIO Call for Maps

- Mark Greninger invited (requested?) all of the departments to bring a map to share for the next meeting.

The next Steering Committee meeting is Tuesday, November 20, 1:30-3:30, Public Works, Alhambra Room. BRING A MAP!

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM (-ish?).