

Meeting Summary
MetroGIS Technical Advisory Team
March 29, 2001

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Maxwell called the meeting to order at 1:05 a.m., at the City Court House Building in St. Paul.

Members present: Bob Basques (City of St. Paul); Dave Brandt (Washington County); David Claypool (Ramsey County); Sherry Coatney (Intergraph); John Connelly (St. Paul & Ramsey County Charter Commissions); Will Craig (UM CURA); Rick Gelbmann (Metropolitan Council); Jay Krafthefer (Mn/DOT); Susanne Maeder (LMIC); Jim Maxwell (The Lawrence Group); Bob Moulder (Hennepin County); Bart Richardson (DNR IS); Scott Simmer (Hennepin County); Ronald Wencil (USGS); Tim Zimmerman (Hennepin County)

Members absent: Roger Carlson (City of Minneapolis); Bob Diedrich (SRF Consulting); Dan Falbo (ESRI); Elliott Graham (Ramsey County); Blaine Hackett (PlanSight, LLC); Michael Munson (Metropolitan Council); Rick Person (City of St. Paul); Donna Roper (Minneapolis Public School District); Ben Verbick (LOGIS)

Visitors: Doug Nebert (FGDC); Dan Bartholic (City of St. Paul); Chris Cialek (LMIC); Matt McGuire (Met Council); Mark Kotz (Met Council); Damon Dougherty (Intergraph); Don Chaney (Ramsey County); Carla Coates (Ramsey County); Curt Peterson (Ramsey County); Nancy Rader (LMIC); Pete Olson (LMIC); Phorn Chaang (City of St. Paul)

Staff: Theresa Foster (MetroGIS Technical Coordinator); Randy Johnson (MetroGIS Staff Coordinator); Alison Slaats (MetroGIS DataFinder Manager)

2. Accept Agenda

Member Maxwell motioned to accept the agenda as submitted, agenda items in section 6 will not be discussed but is included for information only, Member Connelly seconded.

Motion carried.

3. Introduction of Team Members

Co-Chair Maxwell welcomed team members, guests and presentation speakers and asked everyone to introduce themselves

4. Accept Meeting Minutes

Member Maxwell motioned to accept the meeting minutes from January 17th, Member Meader seconded with the exception of paragraph 5a, that DataFinder has been registered with the FGDC.

Motion carried.

5a. Enhanced DataFinder Feedback and Next Steps

Alison Slaats gave a demonstration of the enhanced DataFinder site and provided members with a summary of the evaluation responses, and general web statistics since the enhanced DataFinder site went on-line on January 28, an on-line evaluation form was used to solicit feedback from stakeholders and notification went out to all MetroGIS stakeholders via email and posted on the

MN GIS/LIS Consortium web site. Slaats is now in the process of implementing the following changes on the site as per member feedback and feedback form responses, they include: on-going support of both the data catalog and metadata search engine, improvement of wording on the Home page to make it clear that GIS data sets are available for download, increase the number of interactive maps and GIS data sets available in those maps provide date on “new” and “updated” taglines in data catalog and increase the visibility of MetroGIS DataFinder by providing demonstrations as opportunities arise. The next step implementation includes the following results and time/effort: 1) Update Metadata on DataFinder (Continuous); 2) Enhance the Interactive Maps (Tentative – NSDI grant); 3) Provide DataFinder Activity Report (Each TAT Meeting – Information Item); 4) Include web site Evaluation Questions as part of the Participant Satisfaction Survey (Fall 2001); 5) Make small editing changes as needed (Continuous). Member Craig and Wencl concluded that in order to accomplish outreach activities another next step would be 6) Provide outreach opportunities as they arise (demonstration, x-referencing on other web sites, publications. Staff will be posting the evaluation of DataFinder document in the supported projects section of the MetroGIS organization web site.

Member Craig motioned to accept the approved DataFinder enhancements and next steps implementation with the aforementioned changes, Member Wencl seconded.

Motion carried.

5b. NSDI Vision

Doug Nebert, NSDI Clearinghouse Coordinator, was invited to discuss topics related to the FGDC’s mission to coordinate clearinghouse activities. Nebert presented and asked questions relating to the who is the NSDI, Current Clearinghouse Activities, Role of the OpenGIS Consortium, Future and Existing Web Mapping Standards (WMS, WFS, etc), 2001 CAP - Clearinghouse Integration with Web Mapping grants available, NSDI Relationship with Mapping Vendors, and Future Clearinghouse Capabilities. Nebert discussed with members what lies in the future about implementing the US National Spatial Data infrastructure. Staff will be posting the power point demonstration of Mr. Neberts’ presentation out on the MetroGIS data site under supported projects.

5c. Data Distribution Demonstration – City of St. Paul

Member Maxwell reminded members that MetroGIS has been looking at different data distribution mechanisms for larger data sets based upon future needs of MetroGIS users. The basis for each demonstration will be on the capabilities of accessing and distributing large data sets, architecture of their system, technical tools, benefits, data security and access, and any data standards that are in place and/or required to support each system.

Bob Basques and Dan Bartholic demonstrated the Existing City “GIS” Landscape for the City of St Paul Public Works as well as the use of FME and SpatialDirect. Their presentation can be accessed by going to <http://gis.ci.stpaul.mn.us/presentations> .

6. Information Items

Member Maxwell stated previously during the acceptance of the agenda, that the following information items are for your information only and will not be discussed today.

7. Next Meeting

Data Approved:
May 2, 2001

Next meeting is for May 2, 2001, LMIC, Room 302
Joint Technical Advisory Team / Policy Advisory Team Meeting
1) *Data Distribution Demonstration - AutoDesk*
2) *Regional Public Parcel Data – Recommendations*

8. Adjourn

Maxwell moved and Craig seconded to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Prepared by,

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