



SAVANNAH AREA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS BOARD MEETING

Meeting Summary Minutes
Virtual Meeting on GoToMeeting
November 9, 2021
9:00 A.M.

| | Representing | Present |
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| G. Holmes Bell | Hussey, Gay, Bell | X |
| James J. Collins, III | Resident at Large | Absent |
| Jay Melder | City of Savannah | Absent |
| Lee Smith | Chatham County | X |
| Brad Trower | St. Joseph's/Candler Hospital System | X |
| Russ Clark | Georgia Tech – Savannah | X |
| Voting Member Alternatives | | |
| Tim Moody | City of Savannah | Absent |
| Suzanne Cooler | Chatham County | X |
| Others Present | | |
| Jason Edenfield | Savannah/Hilton Head Airport | X |
| Pamela Everett | MPC | X |
| Lara Hall | MPC | X |
| Mary E. Mitchell | MPC | X |

1) Welcome

Ms. Lara Hall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2) Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

The Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2021, were approved upon motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Bell, and carried.

Upon motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Bell and carried, the following meeting



dates for 2022 were approved: February 15, May 10, August 9, and November 1.

3) Report Items

A. Budget Report

Ms. Hall gave the budget report for the period ending September 30, 2021.

B. SAGIS Server Upgrade

Ms. Hall reported that SAGIS has purchased a new server complex, funded by Chatham County and the City of Savannah to replace our existing three servers, and add capacity with a fourth server.

- The physical equipment is installed with the system architecture built with Esri Enterprise 10.9.
- Staff is building out the updated versions of our public and internal services.
- Identifying and troubleshooting issues with the multiple 3rd party applications in use at the County and City.

C. Imagery/LiDAR Acquisition

Ms. Hall explained that SAGIS has signed contracts for LiDAR acquisition in 2019 and Pictometry in 2020.

LiDAR 2019

- All flights completed in April 2019; however, product delivery has been severely delayed for multiple reasons, including COVID.
- Chatham County is in Block 11, with initial delivery for QA/QC dated December 7, 2020.
- Latest update on 10/27 states: *Corrections completed and final hydro conflation finishing up. Expect final DEMs running out for review over weekend. Expect delivery to USGS in the next two weeks.*



Pictometry 2020 and Future Imagery Projects

- Pictometry completed in 2020; aerial imagery last flown in 2018.
- Chatham County no longer has access to funds for imagery through SPLOST.
- Funding sources needed for Pictometry contract in 2022/23.

D. Public Safety GIS

Ms. Hall stated that in June 2018, Chatham County signed the 911 Advisory Board Resolution. The E911 Executive Advisory Board consists of the Chatham County Manager, all city managers for municipalities within the county, Director of CEMA, Chatham County Sheriff, Chief Medical Officer for Chatham Emergency Services, and the Chatham County Board of Education Superintendent. SAGIS has participated as a co-lead for the GIS & Mapping Subcommittee to provide recommendations to the board.

- Chatham County Project Management Office hired a GIS Analyst to work with the SAGIS team on the Public Safety Improvement Project.
- Team is working with Central Square Technologists to improve GIS data quality for the CAD/RMS implementation.
- Participating in the Georgia Geospatial Data Standards Working Group to develop the State Best Practices and Standards Documents.
- Ongoing participation on the GIS Subcommittee, Recommendation Committee, and E911 Executive Advisory Board process.
- Maintain master address database, authority for addressing in Savannah and unincorporated Chatham, along with support for other jurisdictions.

E. Redistricting

Ms. Hall reported that voting districts are redrawn to equalize population counts following the census at all levels of government. The MPC is charged with coordinating and providing technical assistance for redistricting of the Chatham



County Commission Districts, City of Savannah Aldermanic Districts, and the Savannah-Chatham County Public School Board of Education Districts.

- The process began for County Commission and School Board on August 24 with a letter sent to elected officials by Melanie Wilson.
- Kickoff meeting was held on September 2 to explain the overall process.
- Small district meetings were held on September 23-28 with all elected officials to present draft options of the new district boundaries.
- Proposed final draft presented to all officials and media on October 11 in Commission Chambers.
- Official submission of boundaries to the reapportionment office on October 27 for technical review.
- Following approval from Reapportionment Office, Commission will need to have a state legislator sponsor the district boundaries for official adoption.
- Staff has started preparing draft options for the City of Savannah.

F. i. Additional SAGIS Activities (August to November 2021)

Ms. Hall reported that below are the activities that SAGIS has been working on since the last Board meeting in August 2021.

- Brought on new staff members, including Public Safety GIS Analyst and GIS Programmer/Analyst.
 - Updated the front page for SAGIS.org
 - Participated in planning for virtual GIS Day Savannah Week
 - [MPC-SAGIS COVID-19 Regional Dashboard](#) continues to be updated as the information needs associated with the pandemic change.
- Map Viewers moved into current version



- Map Viewers moved into current version of Web App Builder.
- Updated Chatham County polling places and the Find My Polling Place web app.
 - Completed the Waters Avenue Parking Study Phase 2 for the City of Savannah.
 - Published the 2020 Census Data Viewer and Dashboard focused on Chatham County data.
 - Working with the Advanced Planning Group to develop graphics and maps for the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan.
 - Transitioned Pictometry hosting location to cloud location.
 - Training and conferences: Esri's Annual User Conference for all staff.

F. ii. Additional Activities (November 2021 to February 2022)

Ms. Hall reported below are the activities that SAGIS will be working on through November 2021.

- Develop maintenance and improvement plan for SAGIS.org and additional viewers with new staff.
 - Update the Help Documents as necessary for each viewer
 - Prepare virtual training class for SAGIS iMap
- All staff are leading or assisting with virtual sessions with local school classrooms for GIS Day.
- Provide municipal boundary updates to the Census Bureau for 2022
- Update the CEMA Common Operating Picture.
- Waters Avenue Parking Study Phase 3
- Ongoing projects and support
 - Ongoing support and publishing of map services for various projects



- Provide addressing services for Savannah and Chatham County
- Database administration for all GIS databases used by County and City staff
- Review and edit maps for zoning, annexations and municipal boundary changes.
- Continue training, outreach, and updates for the updated internal Government Map (iMAP) Viewer for city and county staff
- Continue support of Cityworks and Energov for City of Savannah, Chatham County, and HH-Sav International Airport
- Additional 3rd party application support, including Cartegraph, RockSolid 311, and QPublic
- Data and website updates quarterly for www.sagis.org
- MPC website editing and maintenance as needed

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Hall adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lara Hall
SAGIS Director

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