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SAVANNAH AREA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS BOARD MEETING

Summary Minutes

Virtual Meeting on GoToMeeting

February 11, 2025

9:00 A.M.

| | Representing | Present | Absent |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| G. Holmes Bell | Hussey, Gay, Bell | | X |
| James J. Collins, III | Resident at Large | | X |
| Jay Melder | City of Savannah | | X |
| Michael Kaigler | Chatham County | | X |
| Brad Trower | St. Joseph's/Candler Hospital System | | X |
| Russ Clark | Georgia Tech – Savannah | X | |
| Voting Member Alternates | | | |
| Tim Moody | City of Savannah | | X |
| Andrew Cree | Chatham County | X | |
| Linda Cramer | Chatham County | X | |
| Susanne Cooler | Chatham County | | X |
| Jason Edenfield | Savannah Hilton Head Airport | | X |
| Others Present | | | |
| Melanie Wilson | MPC | | X |
| Pamela Everett | MPC | X | |
| Lara Hall | MPC | X | |
| Terrell Richardson-Smith | MPC | X | |
| Mary E. Mitchell | MPC | X | |

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



II. Action Items

Approval of Minutes

SAGIS Board Meetings are held quarterly. Due to a quorum not being present at today's meeting, the minutes of May 7, 2024 will be acted upon at the May 6, 2025 meeting.

III. Report Items

A. Budget Report

Ms. Hall informed the Board that the Budget Update will be provided at the May 6, 2025.

B. SAGIS Web Viewer Upgrade

Ms. Hall, during the briefing to the Board, stated that all Map Viewers need to be rebuilt with Experience Builder. Esri confirmed that it is not possible to import or publish from one platform to another.

Ms. Hall said three viewers are a priority. They are: SAGIS.org., iMAP, and BOA. The 2024 viewer usages were:

- 350,697 public site views
- 46,239 internal site views
- 182,791 data downloads

Ms. Hall told the Board that a new programmer was hired in June 2024. They experienced an issue with the Public Map Viewer. It was expedient that the Map Viewer was up and operating as quickly as possible as this is a popular site that is used by the city, county, and outside region. The site is now stable, but it is built with old technology. Therefore, they cannot make a lot of changes to it. They need to keep it stable until the new viewer is published.

Ms. Hall entertained questions from the Board.

Ms. Cramer said she does not know a lot about it, but getting the Map Viewer up and running appears to be a big project.



Mr. Cree stated that they have taken on new architecture and adopted a lot of new modern technology. He hates that the Staff must go through this, but they all knew that this would be forthcoming.

C. Public Safety GIS

SAGIS holds a biweekly Public Safety/GIS meeting to review data issues, questions, and concerns with Chatham County and City of Savannah staff. This team includes three SAGIS staff members, the Chatham County Public Safety GIS Analyst, and GIS Principal with the City of Savannah.

- GIS issues are being addressed as identified in the new CAD system, including street connectivity and address points linked to street segments.
- MPC is the addressing authority for Savannah and incorporated Chatham. Staff works closely with other municipalities to keep data current and within guidelines.
- Support Development Services by providing street name and address review on new plats.
- 5,573 new address points added in 2024, with an additional 1,390 edited or corrected.
- Ongoing participation on the GIS Subcommittee, Recommendation Committee and E911 Executive Advisory Board process.

D. Additional SAGIS Activities

1. GIS Day Savannah 2024 Participation

- 10 Committee members
- 56 Volunteers
- 22 Sponsors
- 5 schools and 200+ students

2. Additional Training and Activities

- 2024 Stone Distinguished Lecture Series
- Earth Day Festival 2024
- CERN Resiliency Coffee Hour: Savannah Tree Foundation



- Presentation of SCCPSS 2024 Enrollment Study
- CERN Resiliency Coffee Hour: Georgia Ports Authority
- ESRI User Conference, virtual attendance
- Census Panel, Armstrong Campus
- Southeast Georgia Geospatial Association Fall Workshop, St. Simons Island, Georgia
- 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Cost

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Hall adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lara Hall
SAGIS Director

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