

Southeastern Minnesota GIS Users Group

Meeting Minutes

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Rochester, March 5, 2020 8:30-12:00 pm

Attendees:

Ashley Ignatius – MPCA
Katy Rudolph - Frontier Precision
Leanne Knott – Goodhue County
Teresa Ennis – Rice County
Adam Derringer – Ayres Associates
Dave Wavrin – OPU
Kate Scheurer – OPU
Matt Taraldsen – MPCA
Tylor Schwartz – City of Faribault
Bryan Byholm – Goodhue County
Adam Nowinski – Olmsted County
Kelsey Budahn – City of Rochester
Teresa Blader – Olmsted County
Alex Johnson – Austin Utilities
Nathaniel McFarland – People’s Coop
Kevin Ehrman-Solberg – U of M

Hannah Hutchins – Olmsted County
David McCollister – Olmsted County
Alan Laumeyer – Goodhue County
Eric Miller – Mower County
Val Sheedy – Mower County
Frankie X Mpagi – Winona County
Andrea Borich - MPCA
Kurt Berge – People’s Coop
Kait Taha – Humanitarian Mapping
Michelle Trager – Rice County
Dave McCollister – Olmsted County
Nick Flatgard – Steele County
Christy Shostal – City of Rochester
Rasha Elnimeiry – Public Health
Colin Lee - MnDOT

9:00 am Meeting Started

**Note: Meeting minutes will include a short summary of each presentation. For additional information please refer to the PDF copies located on the Meetings > Current webpage on the SE MN GIS Users Group website (<http://semngis.weebly.com/>)*

Greeting and Welcome

- Greeting and welcome from host Ashley Ignatius.

Humanitarian Mapping

Kait Taha – Humapitarians

- Kait Taha presented on opportunities for humanitarian crowdsourcing projects, including HOT (Humanitarian Open Street Map Team), Doctors Without Borders, GIS Corps, and others. For information on Kait’s presentation please contact her at kata@humapitarians.com.

Minnesota LiDAR Plan: Bringing New Enhanced LiDAR Data to Minnesota

Colin Lee, MnDOT

- Colin Lee presented on the 3D Geomatics Committee (3DGeo) of the Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Council and MnGeo effort to engage the geospatial community in developing, promoting, and funding a statewide HD LiDAR acquisition plan for Minnesota. Colin shared information on the plan to utilize the HQ higher-density LiDAR to improve analysis, inventory public and private infrastructure and assets, and better decision support for natural, cultural, and built environments.

Mapping Prejudice: Visualizing the Hidden History of Race and Privilege in Minneapolis

Kevin Ehrman-Solberg, University of Minnesota Mapping Prejudice Project

- Kevin Ehrman-Solberg presented on his participation in the Mapping Prejudice Using GIS Project at the University of Minnesota utilizing racial covenants and Optical Character Recognition. The presentation included extensive information on research sources, methodologies, maps, and conclusions.

State Updates

Michelle Trager (GIS/LIS Consortium) & Leanne Knott (GAC)

- Michelle Trager discussed the upcoming GIS/LIS Consortium Spring Workshops and call for Fall Conference Planning Committee volunteers. Leanne Knott discussed ongoing efforts by the Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Commission (GAC) to promote data standards and implement NextGen 911.

Steering Committee Business Meeting

- **MnDOT Rochester will be hosting the next Southeastern MN GIS Users Group Meeting on Thursday, June 25th 2020.**
- **Steering Committee elections (Summer 2020) will be announced at that meeting.**

12:00 pm Meeting Adjourned

** Members are encouraged to present at a future meeting and to offer suggestions of vendors or other agencies to present. Please contact a Steering Committee member or the next meeting's host if you are interested in presenting.

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