



SAVANNAH AREA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS BOARD MEETING

Meeting Summary Minutes
Virtual Meeting on GoToMeeting
August 3, 2021
9:00 A.M.

Voting Members	Representing	Present
G. Holmes Bell	Hussey, Gay, Bell	Absent
James J. Collins, III	Resident at Large	X
Michael Brown	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	X
Suzanne Cooler	Chatham County	X
Others Present		
Ann Aberson		Absent
Cody Jones		Absent
Melanie Wilson	MPC	Absent
Pamela Everett	MPC	Absent
Lara Hall	MPC	X
Mary E. Mitchell	MPC	X

1) Welcome

Ms. Lara Hall called the meeting to order late due to technical difficulty. She welcomed everyone in attendance.

2) Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

The Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2021 and May 4, 2021 were approved as submitted.



3) Report Items

A. Budget Report

Ms. Hall gave the budget report for the period ending May 31, 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.
- USGS reviewed the dataset and submitted needed corrections. Delivery is Expected any day.

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.

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.

- Working with Chatham County to complete a Future State and Gap Analysis following the Current State Assessment of Public Safety GIS.
- Organized and documented meetings to discuss six major opportunities for improvement for Public Safety GIS.
- Participated 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. COVID-19 Response

Ms. Hall stated that in an effort to provide local information regarding COVID - 19, the SAGIS team developed the following informative maps and website for general consumption:



- [MPC-SAGIS COVID-19 Regional Dashboard](#)
This dashboard continues to evolve as the information needs associated with the pandemic change. For example, one of the tabs available now shows vaccination rates in Georgia from the Department of Public Health.
- [MPC-SAGIS Maps & Data Hub Site](#)
This hub site provides links to the main dashboard along with various other useful information and dashboards.

These sites receive an average of about 50 hits per day. We are updating and adding content as more information is provided and the situation transforms.

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

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

- Updated and streamlined all address locators used in SAGIS apps and services
 - Most locators have been revised to Pro format
- Completed the annual Parcel Digest process SAGIS.org data update with new staff
- Map Viewers moved into current version of Web App Builder
- Completed downloads and updates for each of the environmental National Datasets found in the SAGIS Readonly
- Updated Chatham County polling places and the Find My Poling Place web app
- Completed the Waters Avenue Parking Study Phase 1 for the City of Savannah
- Updated the Find My Flood Zone web viewer to a current Flood Zone and Information Story Map Title Under Water
- Working with the Advanced Planning Group to develop graphics and maps for Chatham County Comprehensive Plan



- Training and conferences: Esri's annual User Conference for all staff

F. ii. Additional Activities (August to November 2021)

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

- Maintenance and improvement plan for SAGIS.org and additional viewers
 - Update the Help Documents as necessary for each viewer
- Work with the Chatham County Elections office to update the voting precinct boundaries and polling location maps
- Waters Avenue Parking Study Phase 2 and 3
- Continue to develop the Census Data Viewer and provide support for the redistricting process
- Future Land Use spatial data cleanup
- 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
- Chapter President for the Southeast Georgia URISA subchapter

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Hall adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lara Hall
SAGIS Director

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