

HARRIS COUNTY GIS TASK FORCE



MINUTES OF THE May 18th, 2006 COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at the offices of the Harris County PHES - Mosquito Control Division

PRESENT:

Travis Conner	Harris County ITC – ETS
Randy Davidson	Harris County ITC – ETS
Bryan Dunaway	Harris County Tax Assessors Office
Christina Hailey Dischinger	Harris County PHES – Mosquito Control
Ed Johnson	Harris County Tax Assessors Office
Stefan Nawrocki	Harris County PHES – Mosquito Control
Johnny Ontiveros	Harris County ITC - Regional Radio
Matthew Perry	Harris County Fire Marshall
Michael Walters	Harris County Flood Control District
John Wong	Harris County ITC – ETS

Agenda Item	Action/Discussion/Information	Responsibility	Due Date
Call to Order	Christina Hailey and Travis Conner, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.	Christina Hailey Travis Conner	Monthly
Adoption of Minutes for April 13th, 2006	With one change (cosmetic change to cover page), the minutes were unanimously approved and accepted.	All	Monthly
Introductions	Introductions were given by all members in attendance; two members joined us from ITC and the Tax Assessors office after a long absence from the meetings.	All	Monthly
Review of the May 3rd, 2006 H-GAC GDC Meeting			
- Meeting Details	For more details about the GDC meeting, please see the GDC published meeting minutes.		
Old Business			
- Aerial Imagery Update	Image samples need to be inspected for quality control. Potential problems are in color and shading discrepancies. Some suggestions include getting high quality and eliminating the shadows with ArcGIS tools.	Travis Conner	As Needed
New Business			
- Reminder - Flood Control Map Book Link	A new link to the Flood Control Map Book is now available. Please contact Mike Walters for more information.	Michael Walters	As Needed

Open Forum			
- Available Internships	Currently 2 HC GIS Task Force member agencies have internships available. ITC has an internship available working on field data collection in cemeteries - see Travis Conner or Randy Davidson for more information. Mosquito Control has an internship/seasonal position available also - please see Christina Hailey for more information. The voter registration office has project positions available for a 7 month project - Please contact Bryan Dunaway for more information.	Christina Hailey Randy Davidson Bryan Dunaway	As Needed
- HGAC GDC Membership	Clarification was requested about GDC membership dues. For a seat on the committee with voting rights the membership dues are \$1,000 annually. To participate in the aerial imagery updates it is approximately \$8,900 when updates are contracted. This fee may change according to number of participants and cost sharing agreements.	Michael Walters	As Needed
- Google Earth	A question was asked about using Google Earth with Harris County data. Mr. Walters from the Flood Control district responded. It is possible to insert Harris County data into Google Earth. A demo will be arranged for a later date.	Michael Walters	As Needed
- Updated Road Data	Mr. Johnson from the Tax Assessors office inquired about the timeliness of new road data. Several members suggested talking to Engineering since they have the updated road logs. Another suggestion was to talk to 911. The group agreed that the US Postal Service was a difficult source to get data from, but Mr. Johnson has been able to get some updates on CD from them. Contact Mr. Johnson for more information.	All	As Needed

- Open Forum Cont. - - Law Enforcement GPS Training	Mr. Perry from the Fire Marshalls office inquired about training suggestions for a Law Enforcement training using GPS and GIS. Some of the projects focus on the use of GPS and integrating cellular phone tower coverage and triangulation information. Mr. Ontiveros from ITC volunteered and Ms. Hailey suggested contacting Allison Alford with Western Data Systems.	Matthew Perry	As Needed
- City Boundary Information	Mr. Perry from the Fire Marshalls office inquired about other city boundaries within Harris County and just over the border. This project will be used for a potential 5,000 foot buffer/boundary for fireworks restrictions. Ms. Hailey volunteered to give Mr. Perry any city information she had available.	Matthew Perry	As Needed
- Update Data Table	Mr. Perry from the Fire Marshalls office asked the group for suggestions on updating his database with geographic data. He needs to be able to insert values into his data table based on their location on the map. Mr. Conner and Mr. Davidson suggested the tools in ArcGIS to update the data based on their geographic location and relationships in the map.	Matthew Perry	As Needed
Announcements			
-Next Harris County GIS Task Force Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2006 and will be held at the Harris County Fire Marshalls Office in Atascocita. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m.	All	Monthly
Adjournment			
	A motion was made by Travis Conner to adjourn the meeting at 3 pm. There was a second and the meeting adjourned.	All	Monthly