

AIMS Coordinators Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2008

Host: AIMS

Location: Johnson County Admin Building

Next Meeting:

July 10, 2008

Host: Lenexa

Location: Thompson Barn (15200 Santa Fe Trail Dr. Lenexa)

Announcements

- ECC is not in need of any dispatchers at this time

The main topic of this month's meeting is planning. The Planning Department of Johnson County is presenting on several topics of interest with AIMS filling in some planning projects they have been working on lately.

Sunflower Area (Dean Palos)

Dean began by giving a short history of AIMS and the Planning Department. AIMS started originally in the Planning Department and there is a long history of working together between the two departments. The Planning Department is responsible for 208 sq miles of area encompassing roughly 42% of the county. There are only 15000 people in those 208 sq miles however. The area is divided between rural county, urban fringe (areas where development is expected to occur) and special area plans. The former Sunflower Ammunition Plant is considered as one of these latter plans.

Sunflower started as a US Army enclave. It encompasses 9065 acres acquired in 1941. It once employed 10000 people in the county. The army built Clearview City to house workers at the plant, which was in steady operation through WWII. The plant went into surplus after that, but was called back into production for subsequent Korean War, Vietnam War and Desert Storm. It was producing powdered propellant for the minuteman nuclear missiles.

Sunflower had 2500 structures built which ranged from storage facilities to administration buildings. The buildings were designed with sprinkler systems that would simply flush the building with water when one of the frequent fires was detected. This washed quite a bit of the solid propellant into the soil at the site. Because of this the plant area ended up with 53 ground contamination sites and 30 areas of concern.

The army announced in 1996 that it was no longer going to use the Sunflower Plant and left it up for bid to state, county and local authorities. The county took over the site and there was a push for a Wizard of Oz concept theme park until 2002 when the county commission deemed it not viable.

The rebuilding efforts at the plant are going to follow a “Community in a Park” planning process. Kessinger Hunter/IRG have the rights to the property at this point and are working on a cleanup schedule, hopefully to be finished by 2012. They are responsible for any ground contamination cleanup, but the army is paying for any MEC (explosives) site cleanup. The agreement calls for Kessinger Hunter to donate 2000 acres to the county for parkland, to donate the former rental area for KSU, to donate 200 acres to KU and 80 acres to the city of De Soto for a future school location.

The development of the site will be one of the few in the country that follows the Community in a Park model of building the residential areas before the commercial areas are established.

Inter-Modal Facility (Paul Greeley)

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) has purchased 1000 acres southwest of Gardner to put in a new intermodal facility. The intent of the purchase is to follow an annexation path with the city of Gardner and incorporate the intermodal facility into the city. Currently the site is undeveloped with no facilities of any kind. There are already 2 rail lines in the vicinity that BNSF will tie into for the facility.

BNSF is planning to develop an intricate gate system in the area that will control the flow of containers through the facility. The area currently has 80-100 container trains passing through per day, with 10 stopping to offload. The facility will bump this number up considerably.

Plani Update (Shannon Porter)

Shannon described the current state of the planimetric update. All of the feature classes are finished and are ready for distribution. Publishing and distribution are under way and everyone should be seeing the new planimetrics in a few days.

Break – 5 minutes

Oblique/Ortho Update (Brian Hiller)

All of the obliques and orthos have been flown. AIMS has received and QCed the obliques and is in the process of providing feedback to MARC.

Johnson County Election Polling Places (Dan Steen)

Dan presented the polling place lookup concept being produced for the Election Office. He is using the address web service heavily to determine the APID for the search address. This in turn is fed to the polling place web service to determine the polling location.

The Election Office has incorporated a search on their website for people visiting them there. They have also developed a text message based system to provide the information to people using their cell phone to find a polling location. Users can send a

text message to number 74574 with the message of voteks address to get a text message back with the polling location.

Proposed Zoning Submittal App (Travis Wagner)

Time ran out before getting to this presentation.

PowerPoint Presentations:

http://aims.jocogov.org/resources/mtgnotes/presentations/2008/June/Plani_Update.ppt

<http://aims.jocogov.org/resources/mtgnotes/presentations/2008/June/PollLocator.ppt>