

Small Communities Focus Group (Virtual)

Meeting Summary

4/22/2021

Attendees

City staff:

Meghan Buum, Jill Clifton, Bryan Dyer, Andrea Fair, Nilo Fanska, Randy Fine, John Jacobson, Ross Kurz, Suzanne Lownes, John Paa, Brian Scott, Trey Whitaker, Kim Young

County staff:

Aaron Baumgarden, Blaike Davidson, Ben Ehrlich, Tom Freeman, Ryan Geiter, Ron House, Kate Kennedy, Cliff Middleton, Terrol Palmer, Shannon Porter, Keith Shaw, Meg Shoffner, Kevin Skridulis, Sarah Smith, Travis Smith, Dan Steen, Travis Wagner, Jin Yao, Steve Yoder

Notes

1. Review data publishing routines for FGDB clean up
 - a. Travis showed which cities have nightly and weekly data distribution processes in place
 - b. He talked about each of the datasets (property, address, centerline, zoning, planimetrics, etc.), the various formats they are stored in (.SHP, .xlsx., .csv, etc.) and how they are shared with each city (FTP, direct connect, SDE, etc.)
 - c. The group had open discussion about how cities are accessing data, other ways to access the information, and how they are using it.
 - i. Merriam mentioned that they are connected to our ArcGIS Server and no longer need the shapefiles delivered.
2. Land records reporting
 - a. Travis showed off a few examples of the automated SQL Server Reporting Services (SSRS) reports we have created for TTV (formerly RTA)/cities:
 - i. Top taxpayers per...
 - ii. Special Assessment Payment Status
 - b. We had open discussion about reports, whether they are still being used, and other ways of receiving information:
 - i. Many of the cities said they did not realize they had access to these reports or that we had the capability of producing them.
 - ii. Other cities shared that they are still using the Property Change Log we provide via myAIMS access
 - iii. We also discussed other ways they could be delivered (i.e., Tableau, etc.)
 - iv. In general, there seemed like a lot of interest in having us create more reports for the cities and making them more accessible. Please contact AIMS (mapper@jocogov.org) if you have something you would like to receive in a format or thoughts on improving current reports you receive.
3. Building permit data access/transfer

- a. Aaron mentioned that AIMS is helping the Appraiser's office improve the permit process by automating the data intake process and may be reaching out to the cities in the near future. Leawood and Prairie Village are next on our process.
 - b. Open discussion about what systems the cities are using and if access could be provided to county staff.
 - i. Most cities (i.e., Fairway, Leawood, Merriam, and Roeland Park) seemed to be using CitizenServe for permits, Mission Hills is using OpenGov.
 - ii. All permitting systems are internal. County staff could be given access but accounts are not cheap, about \$1,800/user/year.
 - c. The APR office is also interested in getting architectural plan drawings from the cities.
 - i. Several cities (i.e., Merriam, Mission Hills, and Prairie Village) have these but some do not (Fairway).
 - d. Other comments:
 - i. Fairway is interested in having us send the updated address files directly to CitizenServe so they no longer have to do this manually.
4. Data support for permitting, asset management and code enforcement vendors
 - a. Keith talked about how we support the cities by sending updated property/address files to cities or directly to 3rd party vendors that provide the permitting and code enforcement applications.
 - i. Prairie Village, Shawnee, Merriam and Roeland Park all have currently automated processes in place.
 - ii. Leawood mentioned that CitizenServe should be reaching out to us to have us create an export for them.
 - iii. Fairway is interested in having us set this up for them as well. There is also supposed to be an automatic update related to Contractor Licensing that reads from a CSV file. Keith will help make sure this is going to the correct place.
 - b. Ross at Leawood mentioned their Eden system is being whittled down until it just becomes only the financial part. The permitting is being moved to CitizenServe.
 - i. Our data push for Eden can go to weekly but would like to keep it out there for now. They will keep it since they need to keep things historically.
5. Mobile editing
 - a. Ryan talked about the new Field Maps app that is replacing Collector.
 - b. Leawood, Merriam and Gardner all mentioned that they are using ArcGIS Online.
6. Parcel Foundation Initiative update
 - a. Kate provided a quick update on the status of the Parcel Foundation Initiative (PFI). She showed completion percentages for each city in the county where work has begun.
 - b. There is also a notification process so that once work starts in a city, an email is sent out to the appropriate staff to let them know
 - c. The GIS layers are also available in the Online Mapping application via myAIMS access so let AIMS know if you want to be added to that list.
 - d. It would be helpful if cities could provide surveys, where available, to Kate.
7. Imagery update
 - a. Shannon mentioned that the 2021 imagery is currently undergoing re-flights for areas with cloud coverage. Preliminary imagery is currently only available in the cloud software, final deliverables expected later this summer.

- b. County has entered 5-year contract with Pictometry for ortho/oblique imagery products every year. Even years will be true ortho product and odd years will be machine generated (aerial) photos.
 - c. Front elevation project with Appraisers office is also kicking off for 2022; RFP is about to go out. Will have Google street-view type product with it. RFP committee is set but still accepting non-voting members.
 - i. They do have capability to capture terrestrial lidar and GIS feature extraction, but this will be available as a “buy-up” product. Let AIMS know if you are interested in this.
8. LiDAR update
- a. New LiDAR flow in fall/winter of 2020 has been delivered. Currently working on getting loaded. Other products such as hydrology, elevation contours, and vegetation (tree canopy) layers will be updated later in 2021.
9. 2020 planimetric update
- a. Meg mentioned that the building, edge of pavement, water features and some sidewalks were captured in the last capture from the 2020 imagery.
 - b. With the updated imagery every year, AIMS will attempt to update planimetrics every year.
 - c. Data is in the final stages and will be published/distributed by end of April.