



# GDC (Geographic Data Committee) Meeting

Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

H-GAC Second Floor – Conference Room A

## **ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

The following of the Geographic Data Committee attended all or a portion of the

June 2, 2010 GDC Meeting:

City of Deer Park-Stuart Blumberg  
City of Houston Planning and Development, Larry Nierth, Chris McPhilamy  
City of Houston Public Utilities Division, Kirt Arthur  
City of Missouri City, Ralph Granados  
City of Sugar Land, Erik Schenk  
City of Tomball, Lori Lakatos  
Cypress Creek Emergency Medical Services, Harry Fair  
Harris County Appraisal District, Thang Nguyen, David Moss  
Harris County Flood Control District, Scott Lamon  
Harris County Information Technology Center, Travis Conner  
Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services, Nathan McConnell, Christina Dischinger  
Harris County Public Infrastructure Department -Architecture & Engineering Division, Samuel Garcia  
Harris County Public Infrastructure Department- Executive, Andre Bally  
Houston Advanced Research Center, Zach Vernon  
Houston TranStar, Maria Cristela Vera  
Houston-Galveston Area Council, Tanya Nguyen, Robert LaBarbera  
Port of Houston Authority, Grant Garrison  
Rice University, Kim Ricker  
Texas Department of Transportation, Sheila Gaden, Jeremy Scott  
Texas Water Development Board, Felicia Retiz


## **Visitors**

Noel Bowman  
Harold Rogers  
Lori Kircher  
Jarrod Young  
Claire DeVaughan  
Edgar Smith  
Pete Sissans  
Nick Popovich

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Agenda Item	Action/Discussion/Information	Responsibility
<p><b>Item 1:</b> <b>Review of the May Minutes</b></p>	<p>The minutes were accepted as presented.</p> <p>Robert LaBarbera presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the outgoing Chair, Scott Lamon.</p> 	<p>Scott Lamon (HCFCD)</p>
<p><b>Item 2:</b> <b>Pixxures Aerial Imagery Presentation</b></p>	<p>Everything is 100% complete and has been shipped to H-GAC. All of the TIFF imagery products were available for TAC Review from April 12<sup>th</sup> through May 28<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this viewing period was to allow an earlier review from the GDC before the final TIFF delivery. The usage of the QC Tool was reviewed by TAC for acceptability against all specifications. Any errors that were found were marked and comments were left in the QC Tool. These errors were then marked and resolved by Pixxures before delivery. Any errors that were missed—either by the TAC or by Pixxures—or imagery that does not meet specifications can be fixed through the end of 2010. The QC Tool also acted as a conduit for communicating questions and answers from Pixxures regarding the imagery. Although the original contract due date for the TIFFs was July 12<sup>th</sup> and the SIDs July 26<sup>th</sup> Pixxures was able to send the final data on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Pixxures is willing to provide guidance to any participants who wish to display their Lamberts in ArcMap with a different sample color or contrast setting. This will only be a display change on the computer screen and will not change anything in the data itself. In addition Pixxures can apply a different color and contrast to any participation's Lambert TIFFs for a fee negotiated after the final delivery. This will be an actual color change to the TIFF files themselves, which will require a separate Lambert delivery to those interested participants. Please contact Robert LaBarbera if you would like this done.</p>	<p>Wendy Luck (Pixxures)</p>



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<p><b>Item 3:</b> <b>2010 Imagery Copyright and Licensing</b></p>	<p>H-GAC will copyright the 2010 Imagery and there will be a License. The License will affect the public, private, nonprofit and educational entities. The copyright will accomplish the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encapsulate the imagery product such that the imagery can be used for specific usage</li> <li>• Provide for legal support for the license agreement</li> <li>• Protect the data from deliberate or delinquent copying</li> <li>• Allow for the recovery of cost</li> </ul> <p>H-GAC will own the copyrighted imagery and be the Master Licensor. They will license the data out to cost share participants. A discount license fee will be provided to Members of the GDC who did not cost share the imagery. Only the public agencies are going to have the ability to provide licensed imagery out to 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractors. The only part of the imagery that is going to be licensed is the TIFF and the MrSID files. Any PDF or plotted maps that your company creates will not be licensed. Since it is not licensed you don't need to create a water mark (or any kind of license wording) on the digital PDF maps or plotted maps. Also the licensees will have the ability to create Web mapping applications as long as the licensee references the imagery as being a licensed product by H-GAC. All of the licensees will be provided the wording for that. The cost share participants will not be allowed to sell or freely distribute the 2010 Imagery. If the public wishes to obtain the data from a licensee, the licensee should simply refer them to H-GAC. We will have a website up shortly and that will allow the public to acquire the imagery. Each licensee will need to read, review, sign, and send the license agreement back to H-GAC before they provide the data. The license itself will only be in effect until May 1, 2012. After that you can give out the TIFFs, SIDs, and sell the data. Today is the final day for anyone to cost share. If a cost share participant has contributed the minimum fee of \$3,500 or more than the entire data set will then be provided along with the license. Non-GDC members will pay \$5500 for the license and data. GDC members who are current on their membership fees and not cost share participants shall pay \$4,500. Once the imagery data is delivered all of the cost share participants will receive the data first. This is only after H-GAC has received a signed license agreement, as well as a check or PO. They will provide the data on a portable USB drive which will be shipped out to entities; the drive is free. The license is divided into these sections: legal wording, for public</p>	<p>Robert LaBarbera (H-GAC)</p>
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	entities, signatures, addendum A (for third party contractors to fill out and give to H-GAC), licensee contact information, and fee schedule.	
<b>Item 4: 2010 GDC Chair Elections</b>	The motion was made by Grant Garrison (Secretary) to accept the nominations as the New GDC Officers. No Nay votes were cast. The new 2010/2011 GDC Officers are as follows: Larry Nierth from the City of Houston Planning and Development (Chair), Grant Garrison from Port of Houston Authority (Vice Chair), and Kim Ricker from Rice University (Secretary).	Grant Garrison (Port of Houston)
<b>Item 5: GIS Day 2010 Report</b>	<p>Please email Kim Ricker (<a href="mailto:kricker@rice.edu">kricker@rice.edu</a>) if you would like to be added to the GIS Day distribution list. Ms. Ricker sent out the minutes from the last GIS Day meeting to past committee members, but will be sending out an amended copy with Jean Niswonger's additions. The location for GIS Day 2010 has been finalized for the University of Houston-Main Campus. They have tentatively made steps to reserve Lone College CY-Fair Campus for next year's location. At the last meeting subcommittees were setup. The leads for the subcommittee are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentor - David Feinstein</li> <li>• Teacher Training - Larry Nierth</li> <li>• Essay Contest - Robert LaBarbera</li> <li>• Kid's Day Activities- Christina Dischinger</li> <li>• GPS Demo - Allison Alford</li> <li>• Key Note Speakers - Grant Garrison</li> <li>• Program/Brochure, Graphics, and PR – Maria Vera</li> <li>• Map Gallery - Andy Bally</li> <li>• Web - Nick Popovich</li> <li>• Exhibitors, Scholarships, Logistics, Treasury, and Sponsorship – Kim Ricker</li> </ul> <p>Please let Kim Ricker or one of the subcommittee leads know if you would like to help with any of the subcommittees. Andy Bally and Virginia will provide the scholarship again this year. Thanks to them. In regards to teacher training, the budgets are really tight. As of now the teachers have not been approved for payment for time spent training for the Texas Education Agency (TEA), which provides basic GIS training for Continuing Education Credits (CEC).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2010 GIS Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 16<sup>th</sup> – Setup Day</li> <li>• November 17<sup>th</sup> – Professionals Day</li> <li>• November 18<sup>th</sup> – Kid's Day</li> </ul>	Kim Ricker (Rice U.)



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<p><b>Item 6:</b> <b>Other Issues</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2010 GIS Day Committee Meeting after GDC today- Canceled</li> <li>- TAC Meeting at 1:00pm</li> <li>- InfoUSA Revenue               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received \$30,600</li> <li>• Still need \$18,300</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Insequence, Inc - GlobalView</li> </ul> <p>Andy Bally gave details about Jeff DeAnthony's recent presentation. Jeff is with the company Insequence Inc who has put out a web-based map view called GlobalView [<a href="http://insight.insequenceinc.com">http://insight.insequenceinc.com</a>]. They have been working with the Federal Government for a long time—funded by the Department of Defense—and would now like to get local data. Their limited time offer is that they will give us all of their applications (analytical and viewers) for free if we want to participate. Our participation would include giving them current data, which they will QC and make available via their site. If we wanted to restrict any of the data it is possible. Andy indicated that the browser, etc. looked good and thinks it is a good idea for local counties to get involved. If we participate, in event of a hurricane or natural disaster, the data we submitted would be safe and still available and the federal government will be able to use the same data that the local organizations are using. Andy suggested that Jeff contact Robert to talk to the GDC. This is free. Jeff is looking for some commitment by June 6<sup>th</sup>. Christina added that this looks good because the data we would contribute is already available publicly anyway. Insequence's platform is not ESRI based, but it looks like it can work with ESRI's mapping service.</p>	<p>Scott Lamon (HCFCD)</p>
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