

Kankakee County GIS Committee Meeting Minutes Meeting of August 5, 2011

Members in Attendance

Debbie Ball, Kankakee County Supervisor of Assessments' Office (alternate)
Kim Dickens, Village of Bradley
Mike Lammey, Kankakee County Planning Department (alternate)
Diane Redwitz, Kankakee County Highway Dept. (alternate)
Pete Schiel, City of Kankakee
James Skutt, Kankakee County Board
George Washington, Kankakee County Board

Others in Attendance

Roger Diercks, Kankakee County GIS Manager
Zack Newton, City of Kankakee

Meeting called to order at 9:00am

There was no public comment

Mr. Schiel made a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee's June 3, 2011 meeting, seconded by Mr. Skutt. The motion carried.

Mr. Diercks reported that the number of website subscribers had increased by one. There was one new private subscriber and two public renewals since the last report on March 31, 2011.

Mr. Skutt asked Mr. Diercks if the Kankakee County Association of Realtors (KCAR) would be renewing. Mr. Diercks replied that KCAR's subscription expired in about a month. His understanding was that the National Association of Realtors would soon be incorporating Kankakee County in its national GIS website. KCAR had asked that they be given a chance to evaluate how well the national website meets its needs before renewing.

Mr. Skutt said that he would like Mr. Diercks to enter into a conversation with KCAR to see what could be done to retain it as a subscriber, possibly with an eye toward decreased fees. Mr. Washington said that such a conversation might help the Committee better understand KCAR's long term goals.

Ms. Ball asked whether a national site would have information as current as that provided by the County. Mr. Diercks said that he didn't see how it would be possible.

Mr. Schiel asked if the changes to FOIA meant that users were able to obtain services similar to the website at little or no charge. Mr. Diercks said that he had been advised that FOIA didn't apply to access to the website since it was a service, but FOIA would apply to any data within the website. He said that in his opinion Google's services were a larger factor in the downward trend in the number of subscribers.

Ms. Redwitz asked if KML was available for Google Earth users to download. Mr. Diercks said that it was not, but a number of shapefiles could now be downloaded in an effort to minimize the number of FOIA requests.

Mr. Diercks reported that he spoke to the Kankakee County Farm Bureau Board about GIS on July 18. He said he agreed that more promotion of GIS needed to be done and said that he, Mr. Newton, and Ms. Redwitz had been in conversation about holding a GIS Day event in November. He would have a better idea of the nature of the event at the Committee's October meeting, but said that his current thought was to hold an open house type of event.

Mr. Diercks has been putting in further work on the countywide site address layer.

Mr. Newton and Mr. Schiel presented on the City of Kankakee's work using GIS to analyze streetlights and crime patterns.

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Ms. Dickens made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lammey. The motion carried.