

Fort Bend GIS Consortium Meeting

Thursday, October 13th, 2016 10:00AM Greater Fort Bend EDC 1 Fluor Daniel Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77478

Meeting Summary

Items 1 & 5. (Announcements/Open Discussion)

There are upcoming officer elections for President, Vice President, & Secretary of the Consortium. To be held in December, ballots will be sent (and votes submitted) via email.

City of Richmond has a new GIS position recently filled by Nancy Ricca, please make her feel at home.

Fort Bend Co. Appraisal District would like to remind everyone that in their quarterly data releases some of the fields ARE NOT PUBLIC INFORMATION and should not be shared out via web maps or passed along to other entities (especially private). Contact the Appraisal District for specifics

Item 2. (Imagery)

This item was an update on the ongoing discussion about moving from a combined HGAC/Pictomety imagery acquisition to getting Pictomety every year, as well as general information related to current imagery acquisition. 2016 HGAC imagery was delivered in August, and new Pictomety imagery is expected in mid to late spring.

Michael Wainright from the County has set up a REST endpoint for current county imagery that can be added to maps via a service. Contact Michael if interested. Michael.wainright@fortbendcountytx.gov

Item 3. (Addressing)

This item was a quick update: the county is getting with the local jurisdictions to gather data in order to clean up and cross check their centerline address ranges. Assistance is appreciated.

Item 4. (Guest Speaker - CrimeStat)

We had the pleasure of hosting a guest speaker at this meeting: Dr. Ned Levine—self-described as "semi-retired"—has more than 50 years of academic, professional, and government experience. He presented his CrimeStat spatial statistics program. Originally developed for the National Institute of Justice for "crime mapping" the program can also be used for a wide variety of general spatial analysis in many subjects. Crimestat is not a GIS itself, nor is it a plug in or extension. It is a standalone program and exported results can be brought into a GIS in several formats (for example, as a shapefile). Crimestat is free and distributed by the National Institute of Justice http://www.nij.gov/crimestat