

Hawaii Geographic Information Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

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The HIGICC met to review committee progress and continue to define its activities. Craig Tasaka and Ken Schmidt facilitated and Vicki Lukas recorded the meeting minutes.

I. OPENING ITEMS

A. USGS Liaison Change

Craig announced that Vicki Lukas will be changing positions and transitioning out of the USGS National Mapping Division Hawaii liaison position and into the CA liaison position. Vicki plans to attend the next HIGICC meeting with Tom Sturm who will be acting in the Hawaii position until a new liaison is hired. Vicki will miss everyone on the HIGICC as this is the most cooperative and spirited group she knows of. Vicki will let everyone know when the position is announced and she encourages everyone to spread the word about the job opening.

B. Diacritical Marks on USGS Topographic Maps

Craig announced that tomorrow (4/7) there will be a meeting of the Hawaii Board of Geographic Names to discuss the possibility of adding diacritical marks to USGS maps that are in work. The HIGICC group appeared to be pleased about the possibility of making this change, though it was noted that some traditionalists are opposed to using diacritical marks. There was some discussion about technical difficulties of using the diacritical marks, for instance preserving the marks between operating systems and sorting names containing

the marks. The City and County of Honolulu has decided not to use the marks, because when they set up their database years ago, it wasn't technically feasible. To change the names now would be an overwhelming effort, so they will keep the names as they are. Jim Bier and Bruce Wichman were offered as authorities who could help ensure that the marks are properly added. It was also generally agreed that the HIGICC could act as a coordinating body for this activity. Finally, it was suggested that a conference on Hawaii names be held to bring all the interested parties together.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Website committee - The committee considered applying for an FGDC grant, but the turn around time was too short. The committee will prepare for the next cycle in 2000. The committee emailed everyone last week that the website can be reviewed at <http://wailea.mhpcc.edu/HIGICC/>. Past minutes and meeting information are available at the site.

B. Strategic Planning Committee

The committee distributed a draft plan to the group (see document at the end of these minutes). Though the plan is only one page, it took a lot of work to arrive at this streamlined plan. Ken facilitated group discussion on each goal and objective and described some of the activities that would be added as the next step to increase the level of detail. The group approved the outline as a good starting point, and gave the Strategic Planning Committee the OK to continue its work.

C. Charter Committee - No report from charter committee. They are getting attorney review of the incorporation papers right now.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. GIS Position available - City and County of Honolulu is advertising a GIS analyst 6 position. The position requires four years of experience with GIS. Ken has details and the job announcement is online.

B. CA/HI/NV/Guam ESRI Users' Group Meeting 2000 - The next meeting will be held at the Ritz Carlton Kapalua. Tentative dates are January 11-14. So far the lodging has been quoted at \$195/night, and the planners are also going to get information about condo rates at the Ritz. If this meeting is successful, it may prevent the conference from always being held in Sacramento (Sacramento was suggested because it is economical and allows more State staff to attend). They want the conference in Jan. because it's 6 months after ESRI conference. Unfortunately that's a higher rate season in HI.

C. Miscellaneous

1. Dan Dorfman briefly described the marine ecosystem GIS working group and the need for that group to connect to the HIGICC as some of their goals are similar. Dan also mentioned that a HI gap analysis program based on satellite imagery will be undertaken at TNC. The result will be publicly available vegetation cover data for the state. There was a proposal to NASA to do this project - if it doesn't come through then TNC will lead the project.

2. AAG was a great success. Many hope that this will encourage other conferences to be held in Hawaii.

3. The military would like to acquire aerial imagery. They were invited to speak at today's meeting but didn't make it. We hope they can come next time to give a presentation to let everyone know what's going on. It is unclear whether their data would be in the public domain. On a related note, SPOT has collected more data in Hawaii. Ken saw a Dec. '98 image of Oahu online, but no one has heard from SPOT about updating the coverage they provided to the group in the past.

4. The Army is talking about establishing a joint service GIS operation in Hawaii that would be coordinated DOD CAD center. This would give us one point of contact for DOD activities. The idea is to copy centers in other places where an effort has been made to incorporate local governments and set up standards. ITAM is looking for partnerships on data collection through GeoInsight. Deliverables of 1 meter data are expected in Sept./Nov.

IV. NEXT HIGICC MEETING: June 22, 1999 at the Digital Media Lab, Manoa Innovation Center, 2800 Woodlawn Drive, 9:00 AM to Noon.

HIGICC STRATEGIC PLAN

Draft Outline

4/6/99

VISION STATEMENT

The Hawaii Geographic Information Coordinating Council is a leader in the Pacific Basin in coordinating and advancing the use of geographic information. The HIGICC facilitates effective and timely communication among its members and with the public and decision-makers. In our region, geographic information is widely available and data sharing is commonplace, with metadata publicly accessible and geographic data conforming to established standards. GIS is recognized and effectively used as an invaluable tool to assist our diverse community in exploring, understanding, and managing our environment.

MISSION

To bring together and continue to build the geographic community into a cohesive, recognized coordinating body that facilitates the use, development, sharing, and management of geographic data and communicates the value of geographic information to citizens and decision-makers.

GOALS

1. Administer and strengthen the organizational framework of the HIGICC.

Objective 1: Obtain formal recognition of HIGICC

State recognition

MOUs with supporting agencies

Objective 2: Define operating procedures for HIGICC

Objective 3: Develop policies and procedures to manage geographic information resources of HI

Objective 4: Coordinate and participate in FGDC activities

2. Advance Data sharing, Integration, and dissemination.

Objective 1: Establish Data and Metadata standards

Objective 2: Establish clearinghouse/data center perform needs assessment develop conceptual design implement database

Objective 3: Identify framework data

Objective 4: Facilitate Institutional Cooperation

3. Foster Geographic information systems education and communication.

Objective 1: Facilitate communication and promote awareness of geographic information technology and its potential benefits.

Objective 2: Support education and training curricula in geographic information systems