

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
GIS Working Group Meeting  
City of Redondo Beach  
Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 10:30 am**

**Minutes**

**Introductions and Sign-in**

Attendees: Sunny Lai (Torrance), Michael McDaniel (El Segundo), Pei San (Port of LA), Sonali Tambe (Hermosa Beach, Chair), Ryan Tucker (Redondo Beach), Rosemary Lackow (notetaker, SBCCOG).

**September Meeting Notes:** Unanimously approved with no changes

**Discussion Items:**

**1. Recap of the meetings**

**LAR-IAC4**

Torrance reported that there was a decent turnout. The main focus of the meeting was to showcase how cities use the LAR-IAC imagery. Culver City, Carson, Gardena Police department were present. Pictometry Online showed how Fire departments use it. For example, Pictometry images can be used to see if the ladder will be able to reach the building or not. Torrance noted that they do not use Pictometry Online much. El Segundo noted that they find it useful.

It was noted that for LAR-IAC4 RFP, bids will be received for the contract. Torrance noted that the schedule mentioned at the meeting indicated that the flying schedule would be January 2014 to March 2014 and deliverables will be available in November 2014. The final cost of the entire project was not mentioned in the meeting. Concern was expressed that the price may be higher and cities need to know the price so budget requests can be made in a timely fashion. Some discrepancy in the comparable sized cities such as Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach was noted. It was decided that Hermosa Beach would set up a conference call and an invite would be sent to the Working Group “short list” to get clarification from the project manager.

**Regional GIS forum**

No report - Working Group members not able to attend.

## **2. Community Basemap 2.0**

The Chair reported she had corrections for errors for the Hermosa Beach map which involved: labelling, walk streets, pier, and a lot of other assorted missing items. Torrance reported most errors involved water features. The Chair provided a copy of her email to the County regarding the errors, and so far there has been no response. It was recommended that the map be examined at the closest scale. It was noted that the color scheme is more professional looking. It was agreed that the ESRI's staff for the project will be contacted to get more answers.

## **3. Story Maps – tips and tricks**

The group discussed Story Maps for various purposes.

Some tips were noted by members:

- Default colors can be changed to match city's website if needed.
- Application settings has 2 layout options, frame with pictures, or float on the map.
- Colors: there are defaults, but can customize – have to “eyeball” the color
- Logo: can customize but can't re-size
- Extent (zooming in): best to do on your web map
- Links have to be redone due to changes in the City's website (caution)
- Intro map: can create, look under “organize the tour” (hot tip!)
- Question: Can you change the text font? Answer: no (but can change color of text)
- 40 slides in tour but fewer points on the actual map - - caution that the number of points you can have may be limited.

There was a brief discussion regarding doing a Story Map for the whole South Bay. A question arose whether the COG server could be used and some implementation problems and possible solutions were discussed. Discussion moved towards what kind of information could be shown for South Bay. Some ideas were parks, tourist attractions, charging and clean energy refueling stations. The point was made that there is a potential problem in that in selecting the points to be on the map, some cities could feel slighted if points important to them are not included.

## **4. COG General Assembly**

The group discussed exhibit ideas for the COG General Assembly to be held in late February, 2014. The COG has suggested that, since this is the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Assembly, they could assemble an album of accomplishments. It was suggested that the GIS working group's timeline can be used as an exhibit of the accomplishments. The General Assembly's topic of climate change is open-ended. Also, anything that shows how GIS as a tool that can help cities address climate change is appropriate such as the Sustainability Story Map. The Chair suggested an employee commute map (as tasked to do in Hermosa Beach). It was suggested that a "spider map" might be good for such a map, or one that depicts various rings of commuting distances. It was agreed that members would send the Chair some examples of such maps. Other ideas suggested by the COG: maps that relate to energy efficiency, or climate events, flood maps, and transportation, including: bike paths, bus stops, and public spaces that are designed to reduce driving (such as mixed use projects, locations of Amazon.com lockers).

#### **5. Upcoming Meetings:**

##### **SCAG training**

The Chair called attention to an email sent to the group with several dates for the training, on basic and intermediate GIS and it was decided that this would be useful for interns.

#### **Other Business**

Torrance stated that he is going to be using Esri's mobile "Collector App" and asked if any group members are currently using this? No members present indicated they were using Collector. It was mentioned that an ArcGIS subscription was needed, but perhaps a trial subscription is available.

#### **Volunteer for Goodies Next Meeting - Bonnie**