

Executive Summary
Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)
Thursday, September 13, 2018
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Building, Helena, Montana

Attendees:

Members or Designees: Chair Jennie Stapp – Montana State Library (MSL); Dawn Anderson – State Agency Representative; Mike Bousliman – State Agency Representative; Rudy Cicon online – MARLS Representative; Gordon Conn – State Agency Representative; Jerry Grebenc – Private Business Representative; Matt Heller online – U.S. Interior Department Representative; Molly Hirschi online – GIS Professional Representative; Valentijn Hoff – Montana University Systems; Lee Macholz – Local Government Representative; Jon Sesso online – Montana Senate Representative; Eric Spangenberg – Local Government Representative; and Kreh Germane for John Tubbs – State Agency Representative.

Guests: Bruce Newell MSL Commission; Mary Craige Dept. of Commerce.

Staff: Erin Fashoway, Michael Fashoway, Evan Hammer, Marlys Stark and Jessica Mitchell.

Chair Jennie Stapp called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Administrative Updates/Agenda Changes

There were no changes.

Approval of Executive Summary

The posted summary of June 14, 2018 had Evan Hammer listed as the acting chair but that was incorrect and has been corrected.

Motion was made by Member Bousliman and seconded by Member Cicon to approve the June 14, 2018 executive summary as corrected and the motion passed.

State Librarian's Report

Bannack Communications, the public relation campaign contractor has provided an action summary. They are interviewing champions, and working on television, print and social media, direct mailers, newsletters and so on.

Library Strategies, the foundation contractor, is working with a steering committee. They hope to have a board seated by the end of the year. The first order for that board would be to adopt bylaws and articles of incorporation.

State Librarian Stapp and one other person represents states on the National Geospatial Advisory Council (NGAC). The council is multisector and has various initiatives that they are currently working on.

The Environmental Quality Council will probably approve a letter to the Governor requesting funding for the Natural Heritage Program (NHP). MSL's key priority for the upcoming legislative session is to retain the FTE lost due to lack of funding. The Governor currently supports retaining nine or ten based on funding. Managers are beginning to look at priorities of positions to fill if funding is returned.

Aaron LaFromboise is the new commission chair. Jamie Doggett is the latest commission member.

MAGIP Report

All information and work being done and accomplished is in the minutes and everything is available on the MAGIP website. Most work currently is directed to the Geo conference planned for the first week in April in Butte. Erin Fashoway worked with MAGIP to set up the map vendor list.

A brief discussion was instigated by Commissioner Newell as to whether MSL should do that type of work if they had the time, money and personnel available. Items discussed include the library is supposed to provide information rather than services, private individuals can do that type of work, good geospatial data strategy is needed with knowledge of what data we have and how to make it available and there is need for specialized projects.

Council members indicated they felt that public layer of data is very valuable and is where any funding returned should be directed. Erin Fashoway said they are a few months behind but do put a lot of emphasis on getting that work done. Evan Hammer said the goal is monthly updates with an annual adjustment in July. They were behind this year and the annual update is planned for November. They should be back on schedule for next year since they do have a good work flow.

MLIAC Representative on MAGIP Board

There is a need for representation of this council on the MAGIP Board. Leslie Zolman had filled that need but with her departure, that position is vacant. Lee Macholz gave a brief summary of what the time commitment is. Jennie Stapp asked for either volunteers or nominees. No action will be taken on this position until November.

MLIA Account Review and Financial Report

A unique year of collections just completed with every month below average and that trend continue into July. If council members would like specific information, please contact Erin Fashoway. A county analysis is a goal for the future. Member Bousliman felt that a thirteen year period of analysis was too long and perhaps five years would be better.

After some discussion of what caused the fluctuations and why with housing up why recordation is down, council members agreed that county level review needs to be done. Member Conn said that his agency has economists on staff that can help with the analysis and

Member Macholz said she would also help. Member Cicon asked what the statute requires for page size and so on and Jennie Stapp said she will look into it.

The financial report is mainly close out on last year. The account has grown a bit even with reduced collections, but he wouldn't suggest huge growth in the land plan this year. The report has changed to have a larger group report which includes MLIA. In the future, the council will likely be asked for a formal council decision on holdings funds. The working best practice is to try to keep a quarters worth of revenue in the account.

Kris Schmitz is retiring in a month.

MLIAC Grant Administration Reports FY29017/2018/2019

Work is in the beginning stages with the FY'19 grants since there were delays in getting the statements of work with some entities. There have been some extensions granted for FY'18. All the FY'18 grants are closed but some were underspent so that funding is back in the coffers as available.

Slight change in agenda at this point as Michael Fashoway reported on MSDI updates prior to leaving the meeting.

Lunch break from about 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Land Plan

For the FY'20 land plan, public comment will be accepted. The annual cycle doesn't work for many and so the council will be moving forward with adjusting the land plan into a two year plan.

For the FY'19 land plan, the council held discussion about some of the priorities and how to adjust or measure them.

Montana Natural Heritage Program's Spatial Analysis Lab Presentation

Jessica Mitchell gave a presentation about the Spatial Analysis Lab.

Census 2020 Update

Mary Craige thanks MLIAC for the support. They received an MLIAC grant to draw up new legislative districts. Duane Lund has been hired to accomplish that work.

GIS Coordinator's Report

Erin Fashoway discussed NSGIC's GeoEnabled Elections Report. This report is very high level and doesn't include information from Montana because the information was in on time.

Erin briefly summarized the outreach opportunities she has taken and those she plans to attend in the future.

She hopes to have a tentative plan or proposal for a state RTN network by the next meeting.

General MSDI Updates

Michael Fashoway discussed Local Update County Addresses (LUCA) and the status in Montana. This is typically a local government function so the census provides that opportunity for the state to do review in place of locals that don't participate. There were some software incompatibility issues with the state but after work flow problems were worked out, MSL staff reviewed 38 counties which had not signed up to participate and the City of Kalispell which had submitted no changes which raised flags so a review was done for them also. 126,000 updated or new addresses were submitted representing 280 hour of work by Meghan Burns and Michael Fashoway. No feedback has been received yet. Census addresses can't be used for a address database because of Title 13 privacy protections.

An update from the next generation 9-1-1 GIS data assessment contract was received yesterday stating 39 of 55 PSAP's (public safety answering points) have submitted required data sets so it is progressing fairly well. That contract was awarded by the Department of Administration (DOA).

There hasn't been much shared yet on the decision regarding the future of NAIP. The federal government is considering a license model which would negatively affect Montana due to costs and all the is currently being done with NAIP. The gaps were flown and will likely be available in January or so. There is a lot of uncertainty for the program details moving forward.

Public Comment

There were none received.

The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.