

Meeting Notes  
FGDC Address Subcommittee  
November 13, 2019  
Webinar

Attendance (18 Total):

Dierdre Bevington-Attardi, Census Bureau  
Dave Cackowski, Census Bureau  
Michael Fashoway, State of Montana  
Christian Jacqz, State of Massachusetts  
Karla Kaywork, Census Bureau  
Steve Lewis, Department of Transportation  
Lynda Liptrap, Census Bureau  
Phil Markert, Department of Homeland Security  
Ted Payne, Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Dona Pena, State of California  
Raul Rios-Diaz, iCasaPR  
Dan Ross, State of Minnesota  
Andrew Rowan, State of New Jersey  
Rob Seay, Social Security Administration  
Ed Wells, URISA  
Martha Wells, Spatial Focus/URISA  
Alex Zeller, FEMA  
Matt Zimolzak, Census Bureau

Meeting Summary

**Action Items from October Meeting**

- NAIP as a funding model for the NAD: Lynda Liptrap
  - Lynda confirmed that the NAIP is not at all funded through the GeoPlatform interagency agreement. The USGS arrangement is a separate IAA (not through the GeoPlatform).
  - Post-meeting note: Dept. of the Interior contributes funding to NAIP from several of their agencies, including USGS.
- GeoPlatform Login Requirements: Karla Kaywork
  - Login is not needed to access the Address Theme Community Page, only for the FGDC Address Standard Wiki. Login is not needed for most of the material on the GeoPlatform.
- Address Content Subgroup White Paper: Dave Cackowski
  - White paper 'Analysis and Impact of Recommended Content Changes on NAD Operations' was sent to subcommittee members.

#### NAD Updates: Steve Lewis

- NAD production is still paused while we await a new contractor being hired.
- NHTSA has increased their contribution so we can fund a developer full-time. The contract will be re-competed. The contract will go through the new acquisitions center of excellence, and the timeline for having someone on board is mid-January. The performance year will start when the contract is awarded, not at the start of the fiscal year, so there will be no idle period this time.

#### Puerto Rico Address Data Working Group Update (PRADWG): Lynda Liptrap

- Overview of the context/governance structure
  - Under the oversight of the FGDC, and the management of the Address Theme, PRADWG is a subgroup of the Address Subcommittee, similar to the Workflow and Content Subgroups.
- Working Group Objectives
  - Promote agency collaboration, transparency, and strategic prioritization in the federal address collection and management process for Puerto Rico
  - Document use cases representing the various agency requirements for collecting and maintaining Puerto Rico address data.
  - Align with the goals of the FGDC Address Theme and Subcommittee to contribute to the NSDI
  - Phase 1 focused on what is working for federal agencies, what are the proven practices.
  - Phase 2 which is underway, is for agencies to document the challenges they face:
    - Creating an inventory of existing challenges.
    - Questionnaire and follow-ups.
    - The phase will wrap-up in January with a final report.
- More info on the PRADWG, including documents are available on the Address Theme Community Page on the GeoPlatform: <https://communities.geoplatform.gov/ngda-address/puerto-rico-address-data-working-group/>

#### Puerto Rico Civic Address Standardization Initiative Technical Advisory Task Force (PRCasita) Update: Raul Rios-Diaz

- This is an initiative in which local subject matter experts are working together to collect and exchange address data. The goals are:
  - Deepen the understanding of the cultural challenges such as language, social structure, and cultural practices.
  - Collection validation and improving data from the municipalities – different rules need to be addressed to move towards uniformity.
  - Creating an interactive forum to exchange information and bridge knowledge gaps about the data and initiatives that are in motion.
- Report on PRCasita will be an agenda item at each Address Subcommittee meeting.

- Raul gave a presentation reviewing the July Addressing Workshop in San Juan that brought together federal, commonwealth, and local governments to work on the issues in Puerto Rico addressing.

#### Address Theme Implementation Plan: Lynda Liptrap

- The Theme Implementation Plan is now posted to the Address Theme Community Page: [https://communities.geoplatform.gov/ngda-portfolio/wp-content/uploads/2019/2019\\_Reports/Address\\_Theme\\_Implementation\\_Plan\\_20191031.pdf](https://communities.geoplatform.gov/ngda-portfolio/wp-content/uploads/2019/2019_Reports/Address_Theme_Implementation_Plan_20191031.pdf)
- We will report yearly to the FGDC on the activities identified in the Address Theme Strategic Plan.

#### Address Content Subgroup Update: Dave Cackowski, Matt Zimolzak

- White paper – Analysis and Impact of Recommended Content Changes on NAD Operations has been sent to the group.
  - White paper written to address concerns that since CLDXF is the standard used by states we shouldn't change to the FGDC standard and that there would be an unnecessary ETL burden.
  - The white paper states that the FGDC standard can accommodate multiple and unusual use cases – it is flexible in handling subaddresses and metadata. There will not be greater ETL burden since one algorithm will be needed for those datasets submitted in CLDXF. There is also no barrier to providers – data can be submitted in the CLDXF standard.
  - Discussion:
    - Steve – Has a logical problem with the proposal since 80-90% of providers are using the CLDXF standard, why should we switch to FGDC.
    - Martha – CLDXF is an exchange format that is backed by the FGDC standard. It is a call record status and not a database standard like FGDC.
    - Andy – The data is in the NENA data model, not CLDXF. NENA is adopting a full data model that includes more than the CLDXF.
    - Lynda – This will be a long process, to identify what data users are looking for.
- New recommendations:
  - Place names – One name for each place name type, no more.
  - Add Urbanization as a place name type for Puerto Rico.
- Next Steps:
  - Submit White Paper – 'Additional NAD Capabilities Supported by Recommended New Content' to the subcommittee.
  - Finalize Content Subgroup Report (including data item descriptions and crosswalk).
  - Collaborate with Workflow Subgroup on integrating both groups' recommendations.

**Workflow Subgroup Update:** Matt Zimolzak

- The Address Content Subgroup provided comments to the Workflow Validation Matrix. We will send responses to those comments shortly.

**USPS ZIP Codes for the NAD:** Matt Zimolzak

- Liz Flake is now the NAD point of contact at USPS.
- USPS is going to work with NAD v3 to append USPS ZIP Codes to NAD addresses.

**Action Items**

- Send the White Paper Supplement to Address Subcommittee after Steve and Lynda review – Dave Cackowski.
- Continue meetings with U.S. Postal Service on ZIP Codes for the NAD – Matt Zimolzak, Dave Cackowski
- Release the Address Content white paper to the subcommittee – Dave Cackowski.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, January 8, 2019 at 11am ET.