UAF Master Plan Committee (MPC) Report

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The meeting notes, once available, will include further information. http://www.uaf.edu/mastplan/committee/meetings/agendas/2012-2013/

We now have a new chair, Joshua Greenberg of the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences

UAF Trails Plan

Chancellor Rogers joined us and requested we investigate doing a UAF wide trails plan, including connectors to off campus. Pete Fix, Chair of the North Campus Committee shared a presentation documenting the efforts in this regard with North Campus in 2004. It was also noted that there was a consultant bike plan for FNSB that included UAF as well as a student study performed earlier this year for campus only. These are all helpful. The chair requested volunteers to serve on a task force to clarify further steps.

Terrain Park

Vice Chancellor Sfraga outlined the latest plans for the terrain park on the field below the greenhouse and museum. The professional Terrain Council is advising UAF. It is the hope that UAF can have basic jumps and slides in place for this winter, with lighting, half-pipe and rope tow in future years. There will be a yurt to provide a location for monitoring and safety. Parking would be at Butrovich and Museum parking lots. There is no charge anticipated for students with other users some nominal fee to be determined.

Roller Ski Loop

Vice Chancellor Sfraga presented a concept plan for a summertime roller ski loop between Farmers Loop and N. Tanana Loop. It was anticipated to be a privately built and maintained facility. More info to follow in future meetings.

Solar Array

Briefly discussed by the Chancellor was an opportunity to partner with a company to install a large solar array directly downhill from the Butrovich Building. The MPC was asked primarily if there were any objections to placement of such an array in this location before the administration would proceed further. There were none.

Verizon Antenna and Hut
Facilities Services has been working with Verizon on placement of an antenna and related infrastructure on AHRB. The latest plan was to have the antenna near the SE corner of the AHRB penthouse with a small hut to house electronics and battery backup on the east side of AHRB and screened. The MPC, with some questions about co-location and asking if there was room inside the building in lieu of the hut (there wasn't) had no objections.

**Lighting Plan**

A consultant has been hired to develop a campus outdoor lighting plan. There was extended discussion on details about considerations for a cost effective, aesthetic plan. Besides their own survey, we suggested that the consultant do a campuswide user survey to determine where there might be issues or opportunities.

**Facilities Report**

The detour at SRC on Tanana Loop should be removed back to the regular road by end of September. The Nenana Lot is mostly open, though some additional contractor work will be completed on weekends.

SRC area grading will be completed in October, including the sliding hill.

A Life Sciences Building sewer line had to be dug up and regraded due to a contractor error, however Koyukuk Drive should be reopened very soon [it was on a check the same day]

**Campus Landscaping**

No report

**Art on Campus**

No meeting, but Da-ka-xeen noted the rehab and placement of the Kipp Lyman sculpture outside the Fine Arts Complex.

We also agreed to make a link to the Troth Yeddha’ plan from the MPC page.

**North Campus**

The ASF/NASA antenna project will be closing down as of the 3rd week of October and restarting with the arrival of the dish in April 2013.

The archery range project is on hold for more safety evaluation of the berm, fencing and removal of abandoned equipment in the area. Opening perhaps summer 2013.

Mileage markers for some of the ski trails were proposed by Mark Oldmixon. More info on design and placement to follow.
It was noted that the UAF mobile app will show trail users where they are located on the trails with smartphones.

North Campus Subcommittee is soliciting for a non-West Ridge faculty member.

Transitional lighting from well illuminated to non-illuminated areas of our trails was discussed, more options to follow.

Public Comments

Brad Krick asked when the walking path would be stabilized between campus across the Fairbanks St. Bridge, as it has been disrupted for numerous projects. FS architect Jonathan Shambare indicated very soon, but would check with Tom Pascoe, project manager.

Brad Krick asked that consideration be made when establishing ADA access to buildings under construction as the workarounds have been very difficult for ADA users to accommodate, including the lack of driveable pickups at Constitution Hall during inclement weather. The latter was referred to Martin Klein.

Next Meeting

Next MPC meeting will be Sept. 27, 2012 at IARC 417.