UAF Master Plan Committee (MPC) Report

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By Gary Newman

I can happily report that our meeting notes for FY 13 are now being populated at: http://www.uaf.edu/mastplan/committee/meetings/agendas/2012-2013 However, the last two meeting’s notes have not yet been uploaded.

Membership

We still need an undergrad and grad student, plus a rural faculty member on MPC.

Terrain Park

Mark Oldmixon 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 starting Spring semester, 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. All will be expected to watch a safety video and operations manual being developed. Contact Oldmixon for further questions

Solar Photovoltaic project south of Butrovich

Siemens and UAF are working on an agreement to install a 1 mw solar electric installation below the Butrovich Building on a lease-option to buy. While specific financial terms are between the UAF administration and Siemens, the MPC redesignated the land area from current use to a new renewable utilities designation to allow this to proceed. Also discussed were landscaping, site aesthetics, and maintenance noting the challenges with vetch infestation.

Facilities Report

Design for Taku parking lot stairs appears to be about $500k, looking to reduce cost.

P3 (public-privae partnership) Dining facility Wood Center addition - Perkins and Will are main contractor and likely to start construction April –May 2013. Estimated to last 14 months.

Signage needed at the CTC Airport hangar, with Feb. 2012 occupancy

Street light LED project consultant pending

Roundabout design at Dysfunction Jct. went to Chancellor’s Cabinet who wanted more design work as too much money with either proposed design.
Gary requested a discussion of alternate traffic routing pending Tanana Loop 2 year closure for construction of the Engineering Bldg (and exacerbated by Wood Center construction) – this is on the agenda for the next meeting.

The ice rink in front of the hockey rink at SRC should be available soon, but no $ for boards to allow broomball. We reinforced it is NOT for hockey in any case.

**Campus Landscaping**

More info pending from the Geophysical Institute on placing a rocket in the plaza to the south of the G.I.

**Art on Campus**

No report

**North Campus**

The archery range project is close to placing a Connex with the overall plan developing.

ASF access to the dish(es) from the access road to the west of IARC is being insured with some no parking signs along the access to the ski trail.

**Trails Planning Group**

This ad hoc group met 11/7/12, inventory pending, with one meeting per month on a Wed from 10a-12p. Some question on what trails information from the FNSB might not be public.

**Public Comments**

Doug Maynes spoke about the challenges in finding parking close to buildings in central campus. He is a member of the Parking Advisory Committee, but they have few meetings.

**Next Meeting**

Next MPC meeting will be Dec. 6, 2012.