

**UAF Master Planning Committee
Agenda**

Thursday, April 1, 1999; 9 – 11 a.m.
Chancellor's Conference Room, Signers'
Hall

1. Chair's Report

Observations on little points that have big consequences:
ARR overpass at University Avenue. -
The spur line to service UAF must branch from the main line well to the west, before the RR grade begins to increase. This means that there will be two pairs of tracks at Fairbanks Street; the lower level spur line at about the present RR level and the upper-level main line that will be gaining in height as it gets closer to University Avenue. In addition to removing the Fairbanks bridge, there must be additional space for the spur line to the north of the main line. I presume this means that the grounds all along the RR will be impacted in some manner, and will seriously alter the landscape just to the north of the existing RR main line. It will be difficult for Facilities Services to offer plans as to how this area can be used in the future until the ARR makes key decisions about the University Avenue project. How does this impact us? I think in two ways; pedestrian traffic across the tracks at Fairbanks Street and any future entrance to the Noatak parking lot. Tony Johansen spoke of a possible pedestrian underpass at Fairbanks Street, but if my picture is correct, one will have to walk across the spur line tracks. These are not urgent issues at the moment, but they need to be recognized and folded into our long-term thinking and rewrite of the master plan.

2. Relocation of Dumpsters

Review present draft of recommendations and approve.
(Email draft distributed in advance.)

	<p>3. Smoking areas outside buildings Review present draft of recommendations and approve. (Email draft distributed in advance.)</p> <p>4. Committee on Non-Assignable Space Status of recommendations - Wells Review present draft of recommendations and approve</p> <p>5. Trails Committee proposal issue - Susan Todd Discussion.</p> <p>6. Building Designs and '91 Master Plan Draft statement on new building designs</p> <p>7. Bulletized '91 Master Plan Drafts for review</p>
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Notes

Members Present:

John Craven, Jake Poole, Kathleen Schedler, Bob Wheeler, Brian Barnes, Deb Wells, Mike Supkis, Susan Todd, Carter Howald, Rick Caulfield, Dan Flodin, Gary Copus, Chris Bennett

Absent:

Joe Trubacz

Handouts at the meeting:

- Draft MPC Recommendation Related to the Placement of Dumpsters and Garbage Receptacles on Campus (previously handed out on 03/18/99)

- Draft MPC Recommendation Related to Outside Smoking Areas near Buildings (previously handed out on 03/18/99)

1. Chair's Report

I presented several observations on pedestrian issues at the Fairbanks Street access after the street is closed and the ARR overpass at University Avenue causes the existing bridge to be removed. Kathleen Schedler responded with good news about recently discovered possibilities that UAF can go after federal money for such things as a pedestrian overpass. Safety is a key word in helping to gain funds. Overall, it would appear as if there is a renewed working relationship with DOT to do as much as possible to enhance the entrances (e.g., Loftus) and aid non-vehicular traffic.

2. Toolik Lake Issue

The NSF funding is via the PICO office at the U. of Nebraska. The Regents have approved the concept, with President Hamilton to give approvals. The scope of work is being developed and Kathleen expects MPC involvement.

3. Malfunction Junction Update — Kathleen Schedler

The budget to fully execute the work consistent with the MPC's recommendations is well above the funds available. Even just the roundabout without the pedestrian improvements is in excess of the available funds. An option within the administration is to try to do it in stages (phases), such as (1) complete basic roundabout, (2) do all associated road alignments, and (3) add the pedestrian-related improvements. DOT and UAF's consultant are working the stage 1 issue. It may be necessary to delay a year to collect the "financial forces."

4. Relocation of Dumpsters

The present draft was discussed and numerous suggestions made for improvements. Craven and Schedler will work these comments into a final draft for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Smoking areas outside buildings

The draft was discussed, several suggestions made for improvements, and the recommendation is to be forwarded to the chancellor. [Note: IARC just asked for a copy of the recommendations. Wanted to know if shelters were included!]

6. Committee on Non-Assignable Space

The committee will have a draft ready for the next meeting.

7. Trails Committee proposal issue - Susan Todd

A private citizen is offering money to provide winter road access to the interior of the North Campus ski trails off Sheep Creek. Susan just wanted to air the overall proposal and will take our initial comments back to the Trails Committee. Issues raised in the discussion include: cost of maintaining, conforming to UAF standards, lighting, emergency phone, snowmobiles gaining access. Question was raised as to why it couldn't be a simple pullout along Sheep Creek Road.

8. Building Designs and '91 Master Plan

The issue is driven by the placement and exterior design of the recently completed IARC building and the advancing plans for the next building, the museum addition. At least in the chair's opinion, there was no obvious serious attention paid to the existing '91 Master Plan and that IARC is an eyesore that degrades the aesthetic appearance of the campus as seen from the Geist Road/Parks Highway areas. The chair is concerned that the "signature" building envisioned for the museum addition will also be a fine building in itself, but not in association with the surrounding buildings and lands; fine building, wrong place. Kathleen Schedler provided useful information on the history leading up to the construction of IARC: initial belief in the administration that it wouldn't happen and when it did a director who forcefully overran any contrary opinions about the design. She also provided useful information on the administration's discussions with the museum architect intended to prevent this from reoccurring. Carol Adamczak is trying to schedule a meeting in June between the museum architect and the MPC. Overall, encouraging, but the MPC must develop some kind of collective view of campus architecture and incorporate words in the revised master plan that support such a view. Chancellor Lind has personally expressed great interest in the work of the MPC, so it is expected that strong administration support for MPC will continue.

9. Bulletized '91 Master Plan

Some initial drafts were presented, and it became clear that the committee's members still have several different views on the task. The committee will meet next week to further coordinate their efforts. Deb Well is chair for this "bulletizing" effort.

10. Report on SnoTRAC Meeting — Deb Wells

Deb is still digesting the information gained. This committee was created in response to the snowmobiler's belief that the statewide TRAC committee (working a statewide trails plan) was not sympathetic to their specific issues. These issues include dedicated snowmobile trails, trail access, liability on private and controlled lands.