UAF Master Planning Committee Agenda

Thursday, February 18, 1999; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room, Signers' Hall

- 1. Chair's Report Notes from previous meeting Winterpark Scheduling software
- 2. Discussion with Alaska DOT Tony Johansen, DOT/PF Regional Director (schedule permitting) Paul Prusak, DOT/PF Transportation Planner
- 3. Report on the GFCC's Trails Committee discussions "Summit" meeting on the 11th -(Craven, Poole, Wells) Legal issues - Joe Trubacz Risk management - Mike Supkis Snowmobile trails - Susan Todd
- 4. Committee report on the new construction at Poker Flat Research Range
- 5. Request for ice art on campus Howald
- 6. Relocation of Dumpsters Supkis
- 7. Smoking areas outside buildings Craven

Master Planning Committee Meeting

February 18, 1999 Notes

Members Present:

Rick Caulfield, John Craven, J. Carter Howald, Kathleen Schedler, Mike Supkis, Deb Wells, Chris Bennett, Joe Trubacz, Susan Todd and Dan Flodin

Absent:

Gary Copus, Jake Poole, and Bob Wheeler

Guests:

Tony Johansen, Alaska DOT/PF Regional Director, and Paul Prusak, DOT/PF Transportation Planner

Handouts at the meeting:

- Division of Planning, Facilities Services memos as follows:
 - "Support of a Cafe for Museum Expansion Project
 - "Next New Building Site"
- "Gruening Building Dumpsters Issue" color map
- "Trailworks" map from Scott Heidorn
- o DRAFT of Poker Flat Subcommittee report

1. Chair's Report

The proposers have withdrawn their Winterpark proposal.

[Note that since the withdrawal Brian Rogers has been named to the Board of Regents. jdc]

2. Discussion with Alaska DOT

Tony Johansen, DOT/PF Regional Director Paul Prusak, DOT/PF Transportation Planner

- Minor intersection work will be done this summer at Loftus and Geist, and a left-turn lane will be added at Fairbanks and Geist.
- It is back to square one with regard to the redesign of Geist Road.

We were presented with a copy of a '80s traffic study, which in part forms the basis for reopening the College entrance to UAF. Copies are being prepared for the MPC.

- There could be a benefit to retaining a one-way, downhill exit at Taku, as opposed to closing it completely.
- Security issues with regard to Fairbanks St. DOT will keep it open as long as
 possible for emergency vehicles, but construction of the University Ave.
 overpass by the ARR requires that the Fairbanks St. bridge be elevated; i.e.,
 be removed. The ARR supports the revised UAF entrance, and the
 construction of a pedestrian, bike underpass is to be considered so this
 traffic can continue to move to the campus from Fairbanks St.
- The fire service area issue is very visible.
- Milestones on Loftus entrance: construction funding in 2000; Sept 30 '00 to obligate federal funds. Schedule presumes a trouble-free environmental assessment.
- Milestones on University Ave. overpass: 2003 for design start, with about 4 years to design and construct. These are just best guesses at this point.
- There is a category for enhancements in all the road projects, so we want to keep that issue visible. Can it help the Alumni Association?
- Snowmobiles: unofficial AG's position is that they aren't part of the transportation corridor. The winter transportation study now underway will address the issue. Most money comes from the federal government and there are gray areas concerning eligibility. [Note, the issue of "legal" trails is important here, for the legal status must be determined before funding can be obtained. jdc]
- Round-abouts are "perfect" solutions, but grades at the approaches are a problem.
- May want to have another "open house" on the Loftus entrance proposal.
 We will watch for the opportunity. First, we need to receive the
 chancellor's recommendations that she has forwarded to Steve Titus and
 DOT needs to reach its next design stage. UAF should request a public
 meeting on campus. DOT will be happy to comply.

3. Committee report on the new construction at Poker Flat Research Range The committee reported on its site visit and its recommendation of support for the current plan was accepted by the MPC. It will be forwarded to the chancellor.

4. Request for ice art on campus - Howald

The issue of ice art is settled. As a temporary structure, the application goes directly to Kathleen Schedler at Facilities Services. The MPC is not involved.

5. Relocation of Dumpsters - Supkis

Draft recommendations were submitted and discussed. Members have until the next meeting to recommend changes to Supkis. Final approval is scheduled for the next meeting.

6. Smoking areas outside buildings - Craven

Draft recommendations were submitted and discussed. Members are encouraged to make recommendations to Craven. There will be additional discussions at the next meeting.

7. Toolik Lake Facility - Brian Barnes

This issue is at the Board of Regents. NSF wants to mainline it through the PICO office at the University of Nebraska. If so, we are out of the loop. It is not clear that we will ever be involved in this one.

8. Trails discussion

We did not get to this subject. It will be scheduled for the next meeting.