

**UAF Master Planning Committee  
Agenda**

January 12 & 13, 1999; 1-5 p.m.  
Duckering Building. Room 535

The intent of the two meetings is to reserve as much time as possible to make certain we finish critical items. We will meet no longer than is needed. We may find it useful to end the full meeting early on Tuesday (say 4 PM) and allow committees to meet and advance work we have done and/or do work in preparation for a Wednesday meeting. The agenda can be altered at the meeting to fit our needs. jdc

**BRING YOUR CAMPUS MAPS**

Chair's Report  
Existing committees

Presentation by Facilities Services on the Museum Addition - Carol Adamczak  
Discussion. Recommendations or committee to make recommendations to MPC.

Presentation by Facilities Services on New Construction at Poker Flat Research Range - Carol Adamczak  
Discussion. Recommendations or committee to make recommendations to MPC.  
Time critical issue.

College Road/University Avenue Entrance  
Report from Committee on Vehicular Traffic and Campus Entrances (Barnes, Craven, Flodin, Poole\*, Wells)  
Information from Kathleen Schedler on the entrance "arch"  
MPC Discussion  
Draft recommendations for the chancellor

Geist/Loftus Road Entrance  
The committee has not had time to

	<p>meet and formulate recommendations. We will discuss this issue and perhaps think on it overnight. If the MPC believes it is ready to make recommendations, then we will draft recommendations for the chancellor.</p> <p>South Campus Report from the Committee on U-Park/WV High School (Copus, Supkis, Wells*) MPC Discussion Draft recommendations for the chancellor</p> <p>Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce's Draft Letter on Trails Discussion Draft recommendations for the chancellor</p> <p>Committee on Non-Assignable Space Status of recommendations - Wells Discussion</p> <p>UAF Winter Park The committee has been assembled and Deb Wells will convene a first meeting to work on recommendations. I am trying to find out if there is an early deadline for this issue. Discussion</p> <p>Establish meeting schedule for the spring semester</p> <p>FYI The chancellor will be forwarding to us in early January the UAF capital improvements recommendations for the Board of Regents meeting in February. She wants us to review the list for any recommended alterations. You received a copy of last year's recommended capital projects at our August meeting. Please review it in preparation for this</p>
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	upcoming review. No action was required at this meeting
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## **Master Planning Committee Meeting**

January 12 & 13, 1999

Notes

### **Meeting Notes for January 12th**

#### **Members Present:**

Craven, Wells, Poole, Trubacz, Howald, Barnes, Bennett, Caulfield, Supkis, Copus and Flodin

#### **Absent:**

Schedler, Wheeler, Todd, Jensen, Repaczki

#### **Guest presenter:**

Carol Adamczak

#### **Handouts at the meeting:**

- Planning - Virtual Virtuosity in LA
- Sub-Committee report: Recommendations on West Valley/UPark views
- Museum Addition — Overall footprint for building, parking, etc.
- Poker Flat Research Range construction projects: Administration Center and Lidar Research Laboratory
- Sketch of proposed enhancements to the College Road entrance area
- Sketch of a proposed time/temperature UAF sign for the College Road entrance

#### **Chair's Report**

- Meeting notes for MPC Meeting of December 3, 1998. (in meeting packet)  
There were no recommended changes.

- Chancellor's reply to recommendations on PFRR road. (in meeting packet) Chancellor accepts recommendation and acknowledges importance of checklists to ensure that master planning elements are properly included in projects as they are developed.
- UAF Campus Master Planning Committees and Assignments (in meeting packet ) — DRAFT copy for corrections. Once developed MPC needs to review and concur in structure.
- Materials from Facilities Services: Kittelson & Associates technical memoranda on
  1. Tanana Loop Intersection Design, Review of the Campus Master Plan
  2. Tanana Loop Intersection Design Study, Conceptual Alternatives Descriptions. These materials are very helpful in understanding design considerations for the intersection at Lolla Tilly Commons.

**Presentation by Facilities Services on the Museum Addition - Carol Adamczak**

MPC had a useful discussion stimulated by the architect's diagram of the West Ridge area at and surrounding the proposed museum addition. Carol will send us a copy of her notes, we will append any additional comments from the MPC not captured in her notes, and return them to her. Comments included: concerns about the placement of new parking in prime building areas with south views from the West Ridge; entrance locations; staff parking; later abandonment of areas now under lease to the USGS; opening of North Tanana Drive from Kuskokwim Way to Sheenjek; and conflicts between campus pedestrian traffic and vehicular traffic associated with the museum addition. This is only a first look at what is being developed and does not represent the formal submission for MPC review and recommendations. It was very helpful, and we encourage Facilities Services to continue these advanced discussions on projects in advance of formal review.

**Presentation by Facilities Services on New Construction at Poker Flat Research Range - Carol Adamczak**

MPC committee members who previously reviewed the PFRR road have agreed to review these two new construction projects. The committee will make a site visit as soon as possible and submit their recommendations to the MPC. No significant issues were raised during the discussion. It was recommended that representatives from the user groups join the site visit to expedite answers to questions and speed completion of the committee's report. Questions were

raised about UAF signage (UAF presence) and a public information area at the entrance. The committee should keep these issues in mind.

### **College Road/University Avenue Entrance**

Report from Committee on Vehicular Traffic and Campus Entrances (Barnes, Craven, Flodin, Poole\*, Wells)

Kathleen Schedler provided information on the "arch" (in the meeting packet). There was an extended discussion of the arch, which was designed for this "main" campus entrance. I am to discuss the issue of the arch with the chancellor. Suggestions were made for improvements to the draft recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Committee on Traffic and Entrances" (in the meeting packet) and the draft recommendations for the chancellor (in the meeting packet). A revised draft will be prepared and distributed to MPC members electronically for final comments before submission to the chancellor.

### **Geist/Loftus Road Entrance**

Handouts in the meeting packet included the following:

- Letter to DOT assigning Steve Titus as the single point of contact;
- Map (color) outlining the present DOT alternates for the road;
- DOT letter that summarizes results of the public scoping meeting;
- Letter to DOT from Mike Supkis; and
- Memo to Jake Poole from John Craven — thoughts on the Geist/Loftus entrance.

The entrance issue was discussed at length and it was decided that we would benefit from discussions with Steve Titus on Wednesday before going any further.

### **South Campus**

The report from the Ad Hoc Committee on U-Park/WV High and the draft recommendations (in the meeting packet) was discussed at length. A revised letter with recommendation is to be prepared and distributed to MPC members electronically for final comments before submission to the chancellor.

### **Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce's Draft Letter on Trails**

The chancellor asked for the MPC's comments on the intent of the draft letter being considered by the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce (in the meeting

packet). There was a consensus that the MPC did not want to support any proposal resulting in increased snowmobile use within the UAF campus lands until it had prepared a comprehensive set of recommendations for all trail use. It is recognized that the whole topic of snowmobile use within the greater urban area needs to be resolved, and that we will benefit at some point in the near future from formal presentations that involve on-campus and community snowmobile users and other citizens, the fire department, and police department.

### **Committee on Non-Assignable Space**

Deb Wells outlined the present state of the draft recommendations, which are nearing completion. They are concerned with only circulation areas, one of the three kinds of non-assignable space: circulation, service, and mechanical.

### **UAF Winter Park**

While the question of appropriate use for UAF lands is foremost on the committee's mind, the consensus opinion is that there is no compelling reason at this time to reject consideration of the proposal: the MPC committee must wait for the full proposal. The committee recognizes that there are strong positive student-based reasons for supporting the proposal, but it also recognizes that there are important negative reasons; e.g., avoid subjecting the campus to additional non-UAF-related traffic, demands on infrastructure, and alteration of landscape. However, these issues are more properly addressed with access to detailed plans by the proposer as opposed to having to try to guess what might be contained within the proposal. An ad hoc committee has been established to review the proposal as soon as it is submitted to the MPC.

### **Establish meeting schedule for the spring semester**

All MPC members are to fill out the schedule form specifying times they are available for MPC meetings in the second semester.

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### **Meeting Notes for January 13th**

**Members Present:**

Craven, Wells, Supkis, Trubacz, Bennett, Todd, Flodin, Howard, Poole

**Absent:**

Copus, Schedler, Jensen, Repaczki, Wheeler, Barnes, Caulfield

**Handouts at the meeting:**

- Revision to Sub-committee memo on College Road/University Avenue Entrance
- Trails Committee list of planning alternatives and development issues

**Report by the Trails Committee — Susan Todd**

The Trails Committee continues to develop its long-term plan for multi-use trails on the UAF main campus. Susan summarized the present state of development using large color-coded maps for the several options (alternatives A, B, C, D, and E) as summarized in an accompanying handout. The Trails Committee's objective is to complete a unified plan for all trails near the end of the semester and submit it for MPC formal review. The importance keeping the MPC aware of key issues as they proceed was emphasized in order to avoid extra delays in our review due to major differences of opinion. They should never hesitate to share with the MPC their fundamental premises as they develop the plan. We agreed to make a distinction between pedestrian walkways and multi-user trails; we take care of sidewalks and paths in the main campus area that should be sidewalks, and they take care of the multi-user trails. In addition to recreational and alternate transportation routes, there may also be intercollegiate needs for training and competitive events.

**College Road/University Avenue Entrance****Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce's Draft Letter on Trails**

Yesterday's work was further considered and the draft recommendations revised.

**Geist/Loftus Road Entrance**

Numerous issues converge here and the MPC struggled continuously to focus on our obligation and avoid trying to act as design engineers. The MPC's obligation and objective are to recommend and support an overall plan for traffic movement on the UAF campus. This naturally includes easy access to the campus, ease of

motion within the campus, subject to pedestrian priorities, and limitations on use of the campus road system as shortcuts for other traffic. The MPC does not see those objectives as being greatly forwarded by the series of seemingly piecemeal improvements being undertaken and/or being considered, and would like to see the DOT and Facilities Services combine their means and objectives to gain a more comprehensive solution

The MPC is seriously concerned about the underlying motivations and planning for the Loftus Road project in that UAF is not the obvious principal beneficiary of the new entrance as presently envisioned by the DOT. That goes to the School Board, who in essence has hijacked Fairbanks Street and taken from UAF the entrance with the greatest potential for a MAIN entrance to the campus, certainly in its potential for visual impact. The committee requests that DOT be required to address the following question: Did the DOT fully consider the option shown in the 1991 Master Plan between pages 62 and 63, titled "Proposed Vehicular Circulation," or alternatives based on it? That is, retain Fairbanks Street as the entrance to UAF, place the new bridge as needed, and then UAF and DOT jointly solve the traffic congestion problems due to two converging entrances (off Fairbanks Street and College Road) and the infamous "malfunction junction" at Lolla Tilly Commons. If the answer is yes, what were the reasons for rejecting any such options, and if no, why not? Footprints of several of DOT proposed options indicate that the DOT took into account the present plan's zoning of the area south of the railroad tracks; the Master Plan was consulted. We understand that the Master Plan's proposed option is not well developed, but it could not have been included without some serious consideration somewhere. We encourage DOT and Facilities Services to work together in a new design. Further, we support the use of a round-about as a viable mechanism. However, their use places greater obligations on the DOT and Facilities Services to take care in planning for the movement of pedestrian and bicycle traffic, as two examples, around those areas. A new design may also impact the existing design for the upper part of the College Road entrance. The traffic problem is compounded by the as yet underdeveloped potential of the North Tanana Loop entrance.

The MPC also realizes that it must respond to the existing DOT options, though the committee is not enthused about the manner in which the DOT has brought the designs to this point of development. To that end, the MPC sees no option of worth other than that identified as Location 3 (light blue line) in diagram



UAF/NEW Geist Road Access, STP-0002(90)/60395 used at the Public Open House on November 19, 1998. This option connects the Loftus Road entrance to Tanana Loop near the SRC and the Noatak Drive intersection with Tanana Loop. This clearly has the potential for moving some part of the West Ridge traffic away from the main campus area. Difficulties introduced include the following: emergency response time for 22,000 people outside the university that will have to be mitigated, and a substantial impact on currently undeveloped land. The latter may be a area of concern at the federal level during their review. However, we have not been provided with any kind of a traffic study that addresses the question of overall traffic flow after the entire set of proposed revisions is completed. This contributes to the MPC's ambivalence towards the series of seemingly piecemeal improvements.