

**UAF Master Planning Committee
Agenda**

Thursday, February 3, 2000; 9 – 11
a.m.
Kayak Room, Rasmuson Library

Chair's report
Web page progress
Trails Committee's visit with FMT
Letter to provost on North Campus users
Liaison to the subcommittee on Standard
One for UAF Accreditation

UA Statewide's perspective on facilities
development
John Dickinson, Assist. To VP for Finance
New Building Sites Frank Williams, UAF
Vice Chancellor for Administrative
Services

Parking Issue - Kathleen Schedler

New Building - Frank Williams

Items Pending in Committee or by
Individual

- Recommendation on Non-assigned
Areas - Deb Wells
- Schedule plan for work on rewrite
of master plan - Deb Wells
- Check list for steps when bringing
issues to MPC - Kathleen Schedler
and John Craven

Issues by members not yet on agenda

- Siting of a new fire station. This
needs to be coordinated with item
on the siting of new buildings on
campus. The vehicular traffic
committee will also be interested
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- Status of planned Taku entrance
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Master Planning Committee Meeting

February 3, 2000

Notes

Members Present:

Stacey Banks (late), Brian Barnes, Chris Bennett, John Craven, Kathleen Schedler, Mike Supkis, Joe Trubacz, Deb Wells, and Bob Wheeler

Absent:

Terrence Cole, Rick Caulfield, Jake Poole, Dan Flodin, Ryan Tilbury, and Susan Todd

Guests:

John Dickinson, Statewide assistant to VP for finance, Aldona Jonaitis UAF museum director, Terry Kelly, UAF director for procurement and contract services, Gary Selinger, UA museum special projects manager, Frank Williams, UAF VC for administrative services

Handouts at the meeting:

- Viewgraphs from John Dickinson's presentation
- Arctic-Antarctica 2001, A Tribute to Planet Earth
- Antarctica 2001 Project, Technical Report

Chair's Report

Web site progress

I have received no suggestions for the web page. Work is progressing slowly and there is nothing online at this time.

Trails Committee's meeting with FMT

Kathleen Schedler reported that the FMT approved the vehicle barrier designs, so the only issue remaining before installation is location. The boardwalk design was returned to FS for additional work. I would expect that both these items must return to the MPC at a later date.

Letter to provost concerning the North Campus

The letter was delivered in time for this week's meeting of the Provost Council and should have been distributed to all deans and directors. I will distribute copies to all MPC members via email.

MPC liaison to the subcommittee on Standard One for UAF Accreditation Review

Deb Wells will serve as our representative on this subcommittee: Institutional Mission and Goals, Planning and Effectiveness. She has also replaced Carter Howald on the subcommittee for Standard Eight: Physical Resources.

New Mission Statement

I don't agree with a suggestion that the MPC get involved in the rewrite of the UAF Mission Statement at this early phase. Our best opportunity to make a contribution related to the MPC's areas of responsibility will be when the initial thrashing is over with the multiple versions being considered. [Note. On the day after our meeting I received a memo from the Chancellor's Office asking all advisor groups to consider the four drafts. I will put the subject on the agenda for the next meeting (February 17th) for your consideration. All comments are due in the Chancellor's Office on the 18th, however. This reinforces the need for individuals to forward their comments directly.]

Sample Master Plan

I have received a copy of the University of Iowa's updated Campus Planning Framework. Chris will make additional copies and you are urged to look through it, as it can be very helpful as a follow-up to the visit by Earle Whittington.

UA Statewide's Perspective on Facilities Development

John Dickinson (Assist. To VP for Finance) provided an overview of the larger issue of UA facilities development, which includes as a part, our specialty, campus long-term planning. This talk demonstrates that Statewide is now taking a more

serious and active position with regard to planning, with the intention that planning will drive the budget process as opposed to the reverse.

New Building Sites

Frank Williams (UAF Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services) presented a folio of ideas created by Carter Howald last fall. We have asked for copies of the relevant viewgraphs for our records and to share with members not in attendance. Many of the building ideas are new, while Carter and others had casually mentioned others as part of past MPC discussions. Taken together, they represent an outstanding starting point for campus discussions about future building sites, and we should schedule time at an upcoming meeting to discuss these sites with members not in attendance at this meeting. This was not a trivial undertaking, and I am astonished that we have not seen these before today. They can form an integral part of the campus' long-term planning effort.

New Building #1

Frank Williams introduced the MPC to a concept being developed in Italy by a private company for an 18-hour concert simultaneously in the two polar regions as a tribute to Planet Earth. One of the interesting aspects is that the ~88-foot diameter building (shaped somewhat like two Frisbees glued together rim to rim) would remain on the site and given to the institute that welcomed it. The number of unknowns is significant, and as far as I can tell, Facilities Services has not yet had an opportunity to critically review the technical design. In the face of this rather surprising presentation, there was little the MPC could do but provide individual comments by those in attendance. I ask everyone to provide comments to me by email in the next several days so we can give a more thoughtful initial reaction to this issue. [Note. Since the meeting, Frank Williams provided to Statewide his first impression to this discussion, and I have attached a copy of his email as (Attachment #1 below) to these notes. You are urged to read this carefully and use it as an aid in formulating your comments to me.]

New Building #2

Frank Williams' second surprise was not totally unexpected, as we have heard unofficially here and there that some kind of activity was going on. However, this is the first formal presentation to the MPC about a Federal initiative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to build a 100,000 sq.ft. building. As I understand it, the USDA would retain title (that is a UA/UAF administrative issue) and what is

unclear is how much UAF faculty, staff, and student interaction would follow. How does it work with the UAF Mission Statement? The site location is an early issue and it is clear that the area south of the GI and IARC seems to be coveted. But do we give a prime location to an outside agency? Again, there are too many unknowns that all we could do was give first impressions, and those first impressions as gained by Frank Williams are contained in his email message to Chancellor Lind and Provost Reichardt (See Attachment #2 below). Again, I ask that you read his comments and provide me with your thoughts so we can provide as accurate a view as possible from the MPC in a short period. It now turns out that this initiative will not be discussed in Washington until later in the month or early next month, so we have time to more fully collect our thoughts at the next MPC meeting. I will see what I can do about gaining additional information before then.

Parking Issue

UAF Parking Services has initiated act to convert the Beluga Pad just to the south of the SRC into a 2-hour parking area. For those of us unfamiliar with the history of this bump in the landscape, a building once resided at that location. Because a change to how this area is utilized can have an impact on campus long-term planning as informally discussed by the MPC and contained within the '91 Master Plan, it is a subject for MPC discussion. It will be placed on the agenda for our next meeting. Meanwhile, some additional history has been uncovered, as provided here as Attachment #3 below.

Next Planned MPC Meeting

Thursday, February 17, 2000

9:00 — 11:0 AM, Kayak Room, Rasmuson Library

Items in Planning for Next Meeting

- A-A 2001 building
- USDA buildin
- Beluga Pad
- UAF Mission Statemen
- Mid February was the date given by trails for a trails report

Items Pending in Committee

Recommendation on Non-assigned Areas Deb Wells

Items from member for future discussion

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Attachment #1 to Meeting Notes

Frank William's First Impression of the MPC Discussion on A-A 2001 Building

Date: Thu, 3 Feb 2000 14:05:21 -0900

To: Jim Johnsen <snjrj@mail.alaska.edu>, craven@gi.alaska.edu

From: "Frank L. Williams" <frank@tech.engr.uaf.edu>

Subject: Arctic-Antarctic 2001 - a tribute to planet earth

CC: John Dickinson <snjld@mail.alaska.edu>, Kathleen Schedler<fnks@uaf.edu>

Jim,

The UAF Master Planning Committee was briefed on the proposed A-A 2001 project this morning. I handed out copies of both the general description and the more technical paper describing the 'spaceship' to be sited in Antarctica. The MPC was gracious in allowing open discussion of the proposal without advance materials being distributed. They were cognizant of the compressed time frame UAF/UA has for consideration of this overture.

In my opinion, the members did not fully capture the enthusiasm of the proposers or appreciate the full value of doing something like this in terms of drawing

attention to UAF and thereby generating excitement among the faculty, staff and students. However, members did see that there would be some possibilities, and many unanswered questions that could be big problems in making this happen. Even more so given the time frame.

There was a wide ranging discussion -- what would be appropriate for the functional use after the concert?, where might it be sited?, does the underlying message of 'humanity and green agenda rules' work in Fairbanks?, what are some basic conditions for us to accept this 'gift horse'?

Most talk so far points to it being used as an auditorium after the concert. We'd expect the conversion to such a venue to cost at least \$1mm in visualization equipment. We'd expect that to be part of the deal. There was some discussion of the building used as a research lab on campus or at a remote site but we couldn't figure out how to get the audience to Toolik Field Station in January.

Everyone seemed to agree that it would not be a good idea to site it near existing or planned buildings for obvious reasons of architectural incompatibility. So that would leave a site in the woods north of the Museum or across the road from the Student Activity Center. One other idea was to use the existing 12 acre site at the other end of Farmer's Loop. That would take away from the UAF presence in the project, but might work.

There are a lot of technical issues - code compliance (our fire marshal is now being briefed and will advise on code and occupancy issues including ADA compliance), what services will be required to support the building for the concert and afterwards, what is the expected lifetime of the building (it makes a lot of difference how we address the issues) - I don't see it as the normal 50 year structure - and our analysis of the soundness of the concept is greatly affected as well. There are statements about the structure only being able to withstand seismic zone 2 -- we are in a high zone — so it may be we can not do it all !!

There are fiscal issues --- in the second document you gave me - the more Technical side also included sections saying we would be paying for shipping of the building from Italy to here, and some of their staff to fabricate it, and a few other things? Then we'd need to figure out how to capitalize our building the foundation pillars, and when we would. How would we pay for O&M after the

concert. Kathleen's folks are looking into this, as a back of the envelop scoping exercise.

There are contract issues -- how are we going to come up with a deal on paper?, how would we address the Regents? I assume Dickinson would work with Linda Z and others from UAF and Statewide?

UAF buy in --- I don't know if the Chancellor or Provost even know about this project - I am letting them know by copy of this and with hardcopy of the two things you gave me.

Next steps -- ??? when are the champions from Italy coming back?

Quotes of the day --- "this is nuts!", " I love it"

Frank

Attachment #2 to Meeting Notes

Frank William's First Impression of the MPC Discussion on USDA Building Issue

Date: Thu, 3 Feb 2000 21:27:47 -0900

To: Marshall Lind <fnml2@uaf.edu>, fnpbr@uaf.edu

From: "Frank L. Williams" <frank@tech.engr.uaf.edu>

Subject: USDA - ARS building in the Federal Initiatives

CC: craven@gi.alaska.edu, Kathleen Schedler <fnks@uaf.edu>, John Dickinson<snjld@mail.alaska.edu>

Marshall and Paul,

At today's MPC, I brought up the USDA Building and greenhouse being proposed as a Federal Initiative. This got flagged by statewide, and inquiries made by them to Kathleen, me, Paul and perhaps others about the proposal. I only have seen a

fax copy of the initiative, but wanted the MPC to see it and make any comments they could even though it is really a huge difficulty for them to adequately consider such an un-defined concept that was only minutes old for them. They were very helpful given the circumstances.

You may know more than me about the proposal. This is the first I heard of it. The MPC had concerns about

- 1) siting for the building, where would it be?
- 2) the fact that the infrastructure on West Ridge will NOT support such a building without significant work on the delivery systems for steam, water, electricity, communications etc.
- 3) There have been no site studies ala traffic or parking impacts.
- 4) There is a lack of understand what the 'deal' with USDA would be in terms of who gets control of what parts of the building and how would various parts be built out for the university occupants.
- 5) Who would pay the O&M costs every year.
- 6) where did the \$40mm figure come from and what does it buy us?
- 7) where did the \$3mm figure come from for a greenhouse and what does that buy us?
- 8) where does this sit in our overall priority lists? what's lost if this wins?
- 9) are these the programs that bring in any research to warrant the building?

Thanks to the great accommodation of the committee, they have agreed to provide any more feedback to me in very short order.

I hope we can have something to say to Statewide before President Hamilton puts our federal initiative package on Senator Stevens' desk next week. Do you know when he leaves - I had thought he was going early, but it may be that he will be in D.C. later in the week?

Perhaps we can talk about this soon?

Frank

Attachment #3 to Meeting Notes

A Brief History Lesson on the Beluga Pan

Date: Fri, 4 Feb 2000 13:02:37 -0900

To: Terry Kelly <fntvk@uaf.edu>, Kathleen Schedler <fnks@uaf.edu>, JohnCraven <craven@gi.alaska.edu>

From: "Frank L. Williams" <williams@arsc.edu>

Subject: Fwd: History of Beluga Pad

This is what Nita found from our records. I don't know if history has to frame the future, but isn't there a saying about learning from it?

Frank

Date: Thu, 3 Feb 2000 14:43:25 -0900

To: Frank Williams <williams>

From: Nita Washburn <fyvcadm@polaris.admin.uaf.edu>

Subject: History of Beluga Pad

It was Spring of 1998 and Tim B. had identified some \$\$\$ that could be used for upgrading parking. Approximately five sites were suggested for upgrading. Tim did a drive-about and Deb Wells & Fred Sacco went along. One of the sites was the Beluga pad. It was discussed at FM and the following points were made:

- There is no power for headbolts
- The Athletic Dept wanted to keep it available for athletic activities, such as soccer, volleyball, or tennis
- Risk issue - pad is elevated and there are no guard rails
- Ramps would have to be made - too expensive
- There is no lighting - would have to install light poles
- Signage would have to be changed

- Would have to turn the existing WALKway (used only by emergency vehicles currently) into a roadway - widen and install sidewalks
- Decision made that this would not be cost effective per parking spot
- A cost analysis was done by the Physical Plant
- Chancellor did not want another "escalator" catastrophe
- Chancellor wanted input from the students before doing anything to this lot
- Decision made to turn the ash pit (West Nenana) into a visitor area for the SRC (this has been done)
- Final decision was that present parking is ample and upgrading was too expensive.
- West Eielson and South Eielson lots were both expanded

One suggestion that was not implemented was to expand the Patty Lot West end one more row to access the existing headbolts. This would add approximately 15-16 spaces.

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