This meeting was a special meeting primarily for presentation and review of the 50% Schematic Design Review of the UAF Museum Expansion Project.

John Craven was on travel, Deb Wells was in an automobile accident, J. Carter Howald chaired the meeting.

After a brief introduction by Aldona Jonaitis, the designer representing HGA/GDM, Joan Soranno of HGA presented the design concept and representative study site plans and massing model. The following main points were discussed:

1. Lighting at night...an important issue to consider.
2. Exterior building color...important, not white, may be a gold hue. Will be light color, want form to lift off the ground.
3. View to Alaska Range and fall alpine glow...concern that not enough line of sight, consider adjustments to capture, Deborah, Hess and Hayes views.
4. Concern with parking area, access, and distances. Avoid confusion, sign to identify.
5. Berms don't allow for decent vegetation growth. Quality of landscaping very important.
6. West door entrance important to retain, especially for special functions.
7. Bus turn-around is a concern. Need to rethink and offer alternate solutions.
8. Café is an additive bid item.
9. Cost per square foot is $345, existing building to be remodeled is 40,100 square feet, new construction is 34,600 square feet. Total budget, $27,000,000, $20 Million from fund raising, $7 Million from state for deferred maintenance problems.
10. Museum will keep raising money until goal is reached per Aldona Jonaitis.
11. Concerns with constructability regarding cantilevers and curved walls. Form will not wipe out function.
12. UAF Architect requested permission for photo of model for office wall. Aldona Jonaitis said photo would be OK, however project needs to be approved by Regents before public release.