Master Planning Committee Meeting
March 22, 2001
Notes

Members Present:
Chris Bennett, Cindy Branley, Deb Brownfield, John Craven, Clark Milne, Kathleen Schedler, Mike Supkis, Bob Wheeler

Absent:
Brodie Anderson, Brian Barnes, Rick Caulfield, Terrence Cole, Catharine Copass, Don Foley, Joe Trubacz

Guests:
Stan Justice, VP UAF Trails Club
Tim Stallard, Wood Center Outdoor Adventures Program

Handouts:
Draft 4; UAF Policy #2001-1, Off Road Vehicles, dated March 13, 2001

Chair's Report:
The chancellor has accepted our "Recommendation on a Comprehensive Analysis of Parking Needs" dated March 22, 2000. (date not in error)

Members Issues/Information: None

Status of Development of the new Master Plan
WRT will be back in 4 weeks and they are interested in extensive meetings with the Master Planning Working Group on Thursday or distributed over Thursday and Friday.

The communication committee of the MPWG wants campus photographs back by April 6. This effort is developing well.

The communications committee meets later today.

Recommendation on ATVs and snow-machines
The recommendation was reviewed, two minor adjustments made, and then accepted. The recommendation will be forwarded later today to the chancellor.

The chancellor has requested comments by next Monday on a draft policy for off-road vehicles on the UAF campus. The MPC is delighted that after two MPC recommendations and numerous other comments by the UAF community over the years, the administration is about to act. The committee discussed the draft policy at length and requested that a memo be forwarded to the chancellor outlining the committee's concerns. Main points include:

- Members of the MPC support the creation of formal policy statements.
- Needs a background section that identifies significant factors that warranted creation of this policy.
- The Policy Statement should state what the policy is and not why it is.
- Overall, it lacks clarity. It is loosely written; potential loopholes should be removed.
- By state law, a bike is a vehicle. They are also used off road.
- The word "trail bikes" appears to unambiguously identify a popular type of bike used by numerous students.
- A key word in the identification of vehicles should be "motorized."
- A policy number should contain the date effective; e.g., #00104-13-2001
- This draft policy should be well vetted by the UAF community; take more time and extract the flaws. The development of good policy takes time.
- The MPC is encouraging the reduction in negative signage on campus; there is a signage issue here.
- Members of the MPC support the subtle distinction made by Mike Supkis concerning enforcement of laws invoked by policy verses enforcement of policy.
Recommendation on building for "computational research and technology-enhanced instruction."

- A progress report was forwarded to the VCAS earlier but no reply has been received.
- Kathleen Schedler summarized the current state of progress, and assured committee members that while the time was getting close when a report would be appropriate for the MPC, it is not yet time. There will be options to consider.
- It was agreed that at the next meeting the work should focus on a simple set of general recommendations based on the MPC's view of the generic subject of the new buildings being considered.

History and present status of the trails plan
The MPC on June 15, 2000 passed the following motion:

Moved by Supkis, Seconded by Poole

"Move to incorporate the Trails Committee report of April 27, 2000 into the comprehensive campus planning activity now being initiated. The trail plan must fit with other components of the comprehensive plan, such as the campus circulation plan and buildings plan. Amendments may be added through submission to the MPC."

A request was made at the meeting by the trails committee chair to accept a revised version currently being prepared. It was agreed that it would be submitted to the members when available and a vote would be accepted by email. The motion to accept the later version failed for a lack of sufficient votes. Additionally, the requested list of modifications was not submitted. Hence, the April draft is the accepted draft for MPC work, but the later version is of interest to the committee if an electronic copy under MPC control can be obtained. Efforts to obtain an electronic version of that which is presently available on the web have not been successful at the dean level. Work is planned for the next MPC meeting. It was also learned that in the summer of 2000 new trails were made without MPC review.

Next MPC meetings
Thursday, April 5, 2001
9:00 — 11:00 AM, Chancellor's Conference Room

Regular MPC Meeting.
Thursday, April 19, 2001
TBD due to plans for extended meetings with WRT

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Meetings could extend into Friday

Committee of the Whole: Master Plan Working Group