

<p>UAF Master Planning Committee</p> <p>Thursday, February 6, 2003; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor’s Conference Room; Signers’ Hall Room 330</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and announcements 2. Informational presentation by Facilities Services—Steve Titus, DDC Including update on Tanana Loop and DOT STIP process 3. Update from MPC Subcommittee on North Campus Area—Rich Boone and Peter Fix 4. Update from MPC Subcommittee on Circulation and Parking—Chris Bennett 5. Review of draft MPC publications— Deb Brownfield 6. Discussion about potential MPC recommendation about ‘building user groups’ on campus 7. Other business 8. Adjournment
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Master Planning Committee Meeting

February 6, 2003

Notes

Members Present:

Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Brownfield, Luke Hopkins, Pat Holloway, Ian Olson, Patrick Lovejoy, Mike Supkis, Chris Bennett, Lydia Andersen, Terrence Cole, Gerry Plumley, Freda Williams, Clark Milne, Pamela Davis, Rich Seifert

Guest presenters:

Steve Titus (FS), Rich Boone, Peter Fix

Welcome and Announcements

The chair welcomed guests Steve Titus (Facilities Services), and Rich Boone and Peter Fix (MPC Subcommittee on North Campus Area). Luke Hopkins is joining the

MPC as an interim member until Kathleen Schedler returns to her position on a regular basis.

Presentation about MPC North Campus Subcommittee (NCS)

Rich Boone and Peter Fix gave a presentation about ongoing planning and outreach efforts of the NCS. Progress to date involves assembling and organizing use data and interviewing stakeholders about research, education, and recreation in the area. GIS software is being used to store information and to begin identifying user conflicts and resource protection issues. Interviews focus on current and anticipated uses and needs, possible conflicts with other uses, and reasons why the NCA is particularly important to the use under discussion.

The NCS is using this emerging database to define values for the area and to begin conceptualizing a management approach. In a preliminary form, the values are to protect the area's natural integrity, preserve access for multiple uses, and continue opportunities for public involvement over time. The management approach must fit with UAF's mission and master plan.

With defined values and a management approach in place, the NCS anticipates developing indicators and standards for various uses. Some issues likely to emerge include use of wetlands, impacts of uses on vegetation, access to research, education, and recreation, power requirements for various uses, future policies for supporting research.

A question emerged about processes for future decision-making (policy development, day-to-day management) for the area once the plan is in place. It was agreed that the NCS should develop some suggestions to the MPC about this topic as part of their overall recommendations.

The NCS intends to hold public meetings in late March to share information and gather ideas and suggestions. From this, preliminary recommendations for the area will be developed and forwarded to the MPC for consideration by late April.

Following the presentation, MPC members had questions about wetlands issues, access to the area, visual impacts of antennas and other research equipment, responsibilities for future management of the area, and planning for public involvement. They also encouraged the NCS to communicate with the existing

Arboretum Committee to discuss mutual concerns and to develop coordinated recommendations as necessary.

Discussion about Recommendations from MPC Subcommittee on Circulation and Parking

The MPC reviewed a recently received recommendation from the C&P subcommittee regarding West Ridge parking and circulation. The MPC discussed the recommendation briefly and agreed to develop a response at the next scheduled meeting on February 20.

Facilities Services Update about Ongoing Design and Construction (S. Titus)

Steve Titus of Facilities Services provided an update on current projects, including the utilidor, West Ridge Research Building (WRRB), BICS, Museum, USDA/Toolik staging area, and proposed Cold Climate Housing Research Center.

MPC Publications

Deb Brownfield and the MPC Executive Committee are working with University Relations to develop several publications: 1) a pocket guide to the campus master plan, 2) a more detailed brochure about the plan, and 3) a fact sheet about the MPC process. Development of additional fact sheets is anticipated for the MPC subcommittees on circulation and parking and North Campus area.

Discussion about Building User Committees

The chair invited comments on a possible MPC recommendation to the Chancellor about establishing “building user committees” to facilitate information flow about design, construction, and space issues affecting major buildings. After some discussion, MPC members and staff present indicated support in principle for the idea. A draft recommendation will be presented at the February 20 meeting. Deb Brownfield will also be discussing the idea with the Provost.