

<p><b>UAF Master Planning Committee</b></p> <p>Thursday, May 1, 2003; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome and announcements</li> <li>2. Informational presentation by Facilities Services-Steve Titus, DDC</li> <li>3. Opportunity for public comments</li> <li>4. Moore Hall antenna/equipment placement request</li> <li>5. Update on MPC-North Campus Subcommittee coordination meeting</li> <li>6. MPC meetings-summer schedule</li> <li>7. Other business</li> </ol>
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## **Master Planning Committee Meeting**

May 1, 2003

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### **Members Present:**

Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Brownfield, Luke Hopkins, Joe Hayes, Ian Olson, Patrick Lovejoy, Chris Bennett, Terrence Cole, Gerry Plumley, Freda Williams, Clark Milne, John Craven

### **Guests:**

Steve Titus, Lee Santoro (FNSB Planning), Gary Newman, Brandon Maitlen

### **Welcome and Announcements**

The chair welcomed members and noted approval by the Chancellor of MPC recommendation 03-02 about parking for West Ridge visitors during summer construction 2003. He also noted that the proposed bylaw change about public participation in MPC and subcommittee meetings is posted on the MPC website. Our bylaws require that it be posted there for 30 days prior to action on it.

ASUAF student representative on the MPC, Patrick Lovejoy, noted that he would be leaving the MPC as he moves on with his studies. He introduced Brandon Maitlen who is expressing interest in serving as a student representative on the MPC. The chair will consult with ASUAF about student representation and follow up with the Chancellor's Office about a new undergraduate student appointment to the MPC.

The chair noted the continuing work of MPC subcommittees on circulation and parking and on the North Campus Area (NCA). An ad hoc committee on landscaping is also meeting and working with consultants Wallace, Roberts, and Todd. As part of the plan for landscaping, two ad hoc working groups will meet in May to discuss the Lower Campus quad area and the West Ridge plaza. The meeting about the quad will be on May 8 from 9-noon in the Kayak Room, Rasmuson Library. The meeting about the WR plaza will be on May 22 in the Chancellor's Conference Room. These informal groups will bring forward our best and latest thinking about design of these areas consistent with the master plan. Results of the groups will be brought back to the MPC for full review and action.

### **Informational Presentation by Facilities Services - Steve Titus**

Steve Titus informed the MPC about ongoing and planned design and construction activities on campus. All major projects are on or ahead of schedule. Major construction includes West Ridge Research Building, utilidor project, Hutchinson Career Center, Museum, Power Plant, BICS site work, Fine Arts additions, and Thompson Drive (a DOT project). More information about each of these projects can be found on the FS/DDC website. A number of smaller renovation and code-improvement projects are also underway on campus.

Consideration is being given to construction of the BICS building in modules more closely tied to Arctic Health. Discussion focused on how to keep the user group informed about any changes in design and construction. FS indicated that it would communicate about any new developments or plan changes with the user group.

A public information session about West Ridge construction was held recently at the Natural Sciences Facility, by request of staff there. Turnout was small but information provided to all present.

### **Opportunity for Public Comments**

Consistent with the proposed bylaw change on public participation, the chair invited any public comments about items before the MPC. No comments were received.

### **Moore Hall Antenna/Equipment Placement Request**

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District sent a request to UAF asking to install a small array of antennas on Moore Hall in developing high-speed Internet access to nearby schools. The project would be constructed in summer 2004 and would be in place indefinitely. In keeping with our process for reviewing antenna requests (see MPC website), we asked FS/DDC to review it from a technical standpoint.

FS/DDC reports that it has no objection to the request on technical grounds but recommends certain stipulations if approved by the MPC.

MPC members had a number of questions about the antenna request. These included consideration of alternative sites on or off campus and potential impacts on UAF facilities and community members. We are informed that Moore Hall is the only suitable site that has line-of-sight capacity from the nearby schools; other buildings on campus (e.g. NSF, IARC) have may present problems because of other equipment and uses on rooftops. Concern was also expressed about the FNSBSD taking responsibility for any impacts of this new installation on existing uses, and about the need for review of any modifications to this installation over time.

MPC members expressed general support for approving the request with FS stipulations, noting the public service/educational aspect to this request. However, the MPC asked for additional information and review on two points before making any recommendation. The first involves consultation with the Dean of Students about appropriate access to the Moore Hall roof by technicians; the concern here is security and safety. The second involves consultation with UAF's Computing and Communications staff about any possible conflict with existing wireless networks.

FS/DDC agreed to follow up on these points and to bring back an action item for a MPC recommendation at the May 15, 2003 meeting.

### **Update on MPC-North Campus Subcommittee Coordination Meeting**

Notes from a recent MPC-North Campus subcommittee coordination meeting were presented to MPC members. The chair reviewed its major points, including agreement amongst all meeting participants about a process for acting on proposed maintenance and development projects in the North Campus Area for summer 2003. In short, certain maintenance projects will proceed under FS's lead, as specified in the meeting notes. No new development projects will be undertaken until the North Campus subcommittee completes its plan and the MPC acts on its recommendations (expected fall 2003). Consistent with a MPC recommendation of May 2003, an interim coordination committee will continue to meet on an as-needed basis to address any North Campus Area issues.

The chair noted a recent resolution about Sheep Creek access to trails from the Nordic Ski Club (NSC). The resolution supports improving parking for access to Smith Lake and makes several recommendations. The NCA interim coordination committee agreed that it is premature to discuss construction of new parking until the NCA plan is approved. The MPC chair will write a response to the NSC thanking it for the resolution and explaining our planning process.

Related to this, the interim coordination committee agreed that FS should make inquiries with DOT to explore possibilities for improving safety of the existing paved pullout on Sheep Creek Road (near the new UAF sign). FS will bring this information back to the NCS for further discussion. Several MPC members noted that any changes or improvements to Smith Lake and the trail system from Sheep Creek Road should be undertaken systematically and with careful planning. The desire for improved access must be balanced with concerns about wetlands, impacts on Smith Lake and on research, future developments in the area by DOT and the Alaska Railroad, and other issues.

The chair also noted discussions at a recent MPC North Campus subcommittee meeting about completion of Tanana Loop. At that meeting, he underscored the MPC's commitment in principle to completion of Tanana Loop, including the section behind IARC. The MPC appreciates that there may well be conflicts with existing uses for research, recreation, and education. We look to the NCS to help identify what those might be, who the involved stakeholders are, and what

mitigation measures might be taken over time. At the earliest, we would expect design to be in FY05, so we have time to identify and address these issues.

Some discussion focused on a map recently produced by FS showing two alternative alignments for Tanana Loop behind IARC. As a result of input from IAB (Brian Barnes) and others, it seems useful to explore an Option C that would more closely follow the edge of the existing parking behind IARC. While MPC members expressed support for exploring this, they believe that it should only be done in a manner thoroughly consistent with data from options A and B; that is, that any Option C be developed with the same quality of engineering and other data as used in options A and B. The chair will explore with FS the possibility of developing an Option C consistent with this approach.

### **MPC Meetings - Summer Schedule**

MPC members agreed with a plan to meet once a month during summer 2003 on the last Thursday of June, July, and August, and also on an as-needed basis. The schedule for MPC meetings in summer will be: June 26, July 24, August 28. All meetings will be from 9-11am in the Chancellor's Conference Room, Signers' Hall.

### **Other Business**

Deb Brownfield reported about a conversation she had recently with a National Park Service representative about their potential interest in assisting UAF in planning for the identified open space adjacent to the Museum (old College Observatory site).

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 15, 9-11am, Chancellor's Conference Room