

<p>UAF Master Planning Committee</p> <p>Thursday, February 19, 2004; 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 on current design and construction activities 3. Opportunity for public comments 4. Update: MPC recommendations on circulation and parking 5. Presentation and discussion: BICS/Central Animal Facility design (Glen Kravitz, Facilities Services) 6. Other business 7. Adjourn
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Master Planning Committee Meeting

February 19, 2004

Notes

Members Present: Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Horner (vice-chair), Andy Angiak, Brett Biebuyck, Katie Murra, Luke Hopkins, John Craven, Terry Dowdy, Chris Bennett, Ian Olson

Guests: Stan Justice, Glen Kravitz, Gary Newman

Welcome and Introductions

The chair reviewed briefly progress made by subcommittees on North Campus Area, circulation and parking (C&P), and landscape and outdoor artwork (LOA).

The LOA subcommittee will hold an open forum on its draft plan on March 11, 4-6pm, Wood Center. Information about the plan will be placed on the web and announcements made through University Relations.

The previous MPC discussion about potential sites for a Public Policy/Congressional Office Replication building was well received. As discussions about this idea move forward, the MPC will be consulted regularly.

Facilities Services Presentation

Planning and construction moving ahead for a children's pond and garden at Georgeson Garden.

Power plant interior work continues and is nearly complete. The West Ridge utilidor is functional and USDA agricultural units are nearly finished.

The student services master planning process is moving ahead. A consultant was selected and a planning team will be working with them.

Construction at TVCC's facility for Allied Health (TVCC 4 th floor) is moving ahead on schedule. Hutchinson completion is also on schedule. Construction on an Integrated pest management facility in Palmer is underway. SFOS facility at Lena Point in Juneau remains in design, with user meetings being held to discuss scaling back to fit within budget.

FS is working on developing design standards for buildings.

DOT changed the schedule for Thompson Drive to an August 2005 completion.

MPC identified at a preliminary level several possible sites for a Public Policy building. Foremost is Taku parking lot site in conjunction with a parking garage. The other major possibility is off campus along Geist Road where the Moca Dan coffee drivethrough is located (it is on UA property).

West Ridge Research Building (WRRB) is on schedule; ARSC moving in early April. Labs are to be completed in early June.

Concept design for a Rasmuson Library reading room is moving ahead. It is consistent with Cornerstone Plaza planning. Funding would likely come from private fundraising.

Opportunity for Public Comments

A question was raised about whether design standards will come before the MPC? The MPC will ask Facilities Services to make overview presentation that links to main points in master plan, including exterior planning (textures, colors, panels), energy efficiency, and related topics.

Stan Justice and University Trails Club: A list of proposed trails maintenance projects has been submitted to the NCA subcommittee. Don Lokken submitted Nordic Ski Club comments on the same topic. The MPC chair noted that the MPC's ad hoc NCA management subcommittee would address these. This subcommittee addresses maintenance issues in the NCA pending completion of the NCA plan.

Luke Hopkins asked if there is any ongoing discussion about Sheep Creek Road parking for accessing trails? Stan Justice noted that there is discussion about a proposed new trail to link this parking area with Smith Lake but no action yet. This idea needs to be addressed in the forthcoming NCA draft plan.

Update on Circulation and Parking Study

Given formal MPC approval of the recommendations in this plan, the MPC Executive Committee was asked to incorporate all approved changes in the final document for printing. It was also suggested that the Executive Committee meet with the Chancellor to present the MPC's formal recommendation and to answer any questions he might have.

Discussion about New Central Animal Facility Design

The new Central Animal Facility (CAF) will be built north of the UA Museum. Funding is now approved by the Board of Regents; after the utilidor construction, approximately \$14M remains from GO bond.

The facility will be about 42,000 sq. feet and will be two stories with a basement. The site is one identified in the current UAF master plan and has advantages of being located near existing facilities and with possibilities for future expansion. The main entrance will be off of Sheenjek Drive.

Discussion initially focused on exterior design. Should it mirror the Museum or be distinctive? The general feeling was that it should not detract from the Museum in any way. Several members expressed the view that buildings on WR designed largely for research be gray while those largely for the general public (i.e. Museum) be white. The sense of MPC members was that the two color/two texture concept presented by Glen Kravitz was appropriate.

MPC members also discussed building location on the site and adjacent parking. A question was raised about why the preliminary design has a Sheenjek Drive entrance and parking area separate from the UA Museum? Suggestions were made to have a common entrance with the museum lot so that CAF parking complements Museum parking expansion plans. It is also important to include landscaping in the CAF plan, as called for in the current master plan. Members also called for attention to developing sidewalks adjacent to CAF and the Museum that connect with NSF and with other West Ridge facilities.

The MPC would like to be involved in ongoing design discussions. It was suggested that Carol Adamczak attend a future MPC meeting to discuss the relationship between UA Museum design and the CAF.

Other Business

A question was raised about legislation in Juneau impacting the 1% for art program. Concern was expressed that UA may be attempting to opt out of the 1% for art program.

Members expressed interest in an update on the proposed Yankovitch bike path. What is its status? Is it on the Fairbanks project list?

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, March 4, 9-11am.