

<p><b>UAF Master Planning Committee</b></p> <p>Thursday, January 8, 2004; 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 on current design and construction activities</li> <li>3. Opportunity for public comments</li> <li>4. Presentation/update: Public Policy Building Preliminary Concept Study (Kathleen Schedler/Mike Shuetz)</li> <li>5. Discussion/action: MPC review of draft circulation and parking plan recommendations</li> <li>6. Other business</li> <li>7. Adjourn</li> </ol>
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## **Master Planning Committee Meeting**

January 8, 2004

Notes

**Members Present :** Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Horner (vice-chair), Joe Hayes, Andy Angiak, Ian Olson, Lydia Andersen, Kathleen Schedler, Luke Hopkins, Bernardo Hernandez, Rich Seifert, John Craven, Terry Dowdy

**Guests:** Shirish Patil, Mike Shuetz, Gary Newman

### **Announcements**

The chair noted continued work of MPC subcommittees on circulation and parking, North Campus area, and (newly approved) campus landscaping and outdoor art.

**Update from Facilities Services about Campus Projects:** Kathleen Schedler

The utilidor is nearly completed. Museum construction continues, with steel work nearly done.

Design work is underway on the new BICS/CAF (Central Animal Facility) to be constructed north of the Museum. The Regents will act on a request for \$10M in construction funds at their February meeting. Two user committees are established for BICS/CAF: one for research, the other teaching.

The West Ridge Research Building (WRRB) is nearing completion. Arctic Region Supercomputing Center expects to move in in April.

Other projects nearing completion are Wood Center and Hutchinson Career Center. The credit union has moved to Wood Center. Funding is available for completion of a new floor in Tanana Valley Campus Center.

Facilities Services is looking for feedback about new prototype signs on campus. Discussion focused on informing the campus community about these through publications and on the UAF website. Members expressed appreciation for the overall design but noted that some are difficult to read with frost on them.

Kathleen Schedler noted a question about naming of buildings and building projects. The BOR is responsible for naming major structures, but often buildings have a functional (construction) name that lasts for many years. Examples are the Natural Sciences Facility and WRRB. She invites discussion about MPC involvement in developing these functional names that can be used until the Regents take action in naming a particular building.

Planning is moving ahead for further landscaping of the West Ridge mall. Kathleen met with Professor Packee about some ideas for developing discrete plantings in the area. Facilities Services will bring all ideas to the landscaping committee this spring for review. It was suggested that WR users be informed about plans for landscaping by means of a poster or flyer sometime this spring.

**Public Comments** (limited to 3 minutes)

Gary Newman asked for clarification about what work would be done in the TVCC building. The response was that the work is focusing on partial renovation of the 4th floor for Allied Health (dental and CHAP).

## **Update/Discussion about Proposed Public Policy Building**

The proposed public policy building is one that would combine archives and office replications for Senator F. Murkowski and Rep. Young. Such a building would be constructed to a significant degree with funds raised privately. The MPC understands that the university administration is receptive to this proposal with the understanding that it should make a significant contribution to UAF's overall mission. Outstanding questions include what other UAF facilities might be co-located with such a building? how important is proximity to library archives for this facility?

Facilities Services presented some initial location ideas and potential design features for MPC consideration. The MPC previously identified the Taku parking lot site (an identified building site in the UAF Campus Master Plan) as a potential location.

Five potential locations were identified in this preliminary study:

1. Taku Lot
2. South of MBS dorm complex (south of Yukon Drive)
3. West of Natural Sciences Facility (north of Yukon Drive)
4. North of new roundabout intersection at Thompson Drive
5. Corner of Thompson Drive and Geist Road (on UA trust lands)

MPC members provided these comments about each site:

Site 1: High priority for consideration. Concept is fully consistent with UAF Campus Master Plan. Having heated facility on top of a "cold" structure may be ideal given soil issues. Relatively high cost. Adjacent to existing library and archives in high traffic area. Must look at adjacent access to library and location of nearby transit center for shuttle buses. Should be considered in light of need for a 'one-stop-shop' for registration.

Site 2: Medium priority for consideration. Should be designed with adjacency to student dorms and pedestrian links between SRC/Patty Gym and MBS complex in mind. Concern about parking and problem of attracting vehicle traffic to central part of campus.

Site 3: Not recommended for further consideration. This is a prime site for future expansion of NSF or for another large building.

Site 4: Low priority for consideration. Building site not included in current UAF Campus Master Plan; area identified as open space. Perhaps could include co-location with a visitors center. May impact view of museum from Thompson Drive.

Site 5: Medium to high priority-the latter if co-located with KUAC or other appropriate facilities. Site may not be convenient for archives and may not have UAF identification.

Other sites identified for further study:

- A. Addition to existing library (perhaps using deck area to east of main Rasmuson Library?)
- B. Site 13 (UAF campus master plan; current Duckering Building parking lot)

### **Other Business**

The MPC intends to complete its final recommendations regarding circulation and parking study recommendations at its January 22 meeting.

### **Adjourn**