## **UAF Master Planning Committee**

Thursday, November 11, 2004; 9 – 11 a.m.

Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330

- 1. Welcome and announcements
  Report from subcommittees
- 2. Informational presentation by Facilities Services
- 3. Opportunity for public comments (3 minutes per person)
- 4. Discussion/action on Circulation and Parking recommendation (9:30am)
- Discussion about West Ridge/UA Museum/Troth Yeddha' park area planning
- 6. Discussion: FY05 implementation plan
- 7. Other business
- 8. Adjourn

# **Master Planning Committee Meeting**

November 11, 2004 Notes

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Horner (vice-chair), Steve Titus, Terrence Cole, Rich Boone, Chris Bennett, Cassie Mellon, Brett Biebuyck, Terry Dowdy, Ian Olson, Ann Ringstad, Joe Hayes, Bernardo Hernandez

**GUESTS:** John Alden, Stan Justice

# **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

### **REPORT FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:**

<u>North Campus Subcommittee</u>: The North Campus Subcommittee is meeting regularly and focusing on a proposal from the Geophysical Institute for winter access to the SAR antenna. It is also working on producing an official trails map for the NC area.

<u>Campus Landscape and Outdoor Artwork</u>: The subcommittee is meeting weekly to discuss West Ridge Plaza, Cornerstone Plaza and other issues.

<u>Circulation and Parking Subcommittee</u>: The subcommittee is meeting every two weeks to develop recommendations about parking and transportation fees and a new recommendation on West Ridge parking improvements.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Stan Justice expressed concerns about impacts on ski trails if winter access by wheeled vehicles is allowed to the SAR antenna.

### CIRCULATION AND PARKING RECOMMENDATION

The CPS is developing three recommendations. The first is about parking and transportation fees for AY2005-6. The second has to do with adding more spaces with parking meters. A third proposes staged implementation of the premium lot as an eventual substitute for gold decal spaces.

The subcommittee discussed all three proposals, inviting MPC input. Discussion focused on the obligation for parking to pay its own way on campus as a recharge unit. Current budget scenarios reveal that Parking Services will increasingly operate at a loss in coming years without an increase. Parking costs at UAF remain low compared to comparable universities. All MPC members recognize that rising parking and transportation costs are of concern to many on campus. Whatever action is taken, a proactive public information campaign is needed to explain the rationale for changes and plans for continual improvement in parking and circulation.

After considerable discussion, agreement was reached to hold a special MPC meeting on November 18 to focus more closely on these issues and to act on the proposed recommendations from the CPS.

# WEST RIDGE DEVELOPMENT: BICS CONSTRUCTION AND UTILITY NEEDS

The MPC discussed BICS related building plans on West Ridge and related utility needs. A new utility center of some sort is required for new construction on West Ridge. From an engineering standpoint it would be best located on or immediately adjacent to the utilidor. Potential locations are still being discussed.

One suggested location was in the open space adjacent to the UA Museum of the North, also under consideration as a Troth Yeddha' Park. Some MPC members expressed concern about considering such a location given conflicts with campus master plan and because of MPC support for a Troth Yeddha' Park.

**NEXT MPC MEETING:** A special meeting will be held November 18, 2004 to discuss circulation and parking recommendations.