

UAF Master Planning Committee Thursday, April 14, 2005; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330	No agenda available
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Master Planning Committee Meeting

April 14, 2005

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Horner (vice-chair), Rich Boone, Chris Bennett, Cassie Mellon, Brett Biebuyck, Ian Olson, Bernardo Hernandez, Gary Newman, Steve Titus, John Craven, Terry Dowdy, Joe Hayes

GUESTS: Shirish Patil, Luke Hopkins, Stan Justice

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The chair noted that Chancellor Jones had approved MPC recommendation 05-01 regarding the new campus entrance sign for Thompson Drive. He did so with the proviso that the sign will contain language noting UAF's status as a Land, Sea, and Space Grant University.

A memo is on the Chancellor's desk requesting appointment of new MPC subcommittee memberships. Action is expected on this soon.

MPC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Circulation and Parking Subcommittee (CPS—Shirish Patil):

Elements of the UAF circulation and parking plan are now being implemented, including installation of parking meters and implementation of a transportation fee.

New recommendations will be forthcoming soon about parking issues on West Ridge.

Informal discussions will take place soon about links between North Campus trails and the central area of campus. Those involved include members of the Circulation and Parking and North Campus subcommittees. Deb Horner volunteered to serve as a MPC representative in these discussions.

CPS chair Shirish Patil indicated that he will step down as chair at the end of the academic year given new commitments as Faculty Senate President-Elect.

North Campus Subcommittee (NCS—Rich Boone):

The NCS met recently and discussed three issues: Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre request to use North Campus, access to the ASF satellite dish, and trail use/access issues near the CIGO site.

The NCS recently approved a recommendation (with caveats) regarding the FST request to use a field north of the Range Road in North Campus for performances in summer 2005. The recommendation will be forwarded to the MPC.

Several open forums were held recently on campus about alternatives for accessing the ASF satellite dish. The NCS unanimously recommended upgrading the Farm Road. Facilities Services is currently reviewing costs and engineering questions related to this.

The NCS is exploring concerns about trail use near the CIGO site that may impact research. Among the alternatives under consideration are moving nearby trails, constructing a fence, or improving signage. Rich Boone and Luke Hopkins will continue discussions with CIGO staff and report back.

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Artwork (CLOA—Deb Horner):

The MPC viewed first iterations of a consultant's work in designing landscape for West Ridge Plaza and Cornerstone Plaza. Further refinements of these designs are expected in coming weeks.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION BY FACILITIES SERVICES

Steve Titus provided an update on current and proposed projects. Among these are the UA Museum of the North, Biological Research and Diagnostics (BIRD), Thompson Drive (a DOT project), a new chiller, and a utilities study. Discussion focused on pending capital funding requests and a possible bond package for Regents' review in June.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stan Justice noted the value of the North Campus Subcommittee and Manager in finding solutions for ASF access. He expressed hope that a successful solution can be found and implemented. He asked what would happen if funding could not be secured to implement a solution this summer or if work could not be completed before next winter.

Luke Hopkins noted that plowing is planned for April 19 to access the ASF antenna.

FAIRBANKS SHAKESPEARE THEATRE PROPOSAL FOR SUMMER 2005

Following a detailed presentation and discussion, the MPC approved unanimously the following recommendation (motion-Hernandez/second-Newman; vote 13-0-0):

The UAF Master Planning Committee approves in concept the proposal from FST to use the field north of the Range Road in the North Campus Area in summer 2005 subject to formal approval of the UA Land Management Office and the UAF Special Events Committee. The MPC makes this recommendation following the endorsement (with specific caveats) of the proposal by its NCS on April 4, 2005.

NEXT MPC MEETING: APRIL 28, 2005, 9-11AM, SIGNERS' HALL, CHANCELLOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM