## **UAF Master Planning Committee**

Thursday, December 9, 2004; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330

Welcome and announcements Chancellor's action on recent recommendations

Report on MPC subcommittee activities
Campus Landscape and Outdoor Artwork
Circulation and Parking
North Campus

Informational presentation by Facilities Services

Opportunity for public comments (3 minutes per person)

Update on Thompson Drive planning—Deb Horner

Discussion about Campus Life Master Planning—process and issues, Consultants from Brailsford and Dunlavey

Other business

Adjourn

# **Master Planning Committee Meeting**

December 9, 2004 Notes

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Horner (vice-chair), Terrence Cole, Rich Boone, Chris Bennett, Cassie Mellon, Brett Biebuyck, Ian Olson, Jake Poole, Bernardo Hernandez, Rich Seifert, Lydia Andersen, Wayne Don, Gary Newman

**GUESTS:** Stan Justice

### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Chancellor Jones notified the MPC that he has approved MPC 04-09 on parking and transportation fees for AY05-6 and MPC 04-10 on parking meters. In light of recent changes to MPC bylaws, Chancellor Jones has appointed Gary Newman as a MPC member, nominated by Staff Council.

#### MPC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Campus Landscape and Outdoor Artwork</u>: The subcommittee continues to meet regularly with a focus on West Ridge Plaza and Cornerstone Plaza. Discussions focus on adding indigenous plants in the former, while a historical theme is under consideration for the latter.

<u>Circulation and Parking Subcommittee</u>: No report

<u>North Campus Subcommittee</u>: The subcommittee is reviewing the proposal from GI for winter access to the SAR antenna. A recent subcommittee meeting, held in Wood Center, drew some 30 participants. Another subcommittee meeting will be held Friday to consider further action.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gary Newman: What is the status of hiring a NC manager? Answer: discussions continue about possibly hiring someone part-time. Funding is still being sought.

Stan Justice: Concern about proposal for winter access to SAR antenna using wheeled vehicles for maintenance and/or rescue. GI should explore all possible avenues for rescues using standard climbing techniques or an on-site mechanical lift. Alternatives to vehicle access that would negatively impact ski trails should be explored fully.

## **CAMPUS LIFE MASTER PLAN PROCESS**

A presentation was made to MPC by consultants from the firm Brailsford and Dunlavey. A public forum will be held today in Wood Center from 1-2pm. The primary focus of this study is on Wood Center dining, bookstore, and housing. Efforts have been used to seek student input using surveys, focus groups, and public forums.

New housing on campus would be costly and no funds are anticipated for this for the foreseeable future. Proposals for additions to Wood Center are moving forward, with possible additions of new dining areas, expanded ballroom facilities and other amenities, and a new bookstore. A final campus life master plan is now being developed for presentation to the Chancellor.

#### THOMPSON DRIVE SIGNAGE

Deb Horner discussed a user group s work on new signage along Thompson Drive and on Geist Road. Several possible designs were shared and discussed.

No action was taken.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MPC MEETING:** Thursday, January 8, 2005, Chancellor's Conference Room, Signers' Hall.