

UAF Master Planning Committee Thursday, February 17, 2005; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor’s Conference Room; Signers’ Hall Room 330	No agenda available
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Master Planning Committee Meeting

February 17, 2005

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Horner (vice-chair), Gary Newman, Steve Titus, Lydia Andersen, John Craven, Chris Bennett, Terry Dowdy, Rich Boone, Jake Poole, Cassie Mellon

GUESTS: Luke Hopkins

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Campus Landscape & Outdoor Art (CLOA) Deb Horner

CLOA met recently and is exploring funding options for design of West Ridge plaza. A document is being developed for the Rasmuson Library reading room. This will be used for potential fundraising.

DNR will be doing an urban tree management course for Facilities Services staff.

UAF’s strategic planning process is underway. This will include an analysis of achievements from the past plan, which will reference master planning efforts.

MPC members agree that the new plan needs to address campus master planning issues explicitly.

North Campus Subcommittee Rich Boone

Luke Hopkins chaired the recent meeting in Rich Boone's absence. Discussion focused on formally approving trails in the NC. There is a publication deadline in February for producing a map of official trails that can appear in fall UAF materials.

Luke brought together a working group to begin addressing the access issue to ASF antenna (see MPC recommendation 04-11). The intention is to bring forward a recommendation to NCS and MPC this spring. This would hopefully allow action to be taken on this during summer. A UAF student engineering design class is involved in the access route planning.

A third plowing took place for access to the ASF antenna; the longest duration to replace parts. The last scheduled plowing will be after spring break. The UAF fire truck made it up to the antenna without difficulty. Luke expressed appreciation to the UAF Fire Department and Edie Curry for their assistance. Public service announcements are also going out about the ski impacts. The trail continues to be useable during periods of plowed access but may only have a classic trail on this short stretch.

Thompson Drive User Committee

A plan is developing for signage at the entrance to Thompson Drive. The user committee now has a working design that it will bring forward to the MPC for formal approval. Public input about the proposed design will be sought.

Circulation and Parking Subcommittee

A meeting was held last week. There were three agenda items:

- 1) communication and education: two fact sheets are being developed for distribution related to parking and transportation fees
- 2) Campus Life plan: discussion about access to Wood Center.
- 3) An implementation plan for West Ridge parking is being discussed. The goal is to make a presentation about this to the MPC this semester. MPC members asked the subcommittee to consider visitor parking needs on West Ridge, particularly for those seeking to access the trail system.

FACILITIES SERVICES UPDATE - Steve Titus

Steve Titus provided an update on ongoing and new FS projects. For complete information, see <http://www.uaf.edu/fs/currentProjects.html>

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES EACH)

Luke Hopkins noted how impressed he was during a recent visit to University of Washington by the quality of student food service commons and gathering areas. He expressed hope that UAF could pay special attention to making these areas inviting and attractive in future planning and design.

MPC IMPLEMENTATION

Deb Horner presented an updated draft of the AY04-05 MPC implementation plan. The committee reviewed the second of three sections and expects to finalize it at its next meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MPC MEETING: March 3, 2005,
9-11am, Signers' Hall