

<p>UAF Master Planning Committee</p> <p>Thursday, February 3, 2005; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor’s Conference Room; Signers’ Hall Room 330</p>	<p>No agenda available</p>
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Master Planning Committee Meeting

February 3, 2005

Notes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Horner (vice-chair), Brett Biebuyck, Rich Seifert, Gary Newman, Ann Ringstad, Steve Titus, Lydia Andersen, Bernardo Hernandez, Joe Hayes, Terrence Cole

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Cassie Mellon, MPC graduate student member, initially indicated she had a class scheduling conflict that will make it impossible for her to attend MPC meetings this spring. Just after the meeting, she reported to the chair that she will be able to continue attending.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Campus Landscape & Outdoor Art (CLOA)—Deb Horner

CLOA met last week to continue discussions about landscaping in Cornerstone Plaza, focusing on historical themes. Professor Terrence Cole was an invited guest. Discussions also continue about landscaping for West Ridge Plaza and the proposed Troth Yeddha’ park.

North Campus Subcommittee—Rich Boone

Rich Boone was traveling and unavailable. The NCS will be meeting next week. Luke Hopkins, NC manager, is working closely with the NCS in reviewing proposals for NC activities and improvements. Concerns have been raised about the interim arrangement to maintain ski trails near the ASF satellite antenna. The concern is that the emergency plowing done recently left significant rocks in the trail when it

was restored. Luke is looking at options for improving the situation and also placing signs to inform skiers about the situation.

Steve Titus of FS/DDC will meet with Luke and Rich Boone to discuss next steps in reviewing options for separating road access needs to the antenna from skiing. It was agreed that FS should take the lead in this as called for in MPC recommendation 04-11, approved by Chancellor Jones.

Circulation and Parking Subcommittee

Shirish Patil and other subcommittee members were unavailable. The subcommittee is planning to meet soon and is looking at West Ridge parking issues, implementation of the gold decal lot concept on a trial basis, and parking issues associated with Campus Life Master Plan discussions (esp. near Wood Center).

Related planning activities:

Deb Horner noted that a decision was made recently to hold off on a student referendum about campus life facilities improvements, originally planned for April 2005. Not enough information exists yet about financial issues and about student needs.

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> DDC is working on projects in Palmer, Kotzebue, Nome, and Fort Yukon. At the upcoming Board of Regents meeting, proposals will be presented for approval of a central chiller for Lower Campus, and an intertie to GVEA service for emergency use. Design work is also underway to address cooling needs in Geophysical Institute. Lena Point/SFOS is in the capital budget but some reprogramming of space is underway given limited funding.

The UA Museum project continues to be behind schedule, but a fall 2005 opening is still the goal.

The Biological Research and Diagnostics Building (BiRD) project, north of the Museum, will continue in spring. Completion is anticipated in spring 2006. A

utilities study will be done with a special focus on West Ridge. It is necessary before further construction can take place given current capacity. It may be that a new energy center (heating/chiller) will be needed. The study should take about six months.

The State of Alaska is budgeting for a new virology building at UAF. It is in the Governor's budget for legislative review. A likely location is east of the new BiRD site.

Additional projects are underway in Hutchison, Constitution Hall, Downtown Center, and Patty Center.

THOMPSON DRIVE USER COMMITTEE

Deb Horner reported that the user committee met recently with Biesek Design, campus wayfinding consultants who will help design signage along Thompson Drive. The road is set to open in September 2005. Preliminary signage designs will be completed by February 2005 and available for review by the MPC.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES EACH)

There were no public comments offered.

MPC COMMUNICATIONS

Deb Horner, Luke Hopkins, and Gary Newman met as an ad hoc group to brainstorm strategies for improving MPC communications. A key need is an identified person to make routine MPC website updates in a timely way.

If this can be obtained, the group felt that the MPC chair and subcommittee chairs should post agendas of upcoming meetings at least two days in advance on the web so that interested parties can participate if they wish. Similarly, meeting notes and master plan updates can be posted as quickly as possible.

The chair noted the importance of having a close link between the MPC and University Relations for purposes of sharing important information with stakeholders and inviting public input.

MPC IMPLEMENTATION

Deb Horner presented an updated draft of the AY04-05 MPC implementation plan. The committee reviewed the first of three sections and anticipates completing this review and finalizing the document at its next meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MPC MEETING: February 17, 2005, 9-11am, Signers' Hall