UAF Master Planning Committee

Thursday, June 9, 2005; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330 No Agenda available

Master Planning Committee Meeting

June 9, 2005 Notes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deb Horner (vice-chair), Rich Boone, Chris Bennett, Brett Biebuyck, Gary Newman, Steve Titus, Terry Dowdy, John Craven, Joe Hayes, Ian Olson

GUESTS: Stan Justice, Scott Arko, Luke Hopkins

INTRODUCTION

Deb Horner chaired the meeting in Rick Caulfield's absence. She reported that neither of the two recommendations that were forwarded to the Chancellor's Cabinet had been approved as yet. Cabinet members had questions that needed to be clarified. It was later reported (June 13) that MPC recommendation 05-04 about a new ski trail was approved by Chancellor Jones.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Campus Landscaping and Outdoor Artwork Subcommittee:

Landscape subcommittee reports that the design for West Ridge Plaza is nearing completion. Informational displays will be provided during the first week of July at various locations on West Ridge and Wood Center. Conversations continue regarding the design of Cornerstone Plaza.

Circulation and Parking Subcommittee:

No new report.

North Campus Subcommittee:

North Campus report was given by Luke Hopkins. He has been working to determine the final location for version #7 of the options, which is a new trail south of the access road. Every effort will be made to keep as many trees as possible; there are already several areas with no trees due to cutting last year. Luke will be meeting with ski groups to finalize the actual route of #7. He is also working with Steve Titus to refine cost estimates, but they have not heard anything about allocation of funding for the project. Luke expects to have more information in two weeks.

Fairbanks Shakespeare Theater is about to sign the MOA for the use of the land north of the Range Road with anticipated move-in on Monday, June 13. The large group will not be there for some time, as they are currently on tour throughout the rest of the state. They will be using a minor electrical drop from Dan Osborne's research site. Finally, scheduled maintenance on North Campus has been started.

UPDATE ON FACILITIES

"Still building the Museum," was how Steve Titus put it! There was water damage to some of the collection in the basement due to an error on the contractor's part.

BiRD is moving along; the landscape in that area will change pretty quickly.

Paving is scheduled along Salcha Drive; the biggest impact will be that access to 3 parking lots (Eielson S and W and Signers) will be closed for 3 weeks. FS information staff are getting the word out throughout campus. Bids open on the project the week of 6/12.

The capital bill included funding for both Lena Pt. and Bristol Bay, so that gets both projects off the table. There is some money available for safety and compliance renovations. Deb Horner suggested that the sprinklering of AHRB west wing be completed, given that space will be coming available through both the BiRD and Virology projects.

Thompson Drive will be completed on or before August 15. The entrance sign will not be done until next year (as per D. Horner). It will be interesting to see how well the roundabout actually works. J. Craven asked about the areas where water is pooling – Steve indicated that it is not a design flaw, but rather some of the work in that area is not finished yet. Fairbanks St. will be closed at both ends to all traffic but pedestrian.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Stan Justice asked that the MPC support a quality ski trail of at 35-40' since it is intended to replace what will be "lost" to the access road. The trail is meant to accommodate two-way traffic

DRAFT MPC RECOMMENDATIONS ON WEST RIDGE PARKING

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the draft recommendations of the CPS to the MPC on West Ridge parking. Deb Horner indicated that she would write up the comments as edited, circulate them to the committee for final comment, and then they would be forwarded to the Chancellor's Cabinet.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deb indicated that there is a need to get a basic plat plan done for the R&D area south of the railroad tracks. The borough has expressed an interest in getting involved in some projects with the university that would be located in this area. There will be a meeting to discuss the issue further on Monday with key administrators and Terry Aldridge, FNSB Assembly member.

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NEXT SCHEDULED MPC MEETING:

June 23, 9-11am, Chancellor's Conference Room, Signers' Hall