

UAF Master Planning Committee Thursday, April 13, 2006; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330	No agenda available
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Master Planning Committee Meeting

April 13, 2006

Notes

Members present: C. Bennett, J. Hayes, D. Horner, R. Boone, L. Hopkins, C. Mellon, D. Braddock, L. Anderson, B. Krause, B. Biebucyk, G. Newman, K. Sikorski, S. Gilkey

Guests: Carol Lewis and Alan Tonne

1) Welcome and Introductions

D. Horner chaired the meeting in R. Caulfield's absence.

2) Subcommittee reports

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art:

D. Horner reported that the DNR grant proposal was not funded. DNR encouraged UAF to submit another proposal for \$500, but given the time and effort, it was decided that it was too little money for too much effort. The CLOA will probably submit another proposal next year.

Judyth Weir, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Development, has informed the CLOA that an estate donor has identified horticultural projects on campus to be funded through her estate. Both the West Ridge and Cornerstone projects were presented to the donor.

D. Horner met with both the Arbor Day Committee and the local chapter of the Society of American Foresters to determine if there are any collaborations related to campus landscape that might be possible. The Arbor Day Committee would like

to donate another tree to be planted this year; however, they will consider a fund raising project for a more ambitious project such as planting trees along a parking lot to create a better vegetative buffer. SAF is interested in providing silvicultural prescriptions for areas of campus to be designated.

A discussion about cleaning up certain forested areas on campus took place. R. Boone raised concerns regarding the thinning of tree stands around campus. Specifically, he is concerned about plans to thin the stand to the east of NSF. His concern is primarily that the thinning that was done last summer further to the east along Yukon Drive eliminated a lot of the understory. He uses the stand east of NSF as a teaching lab area and has concerns about how it is to be thinned. D. Horner indicated that she would share his concerns with the CLOA the following Thursday. Rich indicated that he felt several of the forest ecology faculty would be interested in having input on this issue.

L. Hopkins asked if the CLOA had ever discussed the notion of no net loss in trees. D. Horner indicated that they had not but that she would bring it up at the next meeting.

Circulation and Parking

C. Bennett informed the group that there had been no formal meeting since the last MPC meeting. However, members of the subcommittee had been walking the trails on campus as part of the effort to locate walking trails on North Campus as well as connector trails from the center of campus. R. Caulfield, R. Boone, L. Hopkins and C. Bennett believe that this plan must be a coordinated effort between the C&P and the NC Subcommittees. D. Horner suggested that CLOA should also have an opportunity to weigh in on the draft plan.

It was reported by Lydia Anderson that the situation with the FNSB bus route will most likely not be resolved until the next academic year.

North Campus

Luke Hopkins gave a report on North Campus activities. He believes that the deadline given by the Chancellor for a winter walking trails plan is not going to be met. 160 people responded to the survey on walking trails. A focus group with community and campus representation was used. Walkers were not interested in using, or taking over, the ski trails. The surveys have been useful, but this is a long

process. Of particular importance is the opportunity for students to have input on the suggested trails, which will not be feasible until the start of the '06 fall semester.

R. Boone indicated that the NC process is, indeed, working. The subcommittee is currently mediating a situation between two researchers!

3) Facilities Services Update

No one was present from Facilities Services, so there was no update.

4) Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

5) Briefing on Wayfinding and Signage Committee, and Student Referendum

L. Anderson gave a report on the Campus Life Master Plan project, specifically the upcoming student referendum vote. The vote has been pushed back to May 3 and 4. Students wrote the initiative and collected 512 signatures, well over the 300 required to put the matter to a referendum vote.

6) At this point, Dean Carol Lewis and Alan Tonne were given the floor to do a presentation on the AFES master plan. The presentation was informational in nature; no action was required on the part of the MPC. Dean Lewis will come back to the MPC when the plan has been finalized (anticipated late fall '06) for review and comment.

The floor was turned over to L. Anderson again after Dean Lewis' presentation. She reported that she was asked to serve on a Wayfinding and Signage Committee by Ed Foster, FS. Given that a plan was never finalized on W&S, this group is expected to come up with a plan. It was indicated that MPC should have review and comment on the draft plan, whenever that is completed. Some suggestions were made regarding signs on campus, since Lydia indicated that Ed Foster has some money to put toward signs this summer. One suggestion was to have a sign somewhere that indicates the CCHRC building; another was to get a double sided map at the Thompson Drive turnout, although there is a question about what budget pays for that. Since word is that the new entrance sign was not funded for this year, there are questions about who can pay for the campus

map. It is important to have a map at this location, however, even if the big entrance sign isn't completed this year.

7) Thompson Drive turnout signs

D. Horner provided copies of the interpretive signs that will be installed at the turnout on Thompson Drive. Unfortunately, she also reported that she had heard that the large entrance sign on Thompson Drive had not been funded for this year, along with the interpretive signs at the turnout. This needs to be confirmed.

8) Other

D. Horner encouraged members to go on the borough web site and make comments pertaining to the junkyard ordinance.

The next meeting will be on April 27, 2006.