

UAF Master Planning Committee Thursday, April 27, 2006; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor’s Conference Room; Signers’ Hall Room 330	1. Welcome and Introductions 2. Subcommittee reports Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art Circulation and Parking North Campus 3. Facilities Services Update 4. Public comment period 5. Walking Trails on Campus progress report 6. Other Next regularly scheduled meeting: Thursday, May 11, 2006
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Master Planning Committee Meeting

April 27, 2006

Notes

Members present: C. Bennett, J. Hayes, D. Horner, L. Hopkins, C. Mellon, B. Biebucyk, G. Newman, K. Sikorski, S. Titus, S. Arko, I. Olson

Guests: Ed Foster, Jake Poole

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 last meeting of the CLOA was spent discussing the upcoming tree inventory, including the type of information that would be gathered as well as the process. B. Wheeler expects to take approximately two weeks to complete the inventory, beginning in July.

Circulation and Parking

C. Bennett informed the group that Tim Bauer will be retiring from the university; therefore, his seat on the subcommittee will be vacated. Shirish Patil will be resigning from the committee as well. He has suggested that Dr. Khatanar be appointed; he has been serving on the Appeals Board for several years and is willing to transition to the CPS. Chris asked members to suggest a replacement for Tim; Deb Horner brought up that it might be good to find someone who is on the student services side of the house. Chris plans to follow up with Tim Barnett.

North Campus

Luke Hopkins indicated he is glad there is a NC plan. The subcommittee is currently reviewing permit requests, including negotiating in a conflict between overlapping research areas. The subcommittee is trying to apply proper separation between projects. Two other projects were approved. Members are also working on developing the summer maintenance plan, and then organizing the volunteer workers.

S. Titus asked how unauthorized research can happen on NC. L. Hopkins indicated that the project in question began prior to the approval of the NC plan and the permit process. He is confident that most researchers, deans and directors know about the permit process at this point.

3) Facilities Services Update

Steve Titus presented a comprehensive review of Facilities Services activities, including Museum, BiRD, Irving sprinkler, Elvey cooling (S. Arko asked about equipment on the roof that might vibrate – Steve assured him this had been addressed), Patty Gym, Bristol Bay, Kusko, water lines from Fairbanks St. wells, and Harper Building. He also indicated that the master plans for the rural campuses were finished.

4) Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

5) Walking trails on North Campus progress report

Luke Hopkins gave a detailed report on the actions to date by both the North Campus and Circulation and Parking Subcommittees to address the Chancellor's desire regarding creating walking trails on North Campus. He gave a background

sketch of the planning work that had been done up to the time the NC began sketching out a plan. At this point in time, the June 30 deadline that the Chancellor had set for developing the plan is seen as unrealistic. The timeline is simply too short to get all of the necessary input required to develop a solid plan.

Since trails on NC and trails on campus have different uses and characteristics, this aspect of trails on campus is going to be much more difficult to plan. For now, based on meetings with a core group representing the different interests, the preferred approach would be to develop a plan in different phases. Plan A would be to identify some walking trails on North Campus that can be designated as such for the coming winter season. Luke shared maps with some of the potential trails designated. The goal would be to designate these trails in existing areas, with a minimum of trail widening or clearing involved. Plan B would be to identify new trails in NC that could be for walking; Plan C would identify the connections to the main part of campus, both Lower and West Ridge, and Plan D would create or improve walking trails on campus proper. There are so many issues involved in creating the comprehensive trail plan for campus that this would appear to be the only realistic way to approach it. But most importantly, we need to develop a few trails for use this coming winter by walkers.

Members had a number of questions for Luke. However, D. Horner reminded members that the MPC should not become bogged down in the minutiae of planning the trails. Rather, they should await the final plan and then provide review and comment. Meanwhile, the core group will meet with the Chancellor to present their findings to date and assure him that they are progressing with due diligence.

6) Other

Ed Foster gave a quick rundown on the wayfinding group and their work. It was made clear that the group is working on where to put signs, as opposed to sign design. D. Horner asked if a campus map would be installed at the Thompson Drive turnout this summer. S. Titus said that is part of the overall Thompson corridor project and it has not been funded. L. Hopkins suggested that we should at least provide campus maps at the turnout for tourists. Ed Foster will install a post with maps at the turnout.

Joe Hayes asked what was happening with the business incubator project. Members felt that an update from someone who is knowledgeable about the project with the university should be invited to the next meeting to answer questions from the members and give an update.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00. The next meeting will be on May 11, 2006.