

<p><b>UAF Master Planning Committee</b></p> <p>Thursday, August 4, 2005; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor’s Conference Room; Signers’ Hall Room 330</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome and Introductions Update on MPC recommendation 05-05, WR parking</li> <li>2. Subcommittee reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art Circulation and Parking North Campus</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Facilities Services Update</li> <li>4. Public comment period (3 minutes/person)</li> <li>5. Subcommittee membership and chairs CPS chair</li> <li>6. Proposed Patty Ice Rink improvements</li> <li>6. USDA/ARS modular unit along Sheenjek Drive</li> <li>7. Draft letter regarding proposed research park concept planning</li> <li>8. Other</li> </ol>
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**Master Planning Committee Meeting**

August 4, 2005

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**PRESENT:** Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Horner, Ian Olson, Bernardo Hernandez, Ann Ringstad, Brett Biebuyck, Chris Bennett, Gary Newman, John Craven, Steve Titus

**GUESTS:** Luke Hopkins, North Campus Manager

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**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The chair noted that MPC 05-05, our recommendation on West Ridge parking, has been forwarded to the Chancellor for review.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art: The subcommittee will be holding an open forum on its planning efforts once the fall semester begins.

Circulation and Parking: The subcommittee met on August 3 to discuss parking and shuttle issues. They provided advice to Facilities Services about implementation of recommendations from the C&P plan regarding modification of the program of gold spaces.

North Campus: Luke Hopkins provided information about several open forums regarding design of a new ski trail on West Ridge. The next meeting will take place in September. Other topics on the subcommittee's agenda include a research permitting process and review of the Fairbanks Shakespeare Company use of North Campus.

Luke Hopkins reported that the Fairbanks Transportation Improvement Planning Committee is recommending use of funds in FY06 to design a bike path on university property along Yankovich and Miller Hill roads. No money for construction is included.

#### **FACILITIES SERVICES UPDATE**

Steve Titus reported that the UA Museum of the North anticipates a ribbon cutting on September 10, 2005. Construction continues.

Construction of the adjacent BiRD building north of the museum continues. UAF is expecting Regents approval on August 10 of state plans to build a new virology building north of BiRD (along Sheenjek Drive).

A number of other infrastructure improvements are underway on campus, including a new chiller and intertie to GVEA. FS is also working on creating master plans for all rural campuses within CRCD.

Anticipated FY06 capital projects include elevator improvements, code corrections, expansion of the Bristol Bay Campus, and construction of the new Lena Point facility in Juneau.

DOT expects to open Thompson Drive later in August. Once this happens, the Fairbanks Street overpass will be closed to vehicles. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic will continue.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

#### **DISCUSSION: SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS**

Based upon discussions with Circulation and Parking Subcommittee members on August 3, the chair proposed nominating Chris Bennett as the new chair of CPS for the next two years. Without objection, the MPC recommended forwarding her name to the Chancellor.

The chair asked all subcommittee chairs to review membership on their subcommittees so that new appointments can be made in anticipation of the new academic year.

#### **PROPOSED PATTY ICE RINK IMPROVEMENTS**

Steve Titus presented a proposal regarding improvements to Patty Ice Rink which were summarized in a memo of July 26, 2005. Funding for the improvements will come from bond revenues. The construction will take place in a site identified for future building in the campus master plan.

After hearing the presentation and discussion, the MPC voted unanimously to approve MPC recommendation 05-06 regarding Patty Ice Rink improvements. The motion to approve was made by Ann Ringstad and seconded by Bernardo Hernandez; the vote as 10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

#### **MODIFICATION OF USDA/ARS MODULAR BUILDING PLAN**

In 2004 the MPC approved a recommendation allowing USDA/ARS construction of a modular unit along Sheenjek Drive for service as an environmental chamber. The original proposal called for a 750 sq. foot footprint. Changes in design require that this now be 1500 sq. ft.

After discussion regarding this modification, the MPC expressed no objection to this change. The chair will inform Facilities Services by email about this decision.

#### **PROPOSED RESEARCH PARK**

The campus master plan calls for consideration of a research park in the area bounded by Geist Road, Fairbanks Street, Thompson Drive, and the ARR tracks.

Discussions are now underway about possible future development in that area, focusing in particular on one parcel adjacent to Geist Road.

The MPC reviewed a draft letter to the Chancellor expressing support for the concept of a research park and identifying topics that it believes must be considered as a concept plan for the area moves forward. The MPC believes that any conceptual planning should include the entire area under discussion (approximately 75 acres) rather than just a small portion of it.

After discussion, the MPC approved the letter (attached) and asked the chair to send it to Chancellor Jones.

**ADJOURNED—11:10AM**