

<p><b>UAF Master Planning Committee</b></p> <p>Thursday, February 2, 2006; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330</p>	<p>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS Circulation and Parking Subcommittee: North Campus Subcommittee: Campus Landscape and Outdoor Artwork: FACILITIES SERVICES UPDATE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES PER PERSON) UPDATE ON WEST RIDGE PLANNING</p>
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## **Master Planning Committee Meeting**

February 2, 2006

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Horner, Steve Titus, Cassie Mellon, Scott Arko, John Craven, Kathy Sikorski, Bill Krauss, Chris Bennett, Gary Newman, Kathleen Schedler, Ian Olson, Joe Hayes, Rich Seifert, Sven Gilkey

**Guests:** Clara Johnson, Lolly Carpluk, Luke Hopkins

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The chair introduced Scott Arko, Deputy Director of the Alaska Satellite Facility, who has been appointed by the Chancellor to serve on the MPC.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Circulation and Parking (Chris Bennett)—The subcommittee is meeting to review its implementation plan and is coordinating with North Campus Subcommittee about connecting trails between main campus and North Campus.

North Campus (Luke Hopkins, North Campus manager)—The subcommittee is working on a plan for North Campus walking trails with the intention of having a plan in place no later than June 2006. The planning effort includes inviting

community comments on its webpage, holding a focus group meeting, and having a public forum.

Luke Hopkins and Rich Boone met with CIGO staff and GI Director Roger Smith regarding trails in the vicinity of the CIGO site. They agree on the need to relocate an existing trail located within the 500-800' buffer surrounding the site. This will bring UAF into compliance with its contractual obligations.

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art (Deb Horner)—The subcommittee continues to work on design of West Ridge plaza. Discussions continue about having Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre hold its production this coming summer in the open space between the Museum and NSF.

### **FACILITIES SERVICES UPDATE**

Steve Titus of Facilities Service provided an update of current and planned projects. He shared some preliminary sketches of proposed additions to Patty Center that would accommodate a new team weight room for athletics.

He also provided an update about facilities plans now being developed for rural campuses. It was agreed that these plans should reflect the same major themes and topics as the plan for the Fairbanks campus to the greatest extent possible. Moreover, it was agreed that it will be beneficial for the MPC have a chance to discuss each plan and campus needs with Executive Dean Joseph and with the appropriate campus director. These discussions will be arranged during MPC meetings later in the semester.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments offered.

### **UPDATE: WEST RIDGE PLANNING & PROPOSED TROTH YEDDHA' PARK (Kathleen Schedler)**

Associate VC Kathleen Schedler provided an update about conceptual planning for the area on West Ridge between the UA Museum and the Natural Science Facility—an area identified in the approved campus master plan as open space. The MPC had previously recommended naming this area Troth Yeddha' park (see recommendation 04-06).

In light of this recommendation, Chancellor Lind and now Chancellor Jones recognized interest in establishing the park but also in accommodating a building site in the area. While there is no desire to build immediately to the east of the museum, a question remains about how to accommodate the desire to have open space in the area as well as provide a future building site. The area offers good soils for building and is in close proximity to the new utilidor.

Kathleen shared a preliminary sketch that identified three possible building sites between the NSF and Museum which together could total some 180,000 square feet. Earlier discussions had focused on identifying a single site that would accommodate a building of approximately 70,000 square feet. Kathleen emphasized that it is unlikely that any building would be constructed in this area in the foreseeable future—perhaps not for 20 years or more. That said, the question now is what dimensions would a Troth Yeddha' park have to meet the aspirations of the campus community for such a facility? The area identified on the preliminary sketch totaled about 2 acres.

MPC members discussed the approved campus master plan's vision for open space and the numerous other building sites identified in that plan. Discussions focused on possible site access, circulation and parking needs, the desire to complete Tanana Loop and reduce traffic on Yukon Drive, and the reality of needing a West Ridge utility facility in the same area. Members emphasized the importance of having attractive complimentary buildings in this area that blend well with surroundings and which look attractive from all points on campus, including the entrance at Thompson Drive. Others noted that this area is used by students for walking between West Ridge and central campus; it should remain inviting to pedestrians.

It was noted that the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Native Education (CACNE) is also looking at the desired elements for a Troth Yeddha' park and at the possibility of having a building nearby for Alaska Native studies and related programs. It expects to have this review completed within a month or so.

As a result of the discussion, Kathleen Schedler offered to take the comments provided as well as those from CACNE and incorporate them into a revised sketch for the area. This will be brought back to the MPC for review later this semester.

It was suggested that this revised sketch incorporate fully the CACNE's vision for Troth Yeddha' and that it include future circulation and parking needs, planned Tanana Loop access, and the likely location of a WR utility facility. It was also suggested that the sketch focus on a single site of some 70,000 square feet near the NSF rather than three sites totaling 180,000 square feet. This could be broadly consistent with the current master plan by maximizing available open space while still providing for Troth Yeddha' park and a significant future building site.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

A request was made to have an update about planning for the AFES/Georgeson Botanical Garden.

A question was raised about whether or not North Tanana Loop could be opened in winter. The Circulation and Parking Subcommittee will discuss this.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** February 16, 2006, 9-11am, Chancellor's Conference Room, Signers' Hall.