

UAF Master Planning Committee Thursday, January 19, 2006; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330	No agenda available
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Master Planning Committee Meeting

January 19, 2006

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Horner, Ian Olson, Cassie Mellon, Steve Titus, Lydia Anderson, Luke Hopkins, Joe Hayes, Bill Knauss, Doug Braddock, Rich Boone, Ann Ringstad

GUESTS: Luke Hopkins

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The chair noted that all MPC members should now have letters of appointment or reappointment from the Chancellor. He noted that Chancellor Jones appointed Scott Arko to the MPC. Scott is Director of the Alaska Satellite Facility (ASF).

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art: Deb Horner—The subcommittee continues to meet and is working on West Ridge plaza landscape design.

North Campus: Rich Boone/Luke Hopkins—The subcommittee is focusing on implementation of its plan relating to walking trails. The Chancellor has asked for action on this element by June. The subcommittee will be identifying potential walking trails (or additions to existing trails), have a focus group on the topic, and then develop recommendations for MPC review. When finalized, these will be forwarded to the Chancellor.

The subcommittee is also working on implementing a required trail realignment adjacent to the CIGO site. The university's contract with CIGO requires realignment of at least the Beaver Slide Trail. The subcommittee chair and NC manager recently met with the head of the Nordic Ski Club to discuss this and other matters of mutual interest. Possible realignment of a second trail is also being discussed but no decision has yet been made.

A question was raised about the respective roles of the NCS and the MPC in making recommendations about NC trails. It was agreed that realignment of the Beaver Slide Trail due to its proximity to the CIGO site must be done due to contractual obligations. The NCS will identify an appropriate realignment and inform Facilities Services about the work required to complete this. Facilities Services must review and supervise any work in the NC. Other modifications to the NC trail system—both realignments and new trails—should be developed as recommendations from the NCS to the MPC. The MPC will then review these and make its recommendation to the Chancellor.

Discussion is underway about fish stocking in Ballaine Lake. The subcommittee is collecting input about stocking itself—a longstanding practice in the lake—and also looking at impacts from intense public use related to fishing.

Facilities Services update—Steve Titus

Steve Titus provided an update about ongoing and planned design and construction activities. Current projects include the UA Museum of the North, BiRD and virology projects, Cold Climate Housing Research Center, Lena Point, and rural campus projects. For more information, see:

<http://www.uaf.edu/fs/currentprojects.html>

A question was raised about the status of discussions with the Borough about bus service to UAF. It was reported that the Borough is expects to modify its schedule to bring buses back to Wood Center.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments presented.

MPC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

Deb Horner reviewed the MPC's implementation plan for the 05-06 academic year. She is revising it to include the full array of action steps tied to the current UAF Campus Master Plan and to make it easier to read. A draft of the implementation plan will be sent to all members for review at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION: RESEARCH PARK PLANNING

The MPC briefly discussed the update about planning for the proposed research park presented at its last meeting. It looks forward to a full review of draft options once those are presented by the consultant.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Facilities Services requested the opportunity to update the MPC about planning for the West Ridge open space adjacent to the museum and NSF. We expect to have that at our next meeting on February 2.

NEXT MPC MEETING:

Thursday, February 2, 2006

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