UAF Master Planning Committee

Thursday, April 12, 2007; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330

- 1. Welcome and introductions
- Subcommittee reports
 Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art
 Circulation and Parking
 North Campus
- 3. Facilities Services Update: Marc Wohlford
- 4. Public comment period
- 5. Relocation of USDA complex: Jenny Campbell, DD&C/FS
- 6. BIOS update: Ann Ringstad
- 7. Other

Master Planning Committee Meeting

April 12, 2007 Notes

Members present: K. Sikorski, D. Horner, C. Bennett, L. Anderson, M. Wohlford, D. Braddock, J. Greenberg, J. Hayes, R. Boone, H. Nielsen, S. Arko, A. Ringstad

1) Welcome and Introductions

D. Horner chaired the meeting in R. Caulfield's absence. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

2) Subcommittee reports

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art:

D. Horner reported the latest developments relative to the West Ridge Plaza and design of the learning habitats. After a planning session with Bob Wheeler and Jan Dawe on 4/11, a decision was made to dedicate Learning Habitat A on the west end of the plaza to tree, shrub, herbaceous plants and wildflowers from the Russian Far East and other parts of Asia. Ed Foster has indicated that he will be able to complete the "Milepost" seating area, including installing the refurbished milepost sign. The seating area, soil preparation and actual planting will take most

of the summer.

Circulation and Parking

Chris Bennett reported that the subcommittee held their first meeting in a long time, as efforts have been primarily directed at working with the NCS on the plan for trails connections. The CPS will hold a public information session to make everyone aware of the proposed trail connections prior to the end of the semester.

North Campus

Rich Boone reported that the Ballaine Lake management ad hoc working group has been making good progress. All of the various stakeholders, including DOT and AKDF&G are participating. It is anticipated that the report will be finished by the end of the semester. NCS is also working on setting priorities for the coming summer maintenance work. There is a three page list of things to be done on NC in terms of maintenance; the subcommittee has prioritized the top eight for this coming season.

The pooch loop trails will be widened. Also, NCS has received many positive comments about the winter walking trails.

Rich said that the issue of the proposed McGoffin property subdivision has been a source of concern to many. He wanted to know if the University was going to take an official stand on the development. D. Horner indicated that UA Statewide Land Management was apparently drafting a statement. D.

Horner also indicated that, should the MPC choose to discuss the issue, she would need to excuse herself from any of those conversations due to her role as a commissioner on the FNSB Planning Commission.

Marc Wohlford, who is the UAF rep on the FMATS technical group, reported that the Miller Hill bike path was discussed at a recent meeting. Since the segment from Ballaine Rd. to Dalton Trail is considered the most dangerous section, that will be designed first. DOT will take the lead for calling together conversations relative to moving the route to the back of the farm.

3) Facilities Services Update

Marc Wohlford gave a comprehensive report on Facilities Services activities, including:

Watch out for gravel removal around campus

Lots of work is currently being bid

The sidewalk from NSF to the Museum will be improved this summer, including moving it back from the roadway

4) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5) Relocation of USDA complex - postponed until next meeting

6) BIOS update: Ann Ringstad

Ann Ringstad reported on the budget situation in Juneau. She encouraged everyone to do their part in writing to their legislators. It is difficult to tell whether or not there will be any funding for BIOS, but at least some of the legislators are acknowledging that it is UAF's turn.

7) Other

Deb Horner indicated that progress is being made on the CMP review. The small working group was meeting together right after the MPC meeting. R. Boone suggested that a new goal or action for the CMP would be to develop a sustainable campus plan for UAF.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00. The next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2007.