

UAF Master Planning Committee Thursday, May 10, 2007; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330	No agenda available
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Master Planning Committee Meeting

May 10, 2007

Notes

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

Guest: Pat Holloway

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 indicated that planning continues on the first of the learning habitat areas on West Ridge. Pat Holloway (guest) indicated that many of the species that are on the acquisition list will be very difficult to obtain.

The full subcommittee has not met for several weeks but will be meeting on the 17th.

Circulation and Parking

Chris Bennett reported that the subcommittee met. Martin Klein provided some updates on parking services activities. He has received very favorable comments about the parking kiosks. Emergency phones will be placed in the shuttle huts in the Taku, Nenana and Wood Center locations.

D. Horner reported that a campus map and the interpretive signs will be installed in the turnout area along Thompson Drive. M. Wohlford, when asked about the future of the entrance sign on Thompson Drive, said that a replica of the sign will be made out of ice next winter to give a sense of just how large the sign would be. He expects that it will be installed in summer of '08.

The FNSB will be lowering fees for the borough bus for students. They will also use some end of year funding to install a flat screen monitor in Wood Center with the borough bus information available on it.

Sharon McLeod-Everett has resigned from the C&P committee, so a new alumni rep on the committee will be appointed.

Everything that was forecast for the gold lots has come to pass. Parking Services intends to continue to slowly oversell the lots.

J. Hayes asked if parking fees had been set for next year. There was no information on this.

North Campus

At the most recent NCS meeting, Luke Hopkins gave a report on the main campus trails and the public presentations that were held. One issue that has come up is which trails will be "official," and do they require lighting. Risk Management is working with Luke on this issue.

Outdoor Days took place with about 750 K-12 students in attendance. There were some staging issues with all of the buses that need to be worked out before next year's event. On June 9th, Fairbanks Search and Rescue will be doing a mock rescue on NC. A. Ringstad will work on getting out an all-campus notification.

There is no existing Corps of Engineers permit for any of the wet areas in the NC. This will be required before some of the work on winter walking trails can commence.

Rich has received comments that the skiers love the winter walking trails – “they are great for skiing.” Hmmmmm. . .

Stan Justice presented a plan to repair the ski hut roof that will cost approximately 12K.

R. Boone anticipates that the working group that has been meeting about Ballaine Lake will be making a recommendation within a few weeks.

A proposal was made to consider widening the trail from Yankovich to West Ridge directly south of Yankovich. Parts of the trail are deeply rutted. Use of this trail will definitely be affected by the proposed development going in along Yankovich. D. Horner indicated that any planning for work on this trail should be done with this development in mind.

Rich Boone announced that he has resigned from the NCS, both as chair and a member. He believes that the committee has accomplished a lot in the several years that he served as chair. Pete Fix was unanimously approved by the NCS as the next chair; the recommendation will be made to the MPC for a vote at its next meeting. D. Horner thanked Rich for his service.

3) Facilities Services Update

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

Construction season began early this year due to weather conditions;

Sprinklers are going already throughout campus to encourage grass growth;

State has begun to dig the hole for the foundation for the Virology Building – Ghemm Co. wants to be complete by the end of '08;

Sheenjek Rd. closed from BiRD to the end for now; if BIOS funded, it will be closed for two years;

Psychology clinic is being built in Gruening;

BIOS information sessions are being conducted around campus – there is design momentum, and a minimum of 6M will keep the momentum going;

SNRAS greenhouse planning – met with the stakeholders to work on preliminary design;

AHRB renovation project is going out to bid.

4) Public Comment

Pat Holloway, SNRAS, made an appeal to MPC members to consider reserving approximately 90' to the west of the proposed SNRAS greenhouse on the south side of AHRB. Holloway indicated that this additional space would be needed in order for their work to be done.

5) MPC chair

D. Horner announced that Rich Boone has been appointed by Chancellor Jones to serve as the chair of the MPC for the coming year. Rick Caulfield has resigned as chair, effective July 1. He will remain on the committee as a regular member, however.

6) University of Minnesota tour

D. Horner provided a short PowerPoint presentation on her recent trip to the University of Minnesota.

7) Other

The next meeting will be scheduled for May 24, 2007 in the Chancellor's Conference Room.