UAF Master Planning Committee	
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Thursday, September 14, 2006; 9 – 11 a.m.	
Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall	
Room 330	

Master Planning Committee Meeting September 14, 2006 Notes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Horner, Doug Braddock, Scott Arko, Ann Ringstad, Joe Hayes, Lydia Anderson, Rich Boone, Gary Newman, Chris Bennett

ABSENT: Bill Krause, Kathleen Schedler, Hans Nielsen, Terrence Cole, Kathy Sikorski, Steve Titus, Sven Gilkey, Ian Olson, Rich Seifert, Luke Hopkins (ex officio)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The chair noted production of the new UAF Strategic Plan 2010. When the current master plan is updated in 2007 it will need to align with this new strategic plan.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art—Deb Horner: The subcommittee meets next week. It is involved in an ongoing inventory of trees on campus as well as tracking and maintaining outdoor artwork, in conjunction with Facilities Services.

Circulation and Parking—Chris Bennett: The subcommittee has not met recently but expects to do so next week. It is working on recommendations relating to trails on main campus that would link to those in North Campus.

North Campus—Rich Boone: The subcommittee has been meeting semi-regularly and is focused on planning for winter walking trails. Its goal is to have a plan for winter walking trails in place by the end of the calendar year. It currently has a

draft plan for modest increases in such trails that could perhaps be implemented this year. Funding for this or any other plan remains uncertain. The subcommittee intends to invite public input about this draft plan and then bring recommendations back to the MPC later this fall.

UPDATE ON MPC MEMBERSHIPS

The Chair noted that MPC member terms are from one to three years and that several terms expired officially in June 2006. He is working to develop nominations for the Chancellor's review and approval. He expects to bring a full set of nominations back to the next meeting. He is waiting for formal nominations from—among others—Staff Council and ASUAF.

Subcommittee nominations: North Campus needs a student representative and an educator to replace those who've left. Staff Council has recently put forward a nomination for Circulation and Parking.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (3 MINUTES/PERSON):

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

UPDATE ON UAF PARKING IMPLEMENTATION—MARTIN KLEIN

Assoc Director of Parking and Transportation Martin Klein provided an overview of parking and shuttle topics. He noted substantial improvements to parking lots, success in implementation of Gold Lots, and ongoing efforts to improve shuttle timing. A new bus has been added simply to shuttle back and forth between Wood Center and West Ridge. The FNSB bus is expected to stop once again at Wood Center beginning in November. It is expected that the Borough's bus will also stop on West Ridge.

Martin does not foresee any major changes to parking policies or practices in the coming year beyond those already in place.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION: RESEARCH PARK PLANNING

The MPC took up again discussion about the DOWL Engineers report focusing on the area proposed as a potential research park (bounded by Geist Road, Thompson Drive, ARR tracks, and Fairbanks Street). Members agreed that the MPC should gather more information about the pros and cons of recommending this area as a research park. Several raised questions and concerns about assumptions and design elements in the DOWL document.

It was agreed to place this topic on the next MPC agenda and to invite not only Facilities Services but also Cold Climate Housing Research Center, UA Statewide Land Management, and other appropriate staff to offer their perspectives about its suitability.

NEXT SCHEDULED MPC MEETING: September 28, 2006