Master Planning Committee Meeting
April 10, 2008
Notes


Subcommittee Reports

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art – Deb Horner
May 19 celebration preparations for milepost-sign dedication are well underway. The two fabricators of the original milepost sign will attend. Bob Wheeler will provide a synopsis of the learning habitats. Donors to the project will be recognized. Merritt Helfrich will speak about the history of the sign. There will be a tree planting; Jack Townsend will plant the first tree. Refreshments will be served.

Subcommittee would like to display art (sculpture) on a temporary basis on West Ridge. Deans and Directors are being canvassed for opinions

North Campus Subcommittee – Luke Hopkins
Update of North Campus Plan is being completed. The next meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, April 15. Values and concerns regarding North Tanana Loop Road will be discussed.

Outdoor Days scheduled for the weekend before UAF graduation.
Groomer will be finishing his work at the end of April and will be returning to his work at the end of August.

**Campus Master Plan Update**
Deb reviewed the update, reflecting comments received from the public.

Motion:
*The Master Planning Committee endorses the Campus Master Plan 5-yr Update, including progress and 5-yr action steps. We submit it you for your review and approval by Chancellor’s Cabinet.*

Question called by Joshua Greenberg, seconded by Scott McCrea.

Motion approved 7-0, 1 abstention.

**Facilities Services Update – Dave Miller**
Deferred renewal of $40 million was added back to the capital budget; $19.5 million would come to UAF. Two UAA buildings are in the capital budget. BOR commissioned an outside study (Rise Alaska) for procedures mainly as they relate to capital projects. A draft of final report is now complete; final report will be presented to BOR this spring.

**Public Comment – none**

**Honors Program Proposal for 709 Colville House Retrofit**
Celia Miller and Micah Miller (Honors students) provided an overview of the Honors Program (about 200 students currently). Honors Program is scheduled to move out of Cooper Lane House in Spring 2009. Retrofit of 709 Colville House would be a good demonstration of sustainability. The Honors House serves the academic and administrative needs of the Honors Program.

Beneficiaries would include the Honors Program, Facilities Services, and UAF at large.

Retrofit could be the basis for an Honors sustainability curriculum.

Request for MPC to support (1) use of entire Colville facility, (2) assurance that Honors Program can stay in current facility until Colville retrofit is complete, and
endorsement of the proposal.

Current facility is slated for demolition as the facility has outlived its useful life.

Draft plans have been completed by the students, but a more formalized design process is required.

Dana Thomas would like to see a classroom in the facility.

Dana stated that whether or not 709 Colville is the long-term home for the Honors Program, the Colville building will serve as very positive model for the Honors Program retrofit project.

Dana stated that the Honors Program wants a house-like facility. Lathrop Hall is the only other residence building being considered for renovation.

Students have begun looking at budget requirements.

Charrette ($5K cost) will be necessary to get a clearer sense of cost requirements.

Deb submitted a motion for consideration:

*The MPC, in recognition of the importance of the UAF Honors Program, strongly supports the dedication of the entire Colville House and garage to the program and endorses the sustainable retrofit concept. In order to move the concept forward, the MPC recommends that the initial design charrette be conducted in Fall 2008 to determine specific aspects of the design relative to maximizing the use of Colville House and funded in the amount of $5,000. Question called by Joshua Greenberg, seconded by Scott McCrae.*

Motion approved 8-0

**Sustainability Subcommittee – goals and representation**

Postponed until the next meeting.

**Next meeting will be Thursday, April 24, 2008.**