

UAF Master Planning Committee Thursday, April 24, 2008; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330	No agenda available
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Master Planning Committee Meeting

April 24, 2008

Notes

Attending: Deb Horner, Rich Boone, Dianne Milke, Lydia Anderson, Joshua Greenberg, George Owletuck, Dave Miller, Luke Hopkins. Gary Newman, Bill Krause, Joe Hayes, Hans Nielsen

Subcommittee Reports

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art – Deb Horner

Deb gave an update on plans for the May 19th dedication of the milepost sign and the West Ridge Plaza. For the dedication Merritt Helfferich has prepared a short, written history on the milepost sign. Bob Wheeler will be interviewed prior to the dedication by KUAC's Dan Bross about the plans for the learning habitats.

Plans are proceeding to display art displaced by the Fine Arts project on a temporary basis in the West Ridge Plaza.

North Campus Subcommittee – Luke Hopkins

NCS meeting was held on April 15. The subcommittee focused on public comment received about the end of the ski season and how well the trails worked for skiers this season. There were some public comments expressing concern about the quality of the classic trails this winter. NCS will consider the formation of a focus group to assess the UAF grooming of the trails; the group also will consult with Facilities Services to get their assessment.

NCS needs a research representative (filling the spot that Boone vacated); there is also no student representative.

Dog signs will be posted shortly.

The groomer's last day is tomorrow; he will start again in August.

Outdoor Days takes place in North Campus May 9-11. 720 children will participate.

Facilities Services Update – Dave Miller

Plans are moving ahead for a parking lot project at Bristol Bay. There will be some land improvements at the Kotzebue campus. Renovation work is underway at the Kuskokwim campus. The SFOS facility at Lena Point is going well (on time and on budget). Renovation work at the Tok Center is being completed. Renovation work at TVC is continuing. Lab renovation work at AHRB is essentially complete. The Constitution Hall elevator project is still in the planning stage; the construction/design of the building makes the installation difficult. Code corrections in the Fine Arts building are underway; surge space vacated by AHRB occupants will be used to accommodate the needs for the displaced Art faculty. The target completion of the Fine Arts project is December. Remodel of Hess Commons to accommodate NANA and the Subway shop will start in mid-May; the area will probably be opened in fall.

Components of the funded capital projects soon underway

Electrical upgrade (\$13.5 million should be available)

Sewer project

Capital improvement project at Nome to improve pilings under buildings

Discussions are underway about new strategies for BIOS.

Luke mentioned that FMATS approved funding to re-surface the road by the UAF Farm.

Public Comment – none

Sustainability Subcommittee – goals and representation

Deb: Subcommittee will have to define the meaning of sustainability for UAF. The lack of focus has been a problem for UAF. The subcommittee will need to define the most critical sustainability issues for UAF.

Luke: Suggested three goals

- Identify strategic opportunities for sustainability initiatives
- Establish a campus sustainability plan and maintain sustainability as a high focus for UAF
- Facilitate consultation with non-UAF community

Hans cautioned that UAF has to be careful about how sustainability is defined. What is the message?

Deb: A challenge for the Subcommittee will be to pull together sustainability efforts on campus. Susan Todd's class is preparing a report on UAF sustainability that it would like to present to the MPC. They are giving a campus presentation today at the Wood Center.

Potential representation on Subcommittee:

- Facilities
- Student
- CCHRC
- Academic programs
- Alaska Center for Energy Programs (INE)
- Fairbanks North Star Borough

Miller: This should be part of a UA-wide effort to be successful. Goals of Subcommittee should be to define the map of sustainability actions.

Hans: Subcommittee can be an advocate for ideas.

Deb: Suggestion that MPC Chair craft a summary of the charge.

Campus Landscape CD - deferred

Other - none

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 8, 2008.