

<p><b>UAF Master Planning Committee</b></p> <p>Thursday, August 30, 2007; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor’s Conference Room; Signers’ Hall Room 330</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome and Introductions</li> <li>2. Public comment period</li> <li>3. Old Business: On-campus trail plan</li> <li>4. Proposed access road behind the Cutler Apartment Complex</li> </ol>
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**Master Planning Committee Meeting**

August 30, 2007

Notes

**Public Comment - none**

**Old Business: On-campus Trail Plan (submitted and discussed at MPC August 16, 2007)**

Luke Hopkins reviewed the on-campus trails plan that had been previously submitted to MPC. The plan has been approved by the North Campus Subcommittee and has gone through a public review process. Public comments were positive, though there were some suggestions that the plan does not go far enough.

Can the trail from SRC to the Ski Hut become a year-round trail? Facilities favors making the trail winter-only for now to allow for evaluation of use. There is a proposal to construct a sidewalk on the north side of the Tanana Road. The winter trail would be multi-use.

Some dirt work would be required close to the SRC in the woods next to the playing field. Otherwise no dirt work would be necessary. Trail is now staked out.

Deb moves to approve the trails plan with the recommendation to included the nature trail nw of the Tanana Road as an alternate to the route south from the SAR dish along the T-field Road. Gary seconded.

Motion approved unanimously.

## **New Business: Proposed Access Road North of the Cutler Apartment Complex**

Luke presented an overview of the proposed access road (original and alternate routes) north of the Cutler Apartment Complex.

Reasons why the road is of interest to Facilities: Trees now are too close to the Cutler Apartment Complex on the north side to ensure adequate distance for fire safety.

Original route would be 50' wide. It would require re-routing of a portion of the Skarland Trail.

Alternate route would be 50' wide except by the Cutler Apartments, where road width would be reduced to 30'. Alternate route would not require re-location of Skarland Trail.

There are mechanical rooms on the north side of the Cutler Apartment Complex. The parking at the Cutler Apartment Complex is now inadequate.

Facilities has plans to close access on Kuskokwim Way by Rainey Cabin this fall. There is a sidewalk cut now on the west end of the southerly

Teresa Ross said that the buildings require a 30' clearance for fire safety.

Luke said that the current width of the lane is 14-16' at the narrowest point.

Kevin Huddy (Residence Life) said the main concern is fire safety. The lane behind the building now is narrow and entrance from the parking lot is steep. Kevin supports the original route.

## Comments on the Proposal

Sharish raised concerns about the safety of the intersection of the road with Kuskokwim Way given that there is a slope southward on Kuskokwim Way and the possibility of icy conditions. There would be a traffic problem associated with the intersection of the road with the parking lot of the Reichardt Building.

Rick asked the minimum access to the north side of the Cutler Apartment. Teresa said that 30' was too narrow for a fire lane but that 30' is all that is required for fire safety.

Kevin said an improvement perhaps would be to eliminate the road connection with the Reichardt Building.

Kevin talked with some students who work in his office and live in the north unit did not know that the proposal was for a thru-road; those who thought the proposal was just for a widened clearing north of Cutler were not opposed to it.

Further general discussion of the proposal.

Suggestion that current lane could be widened to meet safety requirement and could be widened and graded as necessary to connect with the parking lot of the east side of Cutler.

Suggestion of a cul d'sac on the west end of the access road.

If there is a recommendation of a 30' clearing, a guard rail fence may be necessary. As an alternative the Skarland Trail may need to be re-routed.

Deb made the following motion (seconded by Sharish):

*MPC recommends the creation of a 30' wide gravel fire-wise zone immediately adjacent to and north of the Cutler Apartment Complex, with a cul d'sac at the west end of the access road, to use gravel fill as necessary to ensure an adequate connection with the parking lot east of Cutler, ensure the maximum vegetative buffer from the Skarland Trail, and identify the lane as not an official fire lane. Use should be for authorized vehicles only, except at short-term loading zones. At this time we are not recommending the creation a through-road as there are no compelling reasons to create it and given that it is not called for in the Campus Master Plan.*

Rick called the question, seconded by Doug Braddock. Vote passed 10-1.

Rick recommended renewed discussion of the extension of North Chandlar to Kuskokwim Way. Marc Wohlford said the connection is necessary if there is high density housing north of Cutler. Rick made the point that the discussion about the need for high density housing needs to take place.

Rick encourages the Chair to write an email to Facilities Services expressing the sense of the MPC that extension of North Chandalar needs further consideration and will be addressed in the revision of the Campus Master Plan. Consensus support for this idea. Chair will send the email.