UAF Master Planning Committee

Thursday, January 17, 2008; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330

- 1. Welcome and announcements
- 2. Subcommittee reports

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art Circulation and Parking North Campus

- 3. Facilities Services update
- 4. Public comment period
- 5. Review of Campus Master Plan 5-year Update
- 6. Other

Master Planning Committee Meeting

January 17, 2008 Notes

Attending: Deb Horner, Mike Ruckhaus (representing Dave Miller), Doug Braddock, Rich Boone, Scott McCrea, Dianne Milke, Hans Nielsen, Luke Hopkins, Bill Krause, Joshua Greenberg, Joe Hayes

Subcommittee Reports

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art – Deb Horner

Plan is still in place to solicit donations of vegetation from UArctic institutions for the learning habitats area across from IARC.

Progress on the dedication of the milepost sign by the Geophysical Institute; the sign will be dedicated in early May as part of an Arbor Day activity involving formal "opening" of West Ridge Plaza and tree planting in the westernmost learning habitat.

Circulation and Parking – no report; membership of subcommittee is incomplete

North Campus Subcommittee – Luke Hopkins

Winter walking trails route from T-field to LARS was approved with the support of Facilities Services.

Grooming web site has peaks of activity. Most comments are positive. UAF groomer met with Birch Hill groomers to exchange information.

Next NCS meeting is January 29. Several recommendations from the Trails Club will be considered.

Ruckhaus asked if there is an effort to track the use of the walking trails. Luke replied that there is no tracking of trails use.

Deb pointed out that access to walking trails from lower campus isn't straightforward. Luke described the access from lower campus (via Chandalar initially). Deb isn't sure we've done enough to publicize the walking trails. Luke pointed out that information has been included in the Cornerstone. Suggestion that information about the walking trails be provided to the Health initiative group (UA Wellness) on campus.

Facilities Services Update - Mike Ruckhaus

The LIDAR equipment will be located to the west of the IAB greenhouse; the other locations were not cost effective.

The recommendation on the naming of Troth Yeddha was approved by Chancellor. The boundaries of Troth Yeddha are regarded as "soft" to allow for adjustments in the future as necessary. The recommendation will be considered by the Board of Regents meeting at their February meeting. Dianne pointed out that a written request for a naming is usually forwarded by the Chancellor to the President, who in turn forwards the request to the Board of Regents (BOR); the written request is due to the BOR well in advance of the actual meeting.

Deb pointed out that the State Virology Lab will be vacating its AHRB space by January 2009. The space will need to be renovated. SFOS, IAB, and SNRAS have an interest in the space. Planning for allocation and renovation will be undertaken

over the next several months.

Joe asked about the status of the elevator in Constitution Hall; Mike said he doesn't have that information.

Doug pointed out that a Green infrastructure workshop is scheduled for the week of Feb 11 at the Westwood. The cost of the workshop is \$100. He will send web information to Dianne for distribution to MPC members.

Review of Campus Master Plan 5-year Update

Facilities has reviewed the update, and Deb has incorporated their comments.

Deb questioned whether the BOR regents need to approve the update; Dianne will confirm.

MPC members offered suggestions for changes to the document.

There was a general discussion of how to deploy the update for public comment. The update will be deployed on the web providing an option for readers to provide comment electronically. Dianne suggested that OIT can help with this.

Deb suggests we receive feedback through late February.

There was a general discussion about how to deploy the update and solicit comments.

Luke suggested that someone give a presentation at the Faculty Senate to solicit input; Rich volunteered.

Gary Newman could make a presentation to Staff Council.

Final MPC comments are due to Deb by the end of next week (Friday, Jan. 25).

Other

Mike mentioned the need to locate a new switch substation. A possible location is the old greenhouse site by Facilities Services. Deb mentioned the need for a vegetative buffer to shield any structure from the pedestrian way that will run along Fairbanks Street.

Next MPC Meeting

January 31, 2008 at 9A in the Chancellor's Conference Room