UAF Master Planning Committee

Thurdsday, March 27, 2008; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Subcommittee reports

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art Circulation and Parking North Campus

- 3. Facilities Services Update
- 4. Public comment period
- 5. Sustainable Campus Subcommittee
- 6. CMP 5-year update
- 7. Colville House project

Master Planning Committee Meeting

March 27, 2008 Notes

Members Present:

Mariah Acton
Doug Braddock
Joshua Greenberg
Luke Hopkins
Deb Horner
Bill Krause
Dianne Milke
Dave Miller
Gary Newman
George Owletuck
Shirish Patil

Guests:

Adrian Tribel, ASUAF

Welcome and Introductions

Subcommittee Reports

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art

Deb Horner reported that the new milepost sign is up at West Ridge. At its next meeting, CLOA will discuss the possibility of displaying a sculpture by Jamie Hollingsworth and Lorien Nettleton at the West Ridge Plaza, with the intention that both the milepost sign and the sculpture will be part of the 5/19/08 dedication ceremony at the plaza. A potential permanent location for the sculpture is at the east end of the plaza due to the focal point it would bring to the entrance, as well as the fact that it is near an existing underground propane tank. A funding request has been submitted to the People's Endowment for interpretive signage in the learning habitats. Rich Boone and Deb are drafting a letter to Lars Kullerud at UArctic to provide additional details regarding the Circumpolar Learning Habitats project proposal presented to UArctic by Chancellor Jones in late February. Deb suggested that Darrin Edson may work directly with his counterpart at UArctic on the logistics of the exchange of plants. Gordy Schlosser's name will be advanced to the chancellor for appointment to CLOA.

Circulation and Parking

A new chair has not yet been appointed.

Deb Horner heard that the parking lot on the west end of West Ridge will be blacktopped this summer, and questioned whether there are alternatives that may create less of a "hot spot." Dave Miller will confirm whether the lot is in fact scheduled for resurfacing.

North Campus

Luke Hopkins indicated that north campus was heavily used during the week of spring break, and the 4/19/08 Spring Fest will include activities on north campus. There has been recent vandalism on the ski trails. This Saturday the Ski-A-Thon will be held on campus.

Participation on the NC Subcommittee has been low. Deb suggested that consideration should be given to replacing subcommittee members who do not participate.

Facilities Services Update

Dave Miller reported on major projects, stating that folks are being moved back

into Arctic Health, the Virology Lab is moving along well, there is parking lot work being done at Bristol Bay, landscape improvements at Chukchi, Facilities is struggling with the elements of fitting and installing an elevator in Constitution Hall to make it ADA compliant, the Art wing remodel will be in full swing after the semester, the SFOS Lena Point facility is 75% complete, and there is new paint, carpet, siding and roofing planned for parts of the Kuskokwim Campus this summer.

The bid to remodel room 116 of the Eielson Building came in so high, reported Deb, that other options for space usage are being discussed.

Public Comment Period

ASUAF representative Adrian Tribel indicated that an ASUAF motion was recently voted down that dealt with parking issues near Lola Tilly. He indicated that the Campus Life Master Plan has been discussed recently among ASUAF senators, but that there is no motion on the floor. Mariah Acton added that ASUAF's main focus right now is the needs-based scholarship legislation. It was noted that converting Lola Tilly into a one-stop mall of student service offices is dependent upon the Wood Center renovation being implemented.

Sustainable Campus Subcommittee

Rich and Deb approached Chancellor Jones about establishing a subcommittee of the MPC, whose focus would be sustainability. Chancellor Jones approved the suggestion, and Deb asks MPC members to give thought to which constituencies in the community, and within UAF, could provide valuable representation on such a subcommittee. Deb would like to see the subcommittee membership at 7 to 9 members, and recommends that MPC be specific in how it defines the subcommittee's mission. MPC might consider asking the subcommittee to define sustainability, create a sustainability plan, and consider recommending that UAF create an office of sustainability with a paid director and staff. Gary Newman will look for the web link to the sustainability webinar that Facilities recently participated in and provide it to Dianne Milke for distribution to MPC members.

CMP 5-Year Update

Within the next two weeks, Deb Horner plans to meet with the focus group that developed the 5-year update, to consider and potentially incorporate feedback received during the comment period on the draft update.

Colville House Project

Recently Dave Miller and Deb Horner met separately with the Honors Program students. The students have settled on the house at 709 Chandalar as their program's future home, which is necessitated by the planned demolition of the Copper Lane House in which the program currently is housed. The Honors students plan to submit a proposal for renovation of the house to MPC at its next meeting, in the hopes of getting MPC's endorsement.

Other

MPC discussed the mission of the North Campus and Circulation and Parking subcommittees. There was some disagreement about whether there is a need to continue these subcommittees, one argument being that some issues are operational and perhaps should be dealt with by Facilities. Deb's belief is that not only are the subcommittees defined as standing committees in the MPC bylaws, they serve as an important public venue for issues.

Next Meeting

The next MPC meeting is Thursday, 4/10/08, at 9 a.m. in the CCR.

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