

UAF Master Planning Committee Thursday, May 8, 2008; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330	No agenda available
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Master Planning Committee Meeting

May 8, 2008

Notes

Attending: Rich Boone, Dianne Milke, Lydia Anderson, Luke Hopkins, Bill Krause, Hans Nielsen, Joe Hayes, Luke Hopkins, Joe Hayes

Guest: Leroy Hulse

Subcommittee Reports

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art – no report

North Campus Subcommittee – Luke Hopkins

Outdoor Days is underway on North Campus; today is the last day. Students started arriving on Tuesday.

NCS met this past Monday. Two research projects were approved.

- USFWS study on rusty blackbirds: 3-5 years at Smith Lake, perhaps at Ballaine Lake. Study is co-sponsored by Abby Powell with approval by Brian Barnes.
- Aspen leaf miner project: Study area will be expanded to west of SAR dish. No to minimal impact is anticipated.

There will be focus group this Friday in Wood Center on the quality of NC ski grooming and how it might be changed. Results will be submitted to Facilities Services for consideration.

Luke received a 4-pg letter from the UAF Trails Club requesting changes in North Campus management.

Facilities Services Update – Marc Wohlford

The Art Department move is underway. Move-back time will be from the end of December to early January.

The Farm Road (~1 mile stretch from near the round-a-bout) will be chip sealed with FMATS funding.

\$23.6 million will be received via the capital budget

Renovation of animal wing in AHRB.

Sewer repair

Electrical distribution repair

TVC upgrades

Public Comment

Leroy Hulsey: Steel bridge team will present a demonstration in the Great Hall at noon.

New Business

Marc Wohlford presented proposal from Leroy Hulsey to locate frozen pile study on the campus.

Three sites have been identified: one near the intersection of Farmers Loop and Alumni Drive (behind the UAF sign), a second is off the dirt road to the UAF Farm, and a third is in Bunnell Park.

Lack of permafrost down to 20 feet is a site requirement.

Professor Yang (UAA) has been considering how seasonal temperatures and conditions affect earthquake tests for bridges.

AK DOT has funded project with Yang and Hulsey as co-investigators.

Yang will be installing a structure in Anchorage.

An outcome will be new design standards for the state of Alaska.

Testing will be done in the summer, December, and late winter.

Project will last ~2 yrs.

The 3 piles will remain in the ground after the study is completed.

An Arctic icehouse may be necessary for site work. Hulsey would heat the shack when work is done.

Luke: Does the plan include a fence? Hulsey is not worried about the need for security. He also has some concerns that it attracts attention.

Bill Krause suggested a site near old UPark.

Husley: A soil boring will need to be taken. A pit will be required as well.

Luke: Raised the question about whether UA Statewide Land Management would need to approve Site 3.

Lydia voiced concerns about Site 1 because it is so close to the UAF sign and because it is near the location where ice sculptures are located.

Rich voiced concerns about Site 1 as well.

Hulsey has been talking with Carol Lewis about Site 2.

DOT may want ask Hulsey to put gravel around one of the piles.

Bill Krause offered the following motion:

“The MPC endorses and has no objection to the frozen pile study proposed by Leroy Hulsey. The MPC has reservations about Site 1 and recommends that Sites 2 and 3 or other alternative locations (e.g., area by Old UPark or area around the Farm Buildings) be given highest priority.”

Hans Nielsen called the question. Doug Braddock seconded.

Vote 7-0 in favor.

Other - none

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 22, 2008.