UAF Master Planning Committee

Thursday, September 13, 2007; 9 – 11 a.m.

Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330

- 1. Welcome and announcements
- 2. Old business: recommendations to Chancellor
- 3. Subcommittee reports

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art Circulation and Parking North Campus

- 4. Facilities Services update
- 5. Public comment period
- 6. Facilities & Sustainability (Kathleen Schedler)
- 7. Other

Master Planning Committee Meeting

September 13, 2007 Notes

Attending: Deb Horner, Gary Newman, Doug Braddock, Mark Wohlford, Lydia Anderson, Chris Bennett, Bill Krause, Joe Hayes, Hans Nielsen, Kathleen Schedler, Rich Boone

Guests: Carla Browning

Subcommittee Reports

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art

First donation made by Jack Townsend for purchase of exotics to West Ridge Plaza.

GI will make a donation to continue work underway at West Ridge Plaza.

General discussion of the high quality of the flowerbed arrangements this summer.

Suggestion that MPC send a letter to Ed Foster and others those responsible for the flowers to thank them.

Circulation & Parking – nothing to report

North Campus (Luke)

Luke and Jake (Poole) attended Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks board meeting to thank them for their service over the years to provide winter trail grooming and other support for North Campus trails. Position is open and posted for the new groomer position.

New web site for North Campus recreation is under development; it should be live by the end of September. It will allow users to leave comments to trail groomers. The site will allow for a web cam.

Luke passed out the new Winter Trails map.

Luke is planning a public comment session soon on the draft management plan for Ballaine Lake.

Facilities Services Update (Mark)

New outdoor UAF banners have been hung.

Renovations nearly completed for Wood Center kitchen and dining area.

Patty Center deck and elevator work is nearly completed.

Upgrades to SRC climbing wall.

Good progress on Arctic Health Research Building renovation.

Good progress on West Ridge Plaza landscaping work.

Board of Regents considers capital budget next week. BIOS will now be a 2-yr funded project.

Facilities gave UA Statewide a campus tour to see deferred maintenance needs. The Regents may receive the tour in November. The total cost of deferred maintenance is ~\$500 million. A higher operation budget for maintenance is

required to ensure that the deferred maintenance costs do not continue to rise. Capital request for \$50 million towards deferred maintenance.

Luke mentioned that state may be developing an allocation of \$250 million for statewide deferred maintenance issues.

Public Comment

Carla applauded the winter trails brochure. Positive comments about the new outdoor UAF banners.

Facilities & Sustainability - Kathleen Schedler

Chancellor created a sustainable leadership group ~2001.

Chancellor had identified sustainability as a priority. Kathleen has become involved in the process.

Executive Leadership Group of sustainability – Ro Bailey, Carol Lewis, and Kathleen Schedler – was formed. The group meets weekly.

Kathleen announced planned release of 2007 Campus Sustainability Report. The group will like to add a section on the UAF academic component.

The sustainability group had a booth at the Tanana Valley Fair.

Actions underway

- Bike lockers
- Carpooling program underway
- BIOS LEED certification
- Plans for sustainability & LEEDS certification presentation to the Board of Regents
- Working with Cold Climate Housing Research Center
- New approach to students and recycling Decision to give students the opportunity by ensure that the activity continues and is successful.
 Kathleen believes that UAF should take a leadership role with respect to recycling.
- o Need for an open forum perhaps a weekly public meeting

- Hybrid vehicle for Parking Services. Use of golf carts for some transportation needs under consideration. Efforts to reduce idling of Facilities vehicles and vendors' vehicles.
- Examination of how UAF can participate in SNAP program. Facilities gave students the opportunity for students to participate. Some students are participating now. UAF is generating electricity from solar panels at Nenana bus shelter and is considering other possible locations for panels.
- Boiler #4 is being converted to natural gas.
- The American College and University Presidents has a climate commitment.
 UAF did not sign the commitment, but UAA did sign it.
- Program to eliminate CRT screens, which take more energy than a flat screen monitor.
- Consideration/examination of a West Ridge chiller; there would be considerable energy/cost savings (up to \$250K per year).
- Green mapping. Susan Todd had a class that had a green mapping exercise this past year. Map includes symbols and annotations that show location of "green" activities.
- o Dining Services has a number of recycling/green activities.

Luke asked whether determination of UAF's energy footprint has been considered. Luke mentioned the Energy Star challenge for cities and towns and recommended it be examined. Luke pointed out that the Borough is re-initiating a paper-recycling project with Bernie Karl. Kathleen had received news from the Mayor's office that the Borough is done with recycling efforts. Luke mentioned the possible use of "green" utensils in dining services.

Deb suggested that the Chancellor might consider including mention UAF sustainability efforts underway.

Bill K. recommended that UAF's work on emissions controls be included as a UAF sustainability activity.

Gary described other efforts underway on campus. TAB board could encourage technologies that reduce energy consumption.