

<b>UAF Master Planning Committee Meeting Agenda</b>  Thursday, October 7, 2010; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330	1) Welcome and Introductions 2) Discussion with Chancellor Brian Rogers 3) Discussion with martin Klein (Parking Services) 4) Facilities Services Update 5) Subcommittee Report: Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art 6) Subcommittee Report: North Campus 7) Troth Yeddha Park Plan 8) Public Comment Period
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**Master Planning Committee Meeting**  
**October 7, 2010**  
**Notes**

**Attending :** Doug Braddock, Da'ka'xeen Mehner, Randy Pitney, Nicole Nordstrand, Bill Krause, Chuck Kuhns, Gary Newman, Joshua Greenberg, Tom Hewitt, Ian Olson, Steve Murphy, Jonathan Shambare, Deb Horner, Rich Boone

**Guests:** Martin Klein, Barbara Gabel, Annette Freiburger

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Facilities Services Update – Jonathan Shambare**

Site work for the new Life Sciences Building has begun. Preparation work has begun to move the USDA buildings. Sheenjek parking lot will be used for construction materials. Gravel will be laid behind Akasofu to enlarge the lot for the increase need and/or the museum parking can be used since it is paved and has electric outlets. The Greenhouse plants and materials will be moved to the IAB greenhouse or the facilities greenhouse. Tree cutting work is planned. MPC advised that tree cutting not commence until after a positive November vote on the bond for the Life Sciences Building.

*Report continued after the Chancellor's visit*

Ninety-five percent of the work is completed on the storm weather sewage lines and manholes replaced. The network is being put in a GIS format.  
The issue of the Yankovich bicycle may come to MPC pending decisions by FMATS.

Switch gear building for the electrical upgrade is almost completed.

Design for AHRB atrium in-fill project will be completed in February, with construction planned shortly afterward.

Randy asked about stairs by McIntosh. Can a ramp be installed? They are on the list for correction.

### **Chancellor Rogers**

Chancellor is receiving continuing positive feedback from the Board of Regents about the new Campus Master Plan.

There is an outstanding request from Regent Wickersham for architectural standards; Facilities Services is working on the issue. At some point the issue of architectural standards will come to the MPC.

There is no request for UAF capital projects in the President's FY 12 budget.

Chancellor asked if the MPC has identified major issues for the next 1-2 yrs. Deb asked how MPC can be involved in sustainability issues.

Chancellor's response:

- How do faculty and staff access the campus? How do we address access by bicycle, ski, etc.?
- What is our policy for recycling old buildings, those that would cost more to repair than replace? Can we re-use materials? What is the cost of addressing the hazardous materials, or recycling products out of old building materials?
- #1 risk at UAF is the heat and power plant. There are 4-5 issues (fuel costs, capital costs, operation costs, carbon footprint, timing) to consider. Prime candidate is a fluidized bed for coal waste biomass. Cost is equivalent to 75 faculty positions. Gas would be the preferred alternative if it were available. Wind, sun or geo-thermal sources are not available. How long can

we wait to replace the heat and power plant? This would be a good topic for MPC.

Rich asked about Tanana Loop Extension with respect to FMATS.

Chancellor's response: Brian met with FMATS last month. Brian identified the round-about as the higher

priority due to the fire station relocation and the construction of the energy building.

The ski trail re-alignment issue needs to be resolved.

Deb pointed out that there is greater need to extend North Tanana Loop to Sheenjek given the planned Life Sciences building. The MPC needs to have a plan in place for realignment of the ski trails. Deb said there has never been a comprehensive study of the implications of the North Tanana Loop extension. Deb urged that MPC deal with this issue.

Rich asked about possible funding for Troth Yeddha Park. Chancellor replied that deferred maintenance will take priority for now.

Gary raised questions about oversight of parking issues. Should MPC have a role?

Chancellor's response: MPC does not need a Parking Subcommittee. MPC should re-define it as an access issue (to campus and within the campus). For example, are there federal funding opportunities for ride-share? Parking does not need a subcommittee. How can we better utilize the personal rapid transit; federal opportunities for ride share; inroad with the borough to asst with needs for vehicles and plug ins? Ride share programs depend on relatively fixed schedules to work. Bike access would increase the need for covered storage, and how many months each year will it be needed? How many new parking spaces and where are they needed in the future?

Deb pointed out some of the limitations, e.g., lack of a satellite parking facilities (with plug-ins) for a ride-share program.

The Chancellor asked if we perhaps should increase the number of covered bike racks.

Gary asked if we should have thermal standards as a component of architectural standards. Jonathan replied that Facilities has updated the design standards; they are available via the Facilities web site.

Tom asked about the ageing Moore and Bartlett dorms. What is the timetable for phasing renovation work as required.

Chancellor's response: The plan is to work on Bartlett next. It is unknown if Bartlett has cement deterioration as in Skarland. Chancellor said there could be exploratory/assessment work in the summer when students are not on campus. There is 102% occupancy this year with Skarland offline. Skarland will be ready for occupation by March.

Gary asked about status of off-campus space.

Chancellor replied that we spend ~\$2M for off-campus space. Are there opportunities to use space more efficiently, conserve space, etc.?

Steve asked about the presence of UAF at AFN and whether there is an opportunity to promote Troth Yeddha. Annette replied that the Troth Yeddha Plan will be presented to AFN pending a positive MPC vote.

Ian asked if there is a direct ICR charge for space. Chancellor replied that there is not.

### **Parking and Circulation - Martin Klein**

There is a need for parking entities to have advisory boards/sounding boards, in addition to a board for oversight of parking operations.

Scott chairs the parking and circulation advisory committee.

Martin recommends that he or someone else from Parking Services come to MPC at least once a year to discuss upper-level parking issues.

Rich recommended that someone should be identified to serve as a liaison to the MPC.

Scott for now will serve that role.

Randy suggested we give more attention to promoting the use of bicycles on campus (especially for 6 mos of the year). Deb pointed out that our roadways are not bicycle friendly.

U-Pass system: Martin reports that the numbers for ridership remain strong.

UAF Shuttle system: Numbers are about the same as last year. This is somewhat surprising given that enrollment rose, but because of the good weather more people may have walked or used their bicycle.

Federal government has money for a van pool. Martin is exploring this as a possibility.

#### **Subcommittee Report: Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art - postponed**

#### **Subcommittee Report: North Campus - postponed**

#### **Troth Yeddha Plan**

Deb spoke out strongly in favor of the plan and gave some background to the planning process.

Rich asked about the committee membership. Annette Freiburger reviewed the committee membership. It included Jennifer Carroll, Bernice Joseph, Clara Johnson, Freda Williams, Debbie Toopetlook, Drena McIntyre, Deborah Horner, Steve Bouta, Wanda Chin, Angela Linn, Laura Conner, Linda Brown, Elizabeth Fleagle, Miranda Wright, Mike Ruckhaus, Brian Rogers, and Annette Freiburger.

Ian asked if anyone from UA Statewide was on the committee. No one from Statewide was on the committee. Statewide is not normally involved in campus planning processes. Ian pointed out that some people at Statewide were not receptive before to the Troth Yeddha plan. Jonathan replied that the Board of Regents is familiar with the plan, and indications are that the Board is now supportive.

Gary raised some concerns about parking access via Yukon Drive given its width and the possibility of informal trails arising. Jonathan replied that the details would be resolved in the design phase.

The expansion of the Reichardt building will not encroach on Troth Yeddha Park.

Steve wasn't clear how the Shakespeare Theatre fits into the plan. Why is it there? Nicole replied that it is included because UAF has an agreement with the Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre. Deb pointed out that considerations for FST were part of the planning process. The shared use of the space with FST was an important consideration. The attempt of the plan is for it to integrate an existing activity (FST).

Motion by Deb Horner (seconded by Ian Olson):

*The Master Planning Committee recommends approval of the Troth Yeddha Plan; it endorses the "Preferred Alternative" design and recommends that the design process incorporate details regarding construction and site conditions.*

Motion passed unanimously 14-0.

**Public Comment – none**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30A.

Next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2010.