

UAF Master Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 20; 9am-11am

Chancellor's Conference Room (SIH 330)

Members Present: Joshua Greenberg, Jonathan Shambare, Bradley Krick, Kate Ripley, Kari Axx, John George, Nathan Belz, Doug Schrage, Gary Newman, Donna Gardino, Carla Browning

The meeting came to order at 9:00am.

1. Topic: Proposed Planet Walk—Presented by Jamie Warwick

- The Geophysical Institute is proposing developing a planet walk that would span the length of Yukon drive, 10-12 educational signs are part of the project. Signs will be developed at the grade school level.
- Funding from Rotary, commercial sponsorship of specific signs, possible use of volunteer work (NOTE: liability concerns need to be addressed)
- This project needs to be coordinated with Mary Pagel and the Yukon Drive construction project, slated for Spring 2018.
- Discussed use of roundabout for sun; a fun idea. Concerns with children approaching the roundabout.

Discussed possible alternative sites for the planet walk

- Consult with Andrea Swingley/Marketing and Communications about interpretive signs to ensure they are consistent with UAF brand
- Sign placement: snow removal concerns need to be addressed, working with Facility Services.
- MPC emphasized the need to consult with University Relations and Facilities Services in developing the project.
- MPC need to be kept informed as project moves forward.
- MPC Motion to approve concept: Doug Schrage / Donna Gardino (2nd), Passes unanimous

2. Topic: Corner reflector display, GI— Presented by Jamie Warrick

- The Geophysical Institute is requesting to make permanent the corner reflector located in front of the Elvey Building, adjacent to parking lot 9B.
- These reflectors are used for satellite calibration. Proposed display with interpretive sign.
- Currently weighted down with sand bags. Recommending a more permanent and aesthetic structure.
- Concerns with people climbing on it. Needs to be sound and stable. Concrete pad?
- Question: How important is the precise location? If it is moved, what will that do to its functionality, from a research perspective?
- A motion was proposed and tabled. More information is requested. The issue will return to the MPC after it goes through the Campus Landscape Sub-committee..

3. Topic: Fairbikes

-Fairbikes locations will be discussed at the next campus landscape committee meeting. The operators of the program are excited to have it available on the UAF campus. They are eager to engage with the University to assure the program's continuation on the UAF campus.

4. Topic: Himalayan trail

- The trail is complete.
- Too late for signage to go in this year. Will have to wait for spring.
- Question: Is Facilities Services aware of a sink hole? Was it intentional?

5. Topic: North Campus:

- Smith lake trail completed yesterday and will be ready when the snow hits the ground. Will be groomed for classic and skate.

6. Sustainability:

- Discussion of changes to the Rise Board and Office of Sustainability. It was noted that the staff position of Director is to be discontinued and replaced by a student worker. MPC members are concerned that sustainability related issues will lose prominence at the University and noted that sustainability is an important feature of the UAF Master Plan. Members thought this matter should be further discussed at future meetings.

7. Chancellor's input request to the MPC

- Joshua Greenberg remarked to the committee that Interim Chancellor Thomas, when he addressed the MPC at its previous meeting, presented the committee with a challenge to provide a list of what the MPC thinks the highest priorities are for the University. MPC members appreciated this offer and will make its development an agenda item at the next MPC meeting.