

UAF Master Planning Committee

Meeting Notes

Thursday, February 22, 2018; 9am-11am
Chancellor's Conference Room (SIH 330)

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Present: Josh Greenberg, Jenny Campbell, Mark Oldmixon, Doug Schrage, Kara Axx, Amanda Wall, Jonathan Shambare, Carla Browning, Ray Lopez, Donna Gardino, Ian Olson, Gary Newman, John George, Nathan Betz, Jeannie Phillips

Meeting began at 9:00a

1. Welcome and introductions. The committee welcomed Jenny Campbell, Director of DDC, to the MPC as the new staff-council representative.
2. Sprint Antenna: The committee had a wide ranging discussion of the proposed Moore Hall rooftop Sprint antenna, microwave dish, and equipment. A draft motion was presented to recommend approval of the antenna. .
 - There were questions as to what the university received in return for allowing the use of its buildings. The proposed lease details, including fees will be reviewed and reported back to the committee by J. Shambare.
 - Concern was expressed whether the placement of antenna limited future research projects or imposed other non-monetary costs, such as reception interference on the university.
 - The committee noted that antennae are proliferating on UAF buildings without an overarching policy that coordinates placement. It was noted that perhaps MPC should consider this antenna request within this broader context.
 - It was noted that FNSB had recently developed a policy on antenna placement, which the MPC should review.
 - A suggestion was made that MPC should consider forming a subcommittee to review UAF antenna policy.

- The committee reviewed the current UAF Antenna Request Flow Chart. The flow chart calls for preparation of a recommendation form by a FS, DDC, and an appointed project manager in consultation with the requesting party. Jenny Campbell informed the committee that a project manager would be assigned and a recommendation form prepared. The MPC decided to delay any action on the proposal until this occurs and additional information is available. As a procedural move, a motion to recommend the antenna was moved by Gary Newman and seconded by Ian Olsen, and unanimously passed. A subsequent motion to table the approved motion was moved by Gary Newman and seconded by Carla Browning, and unanimously approved by the committee. Motion Tabled.

3. Discussion of MPC's scope of activities

- MPC discussed the charge put to the committee by Chancellor White at its previous meeting to expand its scope and be innovative and visionary in considering UAF's future appearance.
- The committee discussed the scope of committee activities, which range from filling a need for review of immediate campus requests pertaining to the campus exterior space to planning related issues, such as placement of buildings.
- It was noted that perhaps the committee should dedicate specific meetings to explore 'big picture' ideas regarding meeting the campus's future needs. It was also mentioned that the committee should review how the Master Plan is being integrated into university planning and check on the status of specific milestones. Furthermore, we should explore how other institutions actively use their Master Plans for guidance and how they are promoted.
- Jenny Campbell noted that the University is in the process of starting its Master Plan update process and in final stages of contracting with a consulting firm, DLR Group, to assist in the process. DLR has a consultant very familiar with how other institutions engage with their master planning groups and who may have particular insight as to how we might best approach defining our scope of activities. Jenny Campbell will check on the consultant's availability to meet with committee via video conference at its next meeting or meet with the committee in-person in March as part of the consulting agency's sight visit to UAF. MPC members are requested, prior to the meeting, to review its priorities document prepared last year and consider possible revisions. Also, MPC members are encouraged to review the current UAF Master Plan sections that include its vision statement, goals, and future campus statements.

- The committee expressed its desire to play an integral role in the UAF Master Plan update process. Jenny Campbell remarked that she expects MPC to be very involved. The consulting firm will be in town one week in March and one in April. She strongly recommends MPC meet with them.

4. Subcommittee and additional reports

i. North Campus

Subcommittee will meet in March. They will be talking to Disc golf consultant. Feedback on the north-campus ski-trails has been very positive. It was noted that Jason Garron, ski trails manager, deserves tremendous praise for his efforts, which he is having to do on his own due to elimination of support positions.

ii. Campus Landscape

- Subcommittee wasn't able to meet last week. Bear is ready to contribute to the Master Plan update;
- Yukon Drive reconstruction is coming up to put sidewalks on both sides of the road.
- Contracted with a single greenhouse this year for the plant order; they are currently focusing on upgrading and cleaning existing landscapes. June 6 is planting day and they are looking for volunteers to pitch in.

iii. Sustainability

- The MPC chair is currently trying to find a graduate student on the RISE Board who is willing to serve on the MPC.

5. Facilities Services update

- Yukon Drive reconstruction plan will be provided at future MPC meeting.
- 2018 summer construction schedule is being developed. Will be presented at next meeting.
- O'Neill and Irving canopy will be repaired this summer.
- Lola Tilly second floor reconstruction may affect summer planning.
- Patty Center first floor reconstruction scheduled for this summer and could affect summer races.
- Power Plant update – first turbine test in April.

6. Public comment. None.

7. Schedule. Next meeting scheduled for March 8th.

Meeting concluded at 10.55.