

UAF Master Planning Committee

Monday, February 3, 2020: 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Lola Tilly Commons Conference Room

Attendees: Gary Newman, Kathleen Meckel, Kara Axx, Joshua Greenberg, Nathan Belz, Donna Gardino, Cameron Wohlford, Adam Watson, Amanda Wall, Sierra Von Hafften

1. Welcomes and Introductions

The MPC welcomed Sierra Von Hafften, the newly appointed undergraduate representative. Also, Cameron Wohlford joined the committee on an interim basis to fill the vacancy left by Jonathan Shambare's departure.

2. MPC Discussion

Nathan Belz was unanimously elected Vice-Chair of the MPC.

The MPC discussed whether, given evolving conditions, the 2019 UAF Master Plan (Plan) approved for a 1-year period should be revisited prior to its reconsideration by the BOR. It was decided that committee members will review the Plan to consider the following alternatives:

- i. no action, leave as is.
- ii. consider major document modifications
- ii. consider minor document modifications
- iii. consider submitting an addendum to the UAF Master Plan that identifies areas of priority.

The committee believes it would be useful to meet with the Chancellor at a later meeting if warranted following its Plan review. The committee believes it would be useful to receive direction from the Chancellor on the review of the Plan.

The committee discussed reviving the Art-on-Campus subcommittee that would serve to review proposed interior and exterior art on the Fairbanks campus. Possible committee composition was discussed and includes representatives from the following departments/units: Art, Marketing and Communications, Alaska Native Studies, and ASUAF. The MPC chair will move forward with forming the subcommittee.

The committee discussed the seemingly increased practice of exterior structures appearing on the Fairbanks campus without having gone through the MPC review process. The chair is tasked with presenting this issue to the Chancellor for follow up actions to emphasize to the university community the requirement of MPC review.

3. Subcommittee reports

a. North Campus: has not met. The issue of connecting the UAF ski trail system to that of Cramer Field remains an ongoing discussion item. Relevant to this item, The FNSB Planning Commission is having a meeting on Feb 11, to consider an appeal of its denial of a trail easement that included portions of Alaska Dog Mushers Association trails.

Mid-March there will be a Suicide Prevention joint bike/ski fundraiser event co-sponsored by Goldstream Sports.

b. Campus Landscape. Has not met

c. Sustainability: The Rise Board is actively engaged in planning several upcoming sustainability themed events.

4. Facilities Services

The new power plant passed its emission test with flying colors.

Several interior space projects are occurring, including a dedicated ESport space in Wood Center and renovation of Bunnel to create a home base for Middle College students.

In coordination with the Georgeson Botanical Garden Society, additional parking is being considered for the deer yard. Parking shortages at Garden events has been an ongoing concern.

UAF continues with its efforts of shedding off campus structures as part of cost reduction efforts.

5. Next meeting is scheduled for February 17.