

**UAF Master Planning Committee Meeting  
Meeting Notes from October 5, 2020**

**Attendees:** Joshua Greenberg, Donna Gardino, Mark Oldmixon, Kathleen Merkel, Gary Neuman, Holly Beamon, Cameron Wohlford, John George, Nathan Belz, Kara Axx, Stan Justice, Chantel McGinnis, Carla Browning, Doug Schrage

**Call to Order:** 9:08 am

**Trail Repair**

This addresses drainage issues on the 6-mile Trail around Ballaine Lake. The Trail Club is offering their support. Stan Justice came with a presentation of past efforts of the Trail club that included student involvement. However, Covid hit and the project did not get very far. Facilities Services are installing culverts to correct the drainage problem. The Trails Club has purchased additional culverts, as well. It was noted that past reliance on wood chips is problematic because they degrade overtime into a black slime on poorly drained portions of the trails. UAF is the only trail regime in the state that still uses wood chips rather than gravel.

**Motion was presented:**

The Master Planning Committee reviewed the request for drainage installation on the 6-mile Trail to Ballaine Lake. The North Campus subcommittee passed a resolution to encourage and support Facilities Services' working with and supporting the Trail Club efforts and financial support to address the drainage problem. The North Campus resolution states that:

"NCS supports the Trail Club efforts to address drainage issues up to and including ditching and culvert installation along the 6-mile trail to Ballaine Lake. The Trails Club is ready to financially support culvert purchasing, UAF SC and Ski Team are ready to support with volunteer time. Ideally, they would be done before freeze up 2020."

***Motion passed by MPC that the North Campus Resolution of the 6- Mile trail drainage repair be approved.***

Motion made by G. Neuman, seconded by J. George. Passes unanimously.

**Subcommittee and additional reports**

**a. North Campus (NCSC)**

There was a request to meet quarterly. The NCSC addressed the Covid-19 mitigation plan. However, the campus is doing an overarching campus plan. North Campus will have a wipe dispenser and hand sanitizer at the ski hut. They recommend that people come to the ski area dressed and avoid use of the outhouse. On another note, they are not approving outside events at this time.

Bus 142 update: No new developments. It has been received by UAF and is currently in storage pending future display plans.

**b. Campus Landscape**

No report. The UAF Concrete Canoes from the last two years have been returned. Would like to have them displayed, which participants have commonly done. There are about a dozen new planter boxes outside of the community garden.

**c. Sustainability**

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Meeting regularly and adjusting their activities accordingly. The sculpted pole is back up but Facilities Service has received some complaints that they are currently addressing. The bench will not be replaced. The plaque has not been replaced yet.

**d. Inclusiveness Committee**

Holly Beamon provided an update of their meetings. They want to focus on historically marginalized students. They plan to focus on 5-7 goals and are seeking suggestions and feedback on their determination. Their next step will be establishing a statement of purpose and goals, which will then be used to narrow their focus.

**e. Facilities Services update**

The fence at the Energy Technology building will be installed this week. Installed bike path and pedestrian path signage along Tanana Loop. Road project is complete. Looks really good! Sent everyone a list of the facilities that have been removed over the last two years. The Shepard Building was moved to Talkeetna. ESports program will be located in Wood Center; the program includes an academic component. An EGaming Center is being constructed in Wood Center near the bowling lanes.

Concrete work is complete at the library. There is a strip of gravel left so they can replace the pipes. By Constitution Hall there are new stairs and ramp complete with snowmelt. The new windows are in and look really good.

There was a request for a connex at the Virology lab in support of the Covid-19 testing. MPC passed a motion through email in support of its placement. Despite MPC motion of support, several MPC members expressed sever reservations about allowing new connexes on campus. Thanks to all MPC members for their rapid responses to this request.

**Public Comment**

Josh noted that the representation we have from all facets of the University is important and would like to have MPC expertise harnessed in support of UAF planning. Members are encouraged to bring forward items and issues for consideration by the committee.

John George wondered about a volunteer effort regarding landscaping in the summer, particularly by the Butrovich building. Carla Browning said they have a Flower Planting Day and an Adopt-a-Bed program, but the Flower Planting Day was cancelled this year.

**Schedule** Next Meeting: November 2, 9:00 am

**Adjourned** at 9:51 am.