

**UAF Master Planning Committee Meeting
Meeting Notes from February 1, 2021**

Present: Joshua Greenberg, Kara Axx, Kathleen Mekel, Carla Browning, Cameron Wohlford, Doug Schrage, Holly Beamon, Gary Newman, John George, Chantelle McGinness, Mark Oldmixon

1. Welcome and introductions

2. OHV activity on campus

Item was tabled until the next MPC meeting. The MPC did engage in a preliminary discussion of the item in which they identified possible sources of problems with adherence to the current UAF OHV policy, such as snow machine traffic on farm fields and other areas around campus.

3. Chancellor request on naming opportunities for UAF facilities

The chancellor requested MPC assistance in identifying naming opportunities for UAF facilities. There is a campus naming committee, but it was noted that it has only met once in 3 years. It was also noted there is a UAF Facilities Name Guidelines developed in 2013 that follows BOR policy. The guidelines specify a formula for determining minimum naming gift amounts for facilities, which relates back specific facility costs. One particular opportunity mentioned was signage at the beginning of Thompson Drive. MPC members were encouraged to email the chair with any additional suggestions.

4. Subcommittee and additional reports

a. North Campus

North Campus subcommittee (NCS) met to discuss a proposal that was brought to them by a member of the public to consider making improvements to the Pooch Loop walking trail to allow skijoring in that area. Several members of the public were present at the meeting. After discussion, the NCS decided it wanted to retain the area as a dog walking area. Accordingly, the NCS took no action on the submitted proposal. The NCS back in a 2006 consideration of the walking trail project, listed the Pooch Loop for improvement. However, what that entailed is unclear, and the NCS is currently researching any possible documentation to provide further clarification of MPC intent. The only related document found to-date was a map of the area and it is thought that this is probably what the MPC voted on at the time. The map does denote phases for the improvement plan, but offers no details as to what those phases entailed. The chair noted that he was contacted by a member of the public about the 2006 improvement plan. Their recollection was that the MPC outlined certain maintenance activities and noted there were community members willing to provide assistance in trail maintenance and improvement. Facilities Services, while appreciating offers of public assistance, prefers to do the work in-house given past issues with coordinating volunteers.

b. Campus Landscape

No report

c. Sustainability

Nothing new to report

d. Inclusivity

The committee last met in November and are currently working on a spring meeting schedule. They would like to request the MPC chair present to the Chancellor a committee proposal for new UAF branded signs at the 4 entrances to the Troth Yeddha' Campus (North Tanana Drive, Alumni Drive, Sheep Creek and Thompson Drive) that acknowledge the Alaska Native Nations traditional lands upon which the UAF campuses reside. They would like to have Troth Yeddha' included in that signage to welcome people to the Troth Yeddha' campus. They would like to know if the Core Cabinet and other stakeholders support their working with Marketing and Facilities Services on this signage redesign and if there are funds available.

The committee provided in an email to the MPC chair the following statement regarding its proposal: "The Master Planning subcommittee for Diversity and Inclusion would like to request new UAF branded signs at the four entrances to campus that acknowledge at UAF the Alaska Native nations upon whose traditional lands our six campuses reside. In Fairbanks, our Troth Yeddha' Campus is located on the traditional lands of the Dena' Athabascan people of the Tanana River and we'd like to see Troth Yeddha' specifically included on our signage when welcoming individuals to campus."

5. Facilities Services

Cameron Wohlford remarked that it should be another busy construction season on campus. The construction update map should be out in early March. He highlighted a few specific planned activities followed by committee discussion. There is a potential for a general obligation bond coming from the Governor's Office and the university has been invited to submit projects to go on that bond. They have been working through a list for submissions that is mostly focused on modernization and revitalization.

6. Public Comment

No comments

7. Schedule

Next meeting March 1st

Meeting adjourned at 9:59