

UAF North Campus Subcommittee Agenda March 9, 2004; 12 p.m. (noon) Facilities Services Conference Room, RM 122	No agenda available
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UAF North Campus Subcommittee Meeting

March 9, 2004

Notes

Attending:

Members - Carol Adamczak, Rich Boone, Darrin Edson, Dan Osborne, Tim Stallard

Consultants ? Pete Fix, Mike Hay

Public ? Stan Justice, Don Lokken

Approved with amendments minutes of 2/24/04 meeting.

PC ? Stan is gathering notes of non-objection on proposed trail projects. Access to SAR dish should be included in the North Campus Plan, because there are some conflicts with ski trail grooming and access to the dish that is plowed for vehicles..

New Business

Discussion on Roger Asbury's proposal for geo-caching activity in the North Campus Area. Roger was invited to attend the ad hoc committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2004. The ad hoc committee is currently the body that makes management recommendations for the NCA to the Chancellor.

Specific Comments:

- Dan ? It's difficult to give consideration to an activity without details of what is involved. Rich ? We need more details. What's the cache consist of?
- Tim ? There could be some good educational opportunities, but it would need management by the North Campus Manager (NCM).
- Pete ? There would be appropriate areas for it to occur, and inappropriate also.

Summary of discussion: The NCS needs more information on the specifics of the activity before it can make recommendations.

Timetable for finishing the North Campus Plan ? The Plan must be drafted by early April. Public comment must be incorporated into the Plan. Notification of public involvement meetings must be posted at least two weeks prior to the meetings. The meetings will be held in late March. Notification needs to be posted this week. Overall format of the meetings will be similar to the previous public scoping meetings. Three meetings will be held at three different locations, two on campus, and one in town at a location that is to be determined. A difference from the public scoping meetings is that there will be a 20-minute presentation by Pete Fix highlighting certain aspects of the plan. Presentations will be followed by question and answer opportunities, and a chance for the public to view posters giving details on the Plan.

The draft Plan, other than public comment, can be finished by March, 21 st if votes on management decisions are made on before spring break. If Chancellor Lind is to approve it before he leaves the University, the Master Planning Committee (MPC) needs to look it over and approve it before he does. The MPC needs it in early April.

Proposed on-campus trails ? A section will be put in the Plan that supports the building of trails on campus. This section includes proposals for trails that warrant further study, and a proposal for a central campus trailhead near the Wood Center. The Farm is concerned about people biking through the farm. There is already a problem with trespass by snow machines. They don't want more of similar issues.

Dan as a new member on the North Campus Subcommittee (NCS) has a fresh perspective and has comments regarding the Plan. There is a lack of balance. Coverage in the Plan is weighted towards recreation and outreach, and away from research. 51% of research revenue in Alaska comes through UAF. Not all research uses the NCA, but some do. There is a lot of research history here, and it is inadequately represented in the history section of the Plan. There are many management details provided for the trails, but none for research. There are roads within the NCA that were built as roads, still used as roads, but called trails in the Plan. This is misleading. There should be a more detailed treatment of research uses in the NCA. The agreement for the land used at the CIGO site is a permanent agreement. Funding for the CIGO site is through a twenty year agreement with the USGS.

General responses from other committee members:

Rich ? The fact that research is not well represented in the history section is known. This has been addressed by an expanded history section written by Pat Holloway.

Carol ? Trails are managed not only because they are used for recreation, but also because they are access to research sites. Trails and roads are the access for all activities that occur in the NCA.

Pets - The details in the Plan that reference trails are, in fact, restrictions on trail development activities.