

<b>UAF North Campus Subcommittee Agenda</b>  November 10, 2003; 12 p.m. (noon) Facilities Services Conference Room, RM 122	No agenda available
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**UAF North Campus Subcommittee Meeting**  
November 10, 2003  
Notes

**Attending:** Rich, Pat, Darrin, Deborah, Carol, Michael, Peter, Stan

We will review the draft plan next Monday.

Discussion of the Research area should be included in the plan

Brian Barnes should be asked to fill in more detail in reviewing the December draft.

Permit is not in plan yet. Will be in appendix.

Defer the discussion of the plan until next week

Edie can talk to us on Fire Station. Rich will see if she can talk to us next week.

Head of Parking & Circulation would be willing to talk to us.

Rich said that it would be valuable to have Carol Lewis to come talk to us.

Pat talked to Carol Lewis, Dean of SNRAS. She will be setting up committee this week. They will discuss options of remaining autonomous or working within the North Campus Area rules. Pat hopes that they meet next week.

Committee agreed to discuss plan next week.

Peter noted that the Tanana Loop Road image is very large if he deletes it he can send as e-mail attachment. (12MB with image)

Also on agenda today

1. Will give update on last 2 meetings today.
2. Consider permit process today.
3. Discuss ecological center
4. Discuss position description
5. Discuss meeting with trails committee

DOT meeting very positive. The main objective was to improve safety.

- Paul Prusak is looking at ways to change intersection
- Rich was encouraged by what is possible in the near future.
- The installation of an all way stop might not cost much.
- We discussed ways that improved signage could help
- Paul had noted that a flashing light doesn't help much
- Tim brought up the possibility that rumble strips might help.
- We discussed who would provide the money and planning. It is possible that DOT safety money could help this issue.
- Paul also said that he could look into the possibility of using funds from Thompson Drive.
  - We discussed the possibility of changing the road alignment. It is not in any plans at present. Long term could be possible.
- Paul very open minded and positive.
- Pedestrian crossing is not in a defined location. We discussed options for a crossing location.
- Gravel thrown on existing path. Not much can be done.
- The Miller Hill Road widening project may be pushed until after the bike path construction.
- Enforcement of speed limit would help the safety of this area.
- Signed area is only place where parking is illegal.

- Paul is supposed to get back to us soon. We will wait for his response. Rich will e-mail him soon if he has heard nothing.

Nordic Ski Club Meeting -- Rich, Peter, Michael, Jim Mery, Andy Blossy, Byron Broda, Don Lokken, Stan Justice.

- Discussed their trail issues. Very happy how things are going at this time.
- Did not seem major problems.
- Nordic Ski Club would like involvement of how funds are spent. Would like to be involved with work on trails.
- Things are working well now.
- Discussed Ring Road project and impact to the trails.
- Master Plan Committee forwarding recommendation maybe Thursday for Tanana Loop Road.
- Concerned about the construction of North campus loop road and the connection to trails.
- Many people assume a single trailhead. There are many places to get on the trails.
- Nordic Ski Newsletter showed alternate routes of North Loop Road

Pat commented that the Circulation study should state that the Tanana Loop Road construction must ensure that the trails are not disconnected. The road can't cut off campus from trails.

Cynthia stated that **if** the Tanana Loop goes through we want certain considerations.

Rich will draft memo on statement for MPC to consider on Thursday. He'll send tomorrow and needs comments on Wednesday.

Pat stated that we must make sure we have multiple points of contact.

- Allow everyone access, classes, pedestrians, skiers, etc.
- "Preserve and improve" access for trails.

Committee agreed that we need statement to insert in Circulation and Parking plan

Rich to talk to Shirish Patil, Chairman of the Parking and Circulation subcommittee.

Deb said that we should point out that community funds are spent on the trails.

Pat said that it would be best that we have specific statement to add into plan

In summary of meeting with Nordic Ski club, the North Campus Subcommittee should plan to meet twice a year with Nordic Ski Club.

Approved minutes of meeting with ADOT.

Approved minutes of 10/27 meeting

Deb asked about biathlon use for the Rifle Range. She had recently talked to Bert Boyer about the upcoming Arctic Winter Games.

- Bert talked to Andy Blossy about finding the original trails that were used for training for these games.

These were originally a snow shoe trail but they now need to be a ski trail.

Pooch loop may be the old trails for biathlon.

Randy Rogers, AK Fish and Game, was involved in the Borough Trail plan and may be able to provide background as to agreements on the North Campus trails.

Pat will talk to Fish and Game on agreements.

Discussion of environmental center

- Deb just came back from the North American Environmental Education Conference

We need an Outdoor Study Center. AK is behind the times.

We need to get the ideas for this center documented in this plan.

Pat has been working on this with Botanical Garden for a number of years. Plan was for trails with limited interpretive signs. Plans for 3 trails.

She has had discussion with LARS and Museum who are also interested in these trails.

The Calypso trail is part of this original plan.

There has been planning for trails from the Botanical Garden into the NCL.

- Also trails from the Museum into the NCL/
- Fits with many programs on campus.

AK should have degree in environmental education. Probably won't get Department of Education certificate.

- Could get a national certificate that is honored between government agencies.

Peter noted that there is an environmental learning center where he got his PhD that had facility for environmental classes.

Pat stated that people have been trying to coordinate this plan with environmental education.

The Educational Center should be discussed in the NCL plan. Do not need to specifically mention facility. The plan for the details of the Education Center will need to be separate.

The Alaska National Resource and Outdoor Education meeting will be here next year.

Karla Kirts was only person in education in their department.

The Lower '48 uses these centers for education of troubled youth.

Need to include statement in plan on Environmental Education.

Environmental Sustainability Grant to have course in environmental resources

- Expect this area of study to build in future.

"Place based education" has to do with environmental education. Complements native ways of knowing.

### **Permit Process**

Need to have focus group from key researchers to review this permit. Explain that the permit is necessary to protect research. Send to researchers that originally responded.

Discussed possibility of one permit for all uses of North Campus.

First page of permit can be generic.

Might have different permits for different uses

Information from the permits will provide documentation for grant proposals

Cleaned up some things near rifle range this summer. Need to make sure things are not left behind like that in the future.

This process will help to know what's going on in the NCL.

Good to have group activities permitted also.

Liability statement will be needed on the permit.

Need prompting questions. Different permit for each type of use.

To visit an Education Center, people usually call ahead.

Agreed to meet next Monday

Get comments to Peter and Mike by Monday.

See if Edie can be here. If not what are the issues?

Talk about position description next week.