

UAF North Campus Subcommittee Agenda October 13, 2003; 12 p.m. (noon) Facilities Services Conference Room, RM 122	No agenda available
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UAF North Campus Subcommittee Meeting

October 13, 2003

Notes

In attendance:

Members: Rich Boone, Bill McDonnell, Deborah Wilkinson, Cynthia Steiner, Tim Stallard, Carol Adamczak

Community: Stan Justice, Don Lokken

Plan consultants: Peter Fix, Michael Hay

Issues in plan that need further discussion:

1. Lighted trails
2. Smith Lake Parking
3. Troth Yeddh Park

What goes into plan?

1. Smith Lake Parking

Alternatives Proposed

1. a. Status quo is not acceptable
2. b. Alternatives 2 and 3 were discussed

Points noted in Smith Lake discussion:

1. Person killed trying to get a stuck snowmachine.
2. Jim Whisenant made funds available toward improving parking.
3. Parking lots not supported in North Campus Area particularly southwest end.
4. Arboretum should remain without development. May need to do improvements in the area.
5. Safety is the biggest concern.
6. The Alaska Railroad rerouting might allow a change in the road alignment.
7. Can people park where the bike path is?
8. Add a cross walk at the north end of the existing parking lot.
9. Can we make the intersection with Sheep Creek Road a three way stop?
10. Need to talk to DOT about the possibilities.
11. Need to decide if a parking lot is allowed on North Campus Land.
12. Suggest rerouting road and allowing parking on the east side of the road.
13. Senator Stevens offered to help with this issue.
14. Discussed moving ski hut to west side by Smith Lake for the trailhead. There would be no security. Vandalism would be a problem.
15. Need about double the parking that there is now.
16. If safe parking is built use will grow.
17. Need to list our concerns and address these in the plan. We do not need to come up with the specific answer in our plan.

Points to include in Smith Lake discussion of the long term plan:

1. Safe community access
2. Don't want to impact Arboretum. Preserve remote attributes of northwest corner of the North Campus Land.
3. Must address the issues associated with wetlands.
4. This committee must be involved in the final plan for this area.
5. Parking should be limited.
6. Parking should be on the University side of the road.

Further discussion:

1. Short term solutions should include signage and possible lighted signal with crossing.
2. Parking should not be for UAF decal. (Free to community)
3. Discourage large parking lot in North Campus Land.

4. Three way stop would really help in the short term.
5. Goal is to make safer not to expand.
6. Plan should state that there is adequate parking for community to use trails (wherever it is located).
7. On West Ridge, there must be access across ring road from parking to trails.
8. Need to note the Tanana Loop completion impact in the NCL plan. Access to trails from parking is key.

Discussion of North Campus Land Manager

1. Need to set the tasks for the Manager.
2. Do not need to set the budget for the Manager.
3. Environmental Education must be part of the Manager's background.
4. Must interface with educators in the community.
5. Must coordinate with Facilities Services on campus.
6. Interpretation Center should be a goal for the NCL. Campbell Creek in Anchorage would be a good place to look at. UW Arboretum would be another.
7. Manager must interact with recreation, education, facilities, and research. Must have ties to these areas.
8. Talk to personnel as to how to define the job. Use UAF JEF development form to help define the tasks of the Manager.
9. This is not an entry level position.

Other issues Meet with Miranda Wright on the Troth Yeddh site.

Rich to talk to Rick Caulfield on meeting with DOT.

Next meeting October 27th.