

UAF North Campus Subcommittee Agenda October 27, 2003; 12 p.m. (noon) Facilities Services Conference Room, RM 122	No agenda available
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Notes

Attendees: Rich Boone, Bill McDonnell, Pat Holloway, Tim Stallard, Carol Adamczak, Peter Fix, Michael Hay, Stan Justice, Don Lokken

Rich Boone had talked to Rick Caulfield about completion of draft plan. Need to get public input. Set up schedule with public comment period.

- "Troth Yeddh" means potatoes.
- "Troth Yeddha" is the place.

Pat reported on conversation that she had with Paul Prusak at DOT.

- Pat said that previous DOT contact, Jeff Roach, is gone for a year. Paul Prusak interested in connecting with us.
- Committee needs to continue dialog with DOT.
- It is important to understand the philosophy of DOT decisions.
- The Miller Hill bike path is still in line for planning but has been delayed a year. Planning is scheduled for '05 (Yankovich/Miller Hill bike path).
- Bike path ROW could go into NCL.
- Ed's research moved off road in preparation for bike path. Need to coordinate with DOT on the location of this bike path.
- Project is not near design phase yet.

- We want to be involved heavily in the planning and design.
- Miller Hill to be widened primarily for safety but residents want the "country road feel."
- Widening is not the same project as the bike path. Widening is scheduled first.
- Pat discussed Smith Lake parking with Paul. There is no road construction in that area. Just Miller Hill.
- There is no change to RR planned for the area by Smith Lake.
- DOT is aware of the safety issue of people crossing the road in this area.
- A 3 way stop can be discussed. Paul knows that DOT worries about traffic backed up over the tracks.
- Pat asked Paul for a way to make the area safer. He'd be happy to talk to us.
- Construction generally occurs 3 years after planning.

Committee discussed possible meeting with DOT next week. Maybe next Monday.

Pat also getting the mutual agreements between DOT and UAF at Ballaine Lake. Hank Strandberg to send them to Pat.

Pat to contact Fish & Game on Rifle Range agreements.

Rich heard about a possible fire station relocation. Initially the location was near the rifle range but he now hears that it will be near Ballaine Lake. Need to meet with Edie soon to discuss this.

The Engineering Department called Pat about their placing concrete in NCL. It had something to do with the use of canola oil.

The committee needs to talk to rifle coach, Glen Dubis. He wanted to expand the Rifle Range.

Rich meeting w/Nordic Ski Club Thursday at noon with Pete & Mike.

Master Plan for University should match Borough Plan.

- Trails plan for borough calls for connection to University trails.
- University agreed to keep Skarland trail connected to Borough trails.

- UAF can move trails somewhat with the agreement with the Borough.

Karl Kassel would be a good person to get to talk about trails.

Need to have action in our plan to connect to Borough trails and Trails Plan.

Copies of the approved minutes will be sent to Bev Frey to put on the website.

Rich pointed out that we must have an official public comments period.

Public comments -- None.

Guest speaker Miranda Wright -- Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Native Education

Miranda has submitted a proposal for the space between NSF & Museum to faculty senate & MPC. It is a proposal for green space called "Troth Yeddha." The name comes from the history of the area. Peter John referred to this in a speech. It is a place native people came after fish camp, looking for fall hunting. According to Eva Moffet., this is the area that 5 nations came together for a peace summit. Troth Yeddha because the wild potato was an important part of the regions diet.

- Their committee would like to restore the area to natural vegetation.
- Looking at their plan, the circle is too large as drawn. Would have to be scaled down.
- Miranda noted that their committee liked the access to parking at NSF & Museum and ADA access
- There is no definitive plan for a ski hut at this location.
- They do not want ski trails on the site. Width required for ski trails is too wide for their plan.
- The circle is to be the public center of the space, with a slope to the center of the circle.
- Pat noted that the Denver Botanical garden has a beautiful area with sloped gathering area.

Pat reminded everyone that this committee needs to look at the trails to campus center after the initial draft plan is complete.

The area of ground above the Utilidor must remain tree free due to the heat it generates.

Troth Yeddha includes a sculpture area that could work above the utilidor.

The area will be primarily for educational activities.

Rich added that this space and the NCL have issues that overlap.

Miranda expects this area will have concrete paths around and leading to the main circle. There will also be "brown" paths for nature trails. Do not want to disturb boreal forest where it remains.

Having a culvert under Tanana Loop Rd for people to cross to the ski trails would be ok but they would not want a main ski trail on the site.

Pat explained that the Tanana Loop Road is on the planning schedule for '08. Paul Prusak with DOT has stated that one tunnel is all we can expect. For whatever crossings we want, get request in early. These are very expensive.

Pat explained how the use of natural grasses over the utilidor could be very beautiful. Miranda would like to see a water feature. Pat said this is very popular with children at the farm.

Rich told the committee that Rick Caulfield would like the North Campus Committee to look at the benefits/disadvantages of the different road alignments for Tanana Loop. There are 3 proposed alignments. Carol to see if she can get these for the next meeting.

Rick wants to know impacts of alignments such as Storage area behind GI.

Michael got input from Brian Barnes on what is in research area and has mapped out research.

Rich and Bill both stated that the Ski Hut will need to remain in area where it is.

Miranda does not want groomed ski trails on the Troth Yeddha site.

Already trail by Cutler Apartments for skiers to use.

Need to have trails to campus center and to residential areas. There was a trail up behind North Chandler houses.

Pat thought that from current information, the earliest construction for Tanana Loop would be in 2011.

The North Campus Draft plan should be ready in early December. (Revised draft)

Peter said that the draft is getting close to sending back to committee.

The Plan needs to be in the style of the Campus Master Plan.

Pat would like to see a Safety Plan that includes fire, rescue, and injury.

After we get this plan out for review, Pat reminded us that the connecting trails to campus should be our next issue. We need to add something on trail signage.

In this draft we need a section that identifies future projects.

Rick said that we need to make the managers position clear. The manager authorizes most decisions. There should be a flow chart of duties and responsibilities. There will be an appeal process for the times someone disagrees with the manager.

This plan needs to address the interaction with the Arboretum Committee.

Rich noted that the NCL plan includes Arboretum Maybe we allow the Dean the power to veto. Arboretum must be under the NCL Plan.

Pat told the NCL committee that the Arboretum Committee plans to meet within the month. We need to resolve this issue immediately

NCL made need rules for individual zones. Include agreements for use in the appendix.

Pat's write up about each area will be included at the end of the plan.

Tentative schedule:

- E-mail for more review November 10 th
- Meet on November 24 th to discuss revised draft.
- Send to Master Planning Committee on 12/15

Need to discuss the approval process of the North Campus Plan as one of the chapters.