

<b>UAF North Campus Subcommittee Agenda</b>  April 3, 2006; 12 p.m. (noon) Facilities Services Conference Room, RM 122	No agenda available
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### **UAF North Campus Subcommittee Meeting**

April 3, 2006

Notes

**Present:** Scott Jerome, Linda Zanazzo, Tim Stallard, Pete Fix, Dan Osborne, Rich Boone (chair), Luke Hopkins (ex officio and North Campus Manager)

Absent: Cynthia Steiner

Guest: Stan Justice, Don Lokken

Meeting came to order at 12:00 PM.

Minutes from March 6, 2006 meeting approved.

#### **Manager's Report** – Luke Hopkins

Luke gave an overview of the discussion about campus walking trails at the most recent meeting of the Circulation & Parking Subcommittee (CPS). CPS members agreed to visit trails before the end of this snow season, especially the trail behind the houses on Chandalar Drive and the trail south of Yukon Drive. NCS members had a general discussion of some of the issues regarding main campus trails. The possibility of a trail from Yukon Drive to the Patty Center was raised. Luke pointed

out that safety issues would need to be considered. A working group from the CPS will meet later today (April 3) to look at campus trails.

The issue of deciding the switchover from ski season to non-ski season was discussed. The trails are still in good shape now. Luke will put up a sign that trails are still being groomed and is preparing a sign to announce when grooming is over.

A request for Outdoor Days was received. Luke is working with UA Real Estate and Statewide Land Management on the request.

A request was received from Student Activities to hold a "Mudrun" on North Campus, as part of UAF Springfest on April 28. Luke said he would identify trails that might be used for the run. Dan Osborne suggested using the farm fields for the run.

Resolution of Dr. Kim's permit request is still in process.

Luke raised the issue of using eminent domain to secure trails. Ralph Seekins (state senator) has proposed a bill (Bill 318) that a 2/3 majority from municipal government would be required to secure trails via eminent domain.

There is a statewide trails conference in Fairbanks this week, starting on Wednesday. One guest speaker is a developer who includes trails in his developments and maintains that trails are important to economic development. Information about the conference can be found at the Borough's Park and Recreation web site. There will be a workshop on grant writing for trails improvement.

The T-field ASF reflector was vandalized. Footprints were found leading to the reflector, which was bent. ASF staff removed the reflector, repaired it, and re-installed it.

### **Public Comment**

Stan Justice reported that the Ski-athon was successful and raised \$1700. Stan noted that he had not received notification that his permit application was approved. He said that notification needs to be timely. He also noted that

inaccurate maps were submitted for the phonebook and visitors map at the last NCS meeting, when there was no quorum. Stan objected to the omission on the submitted map of (1) the trail that crosses from the Beaver Slide Trail to the T-field, and (2) the trail south of Smith Lake.

### **Old Business**

Pete Fix reviewed a summary of the walking trails survey. Notable were the large portion that don't walk to Smith Lake (63%) and those that don't walk on the Pooch Loop (57%). 64% preferred to walk side x side. 92% preferred to walk on trails <60 minutes. Half of the respondents want a trail length <3 miles. Only 6% were against allowing dogs on trails. 18% were against allowing bikes on trails. 57% would use trails 1-2 times per week. About half of respondents would contribute to grooming of walking trails.

There was a general discussion of the survey results. It was noted that in general people who responded to the survey and at the focus group showed they are respectful of the need to maintain trails for skiers in the winter. Luke believes our information may not sufficiently include the needs of walkers from West Ridge.

Member of the NCS will meet at Tim Stallard's office at 4P Wednesday, April 5 for a walk to examine possible winter walking trails.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25P. The next meeting of the North Campus Subcommittee is planned for Monday, April 10, 2006.