

UAF Master Plan Committee

Meeting Notes by Gary Newman

The Master Plan Committee met Feb. 16, 2012

1. Bike path from Sheep Creek Road to Thompson Drive – Dept of Transportation is planning to construct a bike path along Yankovich Road as far as Sheep Creek Road. UAF is planning to extend it as far as Thompson Drive, challenging particularly as it passes by the Ag Farm.
2. North Tanana Loop – this is the road that goes behind campus, not currently open for access except for construction vehicles for Life Sciences Bldg. The road is not suitable as is for full time use and UAF is trying to get funding from DOT's FMAT Committee. It is not scheduled yet for funding. The Master Plan Committee members expressed a desire to have this completed when the Life Sciences Bldg is complete as they foresee some traffic issues beyond the current traffic and safety issues, particularly when one comes from Farmers Loop onto campus then down the road between Cutler Apartments and the Moore dorm. We will be discussing this further.
3. Ice Rink in front of SRC – there is an area that used to have an inflated beluga tent over it. Student Affairs had proposed putting in a public use skating rink in this area with additional parking. Design is on-going, no funding is yet available.
4. Other facilities issues:
 - a) Schematic design of the Engineering Bldg addition is ongoing and expected to be presented to the Board of Regents in April.
 - b) There will be a lot of construction in front of the SRC this summer with a utilidor extension, new electrical, roof replacement on Patty Center. Traffic will be disrupted as well as phased blocking off of some Nenana Lot parking. More info will be communicated to the campus community by Facilities Services as well as to targeted stakeholders for that area during summer.
 - c) Facilities Services is planning installation of metal stairs up from the Taku Parking lot on the east end of campus, as what we call the Luge Run, serpentine sidewalk can be hazardous. Stairs are proposed to be similar to the stairs that go down toward Facilities Services across the street from the Bunnell-Duckering parking lot.
 - d) There was discussion on the West Ridge Deferred Maintenance project now in process with stakeholders. How to mesh department needs and desires with larger planning views as outlined in the Master Plan 2010 was the essence of the discussion.
5. The Campus Landscape Subcommittee hasn't met. Design and Construction Director Jonathan Shambare indicated a desire for input on re-landscaping a couple small areas outside Gruening and the library that will experience some construction this summer.
6. North Campus Subcommittee – The trails groomer is having difficulty grooming the new section of the Skarland Trail and the Big Whizzy, mostly due to sharp turns. There is a need to evaluate and make adjustments for next season.
7. Deb Horner, MPC acting chair, is inviting comments on select classrooms' paint jobs, specifically Duckering 252, 456; Gruening 208, 412; Chapman 104.

This concludes the meeting notes from Feb. 16, 2012