

## **UAF Master Plan Committee (MPC) Report**

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The meeting notes, once available, may include further information, but the following are the salient points. <http://www.uaf.edu/mastplan/committee/meetings/agendas/2011-2012/>

### Campus Bike Safety Proposal :

Michelle Sutton, UAF student and bike mechanic for Outdoor Adventures, had prepared a report accumulated from various sources and her own survey showing the areas on campus that were in need of safety improvements. It was noted that this report reinforces some of the issues noted in the Kittelson study, the ongoing DOT Yankovich bike path, and the Circulation and Parking Plan. I found Michelle's presentation and work very impressive and will encourage further actions to have our campus be more bike (and pedestrian) friendly. I can provide a copy of this report to any interested upon request.

### Beginner's Ski Trail Proposed Modification

Nicole Nordstrand and Mark Oldmixon presented a plan to widen/straighten the ski trail south of the trail/access to the SAR dish. The purpose is to allow coaches to be able to view new skiers along the whole trail for training purposes. At present, site visibility is very limited. This proposal needed to go to the North Campus Subcommittee, so no MPC recommendation was made. The timing of the proposal was to piggyback on work that was now under contract with the expansion of the Big Whizzy Loop.

### Facilities Report

Lower Campus has numerous disruptive projects scheduled for the summer, mostly focused on long needed utility upgrades – a new utilidor and sewer line replacement. See their website for the area maps showing the projects: <http://www.uaf.edu/fs/departments/design-construction/> There was discussion about parking, coordination with Springfest, the Midnight Sun Run and that the SRC solar panel project was awarded. It was noted that Student Activities was very much looking forward to the construction of the outdoor ice rink. Other ongoing projects briefly mentioned: Life Sciences, Engineering Building, Still pending location options for the SAR Dish #3 (LARS, Rifle Range, Taku Lot). It was mentioned that ATCO units had been approved to be put next to the new Test Module for relocation of ACEP staff. The MPC was interested in the visibility of these modules as we had discouraged ATCOs in the Master Plan and as a general rule for a number of aesthetic and practical reasons, but no further information was available.

### Special Projects

It was mentioned that, with surplus funds toward the end of the fiscal year, Facilities Services evaluates outstanding potential projects for possible funding. Scott Bell was to be conducting this meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Master Plan Committee meeting will be May 10, 2012 9 am – 11 am in IARC 417. Aside from the standard agenda items, up for discussion/action will be:

1. Proposed location of the new ASF dish. The North Campus Subcommittee will be considering the issue the day before our meeting, so our actions will most likely be predicated on their review and recommendations.
2. Jonathan Shambare, DD&C, will make a presentation on the roundabout design for Lower/East Campus. Although MPC will not be making any recommendation on a preferred option at this meeting, it will be important to see and understand the pros and cons of the three options currently on the table.
3. Jenny Campbell, DD&C, will present the latest plans for the P3 project – dining and housing.
4. Community garden – an update on the community garden will be provided. (this had been proposed for a location just west of CCHRC and east of Thompson Drive).