

UAF North Campus Subcommittee Agenda June 4, 2002; 12 p.m. (noon) Facilities Services Conference Room, RM 122	No agenda available
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UAF North Campus Subcommittee Meeting

June 4, 2002

Notes

The North Campus subcommittee met at 8:30 a.m. on 6/4/02

NEXT MEETING: June 10, Mon, 8:30 a.m.

Present:

Carol Adamczak, Tim Stallard, Jane Parrish, Chris Bennett, Pat Holloway

Absent:

Bill McDonnell, John Eichelberger, Terry Chapin, Dave Musgrave

Pat Holloway gave a brief update on the Smith Lake parking area. Basically, access to Smith Lake will be addressed within the larger picture of the bike and multi-use trails that are planned along Miller Hill/Yankovich and possibly extending along the south side of West Tanana Drive. The Master planning committee has recommended that the VC for Administration write to DOT, requesting that the parking area be included in the plans for the bike trails unless DOT decides that for some safety reasons, changes are needed immediately. The North Campus Subcommittee will examine this entire project and make recommendations in the

North Campus Master Plan unless DOT requests a more rapid response to a safety issue.

Pat, Chris Bennett and Carol Adamczak also updated the committee on the land planner position that is currently proposed for the North Campus area. Details are sketchy at this time. The North Campus Subcommittee received a letter from Mr. Chris Maisch, President of the Board of Advisors for the School of Agriculture and Land Resources Management. Mr. Maisch and the Board wish to support the Land manager position and suggested that this person be involved in planning for other natural areas on the UAF campus, specifically some large land holdings in Palmer at the Palmer Research Station. The North campus subcommittee can submit a memo to the Provost identifying specific needs for this position if anyone sees the need. Please contact Pat, and it will be put on the agenda for future meetings.

The subcommittee will now tackle the huge task of a North Campus Master Plan. It will be a difficult and time consuming task because there is no existing master plan to revise. This will be the first! Through the historical notes and limited inquiries, we have identified specific areas that need to be addressed. We will tackle these first, try to provide some written documentation on specific areas, their purpose, etc., then move on to the bigger picture of trails, boreal forest, overall goals for research, education and research. The following 9 areas have been identified:

1. USGS seismic area - Carol Adamczak
2. Arboretum - Pat Holloway
3. Biological Reserve - Terry Chapin
4. Rifle range - Chris Bennett
5. GI storage/research area - Carol Adamczak
6. Wildlife Preserve - Pat Holloway
7. T-Field - Jane Parrish
8. Exotic Tree plantation - Dave Musgrave
9. John Alfonsi campground - Tim Stallard

The people's names listed behind the sites have agreed (with the exception of two, and we volunteered you!) to write a summary about these areas. Keep in mind, that we will examine everything about these areas right down to their very existence. We will dig for hard and fast reasons why they are there, what they contribute, etc. We have tentatively agreed to gather the following information:

- history
- purpose, past and present
- UAF person who is responsible for the area
- past, present and proposed future uses
- contractual arrangements, if any
- its value in continuing
- why it is such an important asset to the university
- Could it be done somewhere else?

The goal is to produce a draft document that defines these areas as best as we can, then go through a process of public hearings and debates that will help define our master plan. We had tentatively set September as a goal for having a draft available for public debate, but some believe that is too ambitious considering everyone's summer schedule. Since none of us wants this process to slide, we will proceed, knowing we will have to revisit some of these topics several times.

Pat Holloway will go through past emails and forward pertinent information to individuals working on specific areas.

Following Tuesday's meeting, one member of the committee requested that the north campus subcommittee try to refrain from getting into the trails politics and coloring our conversations with accusations of wrong doing, and who did what to whom. We need to understand past problems, and learn from them, but not get bogged down in putting out fires. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting

Any additions or corrections, please forward them to Pat Holloway.