

UAF Master Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 25, 2014; 9am-11am

Wood Center 101G

MPC in Attendees: Kara Axx, Lydia Anderson, Jonathan Shambare, Donna Gardino, Ian Olson, Raphaelle Descoteaux, William Schnabel, John George

MPC Absent: Douglas Schrage, Gary Newman, Jim Dixon, Michelle Renfrew, Da-ka-xeen Mehner, Sharon Burke, Richard Machida, Mark Oldmixon, Debby Queen, Jenn Baker

Other Attendees: Matthew Carrick, ASUAF President, Celie Hull, ASUAF, Vice President, Brad Krick

1. Meeting Location: Wood Center 101G

- The meeting location for the MPC was changed approximately at 8:30 am from Chancellor Conference room to Wood Center 101G before the meeting started at the request of Debby Queen. The meeting started at 9:13 am

2. Introductions:

- Raphaelle Descoteaux indicated that she is graduating and the September 25 meeting was the last meeting she will be attending. A new graduated student representative is now required.
- Lydia Anderson, asked if we have an undergraduate student representative as well.

3. Remembrance Garden for UAF students – M. Carrick

- a. Matthew Carrick and Celie Hull presented a proposal to establish a 10,000 SF Remembrance Garden for UAF students who have been affected by suicide. His idea was to plant trees and create a reflective and healing place.
- b. The garden will be managed by the students. Matthew thought he will be able to get ASUAF to allocate \$5,000 to \$8,000 annual for maintenance
- c. MPC Response
 - Consider broadening the request to include more students and staff at UAF as a memorial garden.
 - Create a functional committee and look for opportunities to work with other groups such as the psychology department, UAF Veterans, and Troth Yeddha Committee to better define the a UAF community need.
 - Provide concept drawings and look for examples of other remembrance gardens. DDC will work with Matthew to provide drawings and schemes.
 - Provide a financial plan to sustain the garden.
 - Mathew needs to bring the proposal back to the MPC when he has more details and options.

4. Review of Campus Wide Core Access Plan

The MPC reviewed the Campus Core Plan that was originally present to the MPC by Mary Pagel on August 28, 2014 and the comments are as follows:

- The plan does not show enough detail to demonstrate the resolution of the pedestrian and vehicle conflicts on the Wood Center Drop-off area "B4"
- MPC felt the Wood Center drop-off is significant area of the campus and recommends a detailed traffic study to ensure the proposal meets the needs of all users; Borough buses, UAF shuttles, riders and pedestrians crossing Yukon Drive.
- What is the feedback on the newly reconfigured Wood Center bus stop?
- How is the increased pedestrian - vehicle conflict along Ambler Lane being addressed?
- What is proposed pedestrian path from Chapman to Wood Center?
- Add an area for a bike shelter north of Wickersham Hall. The old bike parking and shelter/repair station has been removed
- Correctly, identify the "26 additional parking spaces" as net zero relocation of spaces because of the proposed Eielson/Signers roundabout

- Consider swapping the short-term Signer's East parking lot with the Eielson west parking lot to be a metered lot. However, how does this impact the Signers and Eielson entrances that are east, south and north of the buildings?
- Are the proposed trees at the Eielson/Signers roundabout of appropriate size and height to promote visibility and security?
- The Quad is a significant campus feature that also requires a more detailed study and alternatives
 - Develop detailed plans or procedure for vendor vehicles
 - What can be done to make the quad a more inviting place?

5. **Subcommittee reports**

- a. North Campus
 - The North Campus Committee discussed the location of the 18-hole full disc course in the north campus with an idea to have a conditional approval for one year to see how the new 18-hole disc course works.
 - The 9-hole disc course is still in place
 - The North Campus committee will vote on the proposal of the 18 hole course during their next scheduled meeting
 - Kara Axx is work on changing the identification of trails by letters to names
- b. Campus Landscape
 - No Report
- c. Art on Campus
 - No Report
- d. Trails Planning
 - Jonathan Shambare reported that the Himalayan Trail and Yukon Drive sidewalk improvements projects has not been funded this year and hope it will be funded next year

6. **Facilities Services update**

- a. Jonathan gave a brief summary that Facilities services is now in the process of closing any remaining projects for the winter

7. **Sustainability Plan**

- a. Ian Olson reported that the UAF Sustainability Plan is now Available for review and it can be downloaded at <http://www.uaf.edu/sustainability/>
- b. Lydia Anderson, indicated the Student Free Market Store and Pantry is in need of a permanent storage space

8. **Public comment period**

- a. Brad Krick representing the Staff Council, was concerned with the proposed new Fire Station building parking layout. The proposed layout would leave one entrance/exit into the Nenana Parking Lot. This would create a bottle neck during busy hours to and out of the Parking Lot
- b. Brad Krick asked where the totem pole that was in front of the Wood Center was now located or stored?
 - Lydia Anderson indicated she will find out.
- c. Brad Krick indicated he supports the proposed Remembrance Garden idea as presented by Matthew Carrick

9. **Schedule**

Next agenda item:

10. **Attachments:**

- Suicide Remembrance Garden provide by Matthew Carrick
- Disc Golf Course provided by Mark Oldmixon
- UAF Campus Wide Core Access Plan (CWAP) provided by Mary Pagel