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/
West Ridge Revitalization Project
There was a presentation by Cameron Wohlford of UAF Design and Construction on the West Ridge
Revitalization Project. This project is taking a approach toward building renewal and growth projects on
West Ridge with an eye to guiding the extensive backlog deferred maintenance efforts in future years.
From a preliminary building condition evaluation, it would appear that the GI, Irving I and II and O’Neill
are more expensive to remodel than tear down and rebuild. Since there are no funds for new buildings
likely, this creates a real challenge. Chancellor’s Cabinet will be reviewing this report at the end of April
following which it should be available to the public.
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/ The Nenana
lot parking will be closed this summer, so the Taku lot will be filling in the space. MPC recommended
that Parking Services and UAF Marketing and Communications get together to share a parking
plan/strategy with the campus community. I strongly urge Lower Campus users to take a look at the
plans at the above link.
The Sustainable Village next to the Cold Climate Housing Research Center has started, with 4 – 4
bedroom units and expected to be available for Fall 2012 occupancy.
MPC has strongly recommended a stairway to the Taku lot instead of what is called the Luge Run for
safer access. A stairway similar to the stairs from the Duckering Building parking lot down to Facilities
was estimated to cost in the neighborhood of $650,000. Facilities Services is seeing if funding is
available.
Rural campus master plans go before the Board of Regents for a first look this month.
NASA, who contracts with the Alaska Satellite Facility, wants to upgrade the existing 10 meter antenna
on top of the Elvey Building and add another 5 meter antenna. There was lots of discussion on
challenges of placement. The Elvey Building has substantial seismic issues. More discussion will be
ongoing amongst the involved parties before this comes back to the MPC.
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Opening the pioneer road, called North Tanana Loop that goes behind the Reichardt Building and
connects to West Ridge behind the Life Sciences Building to general use has been on my wish list for as
long as I’ve been at UAF. Facilities Services recently had a geo-technical study done that they are now
reviewing. This may resolve the difference of opinion as to whether the admittedly untraditional road