

UAF Master Planning Committee
January 31, 2013; 9am – 11am
Meeting Notes

Members Present: Kara Axx, Doug Braddock, Raphaëlle Descoteaux, Jim Dixon, Morgan Dufseth, John George, Josh Greenberg, Deb Horner, Da rka xeen Mehner, Steve Murphy, Gary Newman, Ian Olson, Doug Schrage, Jonathar Shambare

Guests: Cameron Wohlford, Project Manager
Laursen Dickey, Honors Program

The meeting came to order at 9:00am.

1. Introduction of New Member

John George, the new service faculty representative, was introduced to the group. He replaces Chuck Kuhns, whose term expired in December 2012. George is a fire science professor at the UAF Community and Technical College.

2. Update on Engineering Building

Design and Construction project manager Cameron Wohlford provided the committee with an update on the engineering building. The university is hoping to secure the remainder of the funding needed for the new building this legislative session, rather than try to identify funding along the way. An advocacy website will be available online in the near future.

On April 1, the section of Tanana Loop adjacent to the Duckering and Bunnell Buildings will be closed to traffic and turned over to the site contractor (the section will remain closed for the entire two years of construction). The parking lot between the two buildings

the pedestrian pathway (and stairs) will remain open but will be redirected to the Cooperative Extension service building.

The path and stairs will be closed for intermittent periods of time due to construction but will remain open for the majority of the project.

In mid April, mass excavation will take place at the site of the new engineering building. The bulk of the work will be done at night to avoid noise interference with classes in Schaible Auditorium. A large crane will be installed at the construction site.

On May 21, an additional portion of Tanana Loop, from the Duckering building to the Fine Arts complex, will be closed for sewerline replacement, estimated to last 3 weeks.

The bike path adjacent to the Taku parking lot will be widened to create a shorter path for the shuttle bus to ferry passengers from Taku to the campus core.

This project is expected to last two years and will be completed in time to coincide with the university's centennial celebrations. Schaible Auditorium will be closed for the next two summers (2013 and 2014).

3. Taku Parking Lot Proposal for Ash Dump

Jonathan Shambaugh presented a proposal to use the university's waste coal ash to create a monofil in the Taku parking lot. Rather than hauling away the coal ash, as is currently done, the waste ash would be used as parking lot material. The project would expand the current boundaries of the Taku lot to close to double its current size. The Taku lot neighbors designated wetlands, which would require additional permitting prior to project approval. The soil in this area is not stable enough to support structures. This proposal is still in the early stages of planning and is currently waiting assessment by Environment Health, Safety, and Risk Management at UAF.

4. Subcommittee Reports

a. North Campus

Kara Axx reported the Big Whizzy extension has a success with skiers now that there is enough snow to groom the trail. The North Campus subcommittee is working to develop accurate trail maps that easily distinguish between trail use type (i.e. skiing, walking, dog friendly).

There will be a ski or race on the West Ridge trails on February 16. The trails will be groomed immediately following the race and there will be sufficient snow.

- c. LED street lights – UAFs receiving funding from DOT to replace all of the current street lamps with LED lights; work planned for summer 2014
- d. Butrovich retaining wall – the wall is bulging and requires repairs; the sidewalk in front of the building will be replaced at the same time
- e. Roundabout at Dysfunction Junction – on hold for now; Cabinet has asked the design firm to look at other options for the intersection that don't necessarily include a roundabout as the roundabout option didn't actually fully fix the problems it was intended to fix.

- f. Tak stairs – also on hold, pending a new design, found to be too costly.
- g. The Fine Arts Music Wing Tak (Bottle) – 5 (ms) JTJ / C2_i / TT 1 1 Tf 0.0005 Tc 0.224 0 0 Td (be) Tj / C2_1

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