

Master Planning Committee Meeting January 8, 2004 Notes

Members Present : Rick Caulfield (chair), Deb Horner (vice-chair), Joe Hayes, Andy Angiak, Ian Olson, Lydia Andersen, Kathleen Schedler, Luke Hopkins, Bernardo Hernandez, Rich Seifert, John Craven, Terry Dowdy

Guests: Shirish Patil, Mike Shuetz, Gary Newman

Announcements

The chair noted continued work of MPC subcommittees on circulation and parking, North Campus area, and (newly approved) campus landscaping and outdoor art.

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Update/Discussion about Proposed Public Policy Building The proposed public policy building is one that would combine archives and office replications for Senator F. Murkowski and Rep. Young. Such a building would be constructed to a significant degree with funds raised privately. The MPC understands that the university administration is receptive to this proposal with the understanding that it should make a significant contribution to UAF's overall mission. Outstanding questions include what other UAF facilities might be colocated with such a building? how important is proximity to library archives for this facility?

Facilities Services presented some initial location ideas and potential design features for MPC consideration. The MPC previously identified the Taku parking lot site (an identified building site in the UAF Campus Master Plan) as a potential location.

Five potential locations were identified in this preliminary study:

- 1. Taku Lot
- 2. South of MBS dorm complex (south of Yukon Drive)
- 3. West of Natural Sciences Facility (north of Yukon Drive)
- 4. North of new roundabout intersection at Thompson Drive
- 5. Corner of Thompson Drive and Geist Road (on UA trust lands)

MPC members provided these comments about each site:

<u>Site 1</u>: High priority for consideration. Concept is fully consistent with UAF Campus Master Plan. Having heated facility on top of a "cold" structure may be ideal given soil issues. Relatively high cost. Adjacent to existing library and archives in high traffic area. Must look at adjacent access to library and location of nearby transit center for shuttle buses. Should be considered in light of need for a 'one-stop-shop' for registration.

<u>Site 2:</u> Medium priority for consideration. Should be designed with adjacency to student dorms and pedestrian links between SRC/Patty Gym and MBS complex in mind. Concern about parking and problem of attracting vehicle traffic to central part of campus.

<u>Site 3:</u> Not recommended for further consideration. This is a prime site for future expansion of NSF or for another large building.

<u>Site 4</u>: Low priority for consideration. Building site not included in current UAF Campus Master Plan; area identified as open space. Perhaps could include colocation with a visitors center. May impact view of museum from Thompson Drive.

<u>Site 5</u>: Medium to high priority-the latter if co-located with KUAC or other appropriate facilities. Site may not be convenient for archives and may not have UAF identification.

Other sites identified for further study:

- A. Addition to existing library (perhaps using deck area to east of main Rasmuson Library?)
- B. Site 13 (UAF campus master plan; current Duckering Building parking lot

Other Business

The MPC intends to complete its final recommendations regarding circulation and parking study recommendations at its January 22 meeting.

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