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Notes

Stacey Banks (late), Brian Barnes, Chris Bennett, John Craven, Kathleen Schedler,  
Mike Supkis, Joe Trubacz, Deb Wells, and Bob Wheelerrrr

Kathleen Schedler reported that the FMT approved the vehicle barrier designs, so the only issue remaining before installation is location. The boardwalk design was returned to FS for additional work. I would expect that both these items must return to the MPC at a later date.

#### Letter to provost concerning the North Campus

The letter was delivered in time for this week's meeting of the Provost Council and should have been distributed to all deans and directors. I will distribute copies to all MPC members via email.

MPC liaison to the subcommittee on Standard One for UAF Accreditation Review

Deb Wells will serve as our representative on this subcommittee: Institutional Mission and Goals, Planning and Effectiveness. She has also replaced Carter Howald on the subcommittee for Standard Eight: Physical Resources.

#### New Mission Statement

I don't agree with a suggestion that the MPC get involved in the rewrite of the UAF Mission Statement at this early phase. Our best opportunity to make a contribution related to the MPC's areas of responsibility will be when the initial thrashing is over with the multiple versions being considered. [Note. On the day after our meeting I received a memo from the Chancellor's Office asking all

serious and active position with regard to planning, with the intention that planning will drive the budget process as opposed to the reverse.

Frank Williams (UAF Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services) presented a folio of ideas created by Carter Howald last fall. We have asked for copies of the relevant viewgraphs for our records and to share with members not in attendance. Many of the building ideas are new, while Carter and others had casually mentioned others as part of past MPC discussions. Taken together, they represent an outstanding starting point for campus discussions about future building sites, and we should schedule time at an upcoming meeting to discuss these sites with members not in attendance at this meeting. This was not a trivial undertaking, and I am astonished that we have not seen these before today. They can form an integral part of the campus' long-term planning effort.

Frank Williams introduced the MPC to a concept being developed in Italy by a private company for an 18-hour concert simultaneously in the two polar regions as a tribute to Planet Earth. One of the interesting aspects is that the ~88-foot diameter building (shaped somewhat like two Frisbees glued together rim to rim) would remain on the site and given to the institute that welcomed it. The number of unknowns is significant, and as far as I can tell, Facilities Services has not yet had an opportunity to critically review the technical design. In the face of this rather surprising presentation, there was little the MPC could do but provide individual comments by those in attendance. I ask everyone to provide comments to me by email in the next several days so we can give a more thoughtful initial reaction to this issue. [Note. Since the meeting, Frank Williams provided to Statewide his first impression to this discussion, and I have attached a copy of his email as (Attachment #1 below) to these notes. You are urged to read this carefully and use it as an aid in formulating your comments to me.]

Frank Williams' second surprise was not totally unexpected, as we have heard unofficially here and there that some kind of activity was going on. However, this is the first formal presentation to the MPC about a Federal initiative from the U.S.



- Siting of a new fire station. This needs to be coordinated with agenda item on the siting of new buildings on campus. The vehicular traffic committee will also be interested in this issue.
- Status of planned Taku entrance closure. This is recommended in the '91 Master Plan, but requires further discussion. Another issue for the vehicular traffic committee.
- Skateboards, bikes, roller-blades, etc. in the central campus area. This should be coordinated with the MPC plan to discuss pedestrian and bike movements on campus.

attention to UAF and thereby generating excitement among the faculty, staff and students. However, members did see that there would be some possibilities, and many unanswered questions that could be big problems in making this happen. Even more so given the time frame.

There was a wide ranging discussion -- what would be appropriate for the functional use after the concert?, where might it be sited?, does the unlying message of 'humanity and green agenda rules' work in Fairbanks?, what are some basic conditions for us to accept this 'gift horse'?

Most talk so far points to it being used as an aurorium after the concert. We'd expect the concersion to such a venue to cost at least \$1mm in visualization equipment. We'd expect that to be part of the deal. There was some disucussion of the building used as a research lab on campus or at a remote site but we couldn't figure out how to get the audience to Toolik Field Station in January.

Everyone seemed to agree that it would not be a good idea to site it near existing or planned buildings for obvious reasons of architectural incompatibility. So that would leave a site in the woods north of the Museum or across the road from the Student Activity Center. One other idea was to use the existing 12 acre site at the other end of Farmer's Loop. That would take away from the UAF presence in the project, but might work.

There are a lot of technical issues -

concert. Kathleen's folks are looking into this, as a back of the envelop scoping exercise.

There are contract issues -- how are we going to come up with a deal on paper?, how would we address the Regents? I assume Dickinson would work with Linda Z and others from UAF and Statewide?

UAF buy in --- I don't know if the Chancellor or Provost even know about this project - I am letting them know by copy of this and with hardcopy of the two things you gave me.

Next steps -- ??? when are the champions from Italy coming back?

Quotes of the day --- "this is nuts!", " I love it"

Frank

Frank William's First Impression of the MPC Discussion on USDA Building Issue

Date: Thu, 3 Feb 2000 21:27:47 -0900

To: Marshall Lind <fnml2@uaf.edu>, fnpbr@uaf.edu

From: "Frank L. Williams" <frank@tech.engr.uaf.edu>

Subject: USDA - ARS building in the Federal Initiatives

CC: craven@gi.alaska.edu, Kathleen Schedler <fnks@uaf.edu>, John Dickinson<snjld@mail.alaska.edu>

Marshall and Paul,

At today's MPC, I brought up the USDA Building and greenhouse being proposed as a Federal Initiative. This got flagged by statewide, and inquiries made by them to Kathleen, me, Paul and perhaps others about the proposal. I only have seen a



fax copy of the initiative, but wanted the MPC to see it and make any comments they could even though it is really a huge difficulty for them to adequately consider such an un-defined concept that was only minutes old for them. They were very helpful given the circumstances.

You may know more than me about the proposal. This is the first I heard of it. The MPC had concerns about

- 1) siting for the building, where would it be?
- 2) the fact that the infrastructure on West Ridge will NOT support such a building without significant work on the delivery systems for steam, water, electricity, communications etc.
- 3) There have been no site studies ala traffic or parking impacts.
- 4) There is a lack of understand what the 'deal' with USDA would be in terms of who gets control of what parts of the building and how would various parts be built out for the university occupants.
- 5) Who would pay the O&M costs every year.
- 6) where did the \$40mm figure come from and what does it buy us?
- 7) where did the \$3mm figure come from for a greenhouse and what does that buy us?
- 8) where does this sit in our overall priority lists? what's lost if this wins?
- 9) are these the programs that bring in any research to warrant the building?

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A Brief History Lesson on the Beluga Pan

Date: Fri, 4 Feb 2000 13:02:37 -0900

To: Terry Kelly <fntvk@uaf.edu>, Kathleen Schedler <fnks@uaf.edu>, John Craven <craven@gi.alaska.edu>

From: "Frank L. Williams" <williams@arsc.edu>

Subject: Fwd: History of Beluga Pad

This is what Nita found from our records. I don't know if history has to frame the future, but isn't there a saying about learning from it?

Frank

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- Would have to turn the existing WALKway (used only by emergency vehicles currently) into a roadway - widen and install sidewalks
- Decision made that this would not be cost effective per parking spot
- A cost analysis was done by the Physical Plant
- Chancellor did not want another "escalator" catastrophe
- Chancellor wanted input from the students before doing anything to this lot
- Decision made to turn the ash pit (West Nenana) into a visitor area for the SRC (this has been done)
- Final decision was that present parking is ample and upgrading was too expensive.
- West Eielson and South Eielson lots were both expanded

One suggestion that was not implemented was to expand the Patty Lot West end one more row to access the existing headbolts. This would add approximately 15-16 spaces.

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