

Thursday, June 26, 2003; 9 – 11 a.m.
Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers'
Hall Room 330



about these activities are discussed below. A draft landscaping study by WRT is now being reviewed by the MPC's ad hoc landscaping committee.

The MPC has not yet had a formal response from the Chancellor about its recommendation [MPC 03-03](#) ('College Hill Quad') but discussions continue in Chancellor's Cabinet and elsewhere about it. We expect a formal response when the Chancellor returns later in the summer.

Kathleen Schedler gave a presentation about ongoing design and construction activities on campus. She noted that she has not seen so much construction activity on campus at one time in all of her years here at UAF. That said, design and construction in the next few years is anticipated to be much less intense. We are experiencing challenges due to the amount of work underway, but all projects appear to be on schedule.

A new 6-year capital funding plan is now under development by UAF leadership. Once this is approved, it will be important for the MPC to anticipate how best to engage with design and construction efforts in a timely way. A focused MPC workshop on this topic may be appropriate once the capital plan is in place. The only capital funding expected for the coming year is \$405,000 for upgrading elevators.

Major projects continuing under construction are West Ridge Research Building, the utilidor, UA Museum expansion, Thompson Drive, Wood Center improvements, power plant improvements, and others. We can expect to hear more from proponents of the Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC) in coming months. A previous request from the FNSBSD for an antenna on Moore Hall continues to be under study.

John Craven made a comment focusing on improvements in sidewalks and lighting on Yukon Drive. He expressed the hope that as new lighting is installed, accommodations can be made for widening sidewalks and developing a consistent and attractive pedestrian path along the roadway.

The chair noted MPC intention at this meeting to act on the bylaw change facilitating public comment. In anticipation of this change, the chair invited any members of the public to comment on any matter relevant to the MPC; comments are limited to three minutes.

Addie Callaghan of the Sea Grant Program in O'Neill Building spoke about the importance of having designated parking near the Sea Grant offices for access by the public. She indicated that two or three spaces should be sufficient and that they could perhaps be shared with other designated parking spaces (e.g. Map Office).

recommendation but not all. For the immediate future, Facilities Services intends to remove the fountain and add circular seating in its place. It will also retain the flags in a circular manner and improve landscaping and pedestrian walkways. Twenty-two parking spaces will be retained (those open during construction) but others (those not available during construction) will be permanently closed.

The MPC discussed how to proceed with a longterm plan for the Quad that would fulfill the aspirations for the area in the master plan. It was agreed that the MPC would make this a major agenda item at its July 24, 2003 meeting. Our goal will be to finalize a longterm concept plan for the area--working with consultant WRT

The intent of the MPC in making this formal recommendation is to make clear its support in concept for the major elements included in it. It is also the MPC's intent that this will encourage an active public comment period during the months of August and September 2003. With comments received, the MPC may revise its recommendation and forward that to the Chancellor. Our hope is that a final plan approved by the Chancellor can be implemented in spring 2004.

John Craven reported on continuing work by the MPC subcommittee on circulation and parking with consultants Kittelson and Associates. The subcommittee met recently with the consultant to discuss two technical memoranda central to the forthcoming report on campus circulation and parking. The consultant will continue working on the first draft of the final report. It will first be reviewed by the subcommittee and then brought to the MPC for review and action.

It was anticipated that the MPC would be able to review a draft in July-August 2003. The chair will seek clarification from the subcommittee chair about the schedule for review.