MPC for building sites west of the Natural Sciences Building.

Luke forwarded information to the Circulation & Parking (C&P) Subcommittee regarding suggestions for connections between campus trails and the North Campus as well as for expansion of the trail network on the central campus. Chris Bennett (Chair of the C&P Subcommittee) will be forming a working group of members from the NCS and C&P Subcommittees to formulate a joint plan.

Luke and Rich met with Nick Nugent (President of the Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks, NCSF) regarding formulation of a Memorandum of Agreement between the NSCF

CIGO Trail issues: Luke provided a reminder that the NCS at its January 9, 2006 meeting passed a motion to relocate the Beaver Slide Trail (outside the 500' buffer around the CIGO facility) to satisfy concerns of CIGO staff. There was a discussion about the connector trail to the north of the CIGO site. Jack Townsend favors elimination of the trail. Luke reported that Roger Smith (GI Director) appears open to a compromise solution. Luke presented the option of a compromise solution that would involve some realignment of the trail so that it crosses the CIGO road further north of its current location, which is near the CIGO parking area. Rich and Dan both supported the concept of a compromise solution.

Update on walking trails: Pete gave an update on the web page survey to obtain input on walking trails. The web page will be active shortly. There was a general discussion of a timetable for getting a walking trail plan to the MPC. The following was decided:

early March (first 2 weeks): focus groups on walking trails

mid-March: Comment period period ends for comments via the NCS web site

mid-March to mid-April: Formulate plan for walking trails

April 15-30: Obtain public comment on walking trail plan

Early May: Forward final walking trail plan to MPC.

Skarland Trail grooming: There was a brief discussion about whether the northwest portion of the Skarland 6-mile Trail should be groomed or not. The discussion was tabled for continuation at the next NCS meeting on Monday, February 20, 2006.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30P.