

ROCC Ad Hoc Master Plan Update Committee Report / May 18, 2023 Business Meeting

Background: The Ouray County Master Plan is a comprehensive, long-term guide for decision-making by the County on zoning and land use, housing, agriculture, mining, recreation and tourism, water, scenic and natural resources, wildlife, etc. - most anything that affects the quality of life in Ouray County. The updating process is underway. The County has hired an outside consultant to work with the Planning Commission, staff and the public to update the Plan. They have set up a dedicated website for the Master Plan update: <https://klj.mysocialpinpoint.com/ouray-co>

The Process:

Spring 2023: Public Town Hall to identify issues

Fall 2023: Public Town Hall to review identified issues and input

Winter 2023: Public meeting to review and comment on draft updated Master Plan

Spring 2024: Public meeting to review and comment on final draft

In between these sessions the Planning Commission will be meeting. The most recent meetings were held April 13th and May 10th and Committee members attended and provided comments. (Any member of the public can attend and do likewise.) The first Public Town Hall meeting was held on April 25th and provided an opportunity for the public to provide written comments on County issues. The purpose was to help frame the questions for the upcoming County-wide survey to gather community input on what's important to address in the updated Master Plan. That survey was finalized at the Planning Commission's May 10th meeting and should be released soon with a three-week window for responses.

Overall Plan of Action: We plan to be involved at every step of the way to help the Planning Commission settle on the best possible Master Plan by identifying the issues that need to be addressed and advocating for solutions. We have a wide range of interests represented on the Committee since it includes member of the other ROCC Committees.

Of immediate concern is getting the word out to ROCC members and the public to respond to the survey to make sure our voices are heard in this process. Most of the questions call for simple answers, but there will be an opportunity to provide additional written comments. We want to provide suggestions to make sure the important planning issues are heard loud and clear.

What You Can Do:

Join the Committee: Contact Al evanslowande@gmail.com or Scott s_swilliams2001@yahoo.com to be added to the email list.

Review the Master Plan Update webpage and sign up for notifications:
<https://klj.mysocialpinpoint.com/ouray-co>

Attend the Planning Commission meetings and Town Halls and voice your thoughts: You don't need to be a ROCC Committee member to provide your own personal point of view. The Committee will send out ROCC alerts for particularly important opportunities to participate when the Planning Commission needs to hear from as many people as possible!

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