

ROCC Ad Hoc Master Plan Update Committee Report / July 19, 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 (held April 25)

June 2023: Community-wide survey conducted re: 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

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for July 18th at 4 PM at the County Land Use Office to briefly review the results of the Community-wide survey and discuss the scope, objectives and process going forward. A more detailed review of the survey results will be scheduled for a later meeting.

Bottom line – there was a strong response to the survey (over 670 participants) and there was overwhelming support for keeping Ouray County rural and the preservation of views, ag lands, the natural environment and other issues that the Committee had identified and communicated to ROCC members in ROCC alerts. Committee members had also contacted other organizations and individuals to encourage participation.

Committee members will attend and provide comments at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting. (Any member of the public is encouraged to attend, either in person or via Zoom, and do likewise.)

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 members of the other ROCC Committees.

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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