

The ROCC Master Plan Committee has been attending Planning Commission meetings and commenting but we need some new “faces” to participate. This can be in person, on zoom or a written letter to Mark Castrodale asking it to be distributed to the Commission members. Once a draft has been produced, they are much less likely to make changes/add things so we need lots of people to have their say early (as in NOW).

The minutes below have listed some of the really important things we want included but feel free to add your own issues. Be sure to use your own wording so they don't receive a bunch of clones, which is much less effective. Thanks.

Minutes

ROCC Ad Hoc Committee for Ouray County Master Plan Rewrite

September 11, 2023

7:00 - 8:45

Present: Kathy Heffernan, Tom Heffernan, Diane Thompson, Dan Kigar, Kate Kellogg, Linda Browning, Rein van West, Val Szwarc, Carolyn Dressler, Al Lowande and Roze Evans

Discussed Master Plan issues that we would like to see in the rewrite. Written and oral comments are both good but many felt that written comments are better with more lasting influence.

Issues that should be reflected in the Master Plan rewrite:

- Keep 35 acre zoning requirement
- Smart Growth
 - Residential and business growth should be in the existing municipalities' area of influence and contiguous to each town/city.
- Sufficient water resources for all development must be verified for new construction to be allowed. Ensure that future buildout has enough water sources without negatively impacting current residential and business structures in the future.
- Animal range and migration patterns need to be considered before new development is OKed.
- Clean energy encouraged
- Dark skies supported
- Protection from wildfires
- Follow a similar model to Town of Ridgway's Master Plan with specific actions cited
- Protect / strengthen alpine protections