

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Special Meeting
Finalized Meeting Notes
October 26, 2023

Keweenaw County Courthouse 4:00 PM

Roll Call:	John Parsons	Present	Steve Siira	Absent
	Barry Koljonen	Present	Dan Steck	Absent
	Daniel Yoder	Present	AJ Kern	Present
	Jim Vivian, Commissioner	Absent	Bob Pokorski	Present
	Sara Heikkila, Zoning Administrator	Present		

5 Member quorum is present, meeting was appropriately posted.

Guests: Kathy McEvers Mary Long

Dan Yoder read the master plan update process. Noted that this meeting needed to be recorded with minutes.

Started working through the update review table.

Get census data updated. Get WUPPDR quote.

Will modify the master plan.

Need to draft notifications.

Isle Royale Superintendent

Board members

WUPPDR

Houghton County Board

Copper City

Village of Ahmeek

Townships

Eagle Harbor PC

Houghton County PC

UPPCO

REA

MDOT

Semco

The Water Company

UPDATE REVIEW TABLE

RRC Master Plan

Use the table below to help consider whether your plan needs an overhaul, a refresh, or to add or replace sections of the plan. A refresh is for those that just require minor changes throughout the plan. Section additions or replacements may include new chapters, subareas, the future land use map and/or text, implementation steps, and/or RRC components. The first section of the checklist can be used as a checklist for the annual review and report as described above.

Annual	5-year	CRITERIA	Yes	No	COMMENTS/DOCUMENTATION/LINKS
✓	✓	Have development patterns changed significantly since the plan was written and adopted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Overall, no big changes in the overall patterns.
✓	✓	Does the adopted zoning ordinance align with the goals of the plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
✓	✓	Have there been any major changes, such as utility lines, major road improvements, large development approvals, etc?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dollar General development Keweenaw Heartlands sale
✓	✓	Have there been instances when the planning commission or elected body has departed from the plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of enforcement due to lack of resources allocated.
✓	✓	Are the goals and priorities of the plan in sync with the goals and priorities of appointed and elected officials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown. Commissioners don't always seem on board with planning/zoning or see it as a priority.
✓	✓	Does the plan address the location and types of land uses frequently requested?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	However, STRs are getting more scrutiny.
✓	✓	Have there been other studies completed that change the relevancy of the plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2020 Census, WUPPDR Housing Study https://www.wuppd.org/s/FINAL-WUP-HOUSING-STUDY-STRATEGY-corr0901.pdf
	✓	Have community goals or vision changed since the plan was written?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	✓	Are recent best practices integrated? (i.e. Complete Streets, Placemaking, Sustainability, Missing Middle Housing, Local Food)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A - this pertains to MEDC best practices related to RRC designation
	✓	Is the background data relevant and reference the most recent decennial census data and up-to-date local data?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Census and demographic data needs updating.
	✓	Is it user-friendly with clear organization and graphics?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	✓	Does it reference goals and objectives for a downtown area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	✓	Is there an implementation plan including a CIP plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pages 80-84 talk about implementation, need more info on CIP (separate document?)
	✓	Are a zoning plan and zoning objectives included?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pages 39-42 and 75-77
	✓	Is a redevelopment strategy provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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	✓	Are priority sites for redevelopment and a strategy for implementation included?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need to strengthen this section.
	✓	Have there been changes along the community borders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	✓	Is there upcoming major (re)development (corridor, transportation, university/hospital, utility, vacated sites, or industrial)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Broadband recent initiatives Wind turbines
	✓	Do policy and recommendations support a safe, efficient multi-modal transportation system?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	✓	Do permitted uses support the job market and reflect the local talent pool?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	