

Save the Wild U.P.

Candidate Questionnaire for City Commission 2013

Development and Infrastructure

Dave Campana
Mike Plourde
Sarah Reynolds
Tony Tollefson

a) Do you support selling City-owned lakefront for development in Marquette?

Yes N/A No --¹

b) Do you believe new housing developments should include a baseline percentage of space dedicated to affordable and/or low-income housing?

--² N/A Yes Yes

c) Do you support City-funded development of the Cliffs Dow brownfields for a business park and recreational areas?

Yes N/A No Yes

d) Do you support the relocation of Lakeshore Boulevard inland near the Cliffs Dow brownfields?

No N/A No No

e) Should the viewshed of Lake Superior be an issue of concern for the City Commission regarding new developments?

Yes N/A Yes --³

f) Do you believe the City should actively plan to prevent or reverse urban sprawl by working with other government entities, including counties and townships?

Yes N/A Yes Yes

See footnotes at the bottom of this document for candidate notes and additional information.

Economics and Job Growth

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a) Do you believe that mining creates economic “boom and bust” cycles that hinder our region’s long-term economic growth?

No N/A Yes No

b) Would you support job growth in industries that would decrease our dependence on extractive mining?

Yes N/A Yes Yes

c) Do you support projects that will increase local employment opportunities that promote economic sustainability?

Yes N/A Yes Yes

d) Do you believe that new mining developments near waterways threaten fish populations and recreational fishing?

Yes N/A Yes Yes

e) Do you believe the City Commission has a responsibility to promote area farmers and local agriculture, even those based outside the City of Marquette?

Yes N/A Yes Yes⁴

f) Do you support urban agriculture “for home use” policies such as raising chickens or keeping bees?

--⁵ N/A Yes Yes

g) Do you support regional planning with neighboring townships regarding transportation, commercial development, and recreational lands?

Yes N/A --⁶ Yes

Additional Info:

Reynolds: I have had a interest in the concept of urban agriculture for some time now, and currently Chocolay Township is looking at such an ordinance, I would like to see their successes or downfalls with the ordinance, prior to myself being fully supportive of such a ordinance, but if it was successful, I would support a "for home use" policy for the City of Marquette.

Mining and Industry

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a) Do you believe that sulfide mining is risky for the environment?

No⁷ N/A Yes Yes

b) Do you support efforts to decrease economic dependence from resource extraction such as sulfide mining?

Yes N/A Yes Yes

c) Do you support holding companies financially accountable for their environmental degradation?

Yes N/A Yes Yes

d) Do you believe that sulfuric acid or other heavy metal contaminants will leach into the Salmon Trout or Yellow Dog rivers from the Eagle Mine project?

--⁸ N/A Yes Yes

e) With the discovery of uranium at the Eagle Mine, uranium-contaminated materials may be transported through the city. Do you believe this poses health and safety risks to workers and residents?

No N/A Yes Yes

f) As Cleveland Cliffs will soon begin purchasing their electricity from an Illinois-based provider, the Wisconsin Electric power plant has requested to close. In the event that Wisconsin Electric's request is honored, please explain in the box below your ideas for the building, transitioning the employment of workers, and for the lost tax base the plant provided.

Additional Info:

Campana: I would like to see another energy company buy and continue to operate the plant. They could sell of the generated power. If there is a lay-off, workers deserve to be transferred or retrained.

Plourde: N/A

Reynolds: The closing of the Wisconsin Electric power plant will be a huge blow to the employees, and to the tax base that the city receives. This is a subject that is difficult to address, and difficult to find immediate answers for. I will support any solution that keeps the plant operating and does not result in unaffordable rates for consumers. As far as coming up with solutions to the problem, I would generally look to experts in the field such as Upper Peninsula Energy Summit in Marquette that is scheduled to occur. The plant is important to regional reliability, and the electric grid, and I would hope that Wisconsin Electric comes to this realization.

Tollefson: N/A

Transportation

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a) Do you support increased use of public funds for mass transportation?

Yes N/A Yes Yes

b) Do you support increased use of public funds for bike lanes and bike trails?

Yes N/A Yes Yes

c) Do you support dedicating public funds to increase pedestrian access?

Yes N/A Yes No

d) Do you support a bypass circumventing Wright Street for industrial truck traffic from County Road 550 to US 41?

Yes N/A Yes Yes

e) Did you support the creation of County Road 595, a proposed county road that would connect the Eagle Mine property to the Humboldt Mill processing site?

Yes N/A Yes N/A

f) Do you support the City of Marquette's recent request to the Department of Environmental Quality to consider truck traffic as part of the Eagle Mine's Environmental Impact Assessment?

Yes N/A Yes Yes

Additional Info:

Campana: I would support any plan to keep haul trucks off of public streets for safety reasons.

Reynolds: I do support the above topics. Although, I feel as corporations and businesses in Marquette will suffer from these changes, and they need to be viewed as well, and it not just be a 'mine problem.' There are businesses such as Carey Logging and Oberstar that use these roads just as often and just as much as the mining operations do, and this will cause a financial hardship and cause difficulties amongst these companies. I think it's important to try to involve the smaller businesses such as these when creating this ordinance.

Please include any additional information as it applies to your candidacy for office:

Reynolds: I have resided in Marquette since 2003. I graduated from Algonac High School in Algonac, Mich, and from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelors in Political Science in 2007. I received her Masters in Public Administration from NMU in 2011.

I have worked as a paralegal for Hyde & Swajanen, P.C. since 2009, and served as Hyde's campaign manager during his 2012 bid for Marquette County Probate Judge. I currently serve on the Marquette City Housing Commission, and am an active volunteer in the community.

¹ Shoreline -- no; lakefront - yes.

² Depends on location.

³ Yes and no - for shore history.

⁴ Marquette County.

⁵ There has to be zoning laws that address this activity. Chocolay is doing one now.

⁶ Marquette County has a master plan with regard to planning issues such as transportation, commercial development, and recreational lands. That being said, I do not believe that enough is done to illicit support from other cities or townships for project planning. I think that with issues of development and transportation it is important to work together as we are such a small community, and economically it is more sound to have a collaborative effort, and it would benefit more residents.

⁷ Not if they follow state regulations.

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