

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to summarize the comments collected on post-it notes at the September 24th Park County Strategic Master Plan Update Community Workshop in Lake George. The comments are organized by vision question (below) and grouped into themes. The numbers in the parentheses (3) indicate the number of individual comments collected at the workshop that were the same or similar to that particular comment or topic.

BACKGROUND

14 community members attended the Lake George Community Workshop to help planners create the master plan vision statements, the first step in developing an up-to-date Strategic Master Plan for Park County. One exercise during the Community Workshop was an interactive, energetic event with small and large group discussions structured on these questions:

- What do we treasure about Park County that you don't want to change?
- What concerns do we have about Park County and what changes are needed for the future?

RESULTS

WHAT DO WE TREASURE AND WANT TO PRESERVE ABOUT PARK COUNTY?

History/Heritage

History/historic preservation

Historic structures

Lack of people/low density population (3)

Kind people/good neighbors (2)

Freedom to live your dream

Rural character (3)

Privacy

Natural beauty (2)

Scenery (3)

Wildlife (3)

Preservation of forest lands (2)

Drug free environment (2)

Economy

Gem mining

Few businesses



Land Use

Limited private property

Governance

Very few tax exempt properties

Recreation

Recreation areas

Mountain climbing

Hiking trails

Open space (4)

Access to public lands (2)

Public Services

Keep good schools

Infrastructure

Roads going to outlying areas (2)

WHAT CONCERNS DO WE HAVE ABOUT PARK COUNTY AND WHAT CHANGES ARE NEEDED?

Community/Quality of Life

Preserve library and community center (3)

Need library & community center near schools

Concern about growth with no restraint

Economy

Need a gas station (3)

Need a clothing store

Need hardware store

Need food store

Governance

Better access to county services

Need more attention from county officials in rural areas

Concern about lack of communication-no system to get information about accidents, fires, county meetings...(2)

Better maintenance of Lake George Community Center (3)



Marijuana

Keep marijuana in areas that voted to have it
Concern about marijuana (3)

Land Use Regulations

Enforcement of illegal ATVs and dirt bikes on county roads (2)
Better enforcement of land use regulations (3)
Building codes are too restrictive

Recreation

Forest Service open Wilkerson Pass Visitor's Center (2)
Need disc golf
Swimming pool/spa

Infrastructure

Better internet (2)
Better cell service (4)
Better landline service
Pave more roads-such as CR 98
Properly grade & maintain roads (6)
Potholes on roads
Let groups adopt a Forest Service road-maintain it & monitor who uses it
Restrict use of forestry roads
State parks provide funding to maintain & build roads leading to their facilities
Prioritize road improvements in Lake George area/allocate more R&B funding
Improve road maintenance programs-use Teller County as a model

Public Services

More law enforcement

- More law enforcement on CR 3 in Florissant-speeding & littering
- Reckless driving by tourists on CR 98, CR 96 & CR 61
- More DOW & Law enforcement of "road hunters"

Ambulance services closer to Lake George
Need medical services
Lack of Reverse 911 communications
Concern about fire truck response time
No public facilities (restrooms) between Fairplay and Lake George

