

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to summarize the comments collected on post-it notes at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Park County Strategic Master Plan Update Community Workshop in Fairplay. 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 Fairplay 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- (6)

- Historic buildings
- Mining culture
- Western Culture
- Cultural diversity

Small towns/rural character (10)

Sense of community/Quality of life (5)

Peace and quiet/remoteness (3)

Scenic Views/Nature (6)

Night sky

Wildlife (3)

Freedom (2)



#### Recreation

Recreation activities/recreational appeal (8)

Open Space (4)



## **Natural Resources**

Water-quality, and water rights (5)

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

### **Community/Quality of Life**

High population turnover

### **Economy**

Promote local businesses/help make new businesses sustainable (5)

Coordinate marketing & economic development with Fairplay (2)

Want access to shopping without high traffic

Encourage more business

- Allow light industry

More Business coordination

Inadequate medical services (3)

- Need a hospital

Special event regulations too restrictive

Don't allow big/loud events

### **Governance**

Areas are geographically separated (2)

- There is a lack of communication
- Difficult to get participation for meetings/share knowledge

Taxes are too high

Improve Police coordination

Coordinate with towns more often/better (3)

- Coordinate on land use adjacent to municipalities

Outspoken negative voices discourage leaders (2)

### **Marijuana**

Marijuana concerns & enforcement of laws (4)

Stop approving grow sites in Fairplay

Need more public involvement when deciding to approve or deny a marijuana grow/vendor application

### **Land Use Regulations**

Growing too fast without a plan

Eliminate slash 6 subdivision

Many vacant lots



Focus future development in rural centers and municipalities

Need better enforcement of squatter regulations (2)

- Squatters causing sanitation issues

Improve fire mitigation on private land adjacent to Forest Service lands

### **Recreation**

Build baseball field near athletic complex-Fairplay

Improve athletic fields-lights, track

The county is not a destination, make it one

### **Infrastructure**

Roads

- Improve highway safety
- CDOT expand Hwy 285
- Too much traffic on Hwy285 (3)
- Minimize length of Hwy 285 closures to only necessary areas
- Improve local roads (3)
- Better regulation of OHVs on access roads to vacant lots

Improve the internet/make it available and speedy

- Jefferson

People wanting metropolitan services in rural area, but not in their backyard (2)

### **Natural Resources**

Water quality in subdivisions

Keep water rights & mineral rights tied to the land

