

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to summarize the comments collected on post-it notes at the September 21st Park County Strategic Master Plan Update Community Workshop in Hartsel. 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

30 community members attended the Hartsel 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 (4)

Save historic structures

Community/Quality of Life (6)

Rural character/mountain rural (6)

Ranches (3)

Quiet & Solitude

Small Population

Privacy

No traffic

Wildlife (2)

Mountains/scenic views (8)

Right to prospect



Recreation

Recreation activities/recreation appeal



Federal and State recreation opportunities
Open Space (2)

Natural Resources

Water-keep existing water rights (4)
Ecology
Grazing land

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

Community/Quality of Life

Minimize cattle everywhere
Limit use of ATVs everywhere (2)
Limit shooting gallery atmosphere/keep the area quiet
Don't allow mining

Economy

Need more jobs (3)

- Jobs for younger people

Encourage more business (3)

- Need more industry
- Support home occupancy infrastructure
- Allow light commercial (2)

Support agricultural jobs
Actively support marijuana & hemp
that produces jobs and taxes



Governance

Far away from county government
Want to be heard by county government and achieve results (6)
Hartsel needs their own commissioner
Want a smaller county government
Want Less gov't regulations-general (2)
Separate county on top of Kenosha
The ranches have too much control
Allow citizens to run for office without political party nomination or petition
Want county officials to be present for entire meetings

Land Use Regulations



Less LURs (2)

Improve antiquated LURs that aren't enforced

Better enforcement of squatter regulations (5)

Too many building codes (2)

- Loosen building codes for part-time residents

Lack of services/cost of services prevents people from building out vacant lots

Concern about the impact of buildout of 20,000 vacant lots on infrastructure and services

Do away with impact fees to support growth

Reduce the size of the master plan

Housing

Too many HOAs (2)

Infrastructure

Better road maintenance (8)

- Grading, drainage, culverts
- Improve roads south of Kenosha
- Want Hartsel to be considered when prioritizing road improvements

Improve the internet/make it available and speedy (5)

Improve cell service (5)

- More phone towers

Improve landline service

Natural Resources

Water (5)

- Prioritize ground water
- Make water drinkable
- Keep existing water rights and work to get back water rights

