

Envision 2020 COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

HEREFORD MEETING SUMMARY December 5, 2007

Number of Participants: 20

What changes are expected to impact the area?

Local themes

- Population growth
- More houses/subdivisions
- Increased traffic
- Road/highway expansion
- Changing demographics
- Increased regulation
- Increased taxes
- Water issues—quality, availability, San Pedro River
- More commercial development

Also mentioned

- Loss of Agriculture
- Loss of wildlife
- Loss of vistas/views
- Illegal immigration
- More crime/pollution/lights/noise
- Increased tourism
- Science & technology advancements enabling “sustainable” homes
- Need for more public services
- Little understanding of washes & water flow enforcement

What characteristics of the area should NOT be changed?

Local themes

- No clear themes emerged

Mentioned

- Rural character—RU-4 or larger lots; open space; low lights; low noise; dirt roads; set backs; properties of various sizes; no clear cutting; farm animals/horse property
- View/vistas
- Access to State & Federal lands
- State Trust Land Management
- Private well rights
- Current business environment
- Safe neighborhoods
- Clean air
- Forests, canyons & riparian areas

- Current water table
- Fort Huachuca
- Wildlife corridors

What do we fear or hope for as the community changes or grows?

Hopes

Local themes

- No clear themes emerged

Mentioned

- Increase Board of Supervisors to 5 members
- Maintain rate of growth
- Increase law enforcement
- Increase small business opportunities
- Underground utilities
- Public schools improved
- Activities for youth
- Don't tax ranchers out of business
- Retain Fort Huachuca
- Retain property rights
- Sustainable homes
- Sustainable yield of water supply
- Dam the San Pedro @ Charleston
- Tombstone obtains water from mines, not Huachucas
- Legislature defines sustainability
- Affordable housing
- Growth managed for minimal impact
- As properties split conservation plan required
- Small developments constrained
- More shared wells
- Impact fees that actually cover costs

Fears

Local themes

- No clear themes emerged

Mentioned

- Increased growth
- Less subdivisions, more wildcat development
- Loss of variety in lot sizes
- Tax increases
- County services not keeping up with growth
- Water table dropping
- Water importation
- Dam the San Pedro
- Climate change

- Formation of Water District
- Loss of property rights
- Drug traffic
- Illegal immigration
- Increased cost of living
- Loss of representation
- Loss of Fort Huachuca

What are your ideas for how the community should change or grow?

Ideas

Commercial/general business

- Hwy.92 & Palominas Road
- Hwy. 92 & Ramsey Road
- Restrict commercial to Hwy 92

Environment

- Wildlife corridor near San Pedro River
- County purchased conservation easements between Three Canyons road and Hereford Road (vistas, no motor vehicles)

General ideas

- Acquire the State Trust land off Hereford Road for community use—ball fields, community center
- More water conservation
- Protect individual wells
- Protect lot splits
- Increase County Board members to 5