

Envision 2020 COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

POMERENE MEETING SUMMARY January 16, 2008

Number of Participants: 56

Note: Topics listed under "themes" represent responses that were mentioned by several of the different working groups in response to a particular question.

What changes are expected to impact the area?

Local themes

- Population growth
- Water issues—loss of water table; increased water usage; availability & quality of water; reclaimed water; increased conflict
- Increased traffic

Also mentioned

- Loss of private property rights
- Agri-business being pushed out
- Changes affecting cattle industry
- Loss of access to public lands, including State lease land
- More crime
- Pollution—air, noise, light
- More jobs
- Adequate or inadequate housing stock
- Lack of infrastructure (quality & quantity)—roads, utilities, education
- Lack of services—medical, fire, sheriff, shopping, etc.
- Environmental impact
- Loss of open spaces
- Preserve the river
- Rural living & amenities
- More regulation

County-wide themes

- Population growth

Also mentioned

- Infrastructure demands
- Water & utilities (control—reclaim—studies)
- Traffic
- Education
- Medical/provider/services
- Increased tax revenues
- Commercial/industry
- Law enforcement
- Light pollution
- Need for affordable housing

What characteristics of the area should NOT be changed?

Local themes

- Pomerene Post Office
- Private/Individual property rights
- Rural flavor

Also mentioned

- Preserve river & riparian area
- Keep school
- Not pave Cascabel Road
- No bypass through San Pedro Valley
- Existing water rights
- Community participation with officials
- Small farms/ranches for livestock and food production
- Dairy and hay fields
- Right to own livestock
- Historical archeological sites
- Access to State land on established roads
- Night skies to see stars
- No annexation—Pomerene its own entity
- Locally controlled water system
- Population clustered in pockets with open space preserved
- Open spaces with limited growth areas
- No increase in laws
- Existing water courses preserved

County-wide themes

- San Pedro River

Also mentioned

- Air & water quality
- Dark skies
- Large lot availabilities
- Town names

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

Hopes

Local themes

- Planned growth—slow & thoughtful; not haphazard; practically, logically and carefully plan for future
- Better medical facilities nearby

Also mentioned

- Water conservation
- Flood management
- Affordable housing
- Better addressing
- Cascabel “local only” road
- Better traffic circulation
- Improved utilities/infrastructure
- Maintain and improve integrity of San Pedro River
- Economic growth
- Better schools
- Maintain private property rights
- More local autonomy
- Preserve wildlife
- Safety
- Cultural advantages
- Local jobs/clean industry
- Open space rural community
- Kids can return if they want to
- County stays on the ball

County-wide themes

- Managed/regulated growth
- Jobs—better-higher paying-living wage

Also mentioned

- Retain private property rights
- Retain water rights
- Better higher education access
- Better roads
- Parks & nature trails on State lands
- Clean industry
- Economic development
- Recreational areas for youth
- Water reclamation
- Local autonomy
- Protect current quality of environment
- No transport of water

Fears

Local themes

- Inadequate water supply
- Over development

Also mentioned

- High density sub-divisions
- Trailer parks
- Wildcat development/unplanned overgrowth
- Too much anti-growth attitude
- Irresponsible growth

- Over regulation
- High property taxes
- Locals priced out of the market
- Invasion of property rights by newcomers/special interest groups
- Permits increasing in cost
- Changes in State land use
- Poor flood plain planning
- Irresponsible water use
- Lack of water capture
- No water transfer
- Increase in crime
- Dust pollution
- Prison
- No transport of water

County-wide themes

- Over regulation

Also mentioned

- Loss of private property rights & water rights
- Special interest groups determining future for masses
- Loss of hunting rights
- Air pollution
- Wildcat developments
- Too much, too fast
- Increased crime
- Lack of border control/drugs

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

Local ideas

- Commercial/industrial development
 - No golf course in Pomerene
 - Store without liquor in Cascabel
 - Don't run off the dairy
 - Commercial development between freeway and Aviation Drive (annexed by Benson)
 - Industrial near Railroad and highways
 - No business that tears up the land
 - Small sustainable agricultural production
 - Industrial encouraged, but kept away from residential
 - Encourage small, locally sustainable businesses
- Development
 - Stay at minimum 4 acre
 - Keep growth in incorporated areas
 - Locally based development planning
 - Zero tolerance for wildcat subdivisions
 - Allow well planned development
 - Impact fees should cover full cost of development
 - Controlled growth near I-10
 - Controlled growth with minimal restrictions

- Roads
 - No bypass
 - Ocotillo Road--never a through road
 - Pave Cascabel road for local use
 - No paving of Cascabel road
 - Narrower, smaller, slower County roads

- Environment
 - Hot springs corridor maintained for wildlife
 - Maintain wildlife habitat
 - Maintain grassland
 - Open space grasslands for watershed
 - Be progressive in reclaiming water

- General ideas
 - Be able to ride a horse to a friends house in Cascabel area
 - Keep it so a family can continue to live and buy in the area
 - Keep the Post Office and school
 - Maintain educational growth in Pomerene
 - Clean up old trash abandoned houses
 - Maintain public access to public land

County-wide ideas

- Nature and birding trails along the river
- More asphalt trails for bikes and roller skaters
- Conservation subdivisions near the river
- Access to public lands for hunting & riding horses (ranchers can't close roads)
- Airport to grow with Benson recognized & air space over Benson protected
- Refurbish old buildings
- No bypass