

# Envision 2020 COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

## PIRTLEVILLE MEETING SUMMARY October 17, 2007

Number of Participants: 24

What changes are expected to impact the area?

### Local themes

- New port of entry on HWY 191 & HWY 80
  - More businesses
  - More traffic
  - Noise
  - Pollution
  - Crime
- Population growth

### Also mentioned

- Improvement of infrastructure
- Single family residential zoning
- Rehab town site & Pirtleville cemetery
- Enforcement of laws

### County-wide perspectives

- Increased population
- Increased emphasis on water issues

### Also mentioned:

- Urban area influence on State & Federal lands without knowledge of resources provided by current private landowners & lessees
- Changing economics of agriculture
- Lack of knowledge of land status—not all open land is state or federal
- Lack of knowledge of investment made to develop & maintain private water systems
- Solar power

What characteristics of the area should NOT be changed?

### Local themes

- The flavor of Hispanic community
- Preserve existing neighborhood businesses
- Existing open space
- Historic homes and structures, including cemetery

### County-wide perspectives

- Open space
- Farming & ranching

### Also mentioned

- Respect of historical & cultural aspects of the area
- Law that prevents moving water from one basin to another
- Law requiring a drilling permit for wells and any other water department

- Freedoms and property rights of land owners
- Areas like Chiricahua National Monument

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

Local themes

*Hopes*

- Job development
- Infrastructure
  - Sidewalks, curbs, gutters
  - Flood control
  - Expanded fire department/station
- Recreation/community center
- Historic preservation
- Completion of Port of Entry
- Beautification, clean environment

*Fears*

- Increase in crime
- Lack of zoning enforcement
- Flooding caused by development outside Pirtleville
- Wildcat dumping
- More dogs in the streets
- Increase of vehicular traffic

County-wide perspectives

*Hopes*

- Ranches will stay ranches & not be subdivided—future generations can continue

Also mentioned

- Keep multiple use of land—ranching, mining, lumber
- Keep open range
- People will recognize the importance of domestic agriculture & educate themselves about the facts and realities
- Keep open range

*Fears*

- More government control—one world government
  - Being controlled by Phoenix, Sierra Vista and Tucson
  - Can't apply same P&Z controls in Maricopa to Cochise County

Also mentioned

- Hidden agendas
- Continuing the dumbing down process of education—critical thinking, history, Constitution
- Wildlife corridor
- Will not be left alone

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

Local ideas

- Commercial development on HWY 191 & 80
- Light industrial park on HWY 191 between W. Oak Rd. & W. Denham Rd.
- Extend fire district west toward N. Plantation Rd.
- Keep residential in existing residential areas
- Intersperse services, open space and recreation facilities
- Recreation/Community Center

County-wide ideas

- Encourage new developments adjacent to existing incorporated areas
- New development should be water efficient
- Local control of individual water basins
- Preserve historical areas
- Keep open spaces
- Do not meter ranch wells
- Protect property rights
- Form our own county

What are the most important principles to adhere to as the community grows?

- Balance water and growth
- Preserve historic landmarks and character

Individual ideas discussed by not agreed to by group as a whole

- Fence border
- Close open range, make County a fenced district