The County’s workshop for updating the Homestead Valley Community Plan turned out to be well-attended, quite lively, and the planners got more than enough participation and plenty of opinions. This first workshop was held in the Johnson Valley Community Center on Monday evening, September 12.

The meeting divided into four groups. The consultant team drew out comments from everyone, each comment was recorded and posted for later review.

Residents of Landers, Flamingo Heights, Yucca Mesa and Johnson Valley reported on what they see as community strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats...easy for those who come to Homestead Valley Council meetings. The groups agreed on these things; some were specific to one community or another.

In spite of some doubts about this method, it seemed to work just fine. (Scenic 247 was cited as a goal, although no one knew what else could be done to get the County to move on it. We hope citizens’ assessments of community values and unmet needs actually become the Homestead Valley Community Plan. We hope the planners actually read it.)

At the HVCC meeting the following week, the consensus was: we may have been wasting our time. We hope citizen input actually translates into County zoning and codes this time!

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