



## **WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

WCSD Administration Building,  
425 East 9th Street, Board Room  
Reno, Nevada 89512

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. OPENING ITEMS**

- 1.01 Call to Order – 5:30 P.M., WCSD Administrative Building, 425 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada 89512
- 1.02 Roll Call
- 1.03 Public Comment - Comments from the public are invited at this time on topics not specifically addressed elsewhere in the agenda. A "Citizen's Request to Speak" card should be filled out and submitted to the Recording Secretary before speaking during the Public Comment section. All persons are limited to 3 minutes per item. In accordance with Open Meeting Law and on the advice of legal counsel, the public body is discouraged from discussing and precluded from deliberating and/or acting on items raised by Public Comment which are not already on the agenda. The public body may impose reasonable content-neutral restrictions on public comment such as willfully disruptive comments that are irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Correspondence or written materials submitted for public comment by the general public shall be attached to the minutes of the meeting.
- 1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda (For Possible Action) – Please Note: Items on this agenda may be taken out of order; The Public Body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration; and The Public Body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

#### **2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION (Public comment: any individual may address the public body concerning any item listed below. A completed "Citizen's Right to Speak" card must be submitted to the public body at the meeting. During the discussion of each item on the agenda, the Chair will invite the individual to come forward to speak. Individuals are limited to three minutes per item.)**

- 2.01 Discussion and Possible Approval of the Minutes from the March 15, 2018 Zoning Advisory Committee meeting (For Possible Action)
- 2.02 Discussion of School Transportation as it Relates to Possible Zone Change Recommendations (For Discussion Only)
- 2.03 Discussion and Possible Action of Zoning Changes Stemming from the Washoe County School District's Plans for Construction of Nick Poulakidas Elementary School in South Meadows, which will be open for the 2019-20 School Year, and the Effects this New School will have on Enrollment at Other Elementary Schools in South Reno (For Possible Action)

- 2.04 Discussion and Possible Action of Zoning Changes to Verdi Elementary School for the 2019-20 School Year (For Possible Action)
- 2.05 Presentation and Discussion on the Results of the April 10, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting, where the Board discussed zoning recommendations for schools in Sun Valley, Sparks, and Northwest Reno (see Attachment A) (For Discussion Only)

### 3. CLOSING ITEMS

- 3.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, May 17, 2018, WCSD Administrative Building, 425 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada 89512.
- 3.02 Public Comment - Comments from the public are invited at this time on topics not specifically addressed elsewhere in the agenda. A "Citizen's Request to Speak" card should be filled out and submitted to the Recording Secretary before speaking during the Public Comment section. All persons are limited to 3 minutes per item. In accordance with Open Meeting Law and on the advice of legal counsel, the public body is discouraged from discussing and precluded from deliberating and/or acting on items raised by Public Comment which are not already on the agenda. The public body may impose reasonable content-neutral restrictions on public comment such as willfully disruptive comments that are irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Correspondence or written materials submitted for public comment by the general public shall be attached to the minutes of the meeting.
- 3.03 Adjourn Meeting

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**Attachment A: Summary of Board of Trustee Decisions  
from April 10, 2018 Meeting**

- APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF FRED W. TRANER MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SPARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL, MOVING STUDENTS WHO ATTEND LOIS ALLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ESTHER BENNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, VIRGINIA PALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO DESERT SKIES MIDDLE SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) **APPROVED**
- APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF FRED W. TRANER MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ARCHIE CLAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL, MOVING STUDENTS WHO ATTEND DOROTHY LEMELSON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (S.T.E.M.) ACADEMY FROM THE CLAYTON ZONE TO THE TRANER ZONE EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) **APPROVED**
- APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF GEORGE WESTERGARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ROLLAN MELTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MOVING A SEGMENT OF STUDENTS WHO ATTEND GEORGE WESTERGARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO ROLLAN MELTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) **APPROVED**
- APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF GEORGE WESTERGARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SARAH WINNEMUCCA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MOVING A SEGMENT OF STUDENTS WHO ATTEND GEORGE WESTERGARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO SARAH WINNEMUCCA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) **APPROVED**
- APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF GEORGE L. DILWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SPARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL, MOVING STUDENTS WHO ATTEND KATE SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ROBERT MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM GEORGE L. DILWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL TO SPARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) **APPROVED**
- APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF ROBERT MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GEORGE L. DILWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIDDEN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND E. OTIS VAUGHN MIDDLE SCHOOL, MOVING A SEGMENT OF STUDENTS WHO ATTEND ROBERT MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND GEORGE L. DILWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HIDDEN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND E. OTIS VAUGHN MIDDLE SCHOOL, RESPECTIVELY, EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR

POSSIBLE ACTION) **APPROVED**

- APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF KATE SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ROBERT MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND AGNES RISLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MOVING SEGMENTS OF STUDENTS WHO ATTEND KATE SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ROBERT MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO AGNES RISLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Board took action to send this item back to the Zoning Advisory Committee for additional recommendation).
- APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF LENA JUNIPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO ALICE MAXWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MOVING A SEGMENT OF STUDENTS WHO ATTEND LENA JUNIPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO ALICE MAXWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Board took action to send this item back to the Zoning Advisory Committee for additional recommendation).
- APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF MARVIN MOSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, KATHERINE DUNN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LOU MENDIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND GEORGE L. DILWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL, MOVING A SEGMENT OF STUDENTS WHO ATTEND MARVIN MOSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND LOU MENDIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL TO KATHERINE DUNN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND GEORGE L. DILWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL, RESPECTIVELY, EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) **APPROVED**
- APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF MARVIN MOSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND LINCOLN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MOVING A SEGMENT OF STUDENTS WHO ATTEND MARVIN MOSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO LINCOLN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) **APPROVED**
- APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF LOU MENDIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND GEORGE L. DILWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL, MOVING A SEGMENT OF STUDENTS WHO ATTEND GEORGE L. DILWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL TO LOU MENDIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) **APPROVED**
- APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF JERRY WHITEHEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND MARVIN MOSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MOVING A SEGMENT OF STUDENTS WHO ATTEND JERRY WHITEHEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO MARVIN MOSS ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)  
**APPROVED**

- APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE ZONING BOUNDARIES OF JERRY WHITEHEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND MARVIN MOSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MOVING A SEGMENT OF STUDENTS WHO ATTEND JERRY WHITEHEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO MARVIN MOSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

**APPROVED**



## **Washoe County School District Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 15, 2018

### **Opening Items**

#### **1.01 Call to Order**

The meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at Double Diamond Elementary School, 1200 South Meadows Pkwy, Reno, Nevada 89521.

#### **1.02 Roll Call**

Members Theresa Birchfield, Beth Smith, Dana Galvin, Stephanie Hanna, Sierra Clark, Araceli Martinez, and Polly Boardman were present at roll call. Members Joanne Mazzo, Lorraine Toole, Michael Thomas, Adam Carpenter, Joel Peixoto, and Judith Harrington were absent. Staff Liaison Paul LaMarca and staff were also present.

#### **1.03 Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time.

#### **1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda**

**On motion by Beth Smith, second by Stephanie Hanna, the Zoning Advisory Committee approved the agenda as presented** (Yea- unanimous). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0

### **2. Discussion, Presentation and Action Items**

#### **2.01 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEB. 15, 2018 ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**On motion by Stephanie Hanna, second by Sierra Clark, the Zoning Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee dated February 15, 2018** (Yea: unanimous). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0

#### **2.02 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF ZONING CHANGES STEMMING FROM THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NICK POULAKIDAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SOUTH MEADOWS, WHICH WILL BE OPEN FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL**

**YEAR, AND THE EFFECTS THIS NEW SCHOOL WILL HAVE ON ENROLLMENT AT OTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN SOUTH RENO**

Adam Searcy, Deputy Capital Projects and Facilities Management Officer, reviewed the options for the committee. He pointed out that some of the roadways were scrambled when converted to PDF and uploaded to the web, but that the data was correct.

Option 3 was recommended by staff as the option that helps the most to balance the attendance at the area schools.

Public comment:

- Pablo Nava-Duran talked about where he went to school, thought the district should build another school in the Rio Rancho area before Arrowcreek MS.
- Vanessa Richardson inquired about the variance process for Poulakidas zoning. Paul LaMarca described the variance process but stated there was a new variance process that will make exceptions for the highest grade level for one year only and only for those students affected by the zoning changes.
- Jennifer Bahmiller asked about putting 6<sup>th</sup> graders back into elementary school. Paul LaMarca stated that the district's philosophy was to move the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to middle school.
- Christine Hull a district employee and parent of Double Diamond ES student was concerned about children crossing Veterans Parkway. She also stated that one of the parcels of 600 acres was about to be sold for development. She wanted to know if these homes were counted in the enrollment number development.
- Gideon Caploutz made a comment expressing his concern that the District is stretching WC-1 funds too thin. He wanted the committee to demand where the numbers were coming from and was concerned that new developments were not included in the enrollment figures. Adam Searcy responded that the planning committee is aware of the developments that are coming on line in the future.

Teresa Birchfield inquired about why Veterans Parkway zoning was left where it is in Option 3. Adam Searcy responded that it was left there because of the adverse enrollment impact on Double Diamond ES. He stated that most likely transportation would be provided in situations like this. Adam stated he would talk to Transportation and provide the information in writing for the committee. Paul LaMarca informed the committee and audience of the informational night planned for Monday, March 19 at Traner MS.

Stephanie Hanna commented about the purple area on the map and asked if the purple area was in the rezoning proposal. Adam Searcy responded that it was not in the rezoning proposal.



Beth Smith inquired about transportation and if the committee recommends one of the options, would transportation get involved to solve any issues. Staff responded that would be the case.

Sierra Clark inquired regarding budgeting and the feasibility of building a walking bridge across Veterans Pkwy instead of extra bussing. Adam Searcy responded he would have to do some research and get back to the committee. Paul LaMarca added that the committee can make recommendations, but the Board of Trustees will ultimately approve or deny recommendations, but that the committee could make a motion that includes safety concerns.

Public comment:

- It was asked if the schools will be on the regular calendar or remain on MTYR. (no comment card)
- An attendee inquired about SWAS. (no comment card)
- Steve Wilkins suggested adding an additional option for zoning that would eliminate crossing Veterans Parkway. Teresa Birchfield questioned Steve regarding the option he suggested and asked for further clarification. Adam Searcy said he couldn't respond without looking at the numbers.
- Another comment from the audience disagreed that there were safe walking zones on Veterans Parkway especially during the spring. She wanted to make sure that transportation would provide busses for the students closest to the school. (no comment card)
- Another comment from the audience was concerned about staffing issues which is not the responsibility of the committee. (no comment card)

Beth Smith went on the record as supporting Option 3.

Araceli Martinez asked if they could see an option with the suggestions from the audience about changing the zoning lines.

Neil Rombardo stated they could make a motion to ask staff to explore another option and bring it back at a future date.

Araceli Martinez moved to send the option back to staff to accommodate feedback from audience member. No second, motion dies. There was discussion about the possibility of getting a firm commitment from Transportation about bussing the students that would have to cross Veterans Parkway.

**On motion by Araceli Martinez, second by Polly Boardman, the Zoning Advisory Committee decided to send the option back to staff to evaluate**

**feedback provided during public comment and ask Transportation to provide feedback on bussing students** (Yea: unanimous). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0

**2.03 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF ZONING CHANGES STEMMING FROM THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SKY RANCH MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SPANISH SPRINGS, WHICH WILL BE OPEN FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR, AND THE EFFECTS THIS NEW SCHOOL WILL HAVE ON ENROLLMENT AT OTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS IN SPARKS**

Adam Searcy reviewed the power point.

Beth Smith asked if the new middle school had been formally approved. Adam Searcy stated that the district going forward as the district has the funding, owned the land, and were moving forward for the 8/2020 opening, although the funding wouldn't be approved until the end of March.

Polly Boardman asked about Van Gorder and the impact of the new elementary school. She wanted to know if the committee wanted to revisit this issue. Adam stated the committee could revisit this issue at a later date, but not at this meeting.

**Public Comment:**

- Scott Mullins made a comment regarding current attendance zones in Spanish Springs.
- Brandi Durham inquired about the benefits of creating feeder schools versus offering other zoning options.
- Jane Stoner asked why there were no other options for moving/zoning kids all over the place. She was worried about crossing Pyramid Highway.
- Malia Puchta inquired about the capacities and more equity in enrollment between the elementary schools, walk zones, estimated enrollment and if split feeders for high school will be looked at.
- Gideon Caplontz questioned the accuracy of the data being presented and stated his concern about mathematical errors in data. He was also concerned about the portables not becoming permanent but to remain as a temporary fix.

Stephanie Hanna inquired about the actual capacity of the new middle school.

Randy Baxley, School Planner, explained the errors as a discrepancy between the educational spec. consultant data and the data stated by staff which staff based on the

Depoali numbers. He also clarified that currently there has been no discussion about changing the high school zones.

Stephanie Hanna asked if there would be split feeder middle schools. Randy Baxley stated that is the situation currently until a new high school is built. Stephanie also asked if all the students from Sky Ranch would go to the same high school. Randy answered they would be going to different schools.

Beth Smith remarked on the questions asked by the public and if there was a way to answer some of these questions, especially regarding Van Gorder. Teresa Birchfield stated that seeing an elementary school but being sent to a different school is something that is a district-wide concern.

**On motion by Stephanie Hanna, second by Dana Galvin, the Zoning Advisory Committee recommended to have a temporary split feeder system for the middle schools in Spanish Springs** (Yea: unanimous). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0

## **2.04 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF ZONING CHANGES TO VERDI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR**

Adam Searcy reviewed the power point.

### Public comment

- Gideon Caplovitz commented on the numbers for Verdi. He disagreed with the enrollment figures for all schools. He was in favor of reducing capacity at any school.
- Tara Merrill questioned why there were additional options for students attending Billingshurst.
- Morgan Gottier would like the committee to show a development map of Verdi to see the future development.
- Maria Barber stated she agreed with Gideon on the numbers not reflecting the reality at Verdi.
- Heather Cook works at Verdi and stated that her son goes there. She reiterated that there is no staff lounge there. She was concerned about the space.

Sierra Clark inquired about variances at Gomm, included the GT and SWAS program. Adam stated that the variances were included in the numbers but was not sure that the GT and SWAS students were zoned for other schools.

Teresa Birchfield asked when the next school would be built in the NW. Adam Searcy stated that this was growth dependent. Teresa Birchfield also asked if any other developers would have to add classrooms. Araceli Martinez asked when the new classrooms would be built. Adam Searcy stated that the funds would be given to WCSD when the homes were sold in the Verdi area.

Teresa Birchfield asked if underestimated enrollment at Verdi and overestimated enrollment at Gomm was due to variances. She stated that the committee needed to do something for Verdi. She is leaning heavily toward stopping the variances at Gomm to give the Verdi kids space at their school. She supports the second table option

Stephanie Hanna brought concerns about Verdi in November and would like to look at the zoning again for Verdi. She also stated that Billingshurst would be negatively impacted. She is frustrated about the options offered by the district.

Sierra Clark talked about going to the school and talking to the principal. She also stated that Verdi will still be overcrowded with the two new classrooms.

Araceli Martinez asked if the problem with the variances at Gomm were typical. Paul LaMarca stated that there were variances offered at the district but they were high for Gomm because of the GT program.

Sierra Clark asked if the neighborhood behind Patagonia is currently being bussed to Verdi and stated that Gomm would make more sense for this group. She stated they haven't talked about that neighborhood. Beth Smith asked how many students lived in that zone. Adam Searcy stated that they hadn't look at the Patagonia area and wasn't sure how many students live there. He stated that it was something they could look at.

Teresa Birchfield asked if the Gomm boundary could be stretched. She asked if the district bussed kids to Gomm.

**On motion by Beth Smith, second by Sierra Clark, the Zoning Advisory Committee to send back to staff a request to have a new rezoning option for homes near Patagonia and to extend the green area to Gomm, while maintaining transparency on the variances and while looking at numbers of student in SWAS at Gomm to be brought back at the April meeting.** (Yea: unanimous). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0

### **3. Closing Items**

#### **3.01 Announcement of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at a location still to be determined.

### **3.02 Public Comment**

- Pablo Nava-Duran talked about Mendive MS and asked if there were any solutions.
- Harmonie Sykes talked about Verdi and the Patagonia neighborhood. She stated that the neighborhood didn't want to be rezoned to Gomm. She asked that Verdi be shown on the maps.
- Maria Barber thanked the group for taking a look at Verdi.
- Morgan Gottier talked about the overcrowding at Verdi. She also talked about the two new classes and wondered why they didn't build the four additional classrooms at the same time as the two new classes. She didn't like sending students to Gomm.
- Scott Mullins talked about 2.03 if the motion was passed with the existing numbers which he considered to erroneous. He talked more about how the numbers could affect the boundaries.

### **3.03 Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

**From:** [LaMarca, Paul](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Verdi rezoning  
**Date:** Monday, April 9, 2018 10:13:23 AM

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Dear Ms. Morris-Jackson,

Thank you for your message. The Verdi situation will be discussed again on April 19th at the WCSD Offices (Board Room) on 9th street. I have requested information regarding your inquiry and we will share that with the committee.

Thank you, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D.  
Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

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**From:** Zoning  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:41 PM  
**To:** LaMarca, Paul  
**Subject:** FW: Verdi rezoning

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 8:45 AM  
**To:** Zoning <Zoning@washoeschools.net>  
**Subject:** Verdi rezoning

I had a question regarding Verdi ES communal space (lunchroom/multi-purpose room) What is the capacity of it? Is there a plan to enlarge it with the addition of classrooms?

During the Westergard year round discussion it was voiced by the district that it was a building safety issue related to communal spaces, not just classroom space.

Thank you,

Jocelyn Jackson

**From:** [LaMarca, Paul](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Proposed Verdi zoning changes  
**Date:** Monday, April 9, 2018 10:20:59 AM

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Dear Ms. Chewjalearn,

Thank you for your detailed message. It will be shared with the Committee.

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D.  
Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

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**From:** Zoning  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:42 PM  
**To:** LaMarca, Paul  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Verdi zoning changes

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 6:44 PM  
**To:** Zoning <Zoning@washoeschools.net>  
**Subject:** Proposed Verdi zoning changes

To whom it may concern,

I am a parent of a Verdi E.S. school student. My neighborhood is currently being reviewed for possible re-zoning. I also teach Special Education Resource at Verdi E.S. I am writing this letter to state my concerns, as well as, clear up possible misconceptions about class size and classroom allocations at Verdi.

My home is on the one acre lots in the Mesa Park subdivision. My son would love to ride the bus to school. I currently refuse to let him ride the bus over safety concerns. Currently, he would needlessly be on the bus for 6.4 miles, which is approximately 45 minutes of driving time in the morning and an additional 45 minutes in the afternoon. The bus has to go on the freeway which is a tremendous safety issue. During inclement weather the semi-trucks line the freeway from gold ranch to mogul. In decent weather they drive above the speed limit and aggressively pass vehicles. It seems insane that my child and the other children in these neighborhoods should be put in danger on a daily basis when there is a school much closer to our homes, which is Roy Gomm Elementary at 2.6 miles. Roy Gomm is less than half the

distance to Verdi elementary school from my home. How is this even allowed? Shouldn't children attend schools in their neighborhood?

As for the current teaching situation at Verdi. I am teaching out of the teacher's lounge. The projections show that with the new classrooms being built, I will be back in a room with easily accessible restrooms and drinking fountains when the new rooms are built. This is clearly not going to happen. I see rapid fire construction of single family homes in the Verdi community. Over the last two years I have seen growth surpass any and all projections. This growth was prior to the two new Verdi housing developments. It is my understanding that the Canyon Pines housing community currently has 75 students enrolled in their zoned elementary school (Westergard). If one were to use this northwest Reno housing development of 308 homes as a comparison to the new under construction developments in Verdi consisting of 596 single family homes, it would be completely plausible to assume that these new developments will add a total of well over 150 new students to Verdi within the next several years. By removing sixth grade we will see a population decrease of roughly 39 students. This does not even begin to address the growth.

Finally, I would like to share my concerns about elementary schools being zoned for the feeder high schools. Certain neighborhoods that are currently zoned for Verdi are not zoned McQueen. Those neighborhoods include the housing division of Bella Rio and the Montebello apartments. Essentially you are taking students and pulling them away from their elementary and middle school classmates at an extremely important time in their emotional and social development.

Thank you,  
Nicole Chewjalearn  
Resource Teacher  
Verdi Elementary School



**From:** [LaMarca, Paul](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Verdi Rezoning Concerns  
**Date:** Monday, April 9, 2018 10:22:12 AM

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Dear Ms. Gallaher,

Thank you for your detailed message. It will be shared with the Committee.

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D.  
Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

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**From:** Zoning  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:42 PM  
**To:** LaMarca, Paul  
**Subject:** FW: Verdi Rezoning Concerns

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 6:50 PM  
**To:** Zoning <Zoning@washoeschools.net>  
**Subject:** Verdi Rezoning Concerns

Dear Zoning Advisory Committee,

I am writing this letter to express my concern over rezoning decisions affecting Verdi Elementary School. As a staff member of Verdi Elementary School, I feel rezoning is imperative for two reasons: the safety and welfare of our students and the tremendous growth anticipated in our area in the near future.

Currently students who live at the Montebello apartment complex on Summit Ridge Drive attend Verdi. These students live considerably closer to several elementary schools (among them Gomm, Westergard, Winnemucca, Warner, and Melton Elementary Schools), yet they ride a bus more than 30 minutes each way, with a significant portion of their time being spent on a section of Interstate 80 with frequent and heavy semi-truck traffic. Why are we busing these students unnecessarily far and dangerously to attend an elementary school with peers they won't go to high school with (Verdi students attend McQueen High School and students who live at Montebello are zoned for Reno High School)?

The anticipated growth in the Verdi area is a tremendous concern for our school. Verdi Elementary School is an older school plan without a dedicated music room, large lunch room, or indoor quad area. We have a total of 16 classrooms, all of which are currently in use (two

kindergartens, three 1<sup>st</sup> grades, two 2<sup>nd</sup> grades, two 3<sup>rd</sup> grades, two 4<sup>th</sup> grades, one 5<sup>th</sup> grade, one 6<sup>th</sup> grade, computers, music, and a strategies program). Currently, our teachers spend break time in a 15' by 9' storage room, since it was necessary for our resource and speech teachers to move into the old staff lounge in order to have a space to provide special education services to students.

At this moment, construction is occurring at a breakneck pace in both the West Meadows development (323 homes planned) and the Meridian 120 North development (273 planned), for a total of 596 new homes anticipated in the near future. This estimate does not take into account the additional Meridian 120 South development, which includes plans for 230-250 more single family and 380+ multi-family residences to be built in upcoming years.

The relief provided by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade moving to Billingshurst Middle School and the two new classrooms scheduled to be built at Verdi Elementary will not be enough without rezoning. This short term solution will accommodate approximately 90 students; however, based on similarly sized neighborhoods and their projected student numbers elsewhere in Northwest Reno (e.g., the Canyon Pines Development, which contains 308 homes, is expected to account for 75 students moving from Westergard ES to Melton ES), The Meridian 120 North, Meridian 120 South, and West Meadows Developments will add more than 200 students to Verdi, at a conservative estimate.

Thank you for considering these concerns when making your zoning recommendations.

Sincerely,

Summer Gallaher

**From:** [LaMarca, Paul](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Roy Gomm Zoning  
**Date:** Monday, April 9, 2018 10:27:41 AM

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Dear Ms. Marquez,

Thank you for your message. After a bit of exploring and discussion with the Gomm Principal, I was able to review the message you received. It did indicate what you shared below. That message was in reference to an informational night regarding zoning issues held on March 19th at Traner MS. This was not sent from the Zoning Advisory Committee.

That meeting was held to discuss logistic issues with families known to be affected, or likely to be affected by zone change recommendations. I apologize on behalf of the District if its contents were misleading.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D.  
Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

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**From:** Zoning  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:42 PM  
**To:** LaMarca, Paul  
**Subject:** FW: Roy Gomm Zoning

-----Original Message-----

From: Lindzhmarquez [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 2:33 PM  
To: Zoning <Zoning@washoeschools.net>  
Subject: Roy Gomm Zoning

Hello,

I am curious why I received an email Before the meeting stating that my zoned school would not be affected by the possible zoning changes only to find out AFTER that it will be significantly affected. I would have been at the meeting if there was a slight chance that the school would be effected. Why would you send out an email stating that it wouldn't?

Best regards,

Lindsay Marquez

**From:** [LaMarca, Paul](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Roy Gomm numbers  
**Date:** Monday, April 9, 2018 10:31:41 AM

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Thank you for your detailed message. It will be shared with the Zoning Advisory Committee. Please be aware that this may be discussed at the committee's April 19th meeting to be held at the WCSD 9th Street Office at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D.  
Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

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**From:** Zoning  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:41 PM  
**To:** LaMarca, Paul  
**Subject:** FW: Roy Gomm numbers

**From:** Angie D'Antoni [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 2:13 PM  
**To:** Zoning <[Zoning@washoeschools.net](mailto:Zoning@washoeschools.net)>  
**Subject:** Roy Gomm numbers

To Re-zoning committee

I am writing you on behalf of the Roy Gomm Elementary community. It has recently come to our attention that some of the zoning proposals would dramatically change the overcrowding numbers at Roy Gomm. We understand the need of looking at all the numbers and want to point out a few areas of concern we have that may not be known:

- There is no room for growth at Roy Gomm. Unlike other schools we have no room to add

classrooms, portables, or expand. The land around the school is completely taken. Growth in this way is not an option. As an older school our facilities are much different than newer schools.

- We are concerned that the numbers show Roy Gomm at 105% capacity with these changes and Verdi 54% capacity.
- New Development: There is new development happening off of Woodchuck that would add families to the Roy Gomm community.
- Available classrooms: There are no available classrooms. The music room will be classroom in 18/19 and moving forward. Team teaching has been implemented in the lower grades. The staff lounge is currently being used for GT 1.5 days a week and everyday for interventions because we are out of options for space.
- Cafeteria and lunch- With this many additional students we would have to look at 3 lunches to hold students in the small lunchroom

We have also been told that our variance numbers are coming into question. We have different numbers than what is currently being reported. Roy Gomm currently has 86 students on a regular variance. 23 of them are zoned for Westerguard and 13 for Verdi. There are also 42 students zoned for Gomm that attend other schools. 55 of the students on variance are in grades 3rd and up. We have 19 variances for CLS and 24 SWAS students, 9 variances are for siblings of SWAS or CLS. The CLS and Swas classes occupy 4 classrooms currently. In terms of variances, no new variances have been given since 2016. The current younger grade variances are siblings.

According to the proposal, students finishing up their last year on a variance would stay at the school they have attended for the past 5 years which makes sense to not disrupt their education experience in Northern Nevada. As a school community the children on variance grades K-2 is very small and just removing those would not change the numbers at Roy Gomm to allow for a large growth from the rezoning potential.

We know this process can't be easy and we want to thank you for your time and efforts to helping all of our children receive the best education possible.

Thank you so much

Angie D'Antoni and Laurel Kerr

**From:** [LaMarca, Paul](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Where is the April 19th meeting being held?  
**Date:** Monday, April 9, 2018 10:32:57 AM

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Thank you for your message. The meeting will be held at the District Office on 9th street (Board room) at 5:30 pm. (WCSD Administrative Building, 425 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada 89512).

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D.  
Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

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**From:** Zoning  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:41 PM  
**To:** LaMarca, Paul  
**Subject:** FW: Where is the April 19th meeting being held?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 8:45 AM  
**To:** Zoning <[Zoning@washoeschools.net](mailto:Zoning@washoeschools.net)>  
**Subject:** Where is the April 19th meeting being held?

Thank you,

Jocelyn Jackson

**From:** [LaMarca, Paul](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Juniper  
**Date:** Friday, April 13, 2018 11:25:14 AM

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Dear Ms. Fleischmann,

Thank you for your message. There is a proposal that has not yet been approved or denied by the Board of Trustees regarding potential changes to Juniper. We anticipate a decision one way or another on or after May 22.

That proposal would have student who currently live West of Pyramid and North of McCarran who currently attend Juniper being rezoned for Maxwell ES. Those students are already zoned for Sparks MS and have been for some time. They would continue to go to Sparks MS.

Thank you, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D.  
Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 7:13 AM  
**To:** Zoning <[Zoning@washoeschools.net](mailto:Zoning@washoeschools.net)>  
**Subject:** Juniper

Hi there,  
I would like to know which middle school students who live in Lena Juniper's zone on the EAST side of Pyramid so the homes surrounding the school, which extend to Sparks Blvd will be going? I believe we are losing the students who live on the WEST side of Pyramid starting in the 19-20 school year.

Thanks!!

***Melissa Fleischmann, MS CCC-SLP***

Speech Language Pathologist  
Lena Juniper Elementary School  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [LaMarca, Paul](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Rezoning  
**Date:** Friday, April 13, 2018 11:37:00 AM

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Dear Ms. Coleman,

Thank you for your message. I have copied a link below that should allow you to determine if the recently approved zoning changes will affect you. If you are still unable to get that answer, please contact me back.

Thanks, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D.  
Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

<http://datagallery.washoeschools.net/buildings/Map>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Launa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 30, 2018 6:05 PM  
**To:** Zoning <Zoning@washoeschools.net>  
**Subject:** Rezoning

We are currently zoned for Westergard E.S. And was wondering if there was a way to check and see if our address will be affected by the 2019 rezoning. I couldn't find anything online yet so wanted to contact WCSD.

Thank you!!!!

Launa Coleman

**From:** [LaMarca, Paul](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Zoning: Huffaker ES  
**Date:** Friday, April 13, 2018 11:19:40 AM

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Hi Susan,

The movement of 6<sup>th</sup> graders to middle school is not a zoning committee decision so you might want to discuss with your area superintendent. I will tell you that I am unaware of any conversation regarding Huffaker's 6<sup>th</sup> graders to date.

Thanks, Paul

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 7:47 AM  
**To:** Zoning <[Zoning@washoeschools.net](mailto:Zoning@washoeschools.net)>  
**Subject:** Zoning: Huffaker ES

Good morning,

I have had several parents ask if our sixth grade students will move to middle school in 2019-2020. I assumed the rezoning of sixth to middle schools impacted the areas in which new middle schools are being built.

Will sixth graders at Huffaker move to middle schools in 19-20?  
If this question is not for this committee, can you redirect me to the right person.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter,  
Susan

**From:** [LaMarca, Paul](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** re-zoning questions  
**Date:** Friday, April 13, 2018 11:29:26 AM

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Dear Ms. Stuart:

Thank you for your message. Thus far, the Zoning Advisory Committee and the WCSD Board of Trustees have not considered any zoning changes that would impact the schools you mention.

In the master plan for building new schools, it is anticipated that a new middle school will be built in the Arrowcreek area. It is possible that construction of that school would impact some or all of the schools you mention. This is likely to be a topic of discussion for the zoning committee in the next school year. When it becomes a topic, there will be ample public notice regarding planned meetings.

Thank you, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D.  
Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

**From:** Denise Stuart [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 2, 2018 8:50 AM  
**To:** Zoning <[Zoning@washoeschools.net](mailto:Zoning@washoeschools.net)>  
**Subject:** re-zoning questions

Hello,

Will the planned re-zoning have any impact on people who live on Mt. Rose and whose children attend Hunsberger Elementary, Pine Middle School, and Galena High School? If so, where does the proposed re-zoning put them?

Kind regards,  
Denise Stuart

**From:** [LaMarca, Paul](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: How to differentiate  
**Date:** Monday, April 9, 2018 9:57:05 AM

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Thank you for your message. I have shared it internally.

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D.  
Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

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**From:** Zoning  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:41 PM  
**To:** LaMarca, Paul  
**Subject:** FW: How to differentiate

**From:** Roni Ellison [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 25, 2018 12:17 PM  
**To:** Zoning <Zoning@washoeschools.net>  
**Subject:** How to differentiate

Hello,

I recently read a forwarded email by James Thomas from McQueen High School and I agree with his claims, it is very hard to distinguish the border line between Lancer and Huskee territories. It becomes a problem while asking for support. As you probably know a lot of parents have great school pride. Whether it be cheering on the sports teams or going to the events of the arts. While asking for support we become battered by threatening parents asking how we can ask a Huskee to support a Lancer affiliated group. However, if we make a visible difference between the two territories it will become easier for student to gain support for their specific programs. I thank you for your time in hearing my concerns and for reading my peers' email. Seeing a visible change would mean a lot in growing our community support.

Thanks Again,  
Roni Ellison