



## Washoe County School District Zoning Advisory Committee DRAFT - Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2017

### 1. Opening Items

#### 1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:40 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Lemelson S.T.E.M Academy at 2001 Soaring Eagle Drive, Reno, NV 89512.

#### 1.02 Roll Call

Members: Beth Smith, Araceli Martinez, Theresa Birchfield, Stephanie Hanna, Adam Carpenter, Joel Peixoto, Dana Galvin, and Sierra Clark, Polly Boardman, and Lorraine Toole were present at roll call. Members Joanne Mazzo, Michael Thomas, and Judith Harrington were absent. Staff Liaison Paul LaMarca and staff were also present. In addition, Jonna AuCoin, Michshelle Bain, Gladys Bennet, Reagan Virgil, Kristen McNeill, Lauren Ford, Roger Gonzalez, Richard Swanberg and Angie Taylor were present. Angie Taylor, President of the Board of Trustees welcomed everyone and thanked all that came to hear the meeting.

#### 1.03 Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

**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.

Beth Smith moved that agenda be approved as written. Dana Galvin seconded. Vote was unanimously in favor.

**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 of the Minutes from the October 19, 2017 Zoning Advisory Committee meeting (For Possible Action)**

There was no discussion. Dana Galvin moved to accept the minutes as written, Stephanie Hanna seconded. Vote was unanimously in favor of approval.

**2.02 Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt a Set of Not More than 6 Possible Filters/Criteria to be Used by the Zoning Advisory Committee When Considering Zoning Changes. Filters to be considered may include student safety, optimizing academic opportunities, and minimizing impact to families (for Possible Action)**

Paul LaMarca reviewed the changes to the Guiding Principles that were requested at the last meeting. In item 2 he added the word equity and in item 5 he added diverse and equitable. Stephanie Hanna suggested that they change the number of years on item 6 to read 3 to 5 years. The committee discussed the changes. Beth Smith moved that the Guiding Principles to be used by the committee be accepted with the change to item 6 to read "Maintain zone changes for minimum of 3 to 5 years." Polly Boardman seconded. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**2.03 Discussion and Possible Action of Zoning Changes Stemming from the Washoe County School District's Plans for Construction of a Middle School in Sun Valley and the Effects this New School will have on Enrollment at Other elementary Schools and Middle Schools (For Possible Action)**

Before Adam Searcy, Deputy Facilities Management Officer, reviewed the logistics of building a new middle school in Sun Valley, Teresa Birchfield acknowledged an email from Abbie Shelton which stated that she was unable to attend the meeting and was interested in how the zoning changes will affect Verdi Elementary. She wanted someone to let her know so she can formulate any questions. Adam then reviewed the power point describing how zoning changes affected the various different schools using maps and charts. There was some discussion about what would happen if middle schools became overcrowded. Paul LaMarca explained that they would go to double sessions, but stated that middle schools are larger and have more space than elementary schools and don't become overcrowded so quickly. The committee discussed the proposed changes. Beth Smith stated she liked the idea of rezoning the groups that were located at a distance from Verdi to nearer schools. The group discussed the barriers such as McCarren and the Truckee River. The Committee asked Paul to bring back data from Transportation as to how crossing these barriers would affect the department.

Beth Smith asked if Westergard was going multi-track. Paul stated that they were not on multi-track. He also stated that relief for Westergard would be hard to do in less than a year as specific programs would have to be introduced. Sierra Clark asked was

the construction in the south factored into the enrollment figures. Stephanie Hanna asked if the Committee dealt only with the attendance boundaries and who dealt with the elevation of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to middle school. Paul responded that they can add the elevation of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to middle school as a part of the recommendation but changing where 6<sup>th</sup> graders go to school was the responsibility of the administration to change.

The public was given the opportunity to comment on this item. Stephanie Sherman asked about the new development in Verdi and how that affected Verdi as well as Westergard. She was in favor of 2.03 and the changes in capacities and rezoning. Tara Merrill stated she was against moving the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to middle school at Verdi. She said the small school suited her son and the distance that she had to travel to social events did not impact her. She stated that the committee also needed to look at social and emotional impacts the changes would make. Daniel Scinto thanked the group for the presentation. He asked the current percentage of students at affected elementary school that were using variances now. He also requested that page number be placed on the power point.

It was also asked when the Verdi pocket was looked at for zoning. Paul stated that he will investigate how the enrollment numbers were developed, including if variances were included. He also stated that care needed to be taken regarding families and pocket rezoning.

Lindsey Breshears asked if a slide was missing. Adam stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of number were intended to show the impact on both the changes.

The Committee then discussed the information. Sierra Clark asked for more clarification on the enrollment numbers for Verdi. Stephanie Hanna talked about variances at Westergard and how not using a variance would affect Westergard. Polly Boardman talked about the Clayton Magnet School (GT) and that enrollment was already at capped. Araceli Martinez asked that once the moves were done that the Committee look at the ethnic component of the affected schools. Paul said he would look into this. He also stated that moves would change some Title I designations and he would have to have a meeting with Title I. He also said that the group could not pick and choose within neighborhoods. Beth Smith moved to continue this item at the next meeting. Joe Peixoto seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Paul stated he would get clarification on the Sun Valley and the impacts on Sparks MS and east of Sparks. He wanted to be clear that the decision making on this item until January after the December meeting.

### **3. Closing Items**

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

The next meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday December 14th at 5:30 pm. The meeting is scheduled for TBD (Sparks MS.) Paul LaMarca will verify the room and location for the meeting.

Agenda suggestions are to be email to Paul and Teresa as soon as possible.

### **3.02 Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time

### **3.04 Adjourn Meeting**

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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# WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT – Meeting Minutes

## 1. OPENING ITEMS

### 1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:34 pm in the Multipurpose Room at Sparks Middle School at 2275 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Sparks NV 89431.

### 1.02 Roll Call

Members: Joanne Mazzo, Polly Boardman, Beth Smith, Araceli Martinez, Theresa Birchfield, Stephanie Hanna, Sierra Clark, Adam Carpenter, Joel Peixoto, Dana Galvin were present. Members Lorraine Toole (provided notice), Michael Thomas, and Judith Harrington were absent. Staff also attended the meeting.

### 1.03 Public Comment

Teresa Birchfield stated there were three emails that came in regarding Zoning. They were as follows:

- Sheryl Singleton asked several questions regarding the potential rezoning of Canyon Pines as well as the enrollment numbers at Melton, Winnemucca and Westergard. She opposes the rezoning of Canyon Pines.
- Jacci Schiemer wanted to know if there was a map available for the new neighborhood zoning for Westergard.
- Carol Ann Clark was concerned about the rezoning of the children north of Wedekind between Malapi and Pyramid Highway. She did not want her children rezoned out of Lena Juniper.

### 1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda (For Possible Action)

Beth Smith moved to accept the agenda as written. Stephanie Hanna seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda as written.

## 2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION

### 2.01 Discussion and Possible Approval of the Minutes from the Oct. 19, 2017 Zoning Advisory Committee meeting (For Possible Action)

It was noted that the date of the minutes the committee that was listed for approval was incorrect. The correct date should be November 16, 2017. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

### 2.02 Presentation and Discussion of Federal Civil Rights Law Regarding School Zoning and Race-Based Classifications and Considerations in Decision Making (For Discussion Only)

Gina Session reviewed a handout describing 2 types of standards used to decide if a decision was based on race. There were no questions regarding this item.

**2.03 Discussion of Zone Boundary Considerations stemming from the Washoe County School District's Plans for Construction of a Middle School in Sun Valley and the Effects this new school will have on Enrollment at Other Elementary Schools and Middle Schools (For Possible Action)**

Adam Searcy, Deputy Facilities Manager, reviewed the power point, describing the various different options for rezoning for the new middle school in Sun Valley and the effects that this would have on other district schools.

There were 2 public comments on this issue. Tara Merrill talked about the Verdi rezoning which was discussed at the last meeting and asked the committee to reconsider other possible moves for Verdi that would allow her son to stay at Verdi. She stated she was against the zone boundary changes that were discussed at the last meeting.

Kristen DeHaan stated she was a teacher at Drake and asked how Drake was going to be repopulated after the moves. Paul stated that Drake was used differently and Adam stated that it was being studied.

After some discussion, Joe Peixoto moved that the Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees that all the elementary schools in Sun Valley be zoned for the new middle school. Beth Smith seconded. Araceli Martinez asked if there were other options and it was determined that this was the best case scenario. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**3. CLOSING ITEMS**

**3.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, January 18, 2018, Location to be Determined.**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Thursday, January 18, 2018 in the Administration Board room.

**3.02 Public Comment**

There was no additional public comment at this time.

**3.03 Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.