

From: [LaMarca, Paul](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Fredrickson, Samantha G](#)
Subject: Fwd: Verdi Elementary Rezoning Issue
Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018 2:51:08 PM

Dear Ms. Gottier,

Thank you for your detailed message. Your message will be shared with all committee members. It is anticipated that the Zoning Committee will next review the Verdi zone in June.

Respectfully, Paul

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

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Zoning <Zoning@washoeschools.net>
Date: May 17, 2018 at 11:59:27 AM PDT
To: "LaMarca, Paul" <PLaMarca@washoeschools.net>
Subject: FW: Verdi Elementary Rezoning Issue

From: Morgan Gottier [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 8:22 PM
To: s [REDACTED] Zoning <Zoning@washoeschools.net>
Subject: Verdi Elementary Rezoning Issue

Good evening Stephanie and other Rezoning Committee Members,

I am a parent of two students that live in the River Park community and attend Verdi Elementary School. I am writing you today in opposition of rezoning our community to Roy Gomm Elementary School. I have attended the last two rezoning meetings and understand that this rezoning issue is a difficult decision to make. I hope that the parent feedback you are receiving is constructive and will help you make the decision that benefits the most students possible.

Why We Want to Attend Verdi

Most people at the last rezoning meeting mentioned their school is already a community, regardless of where they live in relation to the school. I agree with this statement. Verdi Elementary and Roy Gomm Elementary are two very established schools and have built a sense of community over the years. Before our oldest daughter started Kindergarten, we

purchased our home for the sole purpose that we would be zoned for Verdi, Billingham and McQueen. Our family can make a home anywhere, but our main priority is that our children would get the best education along with the relationships they could develop over the years with their friends through high school. One of the many reasons we wanted our girls to go to Verdi was because I, myself, attended Verdi Elementary School. Most of the traditions I experienced at Verdi, as a student, are still taking place. This says something about the support this school receives from the parents and community to keep these traditions alive. These are all reasons why we want our children to continue to be zoned for Verdi Elementary.

Overcrowding

I understand that overcrowding at both Verdi and Gomm is the main concern. If you decide to move all four developments proposed by the District rep Adam, the numbers at Roy Gomm are sickening. Roy Gomm is not a new school with larger classrooms and multipurpose room. This school is one of the older schools in the district and has had all the extension it can possibly afford. I can only imagine what the class sizes will be if the rezoning to Gomm occurs. This is not what I want for my children. Not only is there an issue of moving too many children to Roy Gomm, there is the possibility of Verdi losing valuable allocations at our school if too many children are rezoned at one time. I know that this is not what you want for our students or staff.

Transportation

Regarding transportation; at Verdi, we do have longer times for our students on the bus than most schools in the district. Living in a rural area causes this longer bus ride. Students in our development do have to get on the freeway to get to school from where we live, but students in both Mogul and some in Beli Ranch need to use the freeway as well to get to school. We have some of the best and safest bus drivers in the District, their number one concern is our students' safety and know the best way to get our students to school. I hope that transportation will not be the deciding factor for you.

Middle & High School

If our community is rezoned for Roy Gomm, does this mean that our Middle and High School will be rezoned as well? Or if the Middle and High School zones stay the same, then you are sending our children to Roy Gomm for Elementary and then to a middle school where they could be split from their friends? I'm asking that you carefully consider keeping our children with their friends all the way through their education years.

WC1 Issue

Rezoning is not the only way to solve the potential overcrowding at Verdi. Another solution is to get the WC1 committee involved. It doesn't make much sense that the District would not want to build out the entire new building at Verdi while all the construction crews are on site disrupting our staff and students. The only reason it could be is due to money. Verdi was originally on the list of new schools/improvements on the WC1 Initiative. Therefore, so many parents at Verdi supported and promoted the benefits our students would receive from WC1. The District would rather come back in a year or even two, disrupt the staff and students again, to build four more classrooms that would allow us to

keep our music and Special Education resources in a classroom instead of the staff lounge and multipurpose room.

Possible Resolution

By looking at the breakdown of the four developments from the District handouts, it looks like there are some options that would not cause an increase in student population at Roy Gomm and alleviate some pressure on Verdi for incoming students due to the current construction projects. Warner Elementary can take the students from the Montebello Apartments without causing overcrowding numbers at that school. Due to the student numbers between the Montebello Apartments and W. 4th St. Corridor, Verdi has had to add an additional bus this year.

In Conclusion

When the Rezoning Committee first brought up any rezoning for Verdi Elementary, the Montebello Apartments was the only area being discussed. I'm not sure how this issue has grown over the last few months that could potentially affect hundreds of students. By rezoning the Montebello Apartments and reducing 13% of the students at Verdi and building out the entire building at Verdi, the staff and students would be able to continue their education at reasonable numbers that we are all wanting to achieve.

Thank you,
Morgan Gottier



From: [LaMarca, Paul](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: School zoning for new school in 2019
Date: Friday, May 11, 2018 11:50:29 AM

Dear Ms. MiHaila,

Thank you for your message. We expect the School District Board of Trustees to consider actions on May 22 that will affect the areas in question. Soon thereafter our interactive website will be adjusted to include these decisions. A link to that website can be found below. Using it, you can determine the school for a particular address.

Data Gallery map. <http://datagallery.washoeschools.net/buildings/Map>

Respectfully, Paul

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

From: Mary Mihaila [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 2:55 PM
To: Zoning <Zoning@washoeschools.net>
Subject: RE: School zoning for new school in 2019

Hello Washoe County representative,

I am a realtor here in the Reno/Sparks Area and I have a buyer who wishes to purchase a home in the projected new school soon to be constructed in Sky Ranch. Is there a way I can get information on those street boundaries for that new school? These clients wish to make sure their kids are able to be zoned for Sky Ranch or Van Gorder in 2019. Thank you very much for your time and assistance.

I wish you a wonderful rest of your week.

Mary Mihaila

**Mary Mihaila,
Realtor®, CDPE, CIAS**

[REDACTED]

May your day be beautiful!



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From: [LaMarca, Paul](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Fredrickson, Samantha G](#); [Searcy, Adam T](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda item 2.04: Discussion and Possible Action of Zoning Changes to Verdi Elementary School for the 2019-20 School Year (For Possible Action”).
Date: Friday, May 11, 2018 11:42:34 AM

Dear Ms. Evans,

Thank you for your thoughtful message. It's contents will be shared with all committee members.

This potential change will not be considered again until the June 21st meeting of the committee.

Respectfully, Paul

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

From: Emily Evans [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 3:22 PM
To: Zoning <Zoning@washoeschools.net>
Subject: Agenda item 2.04: Discussion and Possible Action of Zoning Changes to Verdi Elementary School for the 2019-20 School Year (For Possible Action”).

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to share my concerns about the possible zoning changes to Verdi ES for the 2019-2020 school year. Based on the current proposed plan Roy Gomm is going to be at 105% capacity and Verdi at 54% capacity. There is no room for facility expansion/growth at Roy Gomm. Unlike other schools Gomm has no room to add classrooms, portables, or expand. The land around the school is completely taken. Growth in this way is not an option. Gomm currently has 22 students in a Comprehensive Life Skills Program (these students have a range of disabilities). The space demands for special programs such as CLS needs to be considered. These classes are smaller but occupy two full classrooms. There is new development happening off of Woodchuck that would add families to the Roy Gomm community as it is. I hope you take this new development and its impact on Gomm enrollment into consideration.

As of right now, there are no available classrooms. The music room will be a classroom in 18/19. Team teaching has been implemented in the lower grades. The staff lounge is currently being used for GT (Gifted and Talented) 1.5 days a week and everyday for interventions because Gomm is out of options for space.

There is also insufficient Cafeteria and lunch space for more students- With this many additional students we would have to look at 3 lunches to hold students in the small lunchroom.

Rezoning now would be premature. Gomm is crowded now. The problem this proposal hopes to solve is a hypothetical future problem. New developments already zoned for Gomm are going in (Woodchuck).

Rezoning, especially premature rezoning, would **disrupt the Gomm community** unnecessarily. Our understanding is that the assumption is that all variances would not be renewed other than grades 5th and 6th. Most Gomm variances in lower grades are the siblings of SWAS kids, and older kids who would be grandfathered in. Families would be split up at different schools, which would weaken, not strengthen the community.

We recommend the committee recommend no part of Verdi zone be rezoned to Gomm at this time. Please do not recommend that the School Board rezone Verdi students to Gomm. At this time, it is in the best interest of all to leave the zoning the same.

Thank you,

Emily Evans

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From: [LaMarca, Paul](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Gomm zoning question
Date: Friday, May 11, 2018 11:39:43 AM

Dear Jocelyn and Michael,

Thank you for your message. That move has been considered. Currently, there is not enough space at Swope Middle School to make this change.

Respectfully, Paul

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

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

From: Jocelyn and Michael [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 5:29 PM
To: Zoning <Zoning@washoeschools.net>
Subject: Gomm zoning question

Why is 6th grade at Roy Gomm not being looked at to move to the middle school due to the concern with possible overcrowding if most other schools are moving 6th grade to the middle schools for the same reason?

Thank you,

From: [LaMarca, Paul](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Zoning issue for my son with autism
Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018 1:33:41 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Marian Angelica Leyba <[REDACTED]>
Date: May 11, 2018 at 12:08:12 PM PDT
To: "LaMarca, Paul" <PLaMarca@washoeschools.net>
Subject: **Re: Zoning issue for my son with autism**

Thank you very much for your response. It helps to know that this information. I hope you have a good day!

Marian Baldovino

On May 11, 2018, at 11:55 AM, LaMarca, Paul
<PLaMarca@washoeschools.net> wrote:

Dear Ms. Leyba,

Thank you for your message. Below is a link to an interactive website that can help you find your zoned school.

Data Gallery map.
<http://datagallery.washoeschools.net/buildings/Map>

It looks to me that based on recent changes from the WCSD Board of GTrustees, that apartment complex is zoned for Marvin Moss ES.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D.

Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

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

From: Marian Angelica Leyba [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 6:35 PM

To: Zoning <Zoning@washoeschools.net>

Subject: Zoning issue for my son with autism

Good day. My name is Marian Baldovino and I have a son who is currently attending integrated kinder at Marvin Moss Elementary. My son has autism. We are currently zoned for Jerry Whitehead Elementary, which means that after this school year, my son will be attending Whitehead in August. Due to my son's condition, we prefer him to stay in one consistent school throughout elementary. However, we were informed that it would be hard for us to apply for variance at Moss every year and that staying at Whitehead would be a better option. With the new zoning of the WCSD, we are wondering if we will be zoned to Marvin Moss next school year. We heard that with the new zoning, we might be zoned to Moss. Please confirm this for us. If this is the case, then I can bring this up to the Marvin Moss principal so they can grant my son a variance for this year and continue at Moss through 6th grade. Our address is [REDACTED]. Thank you and I appreciate your help.

Marian Baldovino