



WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2018

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:35 pm in the multi-purpose room at Miguel Sepulveda Elementary School, 5075 Ion Drive, Sparks NV 89436

1.02 Roll Call

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

1.03 Public Comment

- There was no public comment

1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda (For Possible Action)

Sierra Clark moved to accept the agenda as written. Beth Smith 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 January 18, 2017 Zoning Advisory Committee meeting (For Possible Action)

Dana Galvin moved to accept the January 18th minutes as written. Polly Boardman seconded. It was pointed out that Dana Ryan was named as moving to accept item 2.08 in the minutes. It should have read Dana Galvin. Dana Galvin moved to adopt the agenda as corrected, Polly Boardman seconded. The committee voted to accept the minutes with the change

2.02 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Zoning Changes Stemming from the Washoe County School District's Plans for Construction of a Middle School in Spanish Springs to be Open for the 2019-20 School Year, and the Effects this New School will have on Enrollment at Other Elementary School and Middle Schools (for Possible Action)

Adam Searcy, Deputy Facilities Manager, reviewed the presentation and the impacts of the new middle school in Spanish Springs. He stated that it was also a good time to clean up split feeder schools. It was asked why the students at the school zoned right next to the new middle school were not going to the new middle school. Adam stated this issue would be clarified in the next agenda item.

Public Comment: Erica Kelley had a concern about the 7th graders going to different middle school and would there be variances for the last year of middle school. Paul LaMarca stated that there would be variances granted to stay at the old school but no transportation would be provided in these cases. He informed the public of an upcoming information night that will be held to answer logistics questions as well as other questions.

Michelle Meister asked if the zones will be redone for the middle school after the elementary school is done. Paul LaMarca stated that this was not going to be the case. The new elementary school would go to Sky Ranch MS.

Beau Hixon stated that slide 8 didn't show the Sky Ranch Middle School on it and asked if the bluish color was representing Sky Ranch. Adam stated that the blue/lavender was the Sky Ranch Middle School.

Scott Mullins asked about the enrollment figures on page 5. What was the estimate and did it include construction estimates for the Shaw MS area? Asked about the zoning lines on pages 7 & 8. Adam stated that they were working with various agencies on the enrollment. The next agenda item would be about changing the boundaries. Scott asked more about enrollment numbers, suggested redrawing the zoning lines to reflect a better balance between the middle schools. Adam said that he would see a better balance in the next item.

Teresa Birchfield stated she would entertain a motion to table this item until the committee had a chance to discuss the next agenda item. Beth Smith moved to table action on item 2.02 until after discussing item 2.03. Stephanie Hanna seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

After discussion of 2.03, the committee resumed discussion on 2.02. Stephanie Hanna asked what the committee was approving tonight. Paul LaMarca stated that it wasn't necessary to take action. Paul stated that the committee could return to this item in March with additional information if they decided to do this. Adam stated he could clean up this presentation for an action item.

Public Comment: Scott Mullins wanted the committee to think about the 19-20 school year on page 10 and that the middle school enrollment is unbalanced and to rezone Mendive and Shaw. Teresa asked if some of the discrepancy will be resolved with new elementary school zoning and the moving of the sixth grade. Adam stated that when they come back with new information it would address this concern.

Beth Smith moved to bring back additional information back on item 2.02 at the March meeting, Polly Boardman seconded. The committee voted unanimously to approve.

2.03 Discussion of Possible Zoning Changes Stemming from the Washoe County School District's Plans for Construction of an Elementary School in Spanish Springs to be Open for the 2020-21 school year, and the Effects this New School will have on Enrollment at Other Elementary Schools (for Discussion only)

Adam Searcy reviewed the presentation regarding the property to be purchased in the Kiley Ranch Subdivision. He talked about how rezoning with the new elementary school would help with enrollment numbers and how it would even out the enrollment numbers. There was no discussion.

Public Comment: Brad Bieth asked if the location for the new elementary school was set in stone. Adam stated that the district has purchased the land but have not allocated the funding for construction and will be asking for funding in the future. Brad asked for further timeframes on approval. Adam talked about the Capital Funding Committee that decides the funding and which will be meeting tentatively in April. Chris Reich stated that the information would be located on the district's website.

Malia Puchta asked about Van Gorder and why they didn't recommend rezoning for students who drive by Van Gorder to attend another school. Adam stated that it was a careful balance of enrollments. Malia stated that Van Gorder had fewer students enrolled than Spanish Springs. She was concerned about multi-track and overcrowding occurring much sooner than it looked like in the slide. Adam stated they would look at this when they get into rezoning of elementary schools.

Beth Smith asked Adam if the committee would need to take action on 2.02 in order to effect the change in enrollment numbers on 2.03. Adam stated that yes they would need to take action. It also assumes that all 6th graders would be elevated to middle school and the construction of the new elementary school, as well as the realignment in slide 16. Teresa clarified that the numbers reflected the elevation of 6th graders. She also discussed the fact that changes will be happening during the year.

Leticia Gonzalez asked where the new middle school students would go to high school. Adam stated they will go to Spanish Springs HS. Paul LaMarca stated that it gets complicated because of the new high school in Wildcreek. He stated that now everyone in Spanish Springs Valley will go to Spanish Springs HS. Teresa Birchfield stated that these issues will be addressed at a later time and to pay attention to the website for future agendas.

Stacey Fleck wanted to get clarification on whether the K-5 elementary schools were county-wide or were just at the affected schools. Paul stated it was district-wide depending on space and was an administrative decision and not part of the duties of the Zoning Committee.

Stephanie Reddig asked why they didn't zone homes to schools closest to schools, especially elementary schools. Van Gorder was the example she used. She asked the committee to look at those schools. She also asked when the new middle school was built would the students have the option to remain in elementary school or would they be elevated to the new middle school. Teresa stated the committee only discussed the elevation of the 6th grade with regards to enrollment. The decision to elevate 6th grade was up to the administration and Board of Trustees.

Polly Boardman asked about the Sky Ranch Middle School. Adam reviewed slide 16. Polly was worried about when the kids would go to the new middle school. Adam stated that even though the boundaries wouldn't move until the new

elementary school is approved. There was too much uncertainty about the location of the new elementary school.

Teresa Birchfield stated she would entertain a motion to move back to item 2.02. Beth Smith moved to return to 2.02, Sierra Clark seconded and the committee voted unanimously to return to discussing 2.02

3. Closing Items

3.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, March 15, 2018, Location to be Determined

Teresa Birchfield announced the next meeting would be Thursday, March 15, 2018, and stated that the next meeting will be at Double Diamond Elementary School.

3.02 Public Comment

Jessica Evett asked a question about the design aspect of new schools. Paul LaMarca informed her that there was a committee for educational design who dealt with this issue.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

Teresa Birchfield adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.