



WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2020

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:30 P.M., Silver Lake Elementary School, 8719 Red Baron Rd., Cafeteria, Reno, Nevada 89506.

1.02 Roll Call

Chairperson Beth Smith and Members Adriana Publico, Polly Boardman, Kathleen Coombs, Christine Hull, Jennifer Peterson, Jason Shipman, Kristine Swanson and Lorraine Toole were present at roll call. Members Stephanie Hanna, Araceli Martinez, Christina Pearson and Dana Galvin were absent. Dr. Paul LaMarca, Committee Staff Liaison, was also present.

1.03 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION

2.01 ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

There was no discussion on the adoption of the agenda.

On motion by Adriana Publico, second by Polly Boardman, the Zoning Advisory Committee approved the agenda as presented (Yea: Beth Smith, Adriana Publico, Polly Boardman, Kathleen Coombs, Christine Hull, Jennifer Peterson, Jason Shipman, Kristine Swanson and Lorraine Toole) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 9-0

2.02 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 21, 2019 ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There was no discussion or proposed changes to the minutes.

On motion by Adriana Publico, second by Jason Shipman, the Zoning Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee (Yea: Beth Smith, Adriana Publico, Polly Boardman, Kathleen Coombs, Christine Hull, Jennifer Peterson, Jason Shipman, Kristine Swanson and Lorraine Toole) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 9-0

2.03 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 17, 2019 ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There was no discussion or proposed changes to the minutes.

On motion by Polly Boardman, second by Jennifer Peterson, the Zoning Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee (Yea: Beth Smith, Adriana Publico, Polly Boardman, Kathleen Coombs, Christine Hull, Jennifer Peterson, Jason Shipman, Kristine Swanson and Lorraine Toole) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 9-0

2.04 DISCUSSION REGARDING A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEING BUILT IN THE COLD SPRINGS AREA AND POTENTIAL ZONING CHANGES THAT COULD AFFECT DESERT HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GOMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LEMMON VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, STEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, COLD SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND O'BRIEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Adam Searcy, WCSD Chief Capital Projects and Facilities Management Officer, presented potential zoning changes related to a new elementary school being built in the cold springs area. Zoning changes could affect Desert Heights Elementary School, Gomes Elementary School, Lemmon Valley Elementary School, Silver Lake Elementary School, Stead Elementary School, Cold Springs Middle School, and O'Brien Middle School.

The current Cold Springs Middle School contains grades 5-8. With the new elementary school being built, the 5th grade will be moved back to the are elementary schools prompting the need for rezoning. The presentation of each proposal included discussion of school capacities, current enrollments, and projected enrollments at the impacted schools, as well as recommended boundary changes, and the return of all 5th grade students to their zoned elementary schools.

Option 1, as presented to the Committee, proposed the rezoning of the rural areas current zoned to Silver Lake ES to Gomes ES. Mr. Searcy included discussion related to traffic concerns and potential routes to schools as there is currently no direct connection between Cold Springs and Red Rock Road. To reach Gomes ES from the Silver Lake ES rural area, busses will need to travel down Red Rock Road to US 395, to White Lake Pkwy, and then to Gomes ES.

Option 2 proposed rezoning of certain areas currently zoned to Silver Lake ES to Desert Heights ES and O'Brien MS. Mr. Searcy included discussion related to traffic concerns and potential routes to schools as there is currently no connection between Bravo Ave and the Silver Knolls neighborhood. To reach Desert Heights ES from the Silver Lake ES rural area, busses must travel a route down Red Rock Road to Moya Blvd, drive past Silver Lake ES to reach Bravo Blvd, and then on to Desert Heights.

Option 3 proposed the rezoning of the area south of Silver Lake Road to Stead ES and O'Brien MS.

Option 4 proposed the rezoning of the Silver Lake ES rural area to Gomes ES and Silver Lake Apartments to Stead ES and O'Brien MS.

Option 5 proposed the rezoning of the Silver Lake ES rural area to Desert Heights ES and O'Brien MS and Silver Lake Apartments to Stead ES and O'Brien MS.

Option 6 proposed the following: a) rezone of the Silver Knolls and Rancho Haven areas to Gomes ES; b) rezone of Antelope Valley area to Desert Heights ES and O'Brien MS; and c) rezone the Silver Lake Apartments to Stead ES & O'Brien MS.

Option 7 proposed the following: a) Rezone Silver Knolls and Rancho Haven areas to Gomes ES; b) rezone the Antelope Valley area to Lemmon Valley ES & O'Brien MS; and c) rezone the Silver Lake Apartments to Stead ES and O'Brien MS.

There was discussion amongst the members regarding all of these options, especially transportation times and issues that might come up in future meetings.

Public Comment

- Alysia Goyer was suggesting that they consider dividing the new Elementary school and Gomes into a Primary and secondary Elementary school situation. For example Gomes be K-3rd grade and new Cold Springs ES be 4-6. So students have equal access.
- LuAnn Pilard commented on changing students again from Cold Springs MS to O'Brien MS, she doesn't think this would be ok to do to the students.
- Katie Pena concerned with rezoning students from Antelope Valley from Silver Lake, which performs at higher percentile to an underperforming school.

- Jeff Lewis concerned with changing students that are already located at Cold Springs MS to O'Brien after they are already comfortable where they are, against disrupting the students.
- Sheri Greenhalgh spoke regarding the boundaries for the middle schools and the potential difference in enrollment numbers.

2.05 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ANTICIPATED CADENCE OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK AND THE POTENTIAL TIMELINE FOR ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL REZONING NEEDS, DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER OF THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR AND 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Paul LaMarca, Committee Liaison said that the committee can discuss the question regarding the option of whether 7th and 8th graders At Cold Springs would be given the option to get a variance and finish their middle school education there. More discussion regarding the options from other committee members and Mr. Searcy. Questions asked regarding the additional Elementary schools proposed with the community approved in the Silver Knolls area, also asked if there was a possibility of a Middle School being added in that area as well. Mr. Searcy responded that between both Cold Springs MS and O'Brien MS could handle the additional students at this time and for the next decade per the projected numbers.

2.06 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NEW PROCTER HUG HIGH SCHOOL BEING BUILT IN THE WILDCREEK AREA AND POTENTIAL ZONING BOUNDARIES THAT COULD AFFECT THE SPANISH SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL AND CURRENT HUG HIGH SCHOOL ZONING BOUNDARIES

Adam Searcy, WCSD Chief Capital Projects and Facilities Management Officer, presented proposed zoning changes regarding the new Proctor Hug High School being built in the Wildcreek area and potential zoning boundaries that could affect the Spanish Springs High School and current Hug High School zoning boundaries. Mr. Searcy presented the current attendance zones for the northern area high schools. The capacities of the high schools, current enrollments, and projected enrollment following rezoning were also presented.

The rezoning proposal included assigning all of the current Hug HS attendance zone to new Hug HS located in the Wildcreek area; and rezoning the Northern portion of Sun Valley from Spanish Springs HS to the new Hug HS.

Public Comment

- Jane Stoner wanted to clarify the zone lines for Reed HS and Spanish Springs HS as there are some parents that are confused with the map and where it cuts off. Dr. Paul LaMarca commented that they go to the Data Gallery and you can enter your address and it will tell you your current zone and the next year's zone.

On motion by Adriana Publico, second by Jason Shipman, the Zoning Advisory Committee recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed zoning boundaries for the new Procter Hug High School related to the current Hug High School and Spanish Springs High School as Presented by Staff (Yea: Beth Smith, Adriana Publico, Polly Boardman, Kathleen Coombs, Christine Hull, Jennifer Peterson, Jason Shipman, Kristine Swanson and Lorraine Toole)
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 9-0.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Chair Smith explained there was a typo on the meeting agenda that indicated the next meeting is on March 19, 2020. As that is Spring Break, the next meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee is actually scheduled for March 12, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. at a location to be determined.

3.02 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was not public comment at this time.

3.03 Meeting Adjourned

There being no more business, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.