



WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2019

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:33 p.m. in the Board Room of the WCSD Administration Building, 425 East 9th Street, Reno, Nevada.

1.02 Roll Call

Chair Beth Smith and Members Lorraine Toole, Araceli Martinez, Stephanie Hanna, Adriana Publico, Kathleen Coombs, Jason Shipman and Dana Galvin were present at roll call. Members Christina Pearson, Polly Boardman, Christine Hull and Jennifer Peterson were absent. Committee liaison Paul LaMarca and staff were also present.

1.03 Public Comment

Pablo Nava Duran made comment regarding test scores and school rankings.

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

2.01 Action to Adopt the Agenda

On motion by Stephanie Hanna, second by Jason Shipman, the Zoning Advisory Committee approved the agenda as presented (Yea: Beth Smith, Lorraine Toole, Araceli Martinez Stephanie Hanna, Adriana Publico, Kathleen Coombs, Jason Shipman and Dana Galvin) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 8-0

2.02 INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Paul LaMarca introduced Adriana Publico, Christine Hull and Kathleen Coombs to the Zoning Advisory Committee.

2.03 RECOGNITION OF THE WORK OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ITS COLLABORATION WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Malena Raymond - Vice President from the Board of Trustee thanked the Zoning Advisory Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees and expressed the importance of the decisions and the recommendations are forwarded to the Board of Trustees. In addition, discussed the upcoming search for a new Superintendent and how that will impact the Zoning Advisory Committee.

2.04 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT A CHAIR OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 FROM THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Paul LaMarca asked the Committee if anyone would like to state their interest in being the Chair of the Committee. Stephanie Hanna asked if Chair Smith would like to continue to be the Chair of the Committee. Chair Beth Smith expressed her desire to continue as Chair to Zoning Advisory Committee. Paul LaMarca asked if there was any public comment. Pablo Nava Duran spoke in Public Comment regarding that the Committee being a volunteer position and that the Committee needs a good work environment.

On Motion by Jason Shipman, Second by Dana Galvin, the Zoning Advisory Committee approves the nomination of Beth Smith as the Chair to the Zoning Advisory Committee.

Stephanie Hanna thanked the Chair for keeping the Committee on track.

Kathleen Coombs expressed her gratitude to the Chair for sharing information on how the Committee and the time that the Chair has extended towards the Committee Members. Adriana Publico seconded her appreciation.

Paul LaMarca asked for aye and nay information.

(Yea: Lorraine Toole, Araceli Martinez, Stephanie Hanna, Adriana Publico, Kathleen Coombs, Jason Shipman and Dana Galvin) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0

2.05 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT A VICE-CHAIR OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 FROM THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Chair Smith asked if anyone has an interest in becoming the Vice Chair or staying on as the Vice -Chair. Adriana Publico requested a description of the Vice Chair's duties.

Chair Smith described the duties of the Vice-Chair.

Chair Smith asked if anyone was interested in pursuing as Vice-Chair. Adriana Publico expressed her interest in being Vice-Chair.

Chair Smith asked for aye and nay information.

On Motion by Dana Galvin, second by Jason Shipman, the Zoning Advisory Committee approves the nomination of Adriana Publico as the Vice Chair to the Zoning Advisory Committee.

(Yea: Beth Smith, Lorraine Toole, Araceli Martinez, Stephanie Hanna, Kathleen Coombs, Jason Shipman and Dana Galvin) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0

2.06 POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2019 ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There was no discussion.

On motion by Jason Shipman, second by Dana Galvin, the Zoning Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the Zoning Advisory Committee of May 16, 2019. (Yea: Beth Smith, Lorraine Toole, Araceli Martinez, Stephanie Hanna, Adriana Publico, Kathleen Coombs, Jason Shipman and Dana Galvin.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 8-0

2.07 INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY MEMBERS OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Beth Smith asked Dr. Paul LaMarca to speak on this subject on behalf of Neil Rombardo. First meeting usually talks about Open Meeting Law and identifies that new members will be given information regarding Open Meeting Law. Social Media is described as a Closed Group so any items that are shared in Social Media do not meet the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. Discussed what can be shared.

Not illegal to share on Social Meeting but not encouraged, serial communication which could result in violating Open Meeting Law. The arm of Board of Trustees and bound by the laws of the Board of Trustees. Public is requiring you to be an open community and if you have been receiving information, you could come to committee meetings with unconscious biases. Not share substantive information, o.k. to communicate dates and times of meeting.

Beth Smith asked if this Committee is the only Committee that is receiving this training (by the Committee's request). Beth Smith identifies that she uses Social Media but does not share personal opinion while using Social Media. Paul LaMarca is not aware of how many Committees are receiving the training, but Paul LaMarca is only concerned with this committee because this is the only committee he sits on.

Beth Smith recommends that all committee receives this training.

Public Comment-

Kelly Roper discusses that the SHARE committee, which she serves on, has been trained regarding the use of Social Media.

Pablo Nava Duran discusses the importance of being trained regarding Social Media.

2.08 INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE ADOPTED GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Beth Smith introduces Paul LaMarca who speaks on the adopted guiding principles of the Zoning Advisory Committee

Item 1. Student Safety – Student Safety around transportation considering the zone especially around major roadways that are part of that zone we should take that into consideration.

Item 3. Maintain and keep operational existing school buildings – schools were severely overcrowded which is problematic for student learning and because of the wear and tear on the buildings.

Items 2 & 5 really should go together – Committee should consider making this one item. Maximizing educational equity and access to programs. Student learning achievement is enhanced when we have manageable number of students within the building. We want to students to attend school as close to where they live as possible. We should have all of the programs in all of the buildings but we don't.

Item 4 & 6 – really should go together as well - Minimizing disruption to families to the highest degree as possible and maintain zone changes for three to five years. Not disrupting families multiple times in a short amount of time. Want to avoid making decision that affects students twice at any particular level. Our schools are community centers and families are attached to their schools. Every decision we make when we do make a zone change does affect impact and disrupt families and we need to be very sensitive to that. Vice President Malena Raymond reminded us that we need to look at the health of the District as a whole. Balancing the whole versus the impact of the few.

Beth Smith makes comment that Guiding Principal #5 is also sometimes referred to as “neighborhood kids in neighborhood schools” which we talk about casually and that directly connects to Guiding Principal #5 making sure children have equitable access to schools that means going to school near where they live as opposed to irregular zoning or lines or don't immediately follow geographical logic.

Public Comment:

Pablo Nava Duran made a comment regarding the rezoning of his neighborhood to Smithridge Elementary School because of student safety because the students will have to cross busy streets and also made the recommendation to the Zoning Advisory Committee to follow the Guiding Principles.

Beth Smith- When it comes to school safety, we do often consider where children are walking and where transportation would be helpful this definitely something that came up when we are considering the zone for Nick Poulakidas Elementary School. Our committee is not in a position to make a mandate that transportation adopt a certain bussing patterns however through the zoning process we can formally bring a concern or an observation through staff that I know the District takes very seriously and then it is kind of built into the consideration of the zoning as it relates to bussing and student transportation among the areas. We don't actually get to dictate that a bus route be established, but the District works very closely to make sure that all of the safety has been met.

2.09 INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE FORECASTED BUILDING PLAN FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR AND BEYOND

Adam Searcy, Chief Facilities Management Officer, presented the WCSD Major Projects Update, January 2019

Presented the new schools that just opened in August of 2019, Sky Ranch Middle School, Desert Skies Middle School and Nick Poulakidas Elementary School. Also discussed new schools under construction John Bohach Elementary School and Marce Herz Middle School with an opening in the fall of 2020.

Presenting new school construction Cold Springs Elementary School-construction breaking ground before the end of 2019 with an opening of Aug 2021. The committee will also discuss the impact on Nancy Gomes Elementary School.

In addition, the High School at Wildcreek is scheduled to break ground before the end of 2019 with an opening of August 2022. Committee to discuss this as well.

Completed a major expansion to the Nutrition Services -Central Kitchen and a major expansion of South Transportation Yard. This is all part of the major projects program associated with WC-1 ballot initiative in 2016.

Moving forward with Core school investments, Darrell C. Swope Middle School under design for significant expansion that has portable classrooms which adds 100 seats but doesn't address the need for expanded gymnasium or cafeteria. Additional six to ten

classrooms. Will be hosting a public meeting on October 1, 2019 to talk with parents. Construction to begin the summer of 2020 for an opening of August 2022. It will transition from a seventh and eighth grade middle school to a sixth, seventh and eighth grade middle school. No rezoning likely, but just an FYI to the Zoning Advisory Committee.

Less advanced but similar study of William O'Brien Middle School. Significant overcrowding which does not allow the movement of sixth graders from its feeders to it. Talk to public later in 2019.

Also want to talk about Procter R. Hug High School and the opening of new Wildcreek High School, you will be considering a proposed rezone of existing Procter R. Hug High School boundary into the new Wildcreek High School boundary. Procter R. Hug High School is be vacated and will transition to a Career & Technical Academy, similar to AACT. Currently soliciting proposals for Design Services that so it can be reimaged. 2022 the reimagining the campus for a major construction as it is vacated and dormant for a school year and opening in August 2023 for a revitalized and reimagined campus with open and competitive enrollment similar AACT, not a specific zoned one. Should reduce enrollment numbers from a variety of directions. Rio Wrangler Elementary School in South Meadows is on our radar in the not so distant future. We own multiple elementary school properties in North Spanish Springs which has considerable amount of growth. We have been working with developers of the Stonegate property at Cold Springs for an elementary school and high school. Highly probable high school site. Close eye on major planned development are in the West Reno area. Keeping a close eye on growth and existing enrollment numbers and planning for the future. Cold Springs Elementary School and Wildcreek High School are on the docket for the next school year.

Lorraine Toole - what is expected to happen with the two hundred 3- & 4-bedroom duplexes open next to William O'Brien Middle School where are all of those kids going to go? There are 849 kids now at William O'Brien Middle School and there isn't any where to bump up the any of the 6th graders, I didn't know they were 3 & 4 bedroom duplexes until we were doing a project in math and the kids had to budget themselves to live and one of the kids ran across the real estate ad and that is what those are, 3 & 4 bedrooms there. So they aren't going to be little families they are to be families with lots of kids. Stead Elementary School and O'Brien Middle School are both full.

Adam Searcy - That is a great point, that is why we are looking at solutions for William O'Brien Middle School. It is a process. Looking at options going to be having public meetings likely in October talk with the community about ideas and get feedback before we embark. William O'Brien Middle School is on our radar, I know the development

that you are talking about and we are preparing to meet the needs of that growth. I will add, you mentioned 200 units and they are happening but they don't all generate kids on day one so we have some time before they are all full and we are acting now before they are full.

Araceli Martinez speaking- Will William O'Brien Middle School be looked at before Darrell C. Swope Middle School?

Adam Searcy-No, Darrell C. Swope Middle School is a little bit further ahead than William O'Brien Middle School. Darrell C. Swope Middle School we have moved forward with full blown design and we do have a public meeting scheduled on October 1, 2019 at Darrell C. Swope Middle School to roll out in more detail have those public conversations, express to the public what our intentions are in a more specific way. With William O'Brien Middle School still more a feasibility study state but they are neck and neck. Right now Darrell C. Swope Middle School is a little more advanced whereas William O'Brien Middle School is maybe one school year behind Darrell C. Swope Middle School. We will see how William O'Brien Middle School develops.

Araceli Martinez - You said we don't get students right away from those complexes, but it is within the next six to eight months we will be getting students from there, once they are finished.

Adam Searcy - Once they are finished, they are not all built.

Araceli Martinez - I did have another question, Darrell C. Swope Middle School when it was built, there are other middle schools that were built around that time are you also looking at these other schools to get extensions if needed?

Adam Searcy - Yes and no. No specific plans at this time or intentions at this point. Darrell C. Swope Middle School is of a similar design style to George Dilworth Middle School, Sparks Middle School, Fred W. Traner Middle School and E. Otis Vaughn Middle School. It is probable that should capacity drive major expansions and renovations of those other middle schools that we can take the design solution that we implement at Darrell C. Swope Middle School and implement them at those other schools but at this point we are identifying Darrell C. Swope Middle School and William O'Brien Middle Schools' existing overcrowding in their theatres. The inability to elevate all the sixth graders into the existing middle school that is where we want to focus first.

Stephanie Hanna - I have questions regarding two dots that we don't see on here. The first being B.D. Billingshurst Middle School because while this committee didn't make any changes that increased the enrollment at B.D. Billingshurst Middle School by moving sixth grade, we most certainly did. I would love to see the numbers next month and I

am hopeful we will see some of the enrollment numbers for the schools that were on the watchlist. B.D. Billingshurst Middle School did get two portables which was great but like you mentioned that it does not increase the lunchroom or library and things like that. So an update on B.D. Billingshurst Middle School and for the west and I do not see anything for Galena High School. Galena High School could be pushed to the limit.

Christina Pearson joined meeting at 6:40 pm via phone.

Adam Searcy - Great question on B.D. Billingshurst Middle School it is on our radar, but it is not on this map. We did move over a portable on to that campus this year and I don't want that to be the permanent portable classroom. It is going down the same route as Darrell C. Swope Middle School and William O'Brien Middle School. It is six to twelve months behind those schools as far as exploring what the solution is. We will be exploring it. I mentioned the growth in the west Reno/Verdi/Boomtown area. There is very big stuff coming through the Reno Planning Commission in the next six to twelve months. We are meeting with the developers regularly, we are forecasting the amount of students that the development will likely generate. We are talking ten plus years type of build out. Similar impact to Robert McQueen High School it won't generate enough students to require a new high school. Robert McQueen High School has a number of portables that we need to address. Feasibility study to expand and renovate Robert McQueen High School similar scope to Darrell C. Swope Middle School, but at this point that expansion is on hold until pending the impacts of Wildcreek High School and new CTE Academy at Procter R. Hug High School likely to influence the student either directly or indirectly if we move the zoning boundary between Procter R. Hug High School and Robert McQueen High School or just students that are zoned for Robert McQueen choose to enroll at Procter R. Hug High School. Dust needs to settle before we define the scope at Robert McQueen High School. The elementary school at Northgate is off our radar. We are tracking elementary school needs in Verdi. We have identified some areas of interest which will be discussed at the October or November Zoning Meeting. Galena High School will be discussed on a later agenda item.

Angelica Publico - Why was the elementary school at Northgate taken off of the radar?

Adam Searcy - It was strenuously objected to by the current property owners.

Dana Galvin – Thank you for bringing up Robert McQueen High School that was going to be my question. Thank you for doing that.

Beth Smith – A couple of questions - South Reno, just to confirm we will be doing just a quick District count presentation in October in particular for some of the areas that we have been looking at for a couple of years how things are growing up that is something that will be in future agenda items. We just wanted to get past count day. Correct?

Adam Searcy – Yes, we have talked about that. We will bring that back to the Committee at the October meeting. Try to highlight areas that of interest that we have talked about before and see how it has played out and it will also inform possible future actions or adjustments.

Beth Smith – On that note, I am not holding you to a date but do you think that the district within the next year will be setting the opening date for the new Elementary School at Rio Wrangler, I know this is a very hot topic we gave the community an approximate span of years and I know there is a curiosity about if the district is willing to commit to an opening date over the next year. You don't have to define anything and be held to it. But just where is that on the hotness scale, for defining an opening date?

Adam Searcy - Like toasty, important topic, the school district owns an elementary school site in South Reno. The tough part of building schools is that they can really only open in the fall. There is a very narrow window of opportunity for them to open. Otherwise it is a year later. We also pride ourselves in being a steward of the taxpayers' dollars we aren't going to build schools too early so that they are underutilized. We are in a good position to build that school. If any of you live in that area, you will see the adjacent developer beginning earthwork as soon as next week. That is a precursor to our building pad being ready. I can say that we will begin designing that school by 2020. We will be ready as enrollments dictate (5:00)

Public Comment-Pablo Nava Duran spoke about rezoning several of the schools and ensure that you expand gyms to make room for students.

2.10 INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE ANTICIPATED CADENCE OF COMMITTEE WORK, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL TIMELINE FOR HIGH SCHOOL REZONING AND OTHER REZONING NEEDS, DURING THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

Peter LaMarca discussed the Zoning Advisory Committee Cadence, see Zoning Advisory Committee Cadence Letter dated September 13, 2019. Also discussed a change in the Zoning Advisory Committee meeting date in December. Calendars should be marked from Thursday to Tuesday, December 17, 2019 assuming there is not a Board of Trustees meeting, but if a Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled the Zoning Advisory Committee will meet Monday, December 16, 2019.

Adam Searcy added that Zoning Advisory Committee have fell into practice of an introduction of a proposed zoning followed by a following meeting for action. Some items might seem very obvious some weren't, multiple meetings worth of discussion and input seemed to be the best practice worked well for it to be introduced and see if

there is any need for modification or discussion but not action on the first go around. A lot of the stuff Paul LaMarca mentioned stemming from Sky Ranch Middle School. We haven't talked about high school zonings yet. We are building a new high school at Wildcreek but I will call it clean up. The stuff we are looking at tonight is a little more substantial but when we get into Sparks you will see an elementary school that happens to be split fed. We aligned the elementary school properly with the middle school, we eliminated the split feed there but now we built this split feeder high school boundary that goes right through the middle of an existing elementary school. It doesn't really move the needle on the enrollment levels for the high school, but it eliminates the split feeding elementary it makes for a more cohesive matriculation for the community. It will look like a lot of action but in my opinion, it is somewhat minor housekeeping type of stuff. Just because we haven't touched the high school lines.

Beth Smith announced that there is a change in the March date needs to move. March date has been set but the date will be given to the Committee. March 12, 2020 is the scheduled date

Beth Smith – Wants to comment on the cadence. One of the things I believe the Zoning Advisory Committee does exceptionally well is listen to the community. How do they prefer to get their information, how does it feel more comfortable with making a decision even with items that Beth Smith defines as more straightforward. It feels more welcoming if the community knows that we are considering that they are alerted to rather the they get that first ConnectEd call. This an item for action, they might be making action even if feels like something more straight forward? This new cadence is in direct reaction and learning from how the community best takes in the information how they prefer to be engaged and showing all of these community's respect and timeline through which we have taken their comments their needs and then moved to action. This is something that I think how we have taken their community to. It was really well received and something that we will try to follow. It is not a general rule, but it is something that it has proven itself to be popular with community. It is another example of how we have grown over these past few years and have taken the best practices.

Public Comment –

Pablo Nava Duran spoke about various schools and how they are currently zoned.

2.11 INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING HIGH SCHOOL REZONING AND STUDENT VARIANCES

Paul LaMarca - this is an important topic. It was a very important topic for many families when we're considering some of the middle school changes last year. High

School is a big thing and high school athletics is very big thing. We are going to talk a little about the variance implications for high school rezoning. What we believe to be the case when we rezone a high school, we expect that all incoming ninth & tenth graders to go to the new zone and for the eleventh and twelfth graders they will be given a choice so right now as you know we give these grandfather variances at middle school and elementary school if you are entering the last grade you have an option to stay at your school of what we call origin. High school we give that to Juniors and Seniors because high school, it is a difference experience if the eleventh or twelfth grade student elects to stay in the their school of origin that variance is guaranteed if they have a younger sibling though who they want or that the family would like to be considered that would follow the typical variance process that would not be a guaranteed variance but keep in mind we cannot provide transportation for these variances so that would be an impact. I did want to mention this one bullet because this came up, and it is an important consideration by example, let's say we make some recommendations and change the Damonte Ranch High School and Galena High School zone and that is going to change for fall 2021 we would expect the sophomores that would be impacted by that to go to the new school but we are making that change prior to their freshman year so they would be Freshman in fall 2020 but they are sophomores in fall 2021 we would do everything we can to would work with high school principals to accept variances for those ninth grade students for that year prior to their sophomore year we can't fully guarantee that right now but I do anticipate that the high school principals would want those students as well because they want to begin to build that community. That is an important consideration. NIAA implications, so again athletics is a huge thing so if a student is at particular school and then they change schools depending upon why they change schools that can imperil their ability to play sports we certainly don't want rezoning to affect them. Let's think about the eleventh grader and twelfth grader again, so if you are an eleventh or twelfth grader and you have been at a school for a couple of years and playing sports, and then suddenly you are rezoned, you will be given a choice, you can stay at the school you have been at, that is your school of origin or you can go to your new zoned school. You make that choice and that becomes your choice and that is where you are eligible to play athletics and there is no ifs, ands or buts, so if you have already been playing and your school gets rezoned and you have to go to the new school or you go to the new school you will not have a problem with eligibility. Once you physically enroll whether it be that school of origin or that new school if you then try to go back that other school or switch then you will be impacted by the variance policies, which is, you will have to sit out for one hundred eighty days if you have never played varsity before then you can actually play junior varsity but you just can't play varsity for that one hundred eighty day period. If you have played varsity however, you have to sit out of all sports for that one

hundred eighty days. So that is a big deal for some of these kids. Same thing applies to the younger students, we do have some kids that are exceptional athletes and they make varsity in a sport as a freshman and I am sure high schools would strongly consider them staying on a variance if they get rezoned but the same sort of rules apply, if they stay on a variance and then their junior year they decide to go to their new zoned school, they are actually going to have to sit out for a while. There is more information that we can get or that the families can receive through the NIAA and through the Washoe County School District and we will probably post some of this very publicly so that the families impacted by this have this available to them. I anticipate that you will get some questions about this as we move forward so I just wanted you to know about this in advance. If there are any questions, I will be happy to try and answer those questions.

Adriana Publico - What is the rationale for having those students sit out a year?

Paul LaMarca - The rationale is, I can't speak for the NIAA, this is my speculation, they don't want schools essentially recruiting athletes. I will say that there are situations that occur now that force students to receive a variance and in certain circumstances we can appeal through the athletics departments and students can get hardship eligibility, so it is not just an all or none situation, it is a case by case situation but in something like this, where it is a zoning issue, the way to deal with it is to provide a choice.

Kathleen Coombs - Does the final say on the variance rest with the principal? You were talking about the freshman making varsity, you would think they would try to get that particular student to stay at the school via a variance and how are they going to control the equality issue there?

Paul LaMarca – So you kind of asked two questions. The first question, other than these guaranteed variances, yes, it is at a principal's discretion and they are allowed to look at a variety of factors, they can look at attendance, they can look at age, they can look at grades. If they have space and there are compelling reasons not to provide a variance, then they can choose not to have a variance. I don't think principals are in the position of encouraging a freshman to stay at their school if the zone changes even though they are a varsity athlete I am sure they would accept that sort of variance but they should also convince the student to stay because if that is a hardship on the family maybe transportation is difficult then the family realizes a year later that this wasn't a good choice, that student then will be paying a penalty. Does that make sense?

Public Comment-

Kelly Roper declined to speak and moved her comment to the next item.

Public Comment-

Pablo Nava Duran spoke about NIAA rules and the ratings of various schools.

2.12 INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING HIGH SCHOOL FOR GALENA HIGH SCHOOL AND DAMONTE RANCH HIGH SCHOOL STEMMING FROM MATRICULATION OF STUDENTS FROM MARCE HERZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

Adam Searcy - For our new members this is a map the likes of which you're going to see many of, this demonstrates the existing enrollment boundaries of the elementary, middle and high in this area. The blue lines indicate the existing elementary school boundary lines, the colors indicates middle school boundary lines and the heavy gold bold lines indicate the existing high school boundary lines. You have the existing schools highlighted with little stars this is a format that you will see a lot of. It is busy, it's confusing but if you like maps it's helpful. One thing that will jump out at you here that we are going to talk about is this is Pleasant Valley Elementary School and this is Brown Elementary School and last year the committee took action to rezone a portion of what is now currently Brown Elementary School into Kendyl Depoali Middle School or rather this was already in Kendyl Depoali Middle School and took action to rezone a portion of Brown Elementary School into Marce Herz Middle School when it opens in 2020 similarly the Committee took action to rezone Pleasant Valley Elementary School which was previously zoned for Kendyl Depoali Middle School rezone that into Marce Herz Middle School so that is the reason why you see all of this area in the same olive color as Ted Hunsberger Elementary School and Elizabeth Lenz Elementary School. So the item here this evening is to rezone those two areas associated with Pleasant Valley Elementary School and Brown Elementary School into Galena High School to better align with the rest of the Galena High School attendance zone. I am going to flip to the next slide and you see that high school line moves over to this line so you see the Galena High School zone now encompassing all of Pleasant Valley Elementary School and Brown Elementary School which are matriculating along with Ted Hunsberger Elementary School and Elizabeth Lenz Elementary School into Marce Herz Middle School. Now you will also note there are a couple of areas that are up further to the north that you have the high school boundary line going right through an elementary school boundary line and also through a colored middle school boundary, so in essence this is what you will hear me refer to repeatedly as a split feeder zone we kind of like these lines to stack up on top of one another the thought is these relationships, these

students communities are formed in elementary school to the greatest extent practical we try to keep those students communities together as they move forward into middle school and high school so there is obviously some future proposed elements of this action to come before the purposes of this presentation were really only talking about this area down here back to existing you can see Pleasant Valley Elementary School and Brown Elementary School in the Damonte Ranch High School zone and flipping to proposed you can see Pleasant Valley Elementary School and Brown Elementary School in the Galena High School zone by just moving this line from here over to here. Moving onto these data tables, this is also something that you are going to get very familiar with on this Committee you have typically the existing conditions this is existing enrollment capacity percentage thereof and again our forecast and then proposed impacts associated with this action exclusively. Now we try and be meticulous, I won't belabor what goes into these tables, we will have enough time for discussion on that. What we are showing here is literally only the change that was depicted on the previous slide. As I alluded to there are cascading impacts that we will be considering and presenting at future meetings that will adjust these numbers or further impact these numbers. However, for the purposes of tonight we wanted to introduce only this proposed action and we will entertain discussion, questions and incorporate that perhaps into an action item in next month. That is my intro.

Jason Shipman – For our new members and for a recap looking at the maps here we made some decisions last year impacting feeder schools beyond this area of the town in South Meadows it was a larger class of our Brown Elementary School parents and Peavine Elementary School parents that if changes were made last year that were agenda items that ultimately the consensus seem to be that they would want their children to be at Galena High School. I know these numbers look a little bit alarming as you get used to jumping into this Committee. I would also like to thank Mr. Searcy for saying that we would see a cascading affect later on in a broader plan that would potentially adjust that a bit, but I would also like for you to know since you weren't here last year that that was a request of parents in the community so that their children wouldn't get split between high schools.

Kathleen Coombs – Is there a traffic analysis done when we do these projections?

Adam Searcy – Not typically, not a technical traffic analysis. We will look at it just geographically and intuitively...this school is closer to that school, the interstate, that's going to be a barrier but an actual traffic count or a thing of that nature. It's really about those Guiding Principles and enrollment tables that we saw on the last slide.

Kathleen Coombs – It's pretty bad up there at Galena High School already, you probably know that though, there is already a huge problem up there, so that is the

only issue I see. At some point, will someone look at that as a safety issue or a parking issue or anything like that before we make a decision?

Adam Searcy – You know our schools are designed to accommodate their capacity that they are capable of accommodating, schools have pretty intense periods of traffic with pick up and drop off periods, some schools are older than others and certainly in different neighborhoods. I think the assumption is, the presumption is that Galena High School is rated to house upwards of 1900 students that we are more than welcome to zone that many students and then some into that campus. That is the level of detail that this Committee operates in.

Stephanie Hanna-Going back to the question that I asked earlier, is there something in the plan for an expansion at Galena High School? You mentioned a cascading affect otherwise it is kind of hard to just look at this and feel good about what the proposal is because it is exactly what we have tried not to do while we are creating a decrease in enrollment, before that they were pretty equitable before with their enrollment numbers, their capacity and now we are shifting that really.

Adam Searcy - There are two parts of that question, the expansion of Galena High School is not forecasted, or contemplated and should not be necessary. In hindsight I wish I presented a little longer view of these cascading impacts, it should not come as a surprise to this committee to assume you will see proposed rezoning of schools into Damonte Ranch High School in future months, as well as, out of Galena High School in future months. You can see Huffaker Elementary School currently, Smithridge STEM Academy currently in Galena High School, you can see Hidden Valley Elementary School, Donner Springs Elementary School and Edwin Dodson Elementary School all in part going to Earl Wooster High School. That is going to be up for discussion, to better balance this out. I will present that in a longer view format, abbreviated and for information only next month and lay the entire plan out and in more perspective. Those moves numerically speaking balance out high schools very nicely. Galena High School can handle this rezone can handle this rezone of Brown Elementary School and Pleasant Valley Elementary School without issue to the facility.

Stephanie Hanna-Were the parents of the affected schools notified of this meeting? I guess I am little surprised that there might not have been more parents interested in coming to hear. It was for discussion only so maybe there wasn't a need to be here. I just want to know if they were informed of this meeting.

Paul LaMarca – They did not receive direct ConnectEd messages. This was an introductory item so that was part of the rationale.

Beth Smith - Could we rethink that? I am just thinking out loud here, if the whole idea is to give them the "for a discussion only" month, if we tell them that it is for discussion and I made a huge assumption because I thought they were alerted if it was on the agenda so I am learning this too because I really do like our process with the for the discussion only and then for the action. I did not realize that we didn't let people know that this was up for discussion.

Stephanie Hanna - I would agree with that. It looks like our Zoning Committee Cadence per Item 2.10 was that October looks like there for consideration of that which I am assuming means for possible action to which means the first potential time that we will be hearing from these parents which I think makes it difficult for us to actually make a decision at that same time. Not impossible, but something for us to take into consideration.

Araceli Martinez - I am not sure if I am reading this right, but the boundary line going down the original one, the blue one to the left. Was it considered to put the blue down to the right instead of how you have it?

Adam Searcy - So the proposed boundary changes that you see here was the only one that has been considered. I think you are talking about putting the line here which would leave Brown Elementary School sort of an outlier going to Marce Herz Middle School and then back to Damonte Ranch High School. So no, I guess to answer your question, we didn't review that option.

Beth Smith - Well, I think to Jason Shipman's point, the families that we heard from with Brown Elementary School and Pleasant Valley Elementary School were pretty clear about being open to being zoned to Marce Herz Middle School not in their entirety but in their majority with the very stay of expectation that they would be matriculating out through Galena High School rather than being split back to Damonte Ranch High School, so I guess going back to what I was saying before this is among one of the more straightforward options that we have because it is such a carry on from last year. Even though we couldn't really discuss high school, high school was brought up at every single meeting by almost every single person that spoke so we couldn't discuss high school or decide on high school at the time but the majority preference was made very clear, so for next month, could we provide the information to all the communities affected for the discussion only topics, so that now they get alerted twice. So obviously, these two school communities Brown Elementary School and Pleasant Valley Elementary School will get their ConnectEd about the "for possible action" for all the items in October for discussion so could we also alert them too so that everybody gets two full alert cycles. You do not have to necessarily commit right now but is it something that we can think about?

Paul LaMarca - We can commit right now. I believe that there may have been a miscommunication beforehand, but that is what we have always done in the past. It is the committee's decision; the committee can do what the committee chooses to do. In October we don't have to have this particular item for action in can be forestalled until November that is not a problem, if that is the committee's choice.

Beth Smith - OK, we can talk about this off-line, that may not necessary in a case like this because we have so much historical comment and I imagine once these school communities are also alerted that we will probably hear from them as well, there is never any harm in extending a conversation but we can talk about that off-line

Paul LaMarca - The only thing that I think we need to work through is if the committee's vote was contingent on other changes affecting Galena High School those will not be contemplated for action in October. It may make sense to just put these on for discussion on October so you will have the full package otherwise you will be in the position where you are making a decision assuming that another decision will be made in the following meeting.

Adam Searcy - I would also like to comment, I agree with the notification point. I appreciate you bringing that up. We will make sure to do that in the future. We will have to be thoughtful about how we do it because, I mentioned before, some housekeeping adjustments that we might want to consider making, as well as, overall cascading impacts. It will get quite extensive I mean, we are talking double digits number of elementary school zones for sure that technically might be up for discussion only in October. We will be thoughtful, I just don't want to be alarming about the nature because they will get a generic message that says your school is being considered for rezoning. We will talk through it and make sure that we are extremely communicative regarding our proposed agenda.

Kathleen Coombs - Do you have the Kendyl Depoali Middle School numbers and how they are going to be impacted? If we are going to have to vote soon on it, I would like to see what's happening with their numbers compared to what's going to happen at Galena High School because it is obvious that Galena High School is going to go to an overcrowded situation and Damonte Ranch High School is going to have a lot of space. Obviously, it must revolve around Kendyl Depoali Middle School and the numbers they had to move all these kids or was it mostly parent driven?

Adam Searcy - We will have an enrollment update item next month that may answer some of your questions. The numbers associated with Kendyl Depoali Middle School were assessed last year in conjunction with the Marce Herz Middle School. This year, there is no proposed adjustments to the middle school level, we will really just be

talking about reconciling and optimizing the high school enrollments. We will talk about that in the next month's agenda.

Beth Smith to Kathleen Coombs, just so you are aware last April and May has all of these numbers in it.

Public Comment-

Kelly Roper-Thank you for your time and I heartedly agree that and I don't know how you're going to word it but it is the parents' duty to note the "for discussion only" because Huffaker Elementary School was spinning their wheels last winter when they found out about it and we were kind of freaking out because it had already been under discussion and then it was action. We missed the first meeting because it was discussion only then it trickled down to us that maps were on-line and that maps were had been discussed the previous month. I think that a bunch of us parents that had led kind of a panic of "Oh my goodness, what did we miss?" So, I think that if you are going to discuss this school even if it is discussion only that we need to be made aware of that and I think that the rest of my comments are for closing comments so I will leave it at that.

Public Comment-

Shannon Taylor-Hi, Shannon Taylor, I was here April and May last year and I am one of those Pleasant Valley parents, nobody was notified but you guys already got that. I am only here because somebody laid something in my chair saying "did you hear that the zoning committee meeting? Oh...no, I guess I will show up. So, I wanted to be here and I would have if we were notified. So, to just let you know. One of the things I appreciated from the April and May was this beautiful flow chart, I love this. It kind of explains really well the direction that Galena High School might go, I know it is up for discussion, but if the flow chart trying to stream line all of the schools from one elementary going to one middle going to one high school as much as possible, if that comes true in any measure then Galena High School will be losing Smithridge STEM Academy, Echo Loder Elementary School and Roger Corbett Elementary School in that matriculation down the future. I believe all of the parents in the Brown and Pleasant Valley area still want their kids to go to Galena High School and I think that would be a great idea and then losing any one of the Smithridge STEM Academy, Echo Loder Elementary School and Roger Corbett Elementary School Also, as far as Damonte Ranch High School, I know that looks like it is under future discussions might include adding Hidden Valley and Donner Springs according to our lovely flow chart. I just wanted to discuss how everything came together. I do believe that everyone that I talked to want their kids to go to Galena High School. Thank you.

Public Comment -

Pablo Nava Duran expressed his support for proposed rezoning.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 Announcement of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the WCSD Board Room, 425 East 9th Street, Reno, Nevada. This is a good point to note that we do a lot, if not most of our meetings out in the community. I know that we have not announced alternative locations but for our new members and the community we do expect to follow that again this year. There has been a lot great feedback about coming into the communities, so we intend to continue that as much as possible.

3.02 Public Comment

Pablo Nava Duran discussed rezoning issues and NIAA.

Kelly Roper-I wrote a letter in June to the Zoning Advisory Committee and to the School Board Members to talk about why Huffaker Elementary School should be rezoned in its entirety to Reno High School and not to Galena High School and I know that Adam Searcy will be getting into all of those scenarios next month. I would like to have you guys think about it and have Adam Searcy to think about it. I have no comment on where other elementary schools belong, but it geographically makes more sense for Huffaker Elementary School to go to Reno High School than Galena High School because two thirds of our homes are closer to Reno High School. The nearest school in our zone is barely outside the walk zone for Reno High School like three and a quarter mile from Reno High School and over ten miles to Galena High School. All the reasons that you said that Huffaker Elementary School wasn't a good fit for Marce Herz Middle School for financial purposes were the same reasons why we are not a good fit for Galena High School either if at this point you are considering rezoning. My children will look at a minimum, fifteen extra minutes both ways on the bus. The homes that are closer to Reno High School, if you ship them up the Mount Rose Highway that is exactly the opposite that you are fixing with Marce Herz Middle School by sending us to Galena High School. The heat maps in South Reno show that South Reno is so hot that I think there are a lot of people that would say take half of Huffaker Elementary School because half of us are already included in the Reno High School numbers and take the other half that will go to Galena High School and send us to Reno High School. There are a lot of people that live in our neighborhood that have just been rezoned to Caughlin Ranch Elementary School apartments to Huffaker Elementary School. I am sure many of those apartments were expecting Darrell C. Swope Middle School and Reno High School. They are going to get Edward L. Pine Middle School, but perhaps

they can still keep Reno High School. I know a lot of people that have moved into Huffaker Elementary School's zone from Caughlin Ranch Elementary School and Jessie Beck Elementary School, but they stayed on variance of those schools because they expected Darrell C. Swope Middle School and Reno High School so just the idea that you can let us keep Reno. I want to point out, I don't know what point this is going to come into it, but Reno High School has a crazy cascading affects from Arrowcreek Middle School. If Reno High School is going to face the same cascading affects as Wildcreek High School. There going to have population relief from Wildcreek High School and Procter R. Hug High School and I don't think half of Huffaker is so big especially when so many from South Reno on a variance from Huffaker. I don't think that half of our population if you take it from Galena High School and give it to Reno will affect there overcrowding the one year we wait for Wildcreek or two at the most Please consider that, thank you.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Chair Beth Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.