



WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2018

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 Polly Boardman, Araceli Martinez, Stephanie Hanna, Jennifer Peterson, Adam Carpenter, Jason Shipman, Christina Pearson (via telephone), and Dana Galvin were present at roll call. Members Theresa Birchfield, Lorrain Toole, Sierra Clark, and Melissa Boesen was absent. Committee Liaison Dr. Paul LaMarca and staff were also present.

Member Theresa Birchfield arrived at 5:42 p.m.

1.03 Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda

On motion by Polly Boardman, second by Stephanie Hanna, the Zoning Advisory Committee approved the agenda as presented (Yea: Beth Smith, Polly Boardman, Araceli Martinez, Stephanie Hanna, Jennifer Peterson, Adam Carpenter, Jason Shipman, Christina Pearson (via telephone), Theresa Birchfield and Dana Galvin).
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 10-0

2. Items for Discussion, Presentation, And/or Action

2.01 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 21, 2018 ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

There was no discussion or suggested changes to the minutes.

On motion by Polly Boardman, second by Stephanie Hanna, the Zoning Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the Zoning Advisory Committee meeting of June 21, 2018. (Yea: Beth Smith, Polly Boardman, Araceli Martinez, Stephanie Hanna, Jennifer Peterson, Adam Carpenter, Jason Shipman, Christina

Pearson (via telephone), Theresa Birchfield and Dana Galvin). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 10-0

2.02 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

There was no discussion or suggested changes to the minutes.

On motion by Jason Shipman, second by Araceli Martinez, the Zoning Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the Zoning Advisory Committee meeting of September 20, 2018. (Yea: Beth Smith, Polly Boardman, Araceli Martinez, Stephanie Hanna, Jennifer Peterson, Adam Carpenter, Jason Shipman, Christina Pearson (via telephone), Theresa Birchfield and Dana Galvin). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 10-0

2.03 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF 2018-19 ENROLLMENT FIGURES IN THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH COULD INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF SCHOOLS IN SOUTH RENO, SPANISH SPRINGS, AND VERDI

Adam Searcy, Chief Capital Projects and Facilities Management Officer began the presentation to summarize growth. He indicated there is a flat growth across Washoe County School District; and overcrowding at Mt. Rose K-8 School.

Public Comment:

Malia Puchta stated that there is not a clear picture on how Spanish Springs schools are projected.

2.04 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

Adam Searcy, Chief Capital Projects and Facilities Management Officer, summarized the construction of the new schools. He informed the committee that the school planned for Arrowcreek and the new elementary school in Spanish Springs are on schedule to open in the fall of 2020.

Public Comment:

Pablo Nava Duran asked the committee to keep the feeder schools together from elementary to middle to high school.

Gideon Caplovitz made comment related to the transition going from reactive to proactive and the timeline presented.

2.05 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF ZONING CHANGES IN SPANISH SPRINGS THAT COULD AFFECT VAN GORDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ALYCE TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, JESSE HALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SHAW MIDDLE SCHOOL, SKY RANCH MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND/OR THE ZONE FOR THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEING BUILT IN THE SPANISH SPRINGS AREA SLATED FOR OPENING IN FALL OF 2020

Adam Searcy, Chief Capital Projects and Facilities Management Officer, presented the current zones as well as proposed zoning boundaries for Taylor, Hall, Spanish Springs, and Van Gorder Elementary Schools.

The committee discussed the need for additional information. There was some disagreement as to whether the committee had ever taken action to approve a zone for the new elementary school in Spanish Springs. Committee member Polly Boardman stated that the committee had not taken action yet on the zone for the new elementary school in Spanish Springs, whereas Mr. Searcy stated that he disagreed but would review past minutes to make a determination. The committee determined that the item should be brought back after further review about what actions had, or had not, been taken.

Public Comment:

Pablo Nava Duran stated his support for one of the options.

Malia Puchta stated her concern for the proposed enrollment number next year, particularly with Spanish Springs Elementary School being taken off a multi-track year-round calendar.

Scott Mullins expressed concern with Spanish Springs Elementary School being taken off a multi-track year-round calendar and the impact on the enrollment numbers.

Gideon Caplovitz suggested the committee look at an overlay of proposed developments that have been approved in the next decade to have a clear picture of where things are going in the future.

On motion by Theresa Birchfield, second by Polly Boardman, the Zoning Advisory Committee asked the committee to put the item on a future meeting agenda for further discussion. (Yea: Beth Smith, Polly Boardman, Araceli Martinez, Stephanie Hanna, Jennifer Peterson, Adam Carpenter, Jason Shipman,

Christina Pearson (via telephone), Theresa Birchfield and Dana Galvin). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 10-0

2.06 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF ZONING CHANGES TO VERDI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THAT COULD AFFECT THE WARNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ZONE AND/OR THE GOMM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ZONE FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

Adam Searcy, Chief Capital Projects and Facilities Management Officer, presented the projected enrollments for Verdi, Gomm and Warner Elementary Schools. Dr. Paul LaMarca, Chief Ombudsman and Strategies Officer, stated that the administrative recommendation is that the Committee take no action to re-zone for these schools.

Public Comment:

Gideon Caplovitz commented that the motivation to rezone was safety concerns, and agreed with the decision not to rezone.

Devin Spiares stated his agreement with the decision not to rezone.

Pablo Nava Duran suggested the new rezoning for some middle schools with the opening of Arrowcreek.

Emannela Heller-MacNelage stated her agreement with the decision not to rezone.

Kristie Essa stated her agreement with the decision not to rezone.

Amy Imholte stated her agreement with the decision not to rezone.

Brock Marquez inquired about capacities and if a new school will be built in the northwest area.

Paul Klein inquired if traffic is considered during zoning decisions.

On motion by Theresa Birchfield, second by Araceli Martinez, the Zoning Advisory Committee recommended staff not propose any zoning changes for consideration by the Board of Trustees to Verdi Elementary School for the 2019-20 School Year. (Yea: Beth Smith, Polly Boardman, Araceli Martinez, Stephanie Hanna, Jennifer Peterson, Adam Carpenter, Jason Shipman, Christina Pearson (via telephone), Theresa Birchfield and Dana Galvin). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 10-0

2.07 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CASCADING EFFECTS OF THE POTENTIAL ZONING BOUNDARY CHANGES STEMMING FROM

THE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL IN ARROWCREEK, INCLUDING A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE TIMELINE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Adam Searcy, Chief Capital Projects and Facilities Management Officer, presented an overview of the cascading effects on other schools based on the projected opening of a new middle school in Arrowcreek. Additional information will be brought to the committee at future meetings.

Public comment:

Pablo Nava Duran expressed concern about where the Pine Middle School students will attend high school.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 5:30. The location of the meeting will be announced.

3.02 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment given.

3.03 ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.