

Draft for approval

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
ATTENDANCE ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

November 27, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Albert Delgado
Dave Flatt
David Gomez (arrived at 9:43 a.m.)
Justin Hepworth
Diane Kinsel
Mallory Levins (arrived at 9:57 a.m.)
Shari Lyman (arrived at 9:36 a.m.)
Mike Malone
Becky Nielson
Matthew Tramp
Rachel Wren (arrived at 9:46 a.m.)

Members Absent

Angela Haldeman
Lois Mack

Tracy Murphy, Coordinator IV
Steve Burda, GIS Coordinator III
Sheri Garbiso, Senior GIS Analyst

Cameron Hasse, Transportation GIS Technician

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda as amended for November 27, 2018.

Motion: Matthew Tramp

Second: Dave Flatt

Vote: Unanimous

David Gomez, Angela Haldeman, Mallory Levins, Shari Lyman, Lois Mack, and Rachel Wren were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

REPORTS

Tracy Murphy stated no new reports are presented.

EVALUATE SCENARIO(S) FOR FOCUS AREA E1 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area E1 establishes an attendance boundary for the new elementary school at Tompkins Avenue and Conquistador Street opening 2019 and to evaluate the existing attendance boundaries of the following: Kathy L. Batterman, Patricia A. Bendorf, Roger M. Bryan, M. J. Christensen, Marion B. Earl, Judy and John L. Goolsby, Keith C. and Karen W. Hayes, Frank Kim, D'Vorre and Hal Ober, Clarence Piggott Academy of International Studies, and Lucille S. Rogers Elementary Schools.

Tracy Murphy stated Scenario 4 is presented in addition to the three presented at the meeting on November 13, 2018. Ms. Murphy provided the data for all four scenarios.

Justin Hepworth suggested creating Scenario 5 to adjust the Batterman Elementary School boundary.

Tracy Murphy stated the area to which Mr. Hepworth referred is reflected on Scenario 2.

Justin Hepworth stated Scenario 4 makes other changes he favors which are not made in Scenarios 2 and 3, making a Scenario 5 preferable.

Albert Delgado stated Scenario 1 leaves Batterman Elementary School unchanged. Mr. Delgado stated portions of the four existing scenarios can be combined to make a recommendation.

Justin Hepworth stated Scenario 4 makes the most sense, giving relief to Batterman Elementary School, but leaving the odd butterfly shape at the west side of its boundary. Mr. Hepworth suggested the area be expanded as it is on the other scenarios, which will not affect any students as none currently reside there.

Albert Delgado stated he understands Mr. Hepworth's point; it is available by combining sections with the other scenarios without creating a Scenario 5.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Natalie Cornejo, parent, Ober Elementary School, pointed out an area of age 55 and older homes which should not have children in residence.

Jeff Warnick, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, opposes Scenario 1.

Traci Kesisian, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, opposes Scenario 1.

Jon Carlson, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, opposes Scenario 1.

Ronald Levin, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, opposes Scenario 1.

Kristi Wong, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, expressed concern about loss of staff with reduced enrollment.

Larry Lawson, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, opposes Scenario 1.

Joshua Carlson, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, opposes Scenario 1.

Seth Griffith, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, opposes Scenario 1.

Ericka Haskin, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, opposes Scenario 1.

Maren Parry, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, is concerned about loss of their STEM program if enrollment is reduced.

Albert Delgado reviewed estimated enrollment increases expected from development in each school on Scenarios 1 through 5; District F can expect almost 2,000 students from new development. Mr. Delgado stated no one likes to see enrollment decrease to the point of losing programs.

Matthew Tramp asked if the Gardens area received transportation to Goolsby Elementary School.

Cameron Hasse stated the students are within the two mile walking distance for Goolsby Elementary School; it appears they would be within two miles of Hayes Elementary School, but Transportation Investigators would check for exceptions.

Albert Delgado relinquished the chair to Becky Nielson at 10:17 a.m.

Albert Delgado made a motion to move Focus Area E1, Scenarios 1, 3, and 4 to Proposals.

Justin Hepworth, prior to a second being made, asked to make a counter proposal to not move Scenario 1 forward; if the commission will not vote in favor of Scenario 1 and the public opposes it, there is no point in moving it forward. Mr. Hepworth stated Scenario 4 should be amended and moved forward with Scenario 3; only realistic scenarios with wide public support should be taken to Public Input Meetings.

Albert Delgado explained there is an area only on Scenario 1 he may need to apply to a final proposal; if Scenario 1 is not moved forward suggested changes unique to it cannot be incorporated in the final recommendation.

David Gomez stated he knows this is Albert's district, but he has been doing this, not commission but he has been working with the public for ten years and fighting for what's best for parents always, seeing that he is a parent number one. Mr. Gomez does agree with Justin, we do need to listen to the public; if they don't like Scenario 1, unfortunately it is not going to work, we're going to make a lot of people angry and we're not going to make anyone happy at the same time with moving children. Mr. Gomez understands that we can also look at it at a later time with some other rezoning, maybe when that time comes, when that development just pops its head out, because development, you never know, and some of the staff knows this as well; sometimes they do freeze on developments. Mr. Gomez stated they will tell you they are going to build this X amount of development and they never move because the city will say, "No, you can't do that," or "No, you can't do this," or "We're not going to approve this." If we're going based off of proposed developments and moving some of these kids off of a number that doesn't exist it's like trying to cook a soup with a chicken in the sky, you know, we're trying to catch it but we're not going to catch it, so the

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REPORTS

Tracy Murphy stated the monthly enrollment for the month of December is provided.

EVALUATE SCENARIO(S) FOR FOCUS AREA E2 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area E2 establishes an attendance boundary for the new elementary school at Vegas Valley Drive and Hollywood Boulevard opening 2019 and evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of the following: Sister Robert Joseph Bailey, Cynthia Cunningham, Mervin R. Iverson, Hal Smith, J. M. Ullom, and Whitney Elementary Schools.

Tracy Murphy stated Scenario 4 is presented in addition to the three presented at the meeting on November 13, 2018. Ms. Murphy stated 18 room building additions opened in August, 2018, at Hal Smith and Cynthia Cunningham Elementary Schools increasing capacities to 820 and 843 respectively; J. M. Ullom Elementary School is undergoing a replacement with a capacity of 850 scheduled to open in August, 2019. Ms. Murphy provided the data for all four scenarios.

Diane Kinsel stated Scenario 4 is an attempt to create equity, while providing relief to these schools. Ms. Kinsel looks forward to hearing from the principals.

Justin Hepworth stated creating relief for Whitney, Bailey, and Cunningham Elementary Schools required shifting students school to school to increase the number assigned to the new school at Vegas Valley Drive and Hollywood Boulevard. Mr. Hepworth stated it is not an ideal solution, however due to the density of population and the need for relief for area schools it is the best they could come up with. Mr. Hepworth also looks for input from the public.

Rachel Wren asked for clarification of data.

Tracy Murphy provided explanation of student yield in the area in question.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherrie Gahn, Principal, Whitney Elementary School, stated she appreciates adding stable homes to the zone, however, she is very concerned about the retention of, and addition to, her homeless population which causes the stable homes to choose to leave the school. Ms. Gahn requests the commission disperse some of that population now, as it is unlikely to be revisited in the near future.

Stephanie Tatman, principal, Bailey Elementary School, appreciates the reduction in student population in Scenario 4.

Angela Haldeman stated she provided ideas in which the Whitney Elementary School area in question would be split up. Ms. Haldeman asked if this can be drawn into a new scenario.

Tracy Murphy stated any suggestions currently on Scenarios 1, 2, 3, or 4 can be rearranged and included in the final recommendation; if not on the current scenarios, a new scenario can be created and discussed.

Angela Haldeman stated it is a difficult area to zone, considering the density of population, building additions and the possibility of some relief in other ways, however there is a lot that should be done now.

Albert Delgado stated feeder school alignment should not be a problem.

Tracy Murphy stated Scenario 4 will increase population at Cortney Junior High School; Harney Middle School is over capacity while Cortney Junior High School is under capacity.

Angela Haldeman explained the changes she recommends which will decrease enrollment at Whitney, Bailey and Cunningham Elementary Schools and increase Hal Smith Elementary School and the new elementary school at Vegas Valley Drive and Hollywood Boulevard.

Diane Kinsel stated the area Ms. Haldeman suggests changing will solve the problems pointed out by the principal of Whitney Elementary School.

Angela Haldeman suggested moving one apartment complex from the Whitney Elementary School to Bailey Elementary School

Justin Hepworth explained the transportation difficulties with some of the changes suggested.

Rachel Wren asked Transportation for the ride time for one of the changes requiring a circuitous route from the Cunningham Elementary School area to the new school at Vegas Valley Drive and Hollywood Boulevard.

Ray Negrete explained the routing of the requested changes.

There was discussion by commissioners on creation of a possible new scenario.

Angela Haldeman stated all areas shown in Scenarios 1 and 2 are represented in Scenarios 3 and 4, so do not need to move forward.

Albert Delgado suggested Scenarios 2 and 4 and the new one being developed cover all suggested changes.

Albert Delgado relinquished the chair to Becky Nielson at 10:51 a.m.

Diane Kinsell stated Scenario 4, with the addition of a change to Ullom Elementary School, makes the best distribution for all schools in the area.

Angela Haldeman stated she agrees and asked how to go about creating Scenario 5.

Becky Nielson explained she must describe the areas involved and it will be titled Scenario 5.

Tracy Murphy confirmed that to be the case, with the number of students out of alignment dependent upon which scenario is considered: most Cunningham Elementary School students attend Harney Middle School.

Becky Nielson suggested not taking action on this scenario due to the unknown outcome of the elementary school scenarios. Ms. Nielson stated feeder school alignment does not seem to be important to the families in this area.

Angela Haldeman stated agreement; it is preferable to wait until next year.

Diane Kinsel stated agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Rachel Wren asked if it would be advisable to create a Scenario 2 to include the additional area on the elementary school scenario.

Angela Haldeman stated Ms. Wren's suggestion is a possibility because it allows the public to be advised and voice their opinions, as opposed to a staff recommendation.

Tracy Murphy stated the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission may want to move the Scenario forward to public which enables moving all, some, or none of it to recommendation.

A motion was made to move Focus Area M2, Scenario 1 to Proposal.

Motion: Angela Haldeman Second: Dave Flatt Vote: Unanimous
Albert Delgado, David Gomez, Justin Hepworth, Lois Mack, and Mike Malone were not present to vote.

CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

Public Input Meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 15, 2019, at Chaparral High School and on January 16, 2019, at Spring Valley High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Motion: Shari Lyman Second: Dave Flatt Vote: Unanimous
Albert Delgado, David Gomez, Justin Hepworth, Lois Mack, and Mike Malone were not present to vote.