

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.