

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 7, 2017

9:31 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Albert Delgado
Nicole Benson
Dave Flatt
Angela Haldeman
Diane Kinsel
Shari Lyman
Cyndy Mahoney
Mike Malone
Becky Nielson (arrived at 9:32 a.m.)
Matthew Tramp
Rachel Wren

Members Absent

David Gomez
Mallory Levins
Lois Mack
Glen Olsen

Rick Baldwin, Director II
Tracy Murphy, Coordinator IV
Steve Burda, GIS Coordinator III

Ray Negrete, Transportation Coordinator IV
Cameron Hasse, Transportation GIS Technician

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda for November 7, 2017.

Motion: Mike Malone Second: Matthew Tramp Vote: Unanimous
David Gomez, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, Becky Nielson, and Glen Olson were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for October 31, 2017, as corrected.

Motion: Dave Flatt Second: Shari Lyman Vote: Unanimous
David Gomez, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Glen Olson were not present to vote.

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REPORTS

Rick Baldwin stated all reports are scenarios to be discussed with the corresponding agenda items.

EVALUATE SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E2 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area E2 establishes an attendance boundary for the new Dennis Ortwein Elementary School and evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Charles and Phyllis Frias, Aldeane Comito Ries, and Evelyn Stuckey Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin recapped the objectives of Focus Area E2 Scenario 1 and introduced Scenarios 2 and 3, providing the numbers of students who would be moved to Dennis Ortwein Elementary School from the existing schools.

Albert Delgado provided potential student yield from future development in the area, added to current anticipated enrollment, in each scenario. Mr. Delgado requested Transportation representative input on students crossing Valley View Boulevard.

Ray Negrete stated Valley View Boulevard is a 35 miles per hour speed limit, which falls into the criteria to allow students assigned to Dennis Ortwein Elementary School to cross the street. However, a crossing guard would be recommended. Students are currently being bussed to Stuckey Elementary School. In total there may be savings of one bus.

Matthew Tramp asked if Cactus Avenue is a safe crossing for students.

Ray Negrete stated Cactus Avenue does not meet Clark County School District (CCSD) safety criteria; students would require transportation. Students living north of Cactus Avenue are within walking distance of Ries Elementary School; Scenario 3 requires students to cross Cactus Avenue and this would increase one bus for the area.

Shari Lyman asked if the principals of Frias, Ries, and Stuckey Elementary Schools gave input on these scenarios.

Albert Delgado stated the principals were very open to the ideas presented due to the opening of a new school. PTA and PTO meetings have not been requested, although the commissioners for this area have offered to meet with them.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

A motion was made to move Focus Area E2, Scenarios 1, 2, and 3 to Proposals 1, 2, and 3.

Motion: Nicole Benson Second: Shari Lyman Vote: Unanimous

David Gomez, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Glen Olson were not present to vote.

EVALUATE SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E6 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area E6 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Will Beckley, Crestwood, George E. Harris, and Robert E. Lake Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin stated Crestwood Elementary School is gaining a 22 room building addition, Lake Elementary School is gaining an 18 room addition, and Beckley Elementary School an 18 room addition. The purpose of Focus Area E6 is to better distribute enrollment between schools. A small area of Harris Elementary School is being adjusted in Scenario 2 to avoid rezoning this area again in the near future. Mr. Baldwin stated the number of students affected by each scenario.

Cyndy Mahoney stated the principal of Beckley Elementary School expressed her preference to make all changes at this time.

Rick Baldwin advised the principal of Harris Elementary School of this scenario and he expressed his approval.

Becky Nielson stated Scenario 2 prepares for future needs. Ms. Nielson stated she drove the area; families could easily walk to Beckley Elementary School along Desert Inn Road.

Albert Delgado asked if these changes create feeder school alignment to middle school.

Rick Baldwin stated middle schools in this area will likely be evaluated next year.

Becky Nielson stated making these changes now will eliminate the need to rezone the elementary schools again next year.

Rick Baldwin stated there was concern last meeting about bus access to Crestwood Elementary School. Mr. Baldwin brought this to the attention of the Facilities Division staff and it will be reviewed for possible improvements.

Becky Nielson expressed her appreciation that the need for additional bus access is being evaluated on behalf of Crestwood Elementary School administration and parents.

Cyndy Mahoney stated the current elementary school boundaries in this area are not in alignment with middle schools. The changes being discussed will make future middle school alignment easier.

Rick Baldwin stated there are many areas in which elementary to middle school alignment is not achieved. It is his intention to work toward alignment as AZAC completes its work the next several years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

A motion was made to move Focus Area E6, Scenarios 1 and 2 to Proposals 1 and 2.

Motion: Cyndy Mahoney Second: Becky Nielson Vote: Unanimous
David Gomez, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Glen Olson were not present to vote.

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATION FOR FOCUS AREA M3 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area M3 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Dr. William Bailey, Duane D. Keller, Mike O'Callaghan, and Dell H. Robison Middle Schools.

Rick Baldwin stated Focus Area M3 is needed to accommodate the conversion of O'Callaghan Middle School to a full dedicated magnet school. He explained this will be accomplished with phasing; incoming sixth grade students will have to apply to the magnet program to attend O'Callaghan Middle School or will attend the newly zoned school. Mr. Baldwin stated this is AZAC's first series of explorations into converting middle schools to dedicated magnet schools; it has been done for elementary schools in the past. Mr. Baldwin provided the number of students affected by Scenarios 1 and 2. Mr. Baldwin explained the anticipated percent of change in middle schools and the expectation that most students currently attending O'Callaghan Middle School will choose to apply to the magnet program.

Cyndy Mahoney stated the numbers look high for schools receiving students from O'Callaghan Middle School, but many will stay for the magnet program.

Becky Nielson stated the administrations of the receiving schools want to do what is right for the area students. Ms. Nielson expressed her gratitude for their consideration and open-mindedness.

Rick Baldwin stated O'Callaghan Middle School has 1,386 students enrolled.

Albert Delgado asked what O'Callaghan Middle School's capacity as a magnet school will be next year.

Rick Baldwin stated O'Callaghan Middle School's capacity is 1,521.

Albert Delgado stated there are other middle schools in the area, some closer to the west portion being rezoned to Bailey Middle School.

Rick Baldwin stated middle schools in this area will probably be examined next year. Mr. Baldwin stated the population of the three receiving schools will not jump to the estimated numbers due to phasing; they will increase gradually over the next three years.

Albert Delgado stated Bailey Middle School appears to be taking the majority of the O'Callaghan Middle School students.

Cyndy Mahoney stated there will be several elementary schools being replaced or receiving building additions in the next several years. Ms. Mahoney stated the elementary schools' increased capacities will require changes in zoning to assure feeder school alignment; AZAC does not want to repeatedly rezone any area as this comes to pass. She stated most of the students in the area will probably elect to remain at O'Callaghan Middle School.

Matthew Tramp asked if magnet schools are usually at full capacity year to year.

Rick Baldwin stated magnet schools do not open at full capacity at implementation. He stated parents tend to wait to see the success of the programs. Mr. Baldwin stated word of mouth will increase enrollment. He stated recruiting of fifth grade students helps.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

A motion was made to move Focus Area M3, Scenarios 1 and 2 to Proposals 1 and 2.

Motion: Cyndy Mahoney Second: Becky Nielson Vote: Unanimous

David Gomez, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Glen Olson were not present to vote.

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATION FOR FOCUS AREA M4 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area M4 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Brian and Teri Cram, Lied, Anthony Saville, and Theron L. Swainston Middle Schools.

Rick Baldwin stated Focus Area M4 will dissolve the attendance area of Lied Middle School, which will convert to full dedicated STEM magnet school in the next school year. Mr. Baldwin stated phasing will be implemented, rezoning incoming sixth grade students the first year. He stated this scenario also adjusts some boundaries to create feeder school alignment. Mr. Baldwin provided anticipated numbers of students to be reassigned and capacity vs. current enrollment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Rick Baldwin stated there is more discussion required before moving forward to proposal.

CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The next AZAC meeting will be held on November 14, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Motion: Dave Flatt Second: Shari Lyman Vote: Unanimous

David Gomez, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Glen Olson were not present to vote.