

MINUTES – **AS IS 3/11/14**  
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

January 21, 2014

9:30 am

Roll Call: Members Present

Nicole Benson  
Natalie Carter  
Albert Delgado  
Zan Hyer  
Brian Krall  
Shari Lyman (via phone)  
Lois Mack (arrived at 9:33 am)  
Cyndy Mahoney  
Mike Malone  
Marisol Montoya-Herrera (arrived at 9:50 am, left at 12:33 pm)  
Becky Nielson  
Anna Slighting  
Jose Solorio

Members Absent

JoAnne Foutz

Demographics, Zoning & GIS

Rick Baldwin, Director II  
Steve Burda, Coordinator III  
Sheri Garbiso, Senior GIS Analyst

Transportation

Ray Negrete, GIS Coordinator III

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as is.

Motion: Mike Malone                      Second: Becky Nielson  
JoAnne Foutz and Marisol Montoya-Herrera were not present to vote.

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of December 10, 2013 and December 17, 2013 as submitted.

Motion: Jose Solorio                      Second: Cyndy Mahoney  
JoAnne Foutz and Marisol Montoya-Herrera were not present to vote.

December 10, 2013 Vote: Unanimous  
December 17, 2013 Vote: 10 Yes – 2 Abstain

## INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Rick Baldwin reviewed the Out of Zone report.

## REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT

Rick Baldwin reviewed proposals presented at the public input meetings.

Rick Baldwin reviewed focus area E3 for Heckethorn, Neal, Rhodes, and Triggs Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin informed the commission he spoke with the parent of the only student residing in the area proposed to rezone from Neal Elementary School to Rhodes Elementary School. Mr. Baldwin explained because this is an issue of a correction to feeder school alignment and not an issue of overcrowding, the parent was advised to apply for open enrollment to remain at Neal Elementary School. Mr. Baldwin said the same would apply to those students wanting to remain at Heckethorn Elementary School.

A motion was made to take focus area E3, proposal 1 as a recommendation to the Board of School Trustees for Heckethorn, Neal, Rhodes, and Triggs Elementary Schools.

Motion: Brian Krall

Second: Becky Nielson

Vote: Unanimous

JoAnne Foutz was not present to vote.

Rick Baldwin reviewed focus area E2 for Allen, Bilbray, Bozarth, Darnell, Scherkenbach, and Thompson Elementary Schools.

Albert Delgado said there was concern from public input regarding safety of having to travel across the CC 215 from Bozarth Elementary School to Darnell Elementary School.

Ray Negrete said because the CC 215 does not meet the suitable walk path criteria, transportation would be provided for students if reassigned from Bozarth Elementary School to Darnell Elementary School. Mr. Negrete said transportation would be required for students residing on the north side of the CC 215.

Anna Slighting said for safety reasons, the principal of Thompson Elementary School does not want students to have to cross Elkhorn Road to attend his school and Mrs. Slighting is not comfortable going forward with proposal 2. She feels proposal 1 is the best option for this area.

Jose Solorio asked what the walk path criteria entailed.

Ray Negrete explained there is a full range of criteria that should be met when determining a walk path which includes a walk path that is three foot wide, clear of obstruction, crossing lights, cross walks, crossing guards where applicable, and the roadway speed limits.

A motion was made to take focus area E2, proposal 1 as a recommendation to the Board of School Trustees for Allen, Bilbray, Bozarth, Darnell, Scherkenbach, and Thompson Elementary Schools.

Motion: Anna Slighting

Second: Jose Solorio

Vote: Unanimous

JoAnne Foutz was not present to vote.

Rick Baldwin reviewed focus area H1 for Arbor View and Shadow Ridge High Schools.

Rick Baldwin explained the proposal would not only provide relief to Arbor View High School, but would create a feeder school alignment correction allowing 100 percent of Saville Middle School students to attend Shadow Ridge High School.

Brian Krall said the strongest argument was against rezoning altogether. Mr. Krall feels a zone change is what needs to occur and questioned whether there would be support for a zone change to occur without phasing.

Rick Baldwin said parents were not in favor of a zone change, and requested phasing be considered.

Albert Delgado said parents also voiced their concern regarding the distance to Shadow Ridge High School.

Jose Solorio said he supports the proposal with phasing.

Zan Hyer said she understands the challenge Arbor View High School staff has in dealing with the increasing numbers, but she said it would have to be demonstrated that it was a crisis situation before she would consider moving a child who is in the middle of high school and, therefore, would not support a zone change without phasing.

Cyndy Mahoney said she does not think Arbor View High School has an overcrowding problem and there should not be a zone change without phasing. She, however, does not think it is a large enough group to warrant not allowing the younger sibling to attend the same high school as the older sibling.

Becky Nielson said the school district has zone variances put in place to address some of these individual cases. Mrs. Nielson believes for the purpose of feeder school alignment she supports the proposal with phasing.

Albert Delgado asked if addendums to the proposal could be included.

Rick Baldwin said the commission can make suggestions about options as part of their recommendation but cautioned that the options would have to clearly state a statute of limitations.

Anna Slighting said she is hesitant to include options as it would set precedence for other areas.

Cyndy Mahoney said it would not set precedence if it were an option zone.

Rick Baldwin explained an option zone was created in an area in the southeast where students who reside in the specific area could remain at the zoned school but given an option to attend a school that was closer. Mr. Baldwin said the situations differ as the zoned school was very overcrowded and the option school had available seats.

Becky Nielson said the reason for the zone change is to find a solution; if options or addendums are put in place, there is no need to rezone.

Albert Delgado said the commission has great concern for how changes will affect families, and has faith that administration will make the best decision for the district and student body at these schools.

Jose Solorio questioned how the commission's views are known if it is not part of an addendum on a recommendation.

Zan Hyer said it is good to make their wishes known, but does not think a formal addendum is needed as it could become problematic.

Brian Krall said by making contact with principals and parents to ensure concerns are addressed is the best way to get the message known.

Cyndy Mahoney said the greater good is that future students will have feeder school alignment. Mrs. Mahoney said the message also gets across by their discussion being part of public record.

A motion was made to take focus area H1, proposal 1 with phasing as a recommendation to the Board of School Trustees for Arbor View and Shadow Ridge High Schools.

Motion: Brian Krall

Second: Shari Lyman

Vote: 12- Yes 1 – No

JoAnne Foutz was not present to vote.

Albert Delgado called for a recess at 10:48 am.

The meeting resumed at 11:02 am.

Zan Hyer reported she met with Superintendent Skorkowsky who expressed his appreciation for all the public input received. The Superintendent hopes to address parent concerns and be responsive to what they feel is in the best interest of their child. In doing so, the Superintendent is looking at a number of issues; including limiting the tuition based full day kindergarten programs at some of the overcrowded schools. Mrs. Hyer said the Superintendent does not want to dictate any kind of decision by AZAC or indorse any particular proposal, but thought the information would be helpful during AZAC's deliberation process.

Anna Slighting reviewed the proposals for focus areas E1 and M1.

Jose Solorio said because the Superintendent is addressing the overcrowding issues in regards to zone variances and limiting full-day tuition based kindergarten programs he believes if they wait a year, the data will allow them to develop a better long term solution. Mr. Solorio proposed the current boundaries of both elementary and middle schools for focus areas E1 and M1 be unchanged and the boundary line be drawn at Sky Vista Drive for future growth to attend a school with available seats.

Ray Negrete reviewed the amount of time and distance required to transport students who will reside in the area of Sky Vista Drive and Desert Moon to Givens, Lummis, and Piggott Elementary Schools and Rogich Middle School and Johnson Junior High School.

Jose Solorio said families moving into the new developments would have an additional 7 minute commute to the elementary school and an additional 10 minute commute to the middle school.

Becky Nielson said the Board of School Trustees needs to have a recommendation from AZAC in order for changes to be made. Mrs. Nielson thinks the board should be given a recommendation that would have a long term effect rather than waiting for another year to avoid putting families through continued anguish about the probability of a zone change year after year.

Zan Hyer said while she does not like leap frog zones, she believes the least disruptive plan is to allow students to remain at their current schools and bus students that move into the new developments to the schools with available seats.

Albert Delgado said the recommendation that is put forth should be fiscally responsible and consider criteria from regulation 7111 which includes the student's safety and proximity to where they reside. Mr. Delgado said proximity at the elementary level is huge and its importance was stated many times at the public input meetings; he questioned if they would be discouraging family involvement if the school were too far.

Jose Solorio said proposal 2 is the best sustainable long term solution to the current neighborhoods and families.

Anna Slighting disagrees that proposal 2 is a sustainable long term solution which is the reason she will opt for it now with the understanding it will have to be reevaluated. Mrs. Slighting said the projected growth being left in Givens Elementary School still keeps their enrollment too high.

Rick Baldwin informed the commission public input needs to be open for the previous agenda items.

Albert Delgado recognized Trustee Carolyn Edwards.

Carolyn Edwards, Board of School Trustees, District F, informed the commission public input is required after deliberation and before a vote is taken.

Albert Delgado called for public input for focus area E1.

Carolee Frost, parent, Lummis and Givens Elementary Schools, said the Bond Agency report has downgraded CCSD's bonds specifically because there is a lack of capital funding and there is not enough funds to simply maintain our current buildings. She said the map shows 26 elementary schools in the district that are more crowded than Givens Elementary School but has come to terms with the reality that she does not live in the top priority area for new school funding. She, therefore, would like AZAC to put forth a proposal that will last more than a couple of years.

Jennifer Carvalho, parent, Staton Elementary School, said the Staton Elementary School community is strongly in favor of proposal 2 as it allows all areas one year to come together and work towards a solution. She believes there should be an enrollment cap on Givens Elementary School thus not forcing them to meet the third trigger to convert to a year round schedule. She said there are too many variables to decide on the best 5-10 year solution.

Jana Robinson, parent, Givens Elementary School and Rogich Middle School, said it is her preference AZAC come to a decision this year as it allows new homeowners to know upfront what school they are zoned for.

A motion was made to take focus area E1, proposal 2 as amended to keep the area east of Sky Vista Drive and south of Alta Drive at Givens Elementary School forward as a recommendation to the Board of School Trustees for Givens, Lummis, and Piggott Elementary Schools.

Motion: Anna Slighting                      Second: Jose Solorio                      Vote: 11- Yes 2- No

JoAnne Foutz was not present to vote.

Albert Delgado called for public input for focus area H1.  
None.

Albert Delgado called for public input for focus area E2.

A message was read from Misty Webb, parent, Bozarth Elementary School, who said there is a lack of safe routes to Thompson Elementary School due to the unfinished Farm Road and no sidewalks on Severance Lane and asked if transportation would be provided. She said parts of Grand Canyon Drive are incomplete, leaving the need for multiple crossing guards. She also said there is a discrepancy with the FARM and ELL numbers at Bilbray and Scherkenbach Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin explained sister schools have separate programs and the demographics are not 100 percent balanced.

Ray Negrete said his preliminary evaluation would suggest students residing on the west side of Grand Canyon Drive and only the north side of Severance Lane would receive transportation. Mr. Negrete said once recommendations are approved by the Board of School Trustees, an in depth evaluation will be completed to place transportation where necessary.

Albert Delgado called for public input for focus area E3.  
None.

Albert Delgado called for public input for focus area M1.

Jana Robinson, parent, Givens Elementary School and Rogich Middle School, said to maintain feeder school alignment, she requested the boundary lines be adjusted at Sky Vista Drive and Alta Drive to allow students to remain at Rogich Middle School.

Julie Vigil, parent, Staton Elementary School, said to maintain feeder school alignment, proposal 2 also be recommended at the middle school level to include the area north of Summerlin Parkway to remain at Rogich Middle School.

Cyndy Mahoney said there are six middle schools that are over their capacity, 14 middle schools that have 400 or more students under capacity and 20 schools that are under capacity by 200 students. She therefore feels very strongly there is no need for a change at the middle school level. She said if students attending Piggott Elementary School from the new growth want to stay with the students that will go on to Johnson Junior High, there are plenty of open enrollment seats to allow them to do that.

Becky Nielson said she is hesitant if they do not take action now it will be more difficult once students are residing in the area of new growth.

Sheri Garbiso reviewed the student yield expected from new development in this area.

Cyndy Mahoney said currently there are not enough students to warrant a zone change.

Rick Baldwin said the new development south of Alta Drive will soon be a cause for concern.

Becky Nielson believes taking a proposal to the Board of School Trustees is better than no change at all; the board can then make the decision of no change.

Jose Solorio said when there is a school that is as diverse as Johnson Junior High School and there is a potential solution to add to their capacity and they do not take advantage of it, it creates an inequity. AZAC should do everything they can to make all schools equal.

A motion was made to take focus area M1, proposal 2 as amended to keep the area east of Sky Vista Drive and south of Alta Drive at Rogich Middle School, forward as a recommendation to the Board of School Trustees for Johnson Junior High School and Rogich Middle School.

Motion: Jose Solorio                      Second: Anna Slighting                      Vote: 9- Yes 3- No  
JoAnne Foutz and Marisol Montoya-Herrera were not present to vote.

#### CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The joint meeting with AZAC and the Board of School Trustees for approval of the zoning recommendations will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 5:30 pm. The next AZAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 10:30 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Albert Delgado called for public comment.  
None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm

Motion: Becky Nielson                      Second: Zan Hyer                      Vote: Unanimous  
JoAnne Foutz and Marisol Montoya-Herrera were not present to vote.