

MINUTES **-AS IS 12/10/13**
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 26, 2013

9:33 am

Roll Call: Members Present

Nicole Benson
Natalie Carter (arrived at 9:52 am)
Albert Delgado
Zan Hyer
Brian Krall
Shari Lyman
Lois Mack
Cyndy Mahoney
Mike Malone
Marisol Montoya-Herrera
Anna Slighting
Jose Solorio (arrived at 10:06 am)

Members Absent

JoAnne Foutz
Socorro Macias
Becky Nielson

Demographics, Zoning & GIS

Rick Baldwin, Director II
Steve Burda, Coordinator III

Transportation

Ray Negrete, GIS Coordinator III

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as is.

Motion: Mike Malone

Second: Nicole Benson

Vote: Unanimous

Natalie Carter, JoAnne Foutz, Socorro Macias, Marisol Montoya-Herrera, Becky Nielson, and Jose Solorio were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

David Alexander, parent, Bonner Elementary School, does not agree with rezoning Bonner Elementary School and Rogich Middle School. He said Bonner Elementary School should be given time to control their enrollment by limiting the amount of zone variances. Mr. Alexander also voiced his concern of the traffic liability in crossing Charleston Boulevard if zoned to Piggott Elementary School.

Gloria Grablin, parent, Givens Elementary School and Rogich Middle School, said her neighborhood is within walking distance to both schools. She indicated a lot of students attend Givens Elementary School on a zone variance. Zoning neighborhoods that are less than 2 miles away to schools that are more than 7 miles away is a concern.

John Capps, parent, Ober Elementary School and Rogich Middle School, said he and many others purchased their homes for their children to attend schools in Summerlin and their tax dollars and HOA fees should be going towards Summerlin schools. He feels going from a five star education to a three star education is not right and the community will not sit idly by and let this happen to their children or home values.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of November 12, 2013 as submitted.

Motion: Shari Lyman

Second: Lois Mack

Vote: Unanimous

Natalie Carter, JoAnne Foutz, Socorro Macias, Becky Nielson, and Jose Solorio were not present to vote.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Rick Baldwin informed the commission Socorro Macias has resigned from AZAC.

Brian Krall questioned whether Homeowner Association fees pay into the school district.

Rick Baldwin said the school district does not receive funding from Homeowner Associations.

Ray Negrete reported transportation cost analysis for focus areas E7 and E8 were provided.

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E2 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Focus area E2 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Allen, Bilbray/Scherkenbach, Bozarth, Darnell, and Thompson Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin explained Bozarth Elementary School is over capacity and has a large amount of growth within their boundary; Allen, Bilbray/Scherkenbach, Darnell, and Thompson Elementary School have available seats to assist with relieving the overcrowding.

Anna Slighting said she has been meeting with the administration and community of Bozarth Elementary School as well as principals from the surrounding schools. Mrs. Slighting said the main concern from parents is not breaking up the Providence neighborhood but, unfortunately, it is a very large community with continued development. Mrs. Slighting said scenario 2 would still leave Bozarth Elementary School too high with an additional 297 students projected within the next 3 to 5 years; she said the principal does not want to be that high and the community therefore, has accepted there needs to be greater relief than what is available in scenario 2.

Albert Delgado called for public input.

Matt McCormick, parent, Bozarth Elementary School, suggested because the traffic is really heavy on Hualapai Way, the city be contacted to install a stoplight at Centennial Parkway and Hualapai Way. Mr. McCormick favors scenario 1.

A motion was made to take scenarios 1 and 3, of focus area E2 for Allen, Bilbray/Scherkenbach, Bozarth, Darnell, and Thompson Elementary Schools forward to public input.

Motion: Anna Slighting

Second: Shari Lyman

Vote: Unanimous

Ray Negrete informed the commission students would be eligible for transportation in either proposal in focus area E2. Mr. Negrete said it has been brought to the County's attention that a stoplight is needed at the intersection of Centennial Parkway and Hualapai Way.

Rick Baldwin said after the Board of School Trustees approves all zoning changes, staff will meet with all the traffic safety agencies to evaluate where traffic control devices may be needed.

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E7 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Focus area E7 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Alamo, Fine, and Steele Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin reviewed the scenarios in focus area E7 and said both scenarios will relieve the extreme overcrowding and future growth in the Fine Elementary School boundary.

Albert Delgado said with all the future growth, Alamo and Steele Elementary Schools can expect to yield approximately 150 students from within their current boundaries and Fine Elementary School can expect to yield 551 students. Mr. Delgado said he does not want to take too many students out of Fine Elementary School all at once.

Rick Baldwin said while both the current scenarios will essentially help Fine Elementary School, staff has concerns it would result in all three schools triggering to a year round schedule the following year.

Albert Delgado said with the five year projected development, he does not think the schools would meet the year round triggers that soon.

Albert Delgado called for public input.
None.

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E8 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Focus area E8 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Frias, Ries, and Stuckey Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin reviewed the scenarios in focus area E8 and said the scenarios will relieve the overcrowding at Ries Elementary School and future growth in the Ries and Stuckey Elementary School boundaries.

Albert Delgado said while the communities prefer a 9 month calendar, with all the future growth, drastic changes would have to be made in order for them to remain on a 9 month calendar. Mr. Delgado looks forward to hearing more from the public.

Rick Baldwin said Ries Elementary School is very close to meeting the triggers to convert to a year round schedule. Mr. Baldwin said 130 students were zoned out of Ries Elementary School last year, and with the new development, they received even more this school year.

Cyndy Mahoney said she is concerned by zoning too many students into Frias Elementary School it puts them closer to meeting the triggers to convert to a year round schedule saving another school from converting.

Albert Delgado called for public input.
None.

CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The next AZAC meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2013 and Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

Public Input meetings are scheduled for January 14, 2014 at Arbor View High School and January 15, 2014 at Palo Verde High School.

Jose Solorio provided his input on focus area E2. He said taking the new growth into consideration, both scenarios help provide relief to Bozarth Elementary School by allowing them to be closer to their capacity of 788. Mr. Solorio said AZAC received a lot of feedback from the Providence community. He stated there is a misconception that property taxes within a community pay for the school within that community. Mr. Solorio believes there needs to be more information provided to the public that there is only one property tax in Clark County and it does not guarantee the right to attend a school within a specific community. Mr. Solorio concurs with the motion to take scenarios 1 and 3 forward to public input.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Albert Delgado called for public comment.

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 am

Motion: Zan Hyer

Second: Shari Lyman

Vote: Unanimous

JoAnne Foutz, Socorro Macias, and Becky Nielson were not present to vote.