

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

MONDAY

8:30 A.M.

MAY 1, 2017

CONCURRENT MEETING

PRESENT:

Bob Lucey, Chair
Marsha Berkgigler, Vice Chair
Kitty Jung, Commissioner
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, County Clerk
John Slaughter, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 8:32 a.m. with the Reno City Council, the Sparks City Council, the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees, and two members of the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority Board in concurrent session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

Commissioner Lucey mentioned the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) did not have a quorum but in his capacity as County Commissioner he invited Directors Bill Wood and Mike Hicks to participate in the meeting.

17-0333 AGENDA ITEM 4 Public Comment.

Mr. Jeff Church provided handouts which were distributed and placed on file with the Clerk. He asked if any Nevada city, county, or state government entity could belong to an organization that advocated for political issues. He read from the Nevada constitution about state involvement with organizations and inquired whether those laws applied to groups like the Reno Transportation Commission (RTC) or any school boards. He alleged the Chamber of Commerce (CoC) lobbied for a gas tax and that CoC member Tray Abney was a paid Nevada lobbyist.

Mr. Sam Dehne spoke about Renown Hospital, County Manager John Slaughter, the Reno Gazette Journal, and the Washoe County jail system.

Mr. John Hesse spoke against the proposal to build Wildcreek High School. He felt the golf course should stay with Washoe County, who should learn to manage it properly. He suggested placing a high school at the corner of Oddie Boulevard

and El Rancho Drive, which he claimed would allow for better ingress and egress. He indicated there would be resistance to the plan from the community.

17-0334 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Approval of the Agenda.

The Reno City Council approved Agenda Item 5.

The Sparks City Council approved Agenda Item 5.

The Washoe County School District Board of Trustees approved Agenda Item 5.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

For the Board of County Commissioners, on motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5 be approved.

17-0335 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Presentation and update on Washoe County Question 1 (WC-1) and the Washoe County School District Infrastructure Plan. Pete Etchart, Chief Operating Officer, Washoe County School District.

Chief Operating Officer for the Washoe County School District (WCSD) Pete Etchart said the community wanted to know what the next steps were since Washoe County Question 1 (WC-1) had passed. He conducted a Powerpoint Presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Purpose of Presentation; Current Conditions; Current School Capacities; Ultimately Eliminate Oldest Portables; and Growth and New Development. He noted the WCSD did not predict growth but they worked closely with the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) to project regional growth. They extrapolated from this data to predict enrollment growth. He stated they would work with County staff and planning commissions to create impact letters for proposed developments. He noted the developments listed on the Growth and New Development slide were all potential units but they might not all get approved. Some developments, like the Mortensen development and the Stonegate site, were further along than Evans Ranch and Silver Star Ranch. For instance, the Stonegate developer offered to donate two elementary schools and was negotiating with the County on a high school site.

Mr. Etchart mentioned because of budget restrictions the WCSD had been spending only \$10 million annually of the \$20 million necessary for critical school repairs. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Data Gallery; Individual School Repairs; Individual School Repair Needs and photo; Individual School Project Expenditures; wcsdbuilding.com; and Capital Funding Accountability. He stated the items in black on the last slide were measures of accountability the WCSD always utilized, but the district was adding the ones in red. He noted all Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) recommendations would first go to the Capital Funding Protection Committee (CFPC) before going to the Board of Trustees. He stated the CFPC was made up of six

elected officials, two each from Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County, and five citizen members. He alleged this provided the highest level of accountability and transparency.

Mr. Etchart stated the .54 percent sales tax given to the WCSD as part of WC-1, along with the portion of property tax they already received, was a long-term solution for the next generation of students. He said they started collecting the tax in April 2017 and the WCSD would receive their first bond issuance in June 2017. He stressed the money from WC-1 could be spent only on capital needs and it could not be used for teachers, administrators, aides, or bus drivers. He reviewed slides with the following titles: What WC-1 Means to WCSD and two slides of WCSD Capital Improvement Program (2017-2025). He noted every allocation made for a project was in accordance with a pre-developed list except for relocating the WCSD grounds building due to flooding. He insisted all schools on the list would be built, though their build dates would depend on demand triggered by growth.

Mr. Etchart reviewed slides with the following titles: School Repairs; Building Plan – High Schools; Damonte Ranch HS Addition; and Building Plan – Middle Schools. He explained by moving sixth grade to the middle schools, it relieved overcrowding in middle schools. He stated the proposed Sun Valley school would be on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land while the one in Spanish Springs would be in a subdivision north of Calle De La Plata. He said the August 2019 deadline to open two middle schools was aggressive, especially given that the land had not yet been purchased, but he felt optimistic they could be built in time. He emphasized one of the goals of the WCSD was keeping communities together, which he hoped to accomplish by renovating middle schools.

Mr. Etchart said unlike high schools, which had not been built in Washoe County for over twenty years, middle schools could follow a template. He indicated they would be using Depoali Middle School as a model given that it was one of the least expensive schools to build, one of the cheapest to operate, and the middle school with the smallest footprint. He alleged children wanted to attend the school and it was where the community wanted to host after-school programs. He said due to overcrowding at Double Diamond and Brown elementary schools, another elementary school was planned in the South Meadows area.

Mr. Etchart said part of the building plan was to expand nutrition and transportation services. He said the Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs Committee allocated \$50 million to upgrade the older schools within the McCarran ring to give urban students the same classroom experience as those in newer, suburban schools. He summarized the slide entitled WCSD Infrastructure Plan. He thanked the WCSD team, which was comprised of the capital projects team and communications, purchasing, and legal departments, for their work.

Reno City Councilwoman Naomi Duerr asked for clarity about the color coding on the final slide which Mr. Etchart provided. Commissioner Hartung inquired about the difference in footprints between older and current schools. Mr. Etchart replied

that with land being harder to acquire, buildings were moving in a more vertical direction, reducing the footprint. When asked about land requirements for schools, Mr. Etchart answered elementary schools typically used eight to ten acres depending on how many streets abutted the school and the topography of the site. High schools usually required 60 acres. In placing schools, he noted they worked with the County and developers to position schools in such a way that more students could walk to school and fewer busses would be needed. He said they identified preliminary sites for all fifteen schools and they were working toward acquiring the properties. He added a middle school would typically require 15 to 20 acres of land. Commissioner Hartung asked about the thought process behind placing schools, to which Mr. Etchart said schools were not built until applications for development were filed and the need arose. Responding to Commissioner Hartung's examples about Robert McQueen High School and Galena High School, Mr. Etchart stated they knew development was happening. He admitted they learned from McQueen High School about areas where they would not build in the future due to having a limited ability to expand.

Commissioner Hartung asked about the approval of a final map and Mr. Etchart responded they worked with the TMRPA, which provided the WCSD with lists indicating which projects were underway and the status of all projects. Schools were not built based on tentative maps that had not been approved but he conceded it was a fine line to build schools to prevent overcrowding without building them unnecessarily. He shared the prior year saw a 1.5 percent population growth but only a .5 percent enrollment growth while other years saw enrollment growth far exceed population growth. He stated affordable housing was an issue and alleged the slowdown of growth in the South Meadows and the increase in growth in the North Valleys could have been due to housing costs. Commissioner Hartung asked if the WCSD was considering renovating existing structures as a temporary measure. Mr. Etchart said it was researched but renovating a building would cost as much as building a new school. Additionally, those buildings were often located in areas of town where schools were not needed or where road access was undesirable. He added schools needed to be built to last since they were rarely torn down due to age.

Reno City Councilwoman Jenny Brekhus asked if the WCSD considered dual-track planning. She explained the Stonegate development proposal was not a complete application and had not had a planning hearing. Meanwhile 18 percent of new Reno units were surrounding the downtown area. She contended it was regionally said that 25 percent of new development was within the McCarran ring and she projected that could be as high as 35 percent. She wondered if they could plan multiple scenarios, one where the development within the McCarran ring was at 35 percent and another that would be flexible to account for variables. Mr. Etchart responded they considered that and were a major contributor to the housing study completed by the TMRPA to project if growth would be more urban or suburban. He stated they continued to examine many options and scout plots of land. He stressed the WCSD had no power to deny or accept development; they relied on the council members and commissioners for that. They could only ask for land to be set aside once development was approved. He noted expanding

urban schools was difficult due to limited availability of land, though multi-story schools in Portland, Oregon could be models in the future.

Sparks City Councilman Kristopher Dahir asked if the WCSD anticipated any additional weather-related problems and if there was any growth expected in the maintenance program. Mr. Etchart replied the main exposure was in the Sparks industrial park where the transportation facility was located. He noted changes in building code required buildings be constructed with waterproof construction one foot higher than the prior flood level. The cost of rebuilding and retrofitting on that site would have cost more than relocating. He added the transportation staff was excellent at preparing for flooding on short notice and the building would likely not move until they acquired more land. He said other areas such as the Nutrition Services central kitchen and some elementary schools were at some risk but none had ever had any water damage. Councilman Dahir mentioned a potential mosquito issue for schools by water and encouraged the WCSD to look into mitigation options.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Sam Dehne spoke about an \$800 million tax bond, Economic Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) CEO Mike Kazmierski, and Storey County.

Mr. Jeff Church revealed there was ongoing litigation over the WC-1 measure and he anticipated more to come. He claimed the WCSD might have misappropriated funds and requested independent oversight for the spending of WC-1 funds. He stated WCSD Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Tom Ciesynski, Mr. Eckhart, and WCSD Superintendent Traci Davis received raises despite a budgetary shortfall. He submitted a document which was placed on file with the Clerk.

17-0336 **AGENDA ITEM 7** Presentation and discussion of the proposed Wildcreek Project to be located at the current Wildcreek Golf Course location. Pete Etchart – Chief Operating Officer, Washoe County School District; Al Rogers, Director of Management Services, Washoe County.

Chair Lucey explained during the presentation, Chief Operating Officer of the Washoe County School District (WCSD) Pete Etchart would outline who the stakeholders were, provide an overview of the project and its financing, and go over the anticipated timeline. He pointed out all five entities present at the meeting were collaborating on the project.

Mr. Etchart stated the site was located in Sparks, owned by Washoe County, the golf course was run by the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA), and the majority of students who would attend the proposed school would be from Reno. He indicated other partners, such as the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA), the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority, and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), would become involved. He thanked the Wood Rogers team for creating a master plan quickly. He noted the project was not just about the new high school at Wildcreek, but it included

repurposing Proctor R. Hug High School (Hug) to be a career and technical academy. The new high school would relieve overcrowding at the northern high schools through changes in the attendance zones and the addition of 1,000 seats. He clarified the names “Wildcreek” and “Hug” were indicative of location and they would likely be changed by a school naming committee.

Mr. Etchart stated the design team was comprised of The Cunningham Group, who specialized in designing schools, and HNK Architects. In addition the WCSD asked the community for volunteers to be part of the design process. He admitted the layout and exact location of the school in the presentation was not accurate or final but it was there to give an idea of what to expect. He indicated one special feature of the high school was the addition of an expanded auditorium that could double as board room, which would benefit the community and the school district.

He stated the renovation of Hug was one of the most exciting parts of the project. He said the Public Schools Overcrowding Repair Needs Committee allocated funds specifically to repurpose Hug. He noted the school already had a health and services academy, as well as programs in sports medicine, commercial baking, and human development. The renovation would provide more opportunities for students in the WCSD. He mentioned Dr. Dana Ryan, head of WCSD’s Career and Technical Education department, was examining local career opportunities and considering how the new academy could facilitate workforce development for the companies coming to the Truckee Meadows. He imagined it would work in concert with the Academy of Arts, Careers, and Technology (AACT) in both programming and transportation. Whereas the AACT did not offer sports, the plan for the repurposed Hug was to keep the existing fields and offer sports to tech students.

County Manager John Slaughter acknowledged the RSCVA was interested in transitioning out of golf operations at Wildcreek. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Wildcreek Golf Course: Short Term and Wildcreek Golf Course: Long Term. Some of the options for the long-term planning were a nine-hole course, youth golf programs, and a course where high school golf teams could practice, though the County sought community input.

Mr. Etchart reviewed slides with the following titles: Overview: Possible Projects; Potential Community Use Projects (6 slides); and Financing Framework. He noted the County did not own the property and he did not know the acreage or cost. He mentioned it would cost money to repurpose the golf course to a nine hole course. While he stressed it was a perfect location, he discussed challenges like the effluent agreement with the City of Sparks, unsuitable soil, traffic, air space issues, and sewer concerns. He reviewed the anticipated project timeline and opened the floor for questions.

Sparks City Councilwoman Charlene Bybee asked why the building at Wildcreek would not begin until December 2018 if the County would own the land as early as August 2017. Mr. Etchart replied the design team was only just selected, and the

project still needed to go through the educational specification process, followed by schematic design, final design, and ultimately construction.

Responding to Commissioner Hartung's question about restrictions, Mr. Slaughter said he knew of no restrictions that would require the property to go back to the original owner. He admitted the land that belonged to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land on the northern end of the property had restrictions, but nothing where the school would be located. Commissioner Hartung asked how the County would reinvest the proceeds and Mr. Slaughter said that would depend on which amenities were in the final plan. He confirmed the reinvestment could be on recreational facilities.

Commissioner Hartung asked if they planned to repurpose the fields and land of the existing Hug and Mr. Etchart responded he envisioned utilizing the sports fields. In addition to the possibility of indoor and outdoor sports, he contended the football field could be valuable for public safety programs used by police departments, fire departments, or the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). Commissioner Hartung expressed concern about traffic and asked who would be responsible for funding traffic abatement projects. Mr. Etchart replied they scheduled the meeting quickly to be proactive instead of reactionary about potential projects. Part of the process was to have an open conversation about traffic. He explained having a high school on an arterial road was preferred to reduce traffic traveling through a residential neighborhood. Commissioner Hartung expressed interest in the result of a geo-technical survey regarding soil samples.

Sparks City Councilman Ed Lawson said several board members of the RSCVA approached him the prior week and said they did not know anything about the project. He alleged the property was titled to the County and inquired what would prevent the County from demanding a school be built on the current site of the convention center after it was fully paid off. He asserted when the golf course was given to the RSCVA to run, it was assumed it would always be a golf course. He stated there was a man interested in acquiring the water which, at \$500,000 for each hole, would be worth \$4.5 million. If the high school project was to happen, the County would keep the profit and get the land. He said the land was appraised for \$3 million as a golf course and \$10 million as a development, though he noted the appraisal needed to be updated. He asked who would take the loss in revenue from the golf course while the County waited to assume ownership, and if the RSCVA would see the profit generated from improvements made to the land.

Following a brief discussion clarifying the building to which Mr. Lawson referred was the convention center on Virginia Avenue, Deputy District Attorney Paul Lipparelli shared there was a time when Convention and Visitors Authorities (CVAs) were not permitted to own property. In those days the underlying land was owned by the County while facility maintenance and land improvements were performed by the CVA. He admitted the concerns about profit and losses were valid and needed to be researched, but they could not begin addressing them until the boards signed the letter of intent. Mr. Lipparelli agreed with Councilman Lawson's assertion that Sparks was involved given

their financial interest in the project. Councilman Lawson expressed trepidation about agreeing to the project with so many unanswered questions and without the RSCVA having taken an official position on it.

Reno Vice-Mayor Neoma Jardon inquired if each type of school – elementary, middle and high – was only designed and engineered once. Mr. Etchart said that was correct, though he stipulated that, when building high schools, they would be adapting the school to the land and not the other way around. Certain elements of the schools would be moved around to fit different properties, which would reduce development costs.

Reno City Councilwoman Naomi Duerr asked if the result of the presentation would be the signing of a letter of intent with further public meetings to discuss the concept. Mr. Etchart agreed and said the letter of intent simply declared the idea was worth pursuing but it did not commit the boards to any tangible action. The meeting was put together hastily to make possible the ambitious timeline. Councilwoman Duerr inquired about alternative sites or projects, to which Mr. Etchart said there were no alternatives since the proposed site was identified before the passing of Washoe County Question 1 (WC-1). Councilwoman Duerr commended the plan and its potential inclusion of a large auditorium and a public pool. She asked about the ownership of a pool if it were to be included in the final project. Mr. Etchart replied there was no framework yet in place about oversight, though exploratory conversations were held with the City of Reno and the University of Nevada (UNR). Councilwoman Duerr noted there was a big disparity in the cost of owning a pool and a full aquatic center. She noted the inclusion of other outdoor features could obviate the need to build those community amenities at another park. She felt keeping a partial golf course was wise since another course had been lost when the Route 580 connector was built.

Reno City Councilman Paul McKenzie asked if the WCSD looked at the availability of other sites. Mr. Etchart said numerous sites were considered. One such site was owned by UNR but was on steep topography which would impact cost. He alleged finding 40 to 60 acres was difficult especially since the WCSD did not want to exercise eminent domain to obtain land. He stressed the Wildcreek site was clearly more appropriate than any others. Councilman McKenzie asked how many students in the Wildcreek vicinity attended Hug. Mr. Etchart responded he did not have those figures but he anticipated all students currently enrolled at Hug would attend the high school at Wildcreek. Additionally, Sun Valley students who currently attended Spanish Springs High School would go to Wildcreek in an effort to keep the Sun Valley community together. Students could also come from places as far as Spanish Springs, Reed High School, and Robert McQueen High School. In response to Councilman McKenzie's query about bussing, Mr. Etchart said while the attendance boundaries were not yet known, the walk zone for high schools was typically a three mile radius from the school. Councilman McKenzie mentioned the closing of three other public golf courses and stated the middle class and seniors were unable to find places to play golf. He alleged the plan attempted to convince the community that the additional amenities were better than

golf. He supported building new schools for students but not at the expense of the rest of the community.

Reno City Councilwoman Brekhus echoed Councilman Lawson's comments about the role of the RSCVA and hoped the discussion would clarify what their role was in recreation. She remarked when the Brookside golf course was shut down, a golf expert examined the golf facilities in the area; she requested a copy of a study performed in 2013 be sent to Mr. Slaughter. She asserted more open space for passive enjoyment had been lost than golf space and she claimed the proposed site could fit that need. She stated airport regulations were the most complex forms of land use regulation and asked if there was anything in the preliminary discussions with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to indicate there could be an issue with flight paths. Mr. Etchart responded there were no known issues that would prohibit development on the site, but two concerns of note were sound and lighting. The sound would be addressed in the design of the school and the lighting currently in use at Wooster High School would likely be fine. He said the proposed site was far enough from the airport to not cause flight path concerns, though the specific location of the high school could move based on recommendations from the FAA.

Sparks City Councilwoman Charlene Bybee thanked the WCSD and commented the project was truly a regional endeavor. She speculated about the value of some of the proposals such as a pool, pre-kindergarten education facilities, and the nine-hole golf course. She supported the general concept but cautioned details needed to be specified and information needed to be disseminated.

Chair Lucey agreed the project lent itself to a multitude of areas not limited to just golfing. He mentioned the media often reported a lack of sustainability for quality of life, jobs, and economic development in the area. He stated schools were the backbone of economic development. He assured the public golf would not be eliminated though it may be reduced. He surmised the training facilities could bring in people from outside the area like the Golden Eagle Sports Complex had. He supported the project and looked forward to seeing regional cooperation from all committees.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Daryl Capurro said the Wildcreek property was once owned by his family going back to the 1850s. The golf course designers spoke with his father, a farmer, about soil issues and water runoff. He preferred that it be left as a golf course, but suggested if the project were to move forward, they should consider switching the locations of the baseball fields and the community center. He hoped there would be much introspection regarding the project before proceeding.

Ms. Carly Lott, a graduate of Hug and current staff member, supported the project and stated she hoped it would keep its current name. She stated when McQueen High School was built 35 years ago, many affluent families moved their students from Hug, changing the demographics. That happened again when North Valleys and Spanish Springs high schools opened. She claimed the population of Hug dropped from 2,200 students to as low as 1,100. Given that many other high schools were overcrowded yet

Hug was underpopulated, she alleged the message sent was families preferred overcrowding to sending their students to Hug. She stated the project was a chance for the community Hug served to be given the same opportunity to thrive.

Ms. Janna Moyer, graduate of and teacher at Hug, supported the project and expressed pride at the community. She extolled the virtues of having a technical school at Hug's current location and asked the committees to remember the loudest voices of opposition were usually the ones who had little concern for those in need. She cautioned many stakeholders could complicate the vision. She expressed concern that the students of color and low income students were concentrated in only a few sub-standard facilities while more affluent schools were overcrowded. She believed commitment to the project would demonstrate a commitment to equity.

Ms. Kirstie Terrobias, graduate of and employee of Hug, stated a building with a broken window left unrepaired gave the appearance nobody cared. She spoke about the reputation among other high schools that Hug was 'ghetto' and she alleged there were many needed repairs and much of the equipment was older than in other schools. She claimed students who saw less valuable equipment in their schools felt their education was less valuable, something that could be fixed with a new facility.

Ms. Kelly Van Horne, who taught the four Hug graduates who spoke at the meeting, said anyone afraid of having Hug in their neighborhood had nothing to fear. She stated Hug students exhibited better manners than most and she expressed support of the project.

Ms. Renee Martin, another Hug graduate, spoke in support of the new school. She said they were originally nervous about moving Hug because they loved the community but the new school and possible amenities were exciting. She said losing half the community to a newer school was difficult and it created a divide.

Mr. Fred Barrie stated his neighborhood was being greatly impacted by the construction at Pyramid Highway and McCarran Boulevard, which he claimed was caused by increased growth. He remarked potential traffic concerns needed to be studied and he suggested McCarran Boulevard be converted to three lanes in each direction immediately.

Mr. Jeff Church asked if the County considered leasing the land to the WCSD as a way to circumvent legal issues. He asked where the money would come from if the land was purchased, given that there was litigation over WC-1. He cited the Cunningham report estimated the cost of a high school at \$135 million, while the Powerpoint presentation indicated it was \$110 million. He claimed Damonte Ranch High School was built for \$35 million. He requested oversight to ensure capital funds were properly spent and not being spent on administrators, private cars, or computers in the school.

Mr. Sam Dehne spoke about WC-1, government spending, and traffic.

17-0337 **AGENDA ITEM 8** Discussion and possible approval of a Letter of Intent between the Washoe County School District, Washoe County, City of Sparks, City of Reno, and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority to cooperate in the development of a new high school in Sparks, Nevada and repurpose Proctor R. Hug High School in Reno Nevada.

Washoe County School District (WCSD) President Dr. Angela Taylor praised the project and urged support of the item from each governing body. She clarified the vote was to support the idea to cooperate and reminded them they would not be breaking ground on the new school immediately. She indicated the plan would address needs across the region, though she agreed many questions that were raised needed to be addressed.

Reno Vice-Mayor Jardon praised the WCSD for the innovative project and stated new schools had to be built immediately to meet the needs of the children. Commissioner Hartung asked if the letter of intent could be ratified since not all bodies present had a quorum. Deputy District Attorney Paul Lipparelli responded the letter of intent contemplated the approval of all agencies and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, who did not have a quorum, could approve the letter at one of their meetings. He indicated the main purpose of the item was to give the various staffs authority under the boards' direction to gather data and research the questions that were raised; the letter of intent was only the start of the process.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Andrew Diss with the Grand Sierra Resort supported the project, saying many employees had students attending both Hug and Spanish Springs high schools because of a quirk in zoning. He claimed that was a hardship for many employees. He said financial documents projected Wildcreek golf course would lose \$281,000 in 2017 and he implied those public tax dollars could be better spent elsewhere.

Mr. Sam Dehne suggested the school should be built in Storey County where there were many workers with children. He felt the boards should ask citizens in that neighborhood if they wanted extra facilities when they voted for schools for children.

Commissioner Hartung indicated he would support the motion but said there were many infrastructure and traffic questions that needed to be addressed.

For the Board of County Commissioners, on motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Berkbigler absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be approved.

The Reno City Council made and approved a motion to adopt the letter of intent. Reno City Councilman Paul McKenzie said he would support the motion if it was only about finding an adequate location to replace Proctor R. Hug High School (Hug), but he opposed it because it tied the proposal to Wildcreek Golf Course specifically.

Reno City Councilwoman Jenny Brekhus supported the motion but stressed the need to protect flight paths since any changes by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) could have long-term cumulative effects. Reno City Councilman David Bobzien echoed the concern about flight paths but he said the letter of intent was the first step in addressing the many complexities raised by the proposal. He alleged complexity was not a reason to not move forward. The motion was passed on a 4-1 vote with Councilman McKenzie voting no.

The Sparks City Council made and approved a motion to adopt/approve. Sparks City Councilman Ed Lawson echoed the concern that traffic would be difficult. He expressed doubt about the timeline of the project, citing it took four years to get the McCarran Boulevard and Pyramid Highway construction project approved. He noted he would support the letter of intent but reiterated all issues needed to be addressed. Sparks City Councilman Kristopher Dahir pointed out the questions could not be answered if the letter of intent was not signed. He encouraged the idea of developing a backup plan. Sparks City Councilwoman Charlene Bybee reminded the boards the letter of intent was only the beginning of a process with many moving parts and expressed her support.

The Washoe County School District (WCSD) Board of Trustees made and approved a motion to approve. Trustee John Mayer praised the district for improving the northern half of Sparks with a regional program. Trustee Veronica Frenkel emphasized it was a community-oriented process that involved community input. She said the community would make wonderful suggestions, particularly with the repurposing of Hug.

Chair Lucey announced the RSCVA would vote on the letter of intent at their May 25, 2017 meeting.

County Clerk Nancy Parent stated she needed each entity's chair, attorney with signing power, and clerk to meet after the meeting to sign the documents.

17-0338 **AGENDA ITEM 9** Comments from the Councils, Commissions, Boards or Managers.

Reno City Councilwoman Duerr said it was not only important to include the public, but to hold regular meetings and be extraordinarily transparent. She urged the Washoe County School District (WCSD) to hold either monthly or bi-monthly public forums to determine what the public wanted most.

Chair Lucey thanked all colleagues on the boards and looked forward to receiving input from the public and from students.

17-0339 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Public Comment.

Mr. Sam Dehne spoke about Renown Hospital, the media, and the Washoe County jail system.

Ms. Carol Burns spoke against the proposed school as a fan of the Wildcreek Golf Course. She stated the holes that would be removed were on flatter ground and were more appropriate for seniors and newer players. She hoped the school could be placed in a different location and requested they continue searching for new potential locales.

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11:03 a.m. There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, the meeting was adjourned.

BOB LUCEY, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

NANCY PARENT, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by:
Derek Sonderfan, Deputy County Clerk*