

August 7, 2017

1) VP Patrick Lewis convened the board meeting at approximately 6:15pm.

The roll was called. Eight members were present and accounted for.

Heidi Mackay  
Patrice Berlin  
Patrick Lewis  
Keith Schwalenberg  
Eric Preven  
John Crotteau  
Craig Radow  
Alex Izbicki

2) Public comment was heard from three members of the public including Lane Semper, Andrew Wang and Robert Langer who claimed that nobody in the entire neighborhood supported the Harvard-Westlake Parking project. [Youtube link <https://youtu.be/mVFdoJk1vh4>

3) Eric Preven read aloud Resolution A. There was discussion.

The board amended the Resolution by adding the phrase "strongly opposes" to the final paragraph of the Resolution and then voted unanimously to pass Resolution A, as amended.

4) The board adjourned at approximately 6:30pm.

Regards,

Eric Preven

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Patrice Bepko  
John Crotteau  
Claire Curet  
Alex Izbicki  
Lisa Karmali  
Patrick Lewis  
Hedi Mackay  
Richard Niederberg  
Eric Preyer  
Craig Radow  
Rob Schiller  
Keith Schwajenberg  
Andrew Sussman  
Rita C. Villa  
Richard Welsh  
Denise Welvang~~

**STUDIO CITY**  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**SPECIAL BOARD  
MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, August 7, 2017  
Meeting at 6:00 PM**

**PRESIDENT**  
Denise Welvang

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Patrick Lewis

**TREASURER**  
Rob Schiller

**SECRETARY**  
Rita C. Villa

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**  
John Crotteau

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**Beeman Park - 12621 Rye Street**  
Studio City, CA 91604

(Picnic tables adjacent to accessible parking spaces)  
Parking Lot access from the west end of Rye Street:



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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min).
2. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction (5 min).
3. Discussion and possible action, including correspondence, filing of formal comments, community impact statement(s) and/or board resolution(s) on the proposed "Harvard-Westlake PSA Development" (L.A. Dept. of City Planning Cases: [CPC-2013-148-VCU] and [ENV-2013-150-EIR]). (60 min).
4. Adjournment (1 min).

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**RECONSIDERATION PROCESS** - Reconsideration of a vote by the Board may be called as a motion by the Board members that voted on the prevailing side of the decision.

**GRIEVANCE PROCESS** - A stakeholder or group of stakeholders may present a grievance concerning the legality of actions by the Board during public comment. Substantive grievances will be examined by a panel set by the Board and the decisions may be appealed to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

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**SCNC BYLAWS** - Please be advised that the Bylaws of the Studio City Neighborhood Council provide a process for reconsideration of actions as well as a grievance procedure. For your convenience, the Bylaws are available during every meeting.

## DRAFT Resolution A

WHEREAS, the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC), pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Charter of the City of Los Angeles (City) has the power to advise the City on issues concerning the needs of this community; and

WHEREAS, the Harvard-Westlake School is situated in the jurisdictional boundary of the SCNC and is now an applicant for LA City zoning variances in connection with the school's Parking, Safety and Athletic Improvement Plan ("Parking Plan"); and

✓ WHEREAS, the Harvard-Westlake Parking Plan will have a direct impact on residents within the bounds of the SCNC's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Harvard-Westlake School parking plan will consist of a three-story garage with 750 parking spaces topped by a flood-lit full-size athletic field (with the lights mounted on 14 poles reaching as high as 84 feet) and connected to the school's campus by a 163 foot wide pedestrian bridge arching over Coldwater Canyon Boulevard; and

✓ WHEREAS, all structures related to the Harvard-Westlake parking plan will be the private property of Harvard-Westlake and so will inure to the exclusive benefit of that school which is a private non-profit organization exempt from city taxes; and

✓ WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the project is one of convenience and not of public interest or necessity, as evidenced by Harvard-Westlake Vice-President Jon Amato's comment at the outset of the parking project in 2013: "Our kids have to perform in front of audiences, so we have to have parking for visitors, and we want to have all our parking in one location"; and

✓ WHEREAS, the project is opposed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, The Hillside Federation, the Sierra Club of Los Angeles, the San Fernando Audobon Society, Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife, and the Studio City Residents Association; and

WHEREAS, construction of the project is estimated to take close to three years and will entail the loss of 130 protected oak and walnut trees, and the removal of 137,000 cubic yards of dirt by diesel trucks over a span of nine months; and

WHEREAS, the pedestrian bridge has been deemed "likely to fail" in a moderate to large earthquake, by Wilson Geosciences; and

✓ WHEREAS, the site of the proposed parking garage is zoned for very low and minimum residential use; and

WHEREAS, Harvard-Westlake has previously indicated to the City that it has 30% more parking than it needs, and

WHEREAS, in order to use the pedestrian bridge, students will need to climb two flights of stairs on one end, then descend two flights of stairs on the other end, which could result in one or more students dashing across the street instead of taking the stairs (especially in stressful situations for the student such as being late for an AP Exam) and so getting hit by a car whose driver will be lulled into a false sense of security by the pedestrian bridge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Studio City Neighborhood Council, having reviewed Harvard-Westlake School's application for land use variances from the City of Los Angeles and having provided ample opportunity for testimony from stakeholders, hereby advises the City of Los Angeles not to approve the Harvard-Westlake School parking plan.

*strongly opposes*

*Amended - -*

## DRAFT Resolution B

The Studio City Neighborhood Council does not support the Harvard-Westlake Parking Plan as presented.

Here is the text of the adopted Resolution:

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