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JOINT STREETS and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday February 28, 2017
Chaminade High School, West Hills
Revised March 4, 2017**

Committee Co-Chair Anthony Brosamle called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM. Anthony called role and a quorum was established.

Those in attendance were Anthony Brosamle, Barry Seybert (arrived 9:15, during discussion of item 9.), Aida Abkarians (left 9:04, returned 9:22), Dan Brin, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall, Reeyan Raynes (arrived 7:54), Myrl Schreiberman, Ron Sobel, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Ed Young (left 9:04). Also present were community stakeholders; Faye Barta (left 9:04, returned 9:15), Roy Bernard, Sue Bernard, and Maggie dewan-Smith.

The January 2017 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

3. Chair Comments: None

4. Public Comment: None

5. Highlander Traffic Issues: Anthony and Dan distributed a draft resolution from a work group titled, "Proposed resolution for the West Hills Neighborhood Council's Streets & Transportation Committee, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017." Anthony distributed a second resolution titled, "Resolution regarding LAUSD reopening of Highlander Road School as a Performing Arts Satellite of Hale Academy and traffic issues", submitted by the WHNC Youth and Education Committee. Dan Brin, President of the WHNC, ruled the two resolutions are not in conflict and the Board could consider both. Myrl stated the resolution should include the neighborhood's desired use for the site. Dan objected stating that is outside the subject jurisdiction of the Streets and Transportation Committee. Faye commented the neighborhood also opposed the proposal by El Camino Charter of a middle school. Ed explained the rationale behind the resolution from the Education Committee. Joan asked that the work group resolution include parking concerns. Faye elaborated on two concerns the neighborhood has regarding parking. According to Faye, street parking congestion could result in U.S. Mail not being delivered, and Bureau of Sanitation bins not being emptied. Dan read the revised resolution, "The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports the Highlander Road community in urging the Los Angeles Unified School District not to build a high school on the former site of Highlander Road Elementary School because of traffic, parking and safety concerns." Anthony called for a vote to approve the revised resolution. Steve seconded.

Ayes – 8, Noes – 0, Abstain – 1

The resolution passed and will be sent to the Board.

Anthony started a discussion of the Education Committee resolution. Reeyan asked if the proposed road would be on flood control property and Ed replied it would not. Reeyan asked if the road proposed in the resolution would be a public street or a private road and Ed explained it would be a driveway completely on the LAUSD school site property. Faye mentioned there are inaccuracies in the proposed resolution including the maximum enrollment as LAUSD has increased its estimate from 500 to 532 students. Faye distributed a street map of the area and described community concerns regarding traffic. Anthony suggested adding a statement opposing a high school on the site as a preamble to the resolution. Roy stated the only available traffic studies for the area predate the construction of the Monte Vista housing development. Roy stated he is concerned about the amount of left turns from and onto Highlander required by the traffic plan in the resolution. He proposed an alternative traffic plan that would require cars from outside the neighborhood to enter Highlander from Valley Circle and exit to Platt when dropping off or picking up students and include an off-street passenger loading zone on school property. Anthony stated Zoning and Planning Committee review of these various plans is needed. Steve mentioned the resolution received a positive response when presented to representatives from Councilmember Englander's office. Brad stated the proposed driveway along Bell Creek would probably have to be one-way to avoid students having to cross traffic lanes. Roy, speaking as a real estate agent, said a driveway onto Perthshire would trigger lawsuits by decreasing home values on that street. Heidi asked if busing or a shuttle from a remote drop off location is a possibility. Faye suggested the resolution be simplified to just require all student drop off and pick up be on school property. Steve made a motion to table the item until March. Myrl seconded.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 3, Abstain – 0

The motion to table passed and Anthony announced the Streets and Transportation Committee would not take a position before the March WHNC Board of Directors meeting.

After some additional discussion, Ed agreed the resolution requires revision and to withdraw it at the Board meeting.

6. Local Traffic Issues: Anthony and Myrl have been unable to schedule the guest speaker. Reeyan announced DOT has approved a protected left turn lane at Valley Circle Boulevard and Bell Canyon Road, and Bell Canyon's Community Services District, and Homeowner's Association will provide the funding.
7. Crosswalk Safety: Work on the new signal at Roscoe and Jason is progressing despite some rain delays. Dan pointed out the one-year anniversary of the fatal accident at that intersection is approaching and will contact the CD12 office to ensure WHNC participation in any memorial. He would like any service to coincide with the dedication of the new signal.
8. Metro Bus Parking: After a brief discussion no action was taken.
9. SAR Truck: Dan reported the SAR truck would be in West Hills on March 1st and read a list of the four streets scheduled for repairs.
10. Safe Parking Zones: Reeyan gave an update on LAMC 85.02 stating the map was updated on February 17th. Both, Bell Canyon Road, and Valley Circle Boulevard north of Roscoe Boulevard, are now red zones.
11. Restricted Parking Requests: Anthony reported the primary stakeholder who complained about RV parking on Royer and nearby streets north of Sherman Way told him the problem has been solved and restricted parking is no longer necessary. Brad provided information on the impounding, for violations related to illegal sewage dumping, and towing of the trailer allegedly used for narcotics activity in that area. Item tabled.

12. Haynes Street Bridge: Heidi has contacted the stakeholder who first raised the issue. Item tabled until March.

Committee Co-Chair Anthony Brosamle adjourned the meeting at 9:23 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.