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The Phil Hardberger Park Conservancy has passed a unanimous resolution opposing the building of the proposed Walmart at the location of Blanco and Wurzbach Parkway for the following reasons.

The location of the store does ill service to all of its neighbors, and degrades millions of dollars of private investment and public dollars. It is directly across the street from Phil Hardberger Park on one side and physically borders it on the other: a project where \$60 million dollars has been spent to insure that the citizens will have a decent place to commune with nature, and re-connect with our South Texas Natural Heritage. Many thousands of San Antonians visit the park weekly. It is a special place that is environmentally sensitive and sustainable. It takes little thinking to know why a giant box store, with lights blazing, 18-wheel trucks entering and leaving 24 hours a day with the attendant noise, dust and traffic, advertising signs, and cars coming and going are totally incompatible with the serenity of nature.

Hapless neighbors, many of whom have invested their life's savings in their homes or apartments, will now have the Walmart store, its giant parking lot, and glaring lights and noise right against their homes, except for a thin border strip that will provide little, if any, protection against the degradation of their property and their lives. More distant neighbors will also see the beauty of their neighborhood destroyed, their traffic increased dramatically, and their residential streets become more dangerous.

Nothing pleasing in any regard will take their place. San Antonio will become a less pleasant place; the neighborhood will suffer ugliness, where nature once triumphed.

Whether Walmart can be stopped or not is not known, and it may be many months until the matter is decided. But citizens, in their righteous anger, should not wait. The time to speak out is now. By this resolution, the Phil Hardberger Park Conservancy, takes a stand for the people of this neighborhood and all San Antonians. We ask that other concerned citizens raise their voices loud enough to be heard in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Speak now, or your voice will never be heard.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Hardberger". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Phil Hardberger, President  
Phil Hardberger Park Conservancy