

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:19:15 AM

From: Evers, Tag
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fw: Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School

Please add to the file.

Thanks.

Tag Evers

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From: hregnier <hsoregnier@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 2:30 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School

To the City of Madison Common Council,

I am writing in opposition to Edgewood High School's request to place 68 to 80 foot light towers on its athletic field. Based on looking at research and reading multiple arguments, I have several concerns:

1. No independent assessment has been conducted regarding the impact of the lights on the surrounding wildlife as well as quality of living of neighbors. The only assessment available has been done by the lighting company itself.
2. We need a thorough assessment of the impact of the noise of 46 night games per year, and we don't know if this number will increase significantly.
3. Edgewood High School has not been open and honest with neighboring groups regarding their intentions of use of the athletic field. It was built to be a home practice field, per their statements, knowing that neighbors did NOT want lighting or sound. Edgewood High School voluntarily ended their agreement to locate their home games at Middleton High School, a fact they did not make public. This lack of transparency makes it difficult to trust the administration of Edgewood High School.

Please vote no on this proposal. It is disappointing that Edgewood High School is trying to push this through during this pandemic. I second Alderman Ever's request that the High School "go slow" to allow

further evaluation of such a significant change to this neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Henny Regnier
2202 West Lawn Ave

From: [SCOTT RITCHIE](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Lights
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 6:05:28 AM

Greetings-

Please support the lights at the Edgewood field.
Thank you for your consideration.

Laura and Scott Ritchie

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Plan Commission Agenda item #16, May 11: Vote No on Edgewood Stadium Lights
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:41:39 PM

From: KE Rost <kristen.frostco@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Plan Commission Agenda item #16, May 11: Vote No on Edgewood Stadium Lights

I'm writing to register my opposition to Edgewood High School (EHS) installing lights on their athletic field. We live a block away from EHS field.

I believe proposed installation of lights violate an existing city approval standard, specifically:

The uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner.

Lake Wingra and UW Arboretum natural areas —their wildlife and habitat— will see substantial impairment. Overwhelming, artificial night-light and noise will endanger the habitat, health, breeding, and migration of all the species we've sought to protect in these areas. Proposed EHS lights, along with traffic and noise associated with night events, will cancel out decades of conservation efforts in these precious inter-city natural areas.

Diminished property values. Researching neighborhoods around the country who've experienced similar development highlights a course of damage to area property values. Our home is a critical financial asset to our family and its value is likely to be negatively affected.

Decreasing enjoyment of neighborhood. It seems unavoidable that, once installed, these sizeable additions will impel an increasing number of night games and events. I don't believe we know the true amount of time proposed EHS lights, along with associated crowd noise and traffic, will be actively disrupting our neighborhood; and, to proceed without limitation is to invite continual city-planning amendments and ongoing mistrust.

I appreciate the committee's acknowledgement of my opposition,

Kristen Rost
2154 West Lawn Avenue

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From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Re: Stadium lights.
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:41:12 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Perry Sandstrom <perry.sandstrom@icecube.wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:13 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: Re: Stadium lights.

Dear Plan Commission,

Below please find an email that I recently sent to Alder Evers regarding Edgewood's Stadium lighting proposal.

I do not live near the site, but I am very much against development such as this that permanently degrades the natural areas of Lake Wingra, the Arboretum, and the historic Park and Pleasure Drive.

Thanks!

-Perry Sandstrom

Hi Perry,

Please consider sending your comments to the Plan Commission. You may do so by emailing: planning@cityofmadison.com.

Thanks and stay safe,

Tag

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 8, 2020, at 10:17 PM, Perry Sandstrom
> <perry.sandstrom@icecube.wisc.edu> wrote:
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> Hi Tag,
>
> Thanks for your continued fight against the Edgewood night-time
> stadium and for making a lot of good arguments about Edgewood's plans
> and behavior in your latest newsletter.
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> I just wanted to relay to you that the other night I walked past
> Edgewood campus from the Park and Pleasure Drive and felt visually
> assaulted by an absolutely horrible array of high-glare point sources
> around Edgewood's newer building grounds, and parking lots.
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> The whole lighting landscape has tons of spill and uses too-high color
> temperature LEDs. They installed harsh "deterrent style" fixtures that
> are very high-glare even if they had been more carefully installed.
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> There is lots of light trespass onto the road and adjacent
> properties. I remember there were promises when that Science Center
> development happened that they would be sensitive to the natural
> habitat, that apparently didn't happen.

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> Edgewood's parking lot and architectural lighting indicates that they
> do not care or understand the negative impact of bad lighting on the
> immediate natural habitat, their human neighbors, or the night-time
> users of their own buildings and parking lots.
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> Please keep pushing back on this bad idea (that only minimally
> benefits a comparatively narrow interest) in your fair and reasonable way.
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> Any development or construction that supports night-time use of a
> stadium at the edge of both the Arboretum and Lake Wingra is hard to
> justify even if the lighting and other intrusions were implemented
> perfectly, which seems unlikely.
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> Even though I don't live around there, I feel such construction would
> actually constitute a "taking" of a very real, valuable, and
> irreplaceable element of our local community and also the city as a whole.
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> Thank you for all your hard work and good thinking as Alder!
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> -Perry
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From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Please oppose Edgewood's application for a conditional use permit
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:46:32 AM

From: David Williamson Shaffer <david@williamsonshaffer.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 11:15 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Please oppose Edgewood's application for a conditional use permit

Dear Planning Commission, Mayor Rhodes-Conway, and Alderpersons,

I simply cannot make an argument as eloquent as our Alder, Tag Evers, has here.

Edgewood college's requests would clearly pose an unreasonable imposition on THREE neighborhoods (Vilas, Dudgeon Monroe, and Regent), and disturb users of Wingra Park, Wingra Lake, and the Arboretum. They have been consistently negotiating in bad faith and acting like bullies.

The zoning code exists to protect residents from bad actors in the public sphere.

I can think of no better place to insist on upholding the regulations than in the case before you.

Please deny Edgewood's request.

Sincerely,

David Williamson Shaffer
653 Knickerbocker Street

FROM ALDER EVERS -- PLEASE READ IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY:

Edgewood's Conditional Use Application
May 8, 2020 6:21 PM

Hi Everyone.

Edgewood is applying to put up four light poles, either 68 or 80 feet, and are not asking for anything else at this time. Their application includes the stipulation that lights would be turned off at 11 pm on weekends, and 10 pm on weekdays, albeit with a broad range of exceptions. The application does not include any limits on the number of games.

When I met with Edgewood on March 9, I asked them to "go slow" in order to rebuild trust with the neighborhood. The application that followed just two days later, lacking any limits on the impact lights will have on the neighborhood, doesn't in my mind represent going slow.

That Edgewood would move forward with an application that doesn't acknowledge the impact this expanded use will have on their neighbors is disappointing.

In fact, Edgewood has long been aware of community opposition to their quest for night games.

In a June 15, 2015 article in the Wisconsin State Journal about improvements to Edgewood's practice facility, Edgewood President Michael Elliot acknowledged that "the project has received the support of area neighborhood groups that have balked in the past at the idea of turning the facility into a competition site for Edgewood's many athletic programs."

https://madison.com/sports/high-school/football/prep-sports-edgewood-high-school-breaking-ground-on-million-athletic/article_cba5c427-720e-5507-9599-acb877b038f4.html

President Elliot is then quoted as saying: "We're between two neighborhood associations. They have been vehemently opposed to us having lights or playing games here. We're really building this to be able to give our athletes the practice facilities that provide the best surfaces possible and to expand the amount of outdoor practices we can hold especially in the spring. That is our focal point."

Less than two years later, after the upgrades to the practice field were approved with neighborhood support, Edgewood shifted gears and sought approval for a full stadium build-out of their athletic complex. Their case was centered on two main arguments: 1) Improvements to technology to mitigate the impact of lights and amplified sound, and 2) the loss of their ability to hold their home games at Middleton's Breitenbach Stadium.

It was later revealed that Edgewood had walked away from their agreement with Middleton voluntarily. Middleton High School welcomed them back at any time, yet Edgewood walked away because they wanted their own field with lights. This lack of transparency damaged relations with the neighborhood, fraying the bonds of trust.

Prior to pulling their Master Plan Amendment, Edgewood paid for a sound study that determined noise impacts would spill over into the adjoining properties. At that time, Edgewood suggested adding a sound barrier along Woodrow and Monroe Streets to mitigate noise as part of a compromise.

Instead of pursuing an amendment, a strategy utilizing legal pressure resulted in the repeal of its Master Plan which had taken several years to negotiate. More than 80% of the 35 homes within 200 feet of the athletic complex filed a protest petition opposing the Master Plan repeal. The repeal was nonetheless adopted by Common Council this past January. As a result of that repeal, today Edgewood enjoys the right to unlimited daytime use for games and practices and may rent out their field to outside entities.

In summary, what started five years ago with a quest to upgrade Edgewood's practice field resulted in that field being used 77 times for various daytime games in 2019.

Edgewood's application to expand that use into the evening hours makes no mention of any of this history.

The application makes the claim that "Field Lighting will not create additional noise, however, we will comply with all City ordinances, including noise ordinances."

Edgewood seems to be saying two things. One, that the lights themselves will not make noise. No one would suggest otherwise. But what the lights would allow, the uses the lights would activate, clearly would create additional noise.

Second, Edgewood states the night games made possible by the lights would not violate noise ordinances. They do so without offering any evidence, as if to say, trust us, there's no need to worry about the impact this expanded use would have on nearby neighbors.

But we all know what a football game sounds like. Neighbors opposing this application have submitted evidence to that effect. Here are two videos of a Waunakee HS football game recorded in October 2018 from a distance of less than 200 feet, shot from different angles to represent what a football game on Edgewood's field would sound like to homes along Woodrow. First video. Second video.

That same game was also recorded from 700 feet, which gives an idea of the extended reach of the sound of cheering crowds, pep bands, recorded music, and play-by-play announcers over a PA system. Third video.

Last night I walked down to Lake Wingra just past 8:00 pm to watch the moon rise over the horizon. Wingra is an urban oasis, a place of repose, and Madison's quietest lake. I asked myself what that experience would be like on a Friday night with a football game going on two streets away. Would it be "substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner"?

The stillness of the night held the answer. Recreational uses of Lake Wingra would very likely be impacted and not in a good way.

That quote above comes from the Standard for Review of Development Proposals Requiring Approval as a Conditional Use. The full standard is as follows: "The uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner."

Edgewood supporters repeatedly suggest it's the fault of residents who chose to live close to a high school, that Edgewood should be allowed to do what all other public high schools have done, that these lights are the same as were installed two years ago at Memorial. These arguments don't hold up. Nearby residents had no reason to anticipate night games at this location, and in fact had been reassured by the high school president as recently as 2015 that this was not the plan. The neighborhood public school, West High, with a student body four times the size of Edgewood's, does not have a home field stadium. They, like their compatriots at East, maintain a healthy sports program while playing their home games off campus.

These arrangements are not uncommon among urban high schools across the country because they were often platted alongside tight-quartered residential developments long before "Friday Night Lights" became a thing. In other words, dense, small lot, traditional residential neighborhoods are different from suburban or exurban neighborhoods.

The situation with Memorial High is different. Memorial, in this instance, had already established its use for night games some forty years ago when they built their stadium. The apartment complex that stands somewhat proximate to the east end zone today did not exist at that time. Moreover, the LED lights installed there in 2018 were replacement lights, not a new use.

Today, Edgewood has no legally established interest in night games that outweighs the interests of property owners in the neighborhood. To the contrary, there is clear evidence that already established uses, values and enjoyment of nearby property owners would be substantially impaired.

I invite policy makers to walk along Woodrow and Monroe, the two streets bordering the athletic field. Imagine if you lived in one of those homes there. Suppose you're trying to read "Goodnight Moon" to your 2-year old daughter at 7:30 pm and a game is going on across the street.

Further indication as to what that might be like has been provided by a resident on Monroe Street right across from the field. The video was of a 2018 Edgewood boys soccer game during the day. You can watch it [here](#).

Peak decibel readings exceeded 80 dBs.

As the videos of the Waunakee football game attest, one can extrapolate that with more cheering fans, opposing pep bands, and a play-by-play announcer, the impacts would be even more substantial.

Edgewood seems to be saying, don't worry, we will comply with the noise ordinances, that lights merely allow us to extend into nighttime what we're able to do during the day.

That's flawed reasoning. What happens during the day in all our lives is different than what happens at night when people are trying to sleep. Particularly in this neighborhood, when the ambient night-time decibel readings are in the low 40s.

Day and night are different. You may be able to get away with turning up your stereo in your backyard during the day, but if you crank it up to the same level at 9 pm at night, you just might get ticketed for disturbing the peace.

It's understandable that Edgewood would like to have night games on their field. It would likely add an increment of school spirit, assist in recruiting, and provide needed revenue.

In order to capture these benefits, however, Edgewood must first prove they can do so without substantially burdening their neighbors.

Edgewood is anticipating 46 regular season night games per year plus a possible 18 playoff games. By way of contrast, Camp Randall has only one or two night games a year.

With such a bold request, one that disregards the spirit of partnership, community and my suggestion to "go slow," Edgewood provides no evidence that they can meet the standard of not substantially impairing the uses, values and enjoyment of adjacent property owners by their proposal to host multiple night games on their athletic field.

In the absence of that evidence, I recommend Plan Commission deny the applicant's request for a conditional use permit to install lights on their athletic complex at 2219 Monroe Street.

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood Lighting - Legistar ID 60001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:40:26 AM

From: Ron Shutvet <rshutvet@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:07 AM

To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>; ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us; bradley cantrell <bacantrell@charter.net>; erics@cows.org; jshagenow@yahoo.com; klanespencer@uwalumni.com; keetrasburn@gmail.com; ledell.zellers@gmail.com; Lemmer, Lindsay <district3@cityofmadison.com>; Rummel, Marsha <district6@cityofmadison.com>; nicole.solheim@gmail.com; Heck, Patrick <district2@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Edgewood Lighting - Legistar ID 60001

Please respect the existing uses of residential properties surrounding Edgewood High School and reject any proposal to add outdoor lighting to the athletic fields on the Edgewood Campus. These athletic fields were approved in a public process that was supposed to allow the facilities to be used only for daytime practice not ticketed events that draw crowds of noisy spectators. These facilities are too close to the many residential properties that surround the Edgewood Campus. The additional light pollution and noise associated with the use of these fields for evening sports events truly encroaches on the ability of nearby residents to enjoy their property.

Edgewood officials claim that other Madison area high schools have evening games at their home fields and there are residential neighborhoods nearby. But no other Madison area high school has so many homes within 300 feet (one football field) of their athletic facility like the Edgewood High School does.

The ever escalating noise level in this city has to be reined in. The city of Madison recently went on record opposing the basing of F-35 jets at Truax Field due to the noise these jets produce. For the residential neighborhoods next to Edgewood, the noise levels will be just as bad or worse than that of the F-35 jets. The jets just fly by every once and a while, but for the residential neighbors of Edgewood the noise from sporting events will last for about two hours a game. Add to that the fact that they want to play night games and therefore ask to shine bright lights and be noisy well into the evening when normal people living nearby might be trying to relax in their homes or outdoors in their yards or even trying to get to sleep by 9:00 PM and the ball game with its noisy crowd will still be blaring away until after 10:00 PM.

Already Edgewood High School has withdrawn their previous campus master plan because it did not allow ticketed games to be played on campus. Edgewood is now trying to now create an athletic complex complete with an expanded seating capacity and new sound system in a piecemeal manor to over time get everything they want. Do not let them get away with this.

This whole issue of noise in the city is getting out of hand. The neighbors of Edgewood are not the only Madison residents that are worried about increasing noise in their neighborhood. I live near the Alliant Energy Center and am increasingly frustrated with the lack of noise control at that facility. Same holds true for the neighbors surrounding Breese Stevens Field. The vendor for that city facility is constantly asking to hold even more noisy concerts every year, even asking now for pyrotechnic displays to kick up the noise level even more. This noise needs to be reined in.

Please, for the health and sanity of the nearby residential property owners, deny the addition of any athletic field lighting to the Edgewood campus.

Ron Shutvet

Madison WI

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to Edgewood's Conditional Use Application
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:52:23 AM

From: Tracy Simonson <tracysimonson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Opposition to Edgewood's Conditional Use Application

Planning Commission Members:

We live at 715 Edgewood Ave, across the street from the Edgewood complex. We are writing to express our opposition to Edgewood High School's conditional use application to install lights on their practice fields. Our opposition is based on the following concerns:

- When the fields were originally upgraded, Edgewood was clear that the fields would only be used for practice and that they understood the neighborhood's opposition to lighting and sound amplification. Now, four years later they are asking to add lighting. This can only be seen as a part of a piece-meal request – next would come amplified sound, expanded seating, concessions, etc.
- Edgewood claims that the lighting will create no additional noise and that they will follow all noise ordinances. This defies simple logic. Of course, the lights will not create noise, but the events played at night will.
- Edgewood promises that events will end at 10pm on weekdays and 11pm on weeknights. That is problematic for several reasons:
 - There is no stated limit to the number of evening events that will be hosted.
 - Houses in proximity will have to deal with noise and light on a regular basis that will significantly affect the enjoyment of their property and decrease their property value. Yes, we knew we were buying houses close to a high school, but not close to a stadium with nighttime lighting with unlimited nighttime use.
 - Despite Edgewood's adherence to the Sinsinawa Dominican values of Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership, there have been countless instances of untruthfulness including lying about losing the right to play on Middleton's fields and over 70 violations of the previously agreed to master plan.
- Edgewood's previous press statements to the press were based on the idea that they should be allowed to have football games at their home stadiums, just like other high schools. This is also problematic
 - Edgewood is anticipating over 40 nighttime events. That is approximately four times the length of a high school football season.
 - Hosting up to 40 events makes the stadium a revenue generating venue with little

to no benefits to the neighborhood or city. No tax revenue will be generated, and the majority of students come from outside the city of Madison.

- The other two Madison High Schools in dense urban areas (Madison West and Madison East) do not play at fields at their schools but rather play off-site.
- Edgewood's behavior has not conformed to values of the Madison Community. We have a long tradition of neighborhood input in terms of maintaining the livability of a neighborhood. Not only has Edgewood refused to talk about the athletic field during long-standing Edgewood/ Neighborhood Liaison Committee meetings, they have stopped inviting Alder Evers to these meetings. Additionally, they have threatened lawsuits if they do not get their way. The most egregious example of the disregard for neighborhood input is the fact that they are submitting this application in the middle of a pandemic – when people are distracted by the demands of protecting the life and livelihood of their families!

I am sure that Edgewood has encouraged its current student body (most of whom do not live in the area, or even in the city) along with alumni spread throughout the country to provide feedback for the need for this conditional use application. It is easy for them to do so as it will not affect the livability of the area in which they live. I encourage the Plan Commission to give more weight to the comments of those who live in proximity to the Edgewood Campus – those who be affected on a daily basis by the installation of stadium lights.

Tracy and Martin Simonson
715 Edgewood Ave



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From: [Peter Stebbins](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood"s athletic field!
Date: Saturday, May 09, 2020 12:32:04 PM

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy , an AT&T LTE smartphone

From: [Deborah Still](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Saturday, May 09, 2020 6:28:19 PM

This email serves as my support for allowing the lighting application for Edgewood High School to be approved.

I live in the neighborhood and one of the pure highlights is listening to the bustle of the neighborhood, as well as being part of the UW Badger, West High and Edgewood festivities. It's vibrant and healthy, part of a positive urban experience. It's time to treat Edgewood as we do the UW and Madison public schools.

Deborah Still
710 Oneida Place, Madison

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Stadium Outdoor Lights on Monroe St. 60001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:50:11 AM

From: Judith Strand <matystrand@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 2:52 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Stadium Outdoor Lights on Monroe St. 60001

Plan Commission members,

I know you are facing an important vote tonight - a vote that brings to light people's values and priorities. You have been entrusted to make decisions to protect and serve the city of Madison and its residents present and future. A key question is: Can doing harm to a neighborhood in the heart of our city and our environmental treasures be justified (especially when the student body to be served is mainly from Verona, Fitchburg, and Maple Bluff)? Our city and its residents must not be sacrificed without some compelling need. As Edgewood and parents argue, is there really an imperative for human development that young people play sports at night?

No. There are readily available examples to counter any claim for the urgency of *nighttime* sports. Here's just one example of another Catholic institution: The University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. My two sports-loving children attended that college on soccer scholarships. (Sitting in stadiums has been my life. So I'm writing as a sports parent.) I recently talked with my daughter about the fact that her college did not have a lighted stadium. She told me its because the University of St. Thomas has a strong relationship with the neighborhood – a vibrant place of Summit Ave. and Grand Ave in St. Paul, MN. Asking her about not playing under lights for 4 years: Her response was she remembers the teammates, the good games, the fun, the life lessons – and not the venue. It didn't matter. She was glad- even proud - that her college was committed to respecting that area of historic homes nurtured by retirees and families of young children. It made for a strong place and she absorbed its values, as well as her school's.

That university has grown greatly to 10,000 students, new athletic complex, and new buildings. I looked at the U of St. Thomas website and found formal committees with neighborhood associations and a constant interaction to support the goals of student education. Of significance, the heading is the *University of St. Thomas – “All for the Common Good.”* The notion of common good is deeply rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition. I wish it was the driving value for Edgewood Campus School and Edgewood College. Why isn't it? Something else is going on here. Rejecting concerns about neighborhood life, wildlife, environmental uniqueness, and peacefulness is a more damaging life lesson for the Edgewood students than being denied a nighttime sports game on their campus. The benefit here is dubious and the cost is great.

The pandemic gives us many lessons. One is to appreciate what we have taken for granted and perhaps were close to losing – and that includes the importance of our neighbors, our local life, quiet evenings, being present in nature, and living in a caring city. I hope your vote will reflect knowing that connection and commitment to the common good are indeed essential to

life. They must be our priorities. I hope you will vote against outdoor lights at the Goodman Athletic Complex.

Thank you for reading this note.

Sincerely, Judith Strand

745 Jenifer St., Madison, WI

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood conditional use request
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:53:19 AM

From: Barbara STREIBEL <bstreibel1@aol.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2020 4:56 PM

To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Edgewood conditional use request

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in strong opposition to Edgewood's conditional use request for permission to install lights on their practice field. The lights are an element that allows them to implement their plan to use the 'daytime practice field' for night games and other events with amplified sound, and eventually add stadium build-out of bleachers, etc. They also plan to rent the field to other organizations for evening events with lights and amplified sound. This is not about providing Edgewood students with daytime **practice** facilities. In 2019 Edgewood used the 'practice' field for 77 daytime games with some amplified sound.

I strongly request that the planning commission review this request in the context of the ENTIRE plan Edgewood intends to implement. Once these lights are installed, there will be no going back and uninstalling them. There will be no un-doing of innumerable evenings disturbed by both these lights and amplified sound.

There is evidence (from video taken across Monroe St during a soccer game at Edgewood, and from light and sound data recorded at a similar field in Waunakee during a football game) that both the proposed lights and the amplified sound would disturb both nearby homes and those farther away. Edgewood's own sound study shows that their amplified sound system would violate Madison's noise ordinance. Adding lights to the field means those violations would occur at night, not just during the day. Edgewood's supporters point out that homes along Regent live with noise from Camp Randall. However UW has only 2 or 3 evening games per year. Edgewood anticipates around 50 evening games plus other events.

IF, for some reason, you decide to support their request, PLEASE include REQUIREMENTS for minimal evening games or events per year (perhaps 4 total games and/or events). Also require that they return to you with proposals for how they will consistently meet Madison's noise limit requirements AT ALL TIMES. I would also like it clearly stated that some city or other entity will periodically measure both light and

sound during these night events and if the limits are not adhered to, fines would be levied, games/events will be halted until there is some means of compliance. Otherwise, once the systems are in place, there will be no returning to peace and quiet anywhere around Lake Wingra.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Barbara Streibel

Eton Ridge

Madison, WI

In recent years, Edgewood's behavior (threatening to sue Madison, having more games on their field than permitted,) has shown defiance to city ordinances and to the boundaries of the Master Plan they participated in creating, intransigence (inflexibility) in their demands, and insensitivity to neighborhood needs and concerns. This saddens me greatly, especially since as a Catholic school, I expect their leaders to exhibit behavior in line with Catholic values rather than those of

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From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:40:50 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Tardrew <sptardrew@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:40 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School

To the Plan Commission,

The uses, values and enjoyment of my residence will be substantially impaired and diminished by the bright lights, loud noise and traffic that accompany competitive night games.

Edgewood is already permitted to play unlimited day games . Unlimited night games would be disruptive to the entire community and destructive to the environment.

My wife and I have lived on Woodrow Street for 20 years. We raised 3 children here.

Please vote NO on Edgewood's application for stadium lights.

Thank you,
Steve Tardrew
850 Woodrow Street
Madison, WI

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood conditional use application,
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:15:12 AM

From: Evers, Tag
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 10:54 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: Edgewood conditional use application,

Please add to the file.

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paul Terry <pwterry837@gmail.com>
Date: May 10, 2020 at 8:51:50 PM CDT
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood conditional use application,

Dear Madison Alders,

We are writing once again to express our strong opposition to the renewed efforts for a conditional use permit for stadium lights on the Edgewood campus, and for other intrusions to neighborhood life, peace, and well being that will inevitably follow. This letter speaks to the effects of the lighting proposal currently under consideration, but also addresses other additions that have been contemplated as Edgewood upgrades, and can reasonably expected to follow should the conditional use permit be granted.

We reside on Terry Place with close proximity to the present playing field. We eat our meals on a back porch during the months of spring, summer and fall. We are already able to hear individual voices from people using the Edgewood High School athletic field and experience the incongruous intrusion to residential life that these sounds represent. To have this amplified by the larger number of fans accommodated by the expanded facility, capable of hosting nighttime events, and ultimately fitted with a sound system represents an unacceptable blow to freedom from light pollution and noise that should characterize a residential area.

This area is not just a residential neighborhood. It is home to Lake

Wingra, an extraordinary natural resource for an urban area the size of Madison, with its largely untouched, natural shoreline. This is a treasure for all of Madison and an urban rarity that would be negatively impacted by the glare of stadium lights and the jarring thunderous banality of sports speak, broadcast for all to hear and see as far as Wingra's south shore and the Arboretum.

We believe it is very much in the best interests of the neighborhood, the city at large, and the City's tax base to safeguard these natural assets and quality of life in a viable and iconic neighborhood and a natural area that draws enthusiasts and users from far and wide. We fail to see how the benefits secured by a glaring, noisy stadium come anywhere near to offsetting the negatives. Moreover, we see no reason why the city should rule in favor of Edgewood when the benefits would only accrue to a relatively small number of users who largely live elsewhere and who assuredly would be adamantly opposed were such a facility to be proposed near their backyards.

We note that the City of Madison has noise restrictions for residential neighborhoods that are marginally exceeded under present use of the athletic field and will be far exceeded by uses of that will follow if the conditional use permit is granted. Given the documented adverse effects of light pollution and noise and on quality of life and long term health, it is alarming that Edgewood seeks to implement these changes in a way that will limit, if not foreclose, recourses for dealing these negative impacts in the future.

As residents of Terry Place for 32 years we have watched with dismay as Edgewood has obtained so many of the zoning variances and expansions it has sought, despite the negative impacts it has produced. We regularly deal with parked cars that clog our narrow, dead-end street and block our driveways, despite assurances that this would never happen. The argument that Edgewood must get its way in the name of good relationships no longer holds sway because Edgewood has abused its relationship with the neighborhood. It has progressed from bad faith dealings to bad actions, of which the lawsuit and frivolous claims of religious discrimination are prime examples. It is time for this to stop. Quality of life for residents, the value of the properties in it, and the City's tax base are at stake.

Sincerely,

Paul and Gloria Terry
837 Terry Place
Madison

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Please view 4 min video before meeting/ Please Vote NO on Edgewood,s application
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:24:42 PM

From: Evers, Tag
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fw: Please view 4 min video before meeting/ Please Vote NO on Edgewood,s application

Please add to the file.

Thanks.

Tag Evers

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From: Eileen Hornberger Thompson <eileenlittleredt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please view 4 min video before meeting/ Please Vote NO on Edgewood,s application

To the Plan Commission-
Please take 4 minutes to view this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVutvv5VKas>

Please vote NO on Edgewood's application for stadium lights.

Thank you,

Eileen Hornberger Thompson

Vilas Neighborhood Association member, and Bear Mound Park neighbor Historian and Representative
311 Campbell St, Madison, WI 53711

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: A letter for the Edgewood file #60006
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 5:50:28 PM

From: Marie Trest <mttrest@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:37:35 PM
To: Stouder, Heather
Subject: A letter for the Edgewood file #60006

Hello,

My name is Rowan Trest, and I am writing to you on behalf of the kids living in the neighborhood. Ages range from born just last month to 18. We will be negatively impacted by this stadium, much more than the athletes at Edgewood will benefit. If Edgewood is really 'for the kids,' they would not be doing this.

We can't escape the noise. The athletes can participate and then go home, but we can't, as this is our home. 76.8% of Edgewood high school students live outside of the 53711 zip code, and that postal code even includes parts of Fitchburg! We would be stuck with this in our lives, and could not escape. Imagine trying to do school work, or have a conversation with your family at dinner, or go to sleep with blaring lights and sounds.

By allowing this field, you would be saying that allowing a few kids to play games at a stadium who don't even live in the neighborhood matter more than all of the neighborhood kids trying to do homework, eat, sleep, and live. The one-year-old I babysit has already had naps disrupted due to field use. When my dad was deployed in Afghanistan and I was trying to Face Time him, I could barely hear him over field use noise. Once, they had a track meet and used a starter pistol. At first, I thought there was an active shooter. Friends in the neighborhood also heard it and were frightened.

I am scared. My neighbors and my family have received threatening postcards from Edgewood supporters, depicting things like a coffin and saying 'you're next,' and telling my family to sell our house and implying we were selling drugs here. For a while, I wasn't allowed to take in the mail because my parents were afraid of what else could be in there. Yard signs were stolen. If someone were to say 'just move,' even that would negatively impact my future. The money that could be going to a college savings fund would end up going to a new house.

In conclusion, by allowing them to have lights, and night games and practices, the surrounding community of kids would be greatly negatively impacted. Please vote no and maintain quiet nights for homework and sleeping.

Thank you for listening to my concerns,
Rowan Trest

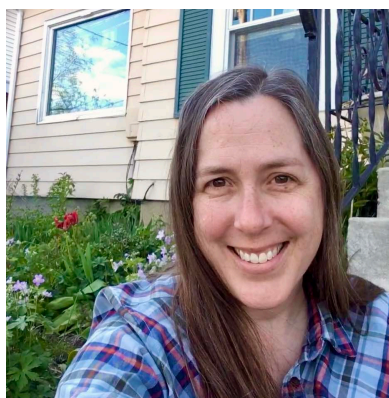
Marie Trest
Monroe St resident



Homes on Monroe St

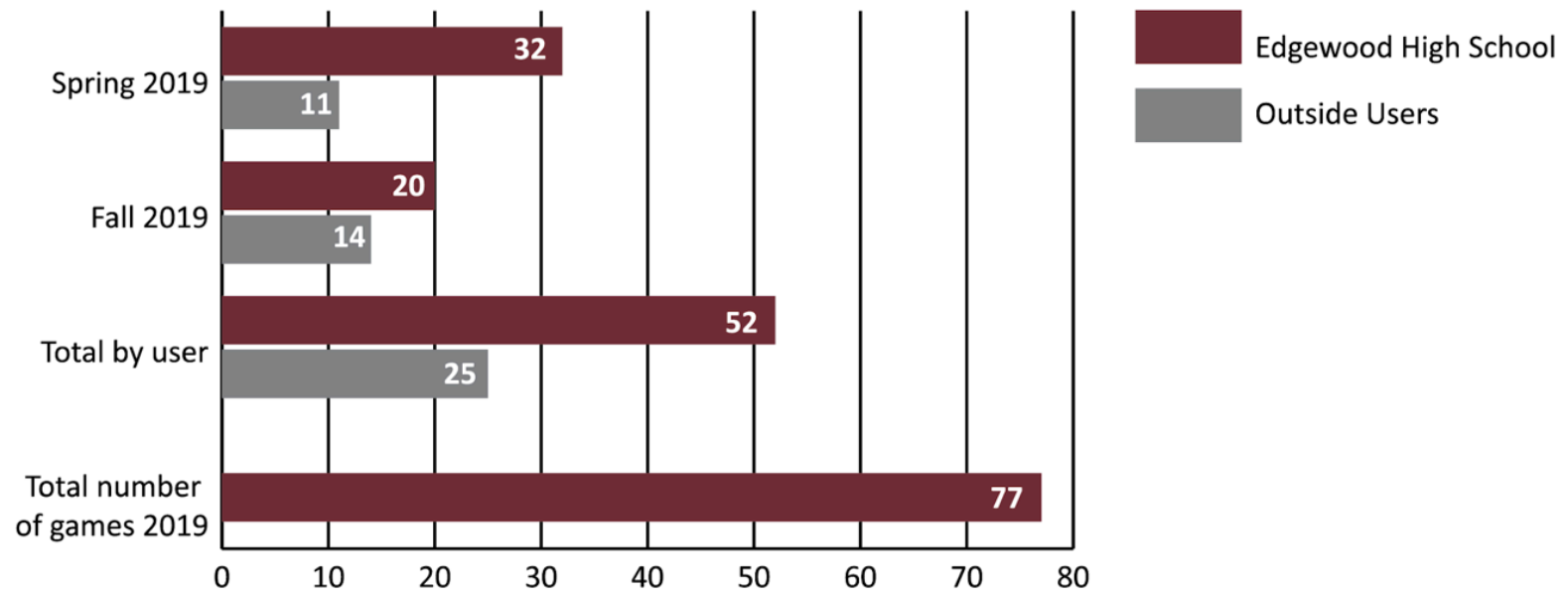
Properties less than 100 ft from field and fully exposed





Field noise
measured
at 85 dB

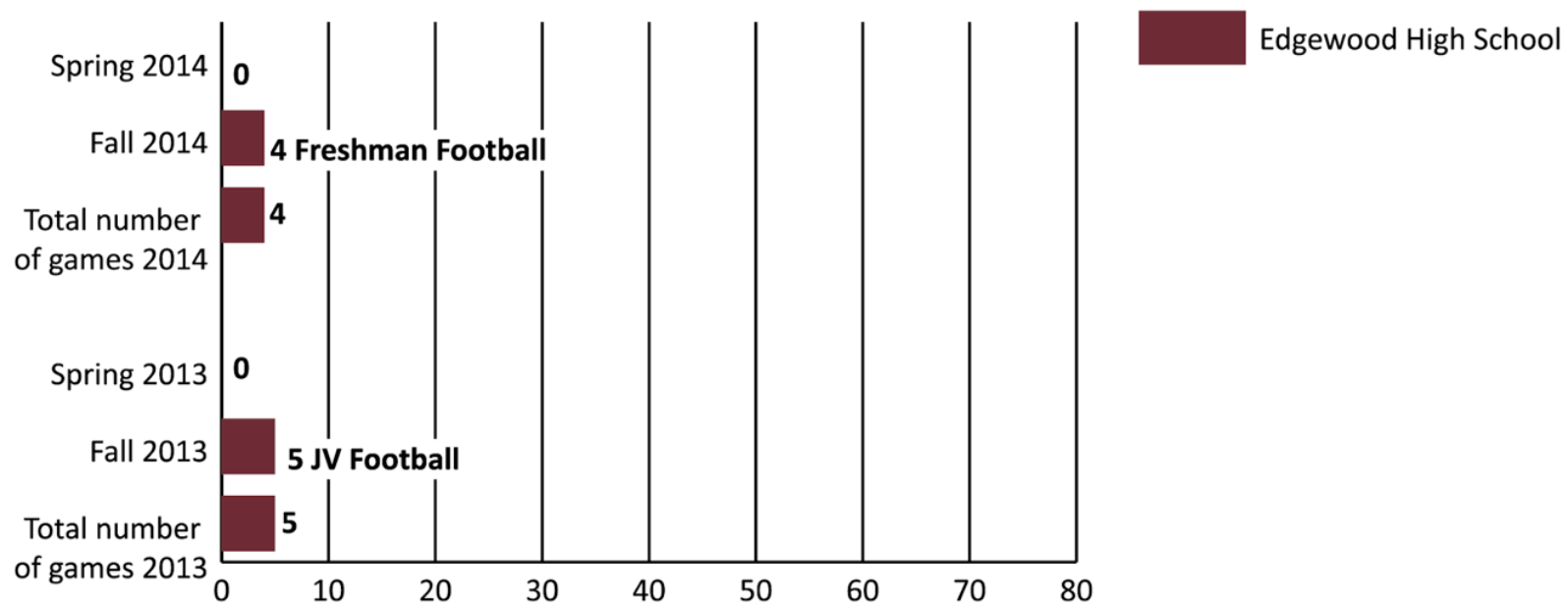
Competitive games observed by neighbors* in 2019 on Edgewood High School practice field



*incomplete list; Edgewood refused to provide a schedule of field use to the neighborhood.

Games on Edgewood High School practice field, before surface update

Data from BadgerConference.org



Competitive Daytime Games observed by neighbors* in 2019 on Edgewood High School practice field

Non-Edgewood High School use identified in bold typeface

*incomplete list; Edgewood refused to provide a schedule of field use to the neighborhood.

€ column indicates total game count

^ column indicates non-Edgewood High School game count

€	^	Spring 2019	sport	example noise levels
1		26 March 2019	Varsity Soccer, girls	Scoreboard siren 72.9dB on Woodrow St
2		29 March 2019	Varsity Soccer, girls	Scoreboard siren 70.6dB on residential property
3	1	30 March 2019	Varsity Soccer, girls	West Salem vs Belleville
4		30 March 2019	Varsity Soccer, girls	
5		2 April 2019	Varsity Soccer, girls	
6	2	6 April 2019	Lacrosse, men	WI red vs Iowa
7	3	6 April 2019	Lacrosse, men	UW Whitewater vs WI red
8	4	6 April 2019	Lacrosse, men	Iowa vs UW Whitewater
9		12 April 2019	JV2 Soccer, girls	
10	5	13 April 2019	Lacrosse, men	UW Stevens Point vs Western Illinois
11	6	13 April 2019	Lacrosse, men	Northern Illinois vs Gustavus Adolphus
12	7	13 April 2019	Lacrosse, men	UW Stevens Point vs Winona
13	8	13 April 2019	Lacrosse, men	Northern Illinois vs Wisconsin White
14	9	13 April 2019	Lacrosse, men	Winona State vs Wisconsin White
15	10	13 April 2019	Lacrosse, men	Western Illinois vs Gustavus Adolphus
16		16 April 2019	JV2 Soccer, girls	
17		18 April 2019	Varsity Lacrosse, boys	
18		18 April 2019	JV Lacrosse, boys	
19		23 April 2019	Varsity Lacrosse, boys	
20		29 April 2019	JV2 Soccer, girls	

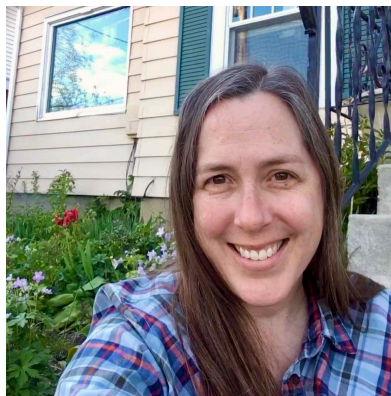
View of lights from
Monroe St homes



Note the close proximity – and exposure – of
the Woodrow St Home. No buffer!



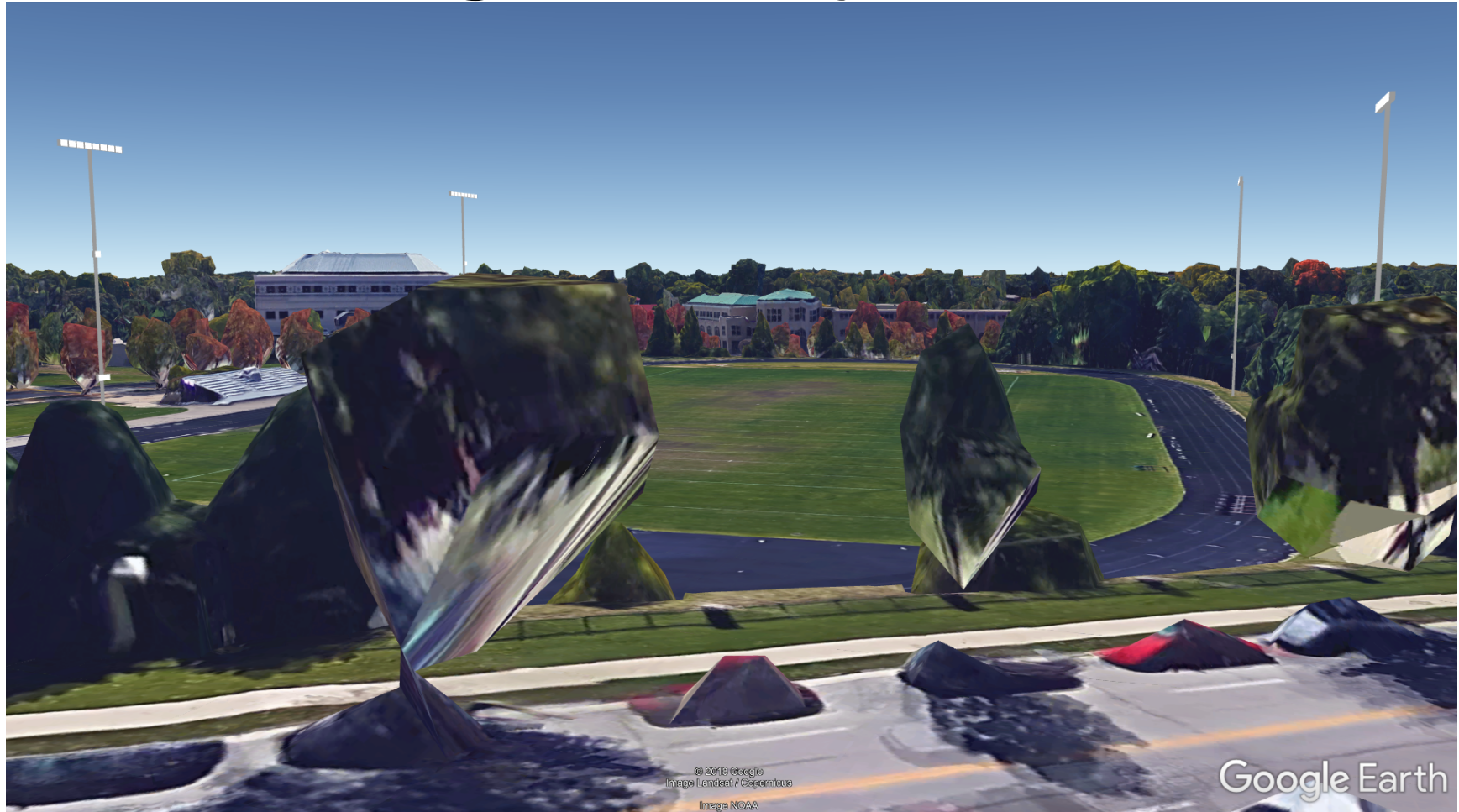
Photo from Edgewood High School Facebook page





My view

My view modeled with lights that
would glare in my windows



From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood Lighting proposal
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:50:45 AM

From: Tom Turnquist <tomturnquist@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood Lighting proposal

I don't understand why Edgewood could build a football facility including lights in the sound system when our two "inner-city" schools, East and West, are not able to do the same. Why is Edgewood special?

As a sidenote, I was a liaison on the neighborhood committee that formulated the Ten Year Master Plan with Edgewood over three years. It was made very clear to us on the committee that Edgewood never intended to play football games on the field.

That's why we approved the current practice field.

It's extremely frustrating to think that all our hours of negotiations and hard work was a meaningless sham!

Tom Turnquist

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: No to Lights at Edgewood
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:55:53 AM

From: gretchen twietmeyer <gtwiet@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 7:05 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: No to Lights at Edgewood

As a 47 year resident of West Lawn Ave I express my strong opposition to the addition of 80 foot lights, or any lights, to Edgewood's field. Even unlit, they would be twice the height of Edgewood's tallest buildings, stalks towering above even the tallest trees. Remember those monstrous towers along the belt line that everyone thought were so hideous as viewed from the Arboretum, now reduced to merely awful? Another alien element, out of scale with the neighborhood.

Already Edgewood casts a sickly glow toward West Lawn at night, imagine the glare of the conditional use proposal, and this not a bordering property. I learned in the UW Entomology course I audited last semester that those stadium lights attract many otherwise nocturnal insects, good for bug collectors, but taking a toll on insect sexual and energetic lives therefore not good for them. Not good for humans either, hard to sleep. I am a believer in dark sky, which is codified in the ordinances but apparently not taken seriously.

With lights there would of course be sound, apparently unmitigated by conditional use or other restraints. I personally was home for the preponderance of the 77 games played last year, and I heard many from my home, some in all parts of my yard. I am close enough to the field that even one loud person screaming or bellowing can be heard, miked or not. Shots from the track starting gun were unnerving. In any decent weather my windows were open (no AC), and I like to eat 3 meals a day outside on my deck. I garden. I go to bed early.

It is hard to express how stressful this Edgewood business has been for me. After the October 2018 meeting at Edgewood when they announced this stadium plan I was literally immobilized with sickness and the stress continued. It felt like home invasion and I realized how important my home was to me. I have been extra careful of my self, eating and sleeping properly, getting exercise etc. upping my BP medication. And it is clear how unliveable light and sound trespass is and would be for me and so many others. So when the pandemic came along, I totally

recognized the stress I was feeling as familiar.

I have followed this issue closely, attending and speaking at many of the hearings. There has been one turn after another, duplicity and lawsuits. Finally we elected a responsive alder, fielded protest petitions, got other neighborhoods to support of our own. The plan and zoning commissions heard us, the City refused to stand up for us, and rescinded our Master Plan with Edgewood, trashing our neighborhood.

Finally I started looking and miraculously found another place to live. The buy went fine, too bad I was caught in a pandemic for the sale. Edgewood has chosen to make lemonade when pesky neighbors can't show up at a meeting. **Because I do not Zoom I will not be participating in the hearing.**

This is a fine neighborhood that does not deserve to have another stadium inflicted on us. Its strength is the many families with children, who desire to live here because of nearness of good schools, ample green space and the kindness we show each other. During the pandemic my block has used its Google group to support its neighbors and its city and I am proud of them and their efforts.

Thank you for your attention and service,

Gretchen Twietmeyer
Now of 633 W. Lakeside St.
Madison 53715

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood's Conditional Use Permit for stadium lights
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:26:09 AM

From: Evers, Tag
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fw: Edgewood's Conditional Use Permit for stadium lights

Please add to the file.

Thanks.

Tag Evers

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From: Jane Virginia <janevirginia@charter.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 3:40 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Edgewood's Conditional Use Permit for stadium lights

Dear Sir,

I'm writing to express my opposition to Edgewood's Conditional Use Permit for stadium lights. I feel the approval of this would significantly degrade the Dudgeon-Monroe, Vilas and Regent neighborhood , as well as the Arboretum area. Unlimited use of the lights and amplification at the facility would be a heavy, unnecessary burden for the residences. This section of the city already experiences a disproportionate share of congestion, disruption, and garbage due to it's close proximity to Camp Randall and the zoo.

Sincerely,
Jane Drewry
1421 Vilas Ave.
Madison, WI

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Vote NO on Edgewood High School Lighting Proposal
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:42:04 PM

From: Jennifer Weaver <jweaver04@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: Vote NO on Edgewood High School Lighting Proposal

Forwarding in case I sent my email to the wrong addressees yesterday.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jennifer Weaver** <jweaver04@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, May 10, 2020 at 6:09 PM
Subject: Vote NO on Edgewood High School Lighting Proposal
To: <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>, <TParks@cityofmadison.com>, <district13@cityofmadison.com>

I am writing to express my opposition to Edgewood High School's request for a permit to install lighting at their athletic field.

This field exists within a residential neighborhood, and the use of these lights in evening hours will be disruptive to the humans who live here.

While the light poles may be designed to focus light on the facility, without the installation of any additional light-containment barriers (not included in this proposal), they will still have an unwanted and invasive impact on the many residences that surround the facility.

And, while this application does not include a request for sound system upgrades at the facility, the installation of these lights will still directly contribute to an increase in the night-time noise level of the neighborhood whenever events using the lights are held. Without this lighting, the field currently has natural limits on how late into the night the neighborhood is impacted by noise from those participating in events (e.g., fans, coaches, players, and referees). With this lighting, this noise will be able to continue as late as 10pm Sunday-Thursday and 11pm Friday-Saturday.

If the Plan Commission does deem the middle of a residential neighborhood an appropriate location for the new installation of one or more 65' or 80' light poles, I then ask that they only do so with conditions that limit the number of hours per day and days per calendar year that the lights may be in use so as to partially mitigate their aforementioned negative impact on the neighborhood.

Thank you for considering my concerns,
Jennifer Weaver
2154 West Lawn Avenue

From: [Susanne Ripple Welke](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Support lighting at sports field for Edgewood High School
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:24:31 AM

Hello,

I appreciate your dedication to your work in government. Good luck with your first virtual meeting.

I am asking you to support the lighting plan for Edgewood High School's athletic field.

Thank you,
Susanne Ripple Welke
1409 Lake View Avenue
Madison 53704

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Comments on Plan Commission agenda item
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:40:16 AM

From: Amy Williamson <amyaws@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Comments on Plan Commission agenda item

Dear Plan Commission members:

I am writing to voice my opinion on Agenda item #16, Legistar #60001 for your meeting today.

I urge you to reject Edgewood's application for a conditional use permit to install lights for night games. I am entirely in agreement with the rationale that D13 Alder Evers outlined. I could not say it better than he has.

Sincerely,

Amy Williamson
653 Knickerbocker St, Madison, WI 53711

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Residents oppose lights on the Edgewood High School field [file #60001]
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:55:27 AM

From: Susan Wolf <wolfsusan5@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 9:07 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Residents oppose lights on the Edgewood High School field [file #60001]

To the Plan Commission,

We are John and Susan Wolf, Vilas Neighborhood Association members. We live at 1921 Madison St., two blocks NE of the NE edge (Edgewood Ave.) of the Edgewood complex. We **oppose** Edgewood High School's application to the Plan Commission to install stadium-style lights on their playing field for almost unlimited nighttime use. Addition of lights will have direct negative impacts on us by allowing activity noise to late into the evening repeatedly during all seasons except winter, and by increasing traffic and parking problems on our nearby streets through the entire evening. Added lights and noise that will impact most heavily on the neighbors to the SW (Woodrow St. side) and NW (Monroe St. side) of the field will negatively affect us by degrading the livability of all adjoining neighborhoods as well as environmental quality and enjoyment of Lake Wingra.

Please vote no.

Thank you,
Susan and John Wolf

From: [Leisa Zimbrick](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 8:00:36 AM

Good Morning-

I am sending this email in support of the lighting for Edgewood's athletic field.

While I am currently living in London, I am a proud Edgewood High School Alum. As a three-sport athlete, and in general, a massive sports fan, it would have been great to have home games. Additionally, the field (with lighting) will be a savings on rental fees.

I keep up to date with happenings at Edgewood through their alumni newsletter and I am confident that the choices the school is proposing will minimize the impact on the neighborhood. I believe that Edgewood students should have the same privileges afforded to them that students of other area schools with lights have. The EHS students want to be treated fairly.

You have all the information you need to make an informed decision. I respectfully request that you vote in favor of the light permit for Edgewood. Thank you.

Kind Regards,
Leisa Zimbrick



Ethan Brodsky
866 Woodrow St

600 ft from the field

Attachment Two

Advisory Votes on Revised Conditional Use Plan

Note: Refer to the document EDGEWOOD/NEIGHBORHOOD WORKING GROUP, SITE ALTERNATIVE 6 NOTES, DRAFT OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS (revised 16 July 1996)

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

1. Keeping corridor open between science facility and Edgedome
Essential? 34 yes 4 no
Unacceptable because no firm commitment to road 7 yes 25 no
2. Woodrow entrance/operational agreement to establish liaison group?
Live with concept; back to council for details 29 yes 5 no
3. Can you live with operational agreement relative to Woodrow St. entry? 24 yes 6 no
4. Can you live with points 5 and 6 as defined in recommendations re:
drop off, Park and Pleasure Drive language? 30 yes 5 no
5. Do you support requiring Edgewood to construct and pay for structural
supports to science ramp? 20 yes 12 no
6. Accept Transportation Demand Management language? 30 yes 1 no

FINE ARTS/PERIMETER

7. Support in principle:
a) classroom space toward Woodrow, 30 foot building height, 15 degree
elevation, habitable space on south elevation, notching? 25 yes 3 no
b) request for additional site elevations, including impact of differential
setbacks from Woodrow/Monroe? Want to see differences in varying
setback of Fine Arts Building from Woodrow. 24 yes 0 no
c) request Edgewood provide verification of parking claims in Fine Arts
Building with sketches? 26 yes 1 no
8. Support recommendations in #9 re: perimeter landscaping plus enhanced
screening/landscaping on Monroe Street side during Phase I? 25 yes 0 no

ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS

9. Support part 10 (with "Phase I" removed) including: no lights, no new
PA system, 300 seat seasonal bleachers? 16 yes 1 no
10. No permanent structure for athletic complex? 17 yes 1 no
11. Support #11. 13 yes 1 no

DRAFT

Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association, Inc. Council Meeting August 14, 1996

Minutes

Attendance: Ken Golden, Peter Tan, Rachel Durfee, Char Thompson, Maggie Jungwirth, Kathy Schleifer, Kelly Larson, Melinda Starkweather, Shirley Lake, Bill Vanden Brook, Paula Benkart, Priscilla Arsove, Tom Huber

President Shirley Lake called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. The agenda was altered slightly to move up the Alder's Report and add sponsoring a candidates' forum to the Action Items.

ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS

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ACTIVITIES & OPERATIONS

10. Track, Football, Soccer Complex Field
The Phase 1 configuration of the athletic field may include a soccer field, football field, 8 lane running track and 300-seat bleachers. complex preferred by the Neighbors includes:

- ~~No lights.~~
- ~~No new PA system.~~
- ~~300 seat bleachers.~~

The Phase 1 configuration of the athletic field complex preferred by the High School includes:

- ~~Lights for 14 night games per year.~~
- ~~A new PA system designed to minimize impacts on neighborhood residents.~~
- ~~A 700 seat grandstand.~~

Phase 2 improvements to the athletic field complex will require additional Conditional Use Plan approval. Depending on approved Phase 1 improvements, these might include:

- ~~A new PA system.~~
- ~~Lights for 14 night games per year.~~
- ~~A new or expanded grandstand.~~

Reasons for denial

- Incompatible location
 - West and East lack stadium lights
 - Memorial stadium lighting predates Dark Skies ordinance
 - LaFollette's stadium much further from homes - also pre-1993
 - Breese Stevens has had lights since 1930s
 - Burr Jones is in commercial area and much further from homes
 - Comparable new light installation has never been permitted
- Harm from light
- Harm from nighttime sound enabled by light
- Proposed lighting violates city lighting ordinance
 - Upward-facing lights are included as part of proposal
 - No discussion in application of upward-facing lights
- Application does not discuss modifying established use

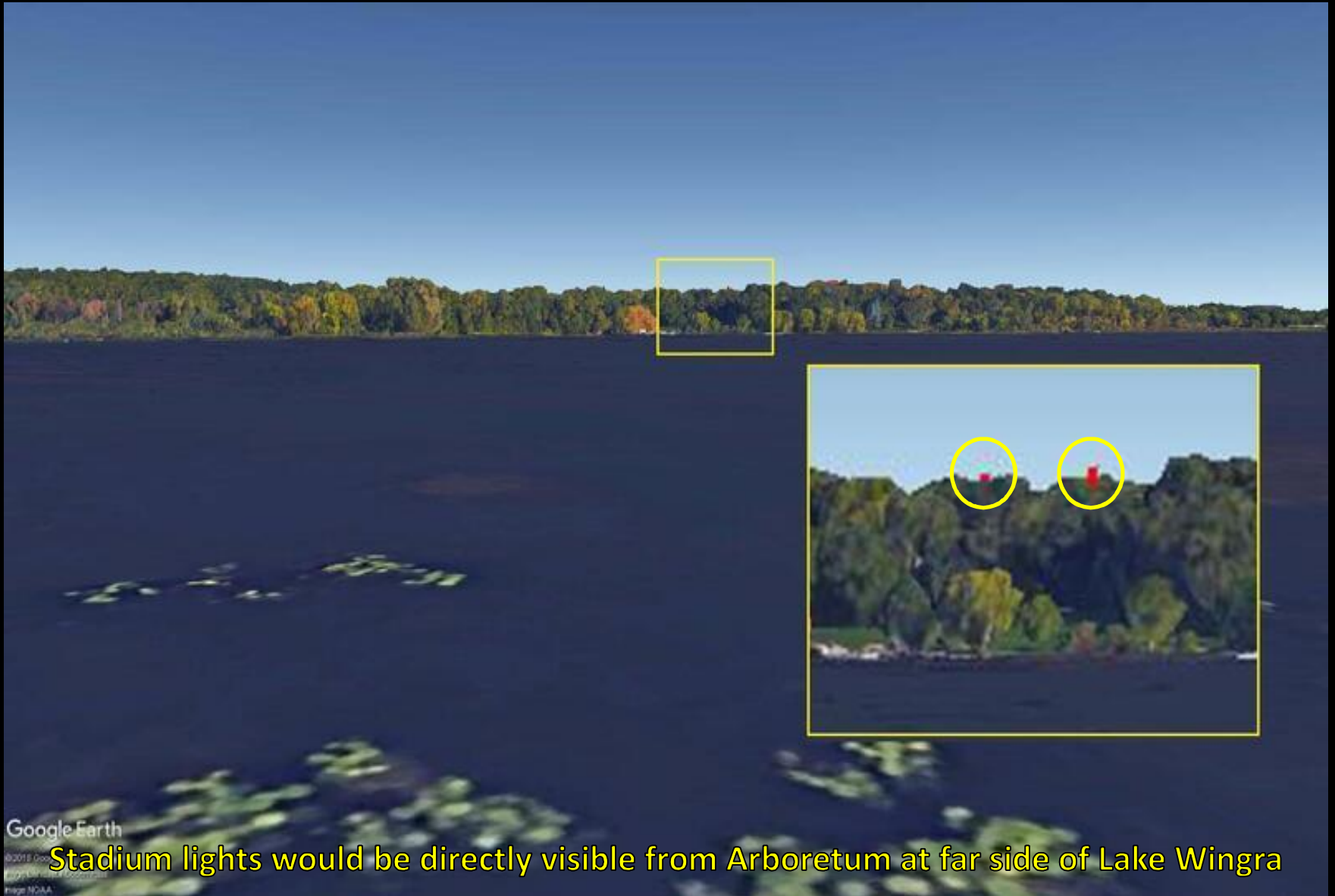
Application is not supported by substantial evidence

Edgewood's Stadium Proposal

Rendering of proposed lights based on CAD model from site drawing



Impacts an enormous area



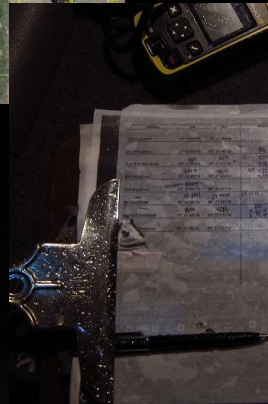
Stadium lights would be directly visible from Arboretum at far side of Lake Wingra

Years of Data Collection



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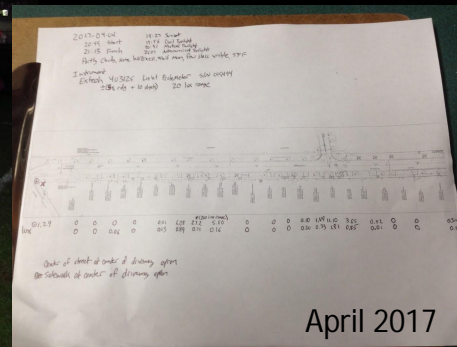
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Noise Impact

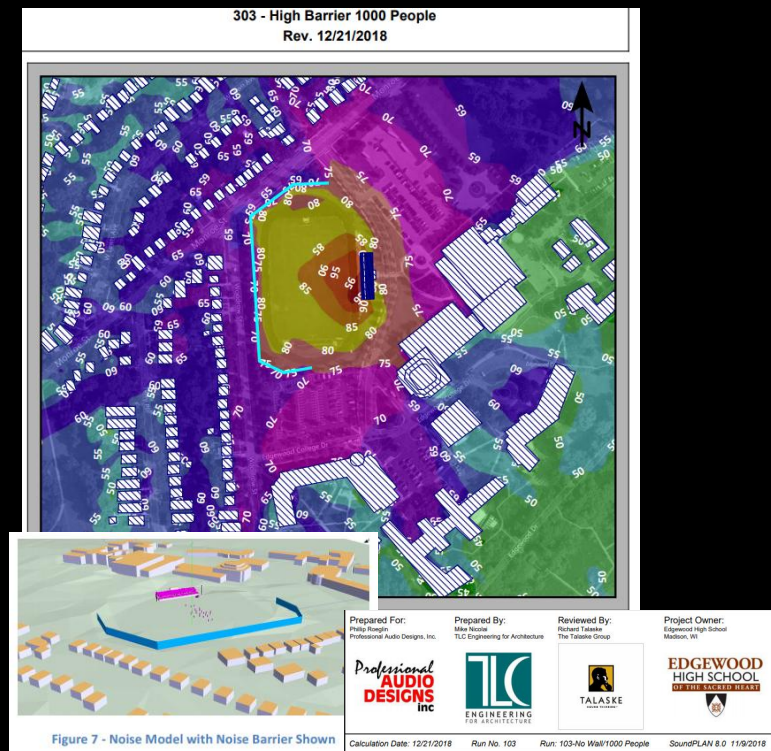


Figure 7 - Noise Model with Noise Barrier Shown

Noise would regularly exceed 80 dB for homes on Woodrow, Monroe, Terry, and West Lawn
 Noise would occasionally exceed 90 dB if capacity is increased to 1000
 These noise levels will be experienced inside people's homes with the windows open
 Even with windows shut, noise levels would be so loud as to interfere with conversation
 Comparable to being 50 feet from a chainsaw, lawnmower, or a tractor-trailer at highway speeds
 Noise levels exceeding 70 dB would affect large areas of DMNA, Vilas, and Regent
 Noise levels will be loud enough to interfere with spoken conversation and disrupt sleep
 This noise levels are already annoying during the day - would be obnoxious at night
 Edgewood's own noise study found similarly and recommended a 26' wall around the site

Light Impact

Sampling locations were chosen by overlaying a map of our neighborhood, with the current location of Edgewood's practice field, onto a map of Waunakee's stadium, and matching the horizontal distance from the sideline and position along the field for each sampling point to what they would be in our neighborhood. At each of location, collected quantitative data on sound and light using professional digital instruments. All light measurements were collected with an Extech 403125 digital illuminance meter. It reads out in 0.01 lux increments and is accurate to $\pm 5\%$ of reading ± 10 digits in its low range. Measurements were taken of horizontal illuminance (typically used for measuring sky glow) and vertical illuminance (typically used for measuring light trespass).

At locations that correspond to homes on Woodrow, nighttime levels with stadium lights would be comparable to what you would experience at civil twilight (less than 20-30 minutes after sunset), rather than at night time, and are many times brighter than a full moon.

Currently levels are 50x less (0.00-0.06 lux)

This will be a enormous change in the night sky over a large area

Stadium lights would illuminate the night to the point where it would be bright enough to drive a car without headlights. This would extend to neighboring homes.

Sky glow will be visible over an enormous area
Middleton stadium is brighter than street lights

*Middleton High School football stadium
viewed from 1.5 miles away*



Impact on Property Values

- Similar stadium lights proposal at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington VA, 2011
- Similar residential neighborhood, similar scale and spacing between field and homes
- 88 realtors surveyed, 46 responses - asked about impact of proposal on property values
 - None of agents expected higher home values
 - 80% predicted decline in value for first-row homes
 - 65% predicted decline in value out to one block
 - 35% predicted decline in values out to three blocks
 - Predicted decline: 9% for first row, 6% for first block, 4% to three blocks
- Apply those estimates to the properties around Edgewood campus
 - ~70 first-row homes -\$2,500,000
 - ~150 homes within one block -\$3,600,000
 - ~250 homes within three blocks -\$4,000,000
- ~\$10,000,000 in destroyed home equity
- \$200,000/year in lost property tax revenue
- Stadium proposal was rejected
- Study conducted by Dr. Bill Adair
 - Professor of Journalism and Public Policy
 - Founder of PolitiFact

MGO 28.183(6)(a):

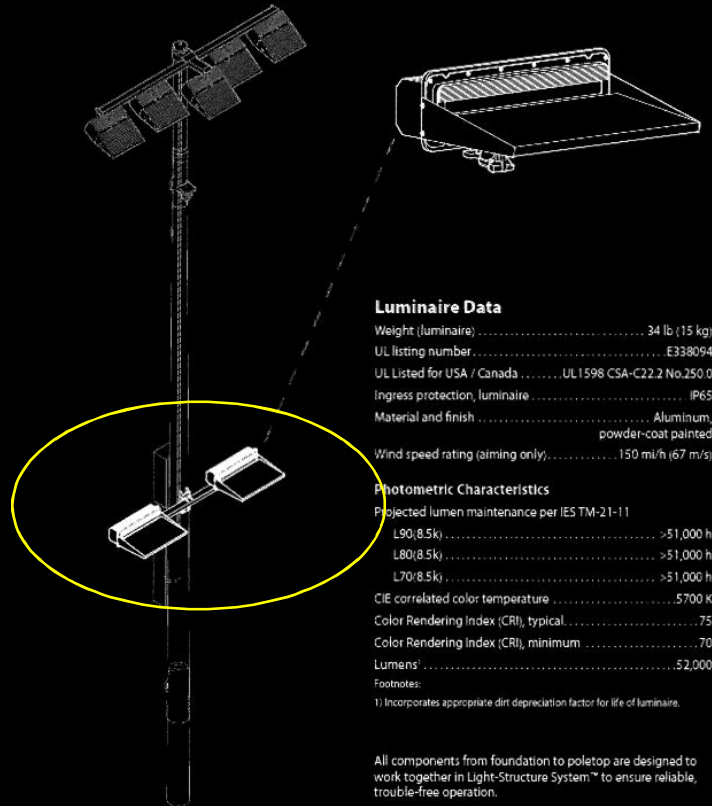
"No application for a conditional use shall be granted by the Plan Commission unless it finds that all of the following conditions are met:

3. The uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner."

Proposed lighting violates city standards

Datasheet: **Light-Structure System™**

Luminaire and Driver Components – TLC-BT-575



8 x 52,000-lumen
upwards-facing
“Punt Lights”

Shown in drawing but not disclosed or discussed anywhere
Emitters will be *directly visible* from homes



MGO 10.085(3):

“(a) All outdoor lighting fixtures installed and thereafter maintained upon private or public residential, commercial, industrial and other nonresidential property shall comply with the following

...

2. All fixtures greater than 1,000 initial lumens (equivalent to 70 watts incandescent) shall be full cutoff, or shall be shielded or installed so that there is not a direct line of sight between the light source or its reflection and a point five (5) feet or higher above the ground at the property boundary. The light source shall not be of such intensity so as to cause discomfort or annoyance.”

Definition: “Shielded or Cutoff Lighting Fixtures ... No light is permitted at an angle more than four degrees (4) above horizontal.”

Modification to Established Use

MGO 28.097(2)(d):

"In a Campus-Institutional District without a Campus Master Plan, the establishment, improvement, or modification of any primary or secondary use occurring outside of an enclosed building shall require conditional use approval."

MGO 28.211:

"Use . The use of property is the purpose or activity for which the land or building thereon is occupied or maintained."

MGO 28.004(1):

"This ordinance should be interpreted as a permissive zoning ordinance, which means that the ordinance permits only those principal and accessory uses and structures that are specifically enumerated in the ordinance. In the absence of a variance or special exception, any uses or structures not specifically permitted by the ordinance are prohibited."

MGO 28.097 Campus/Institutional District ordinance

Nowhere does it state that Secondary Uses are "principal" or "accessory uses" (every other type of zoning district specifically does this), and nowhere does it say that they are "permitted", thus they are prohibited without a "variance or special exemption".

Staff report claims:

"The unlighted (daytime) use of the athletic field for athletic competitions, school events, and practices is allowed by right as a secondary use complementary to the Edgewood High School primary use."

and

"However, while the installation of the poles and fixtures to light the Goodman Athletic Complex for evening activities requires conditional use approval, the use of the stadium is not otherwise before the Plan Commission for consideration."

These claims are inconsistent with the law and would render MGO 28.097(2)(d) meaningless.

Edgewood is not entitled to unlimited athletic use, they are entitled to continue any legally established use, which, is at most (this is an upper bound and I believe a court would find it to be lower), on the order of 10 games per year with 300 seats and no amplified audio, their legally established use prior to the Master Plan going into effect. All competitive use during the period that the Master Plan was in effect was illegal and it is not possible to establish a use or expand an establish use unlawfully.

This hearing is on entirely the wrong question because city staff has erroneously excluded importation decisions from its scope.

Edgewood has provided no substantial evidence for this expansion in use.

Elephant in the Room

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN		
EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL)	
OF THE SACRED HEART, INC.,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	Case No. 3:19-cv-683
)	
v.)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
)	
CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN;)	
CITY OF MADISON ZONING BOARD)	
OF APPEALS; Zoning Administrator)	
MATTHEW TUCKER, in his official)	
capacity; and Director of Madison's Building)	
Inspection Division GEORGE HANK,)	
in his official capacity,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart, Inc., by its undersigned attorneys, files this complaint against Defendants City of Madison, Zoning Administrator Matthew Tucker, in his official capacity, and Director of Madison's Building Inspection Division George Hank, in his official capacity, and alleges:

"...it is Edgewood's expectation that the process will result in the City issuing Edgewood the permits necessary to erect lights on the athletic field before the start of the 2020-2021 academic year. While it is Edgewood's sincere hope to not have to restart the litigation in the future, that option remains available to us as a last resort, if necessary."

- Edgewood High School, 10 Feb 2020



Ms. Stouder and members of the Plan Commission-

2020-05-11 via email

Friends of Lake Wingra is writing to express our concern with Edgewood High School's plan to add lighting and (and potentially future sound (PA)) to their sports stadium.

Lake Wingra is a refuge within the City, and is known for its quiet, peaceful atmosphere- which provides immense value to the City, and is enjoyed by people using the Lake as well as surrounding parks and roadways. Any proposed development within view of Lake Wingra has the potential to disrupt this valuable character. We are working to protect the character of the Lake through various means, including collaborating with lakeshore land owners (such as the Arboretum, City of Madison Parks Department, and Edgewood College), other groups such as Wingra Boats and the Friends of the Park and Pleasure Drive; and through policy changes with the Planning Department and Mayors Office.

We request that any proposed lighting at Edgewood High School's stadium be screened from Lake Wingra. As such- on the surface of Lake Wingra- **light from the stadium shall not be visible at any time** (measured as 0.0 foot candles from the surface of Lake Wingra, the Edgewood College Boardwalk, Vilas Park, and Wingra Park).

We also request that amplified sound from Edgewood High School's stadium be projected at a volume that is **not audible on Lake Wingra or surrounding parks at any time** (measured as 0.0 decibels from the surface of Lake Wingra, the Edgewood College Boardwalk, Vilas Park, and Wingra Park).

We are also concerned about potential impacts to wildlife from proposed lights or sound systems. A preliminary literature review and discussions with UW Madison staff and the Audubon Society were inconclusive as to the potential impacts- which are likely localized to the Lake Wingra ecosystem.

We recognize that it may be difficult to assess light and sound impacts outside of the proposed stadium footprint, and to quantify wildlife impacts with the existing design work that Edgewood High School has completed. **Thus, it may be necessary to complete additional studies to quantify these impacts.** The additional studies may be akin to the character of an Environmental Impact Statement which will document proposed improvements, their impacts, and alternative or mitigation options.

Thank you for your consideration-

Ben Yahr - Chairman of the Board of Directors, Friends of Lake Wingra



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From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose Edgewood stadium
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:55:05 PM

From: Annie Laurie Gaylor <algaylor@ffrf.org>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Oppose Edgewood stadium

Hi,
We live a block and a half from Edgewood. Everyone I know in the neighborhood opposes the unprecedented request for the stadium.
Even Edgefest has been invasive in terms of traffic and noise pollution.

The stadium would greatly diminish our neighborhood's quality of life.
There should be no debate: *the Edgewood application does not meet condition use standards.*

Please vote no.

Annie Laurie Gaylor
2400 Fox Ave
Madison Wi 53711
608/770-1922

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood High Conditional Use Permit for Plan Commission tonight
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:55:32 PM

From: Ann Clark <annclarkm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood High Conditional Use Permit for Plan Commission tonight

Reference File #60001 or Conditional Use Permit Application by Edgewood High School
AnnClark, 2525 Gregory St., 608-238-5612

Please reject this Edgewood (EHS) proposal to add lighting to its former practice field. This permit would give EHS a de facto stadium and as it stands enable them to play an unlimited number of night games. This is the stadium gateway and is nearly irreversible.

If the neighbors haven't convinced you that night games will substantially "impair or diminish the uses, values and enjoyment of our properties" please at least table the request until reasonable limits on use of the stadium can be negotiated and established, carefully monitored and reliably enforced, with penalties for violations sufficient to require a possibly money-making EHS to tailor its actions to the rules. Then let's look at beginning the experiment with only 5 or 6 football games, all that really needs to be played at night. Then if it's disastrous it will be easier to correct or tweak.

Weakness in City Rules

We learned last year that the city's noise ordinance wasn't worth the paper it was written on. The nearly 80 daytime games using the sound system or with much of a crowd routinely violated it, but the police wouldn't monitor or enforce it and the fines were laughable. Then the city gave the school carte blanche and now daytime games at any volume and in any number seem to be a permanent gift from the city. This needs correction!

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Future Controversies

This isn't a "one and done" decision. EHS will want the full kit: a more powerful permanent sound system, much more seating (they originally proposed 1200 seats), storage buildings, changing building, concession stand, more games and longer hours, the works. The neighborhoods will oppose them vehemently. Neighbors will be monitoring EHS and we will have a simmering war, perhaps our own lawsuit. EHS will continue to ignore the neighbors and they will threaten a lawsuit whenever they don't get their way. Others dealing with the city will pick up that a lawsuit works. Allowing EHS out of the Master Plan has solved nothing. The city hasn't even escaped the lawsuit as the latest newspaper article quoted an EHS official that another lawsuit was their last-ditch plan!

EHS Bad Behavior

Up to this point there have been no penalties for Edgewood's bad behavior. My opinion is that EHS is simply not trustworthy* in our experience these last several years. For an entity that pays no property taxes EHS has certainly made a big mess for the city and the innocents who bought their house in the last 20 years and believed that Edgewood's promise would stand.

- EHS doesn't keep its promises. No stadium was the price for an accelerated approval process for 15 major building projects over the years, all supported by the neighborhoods. In a just society, those buildings would disappear in a puff of smoke on the first day Edgewood games are played in a stadium.
- School officials have publicly lied that improvements were merely for a practice field and that EHS

had no other options than to play on its home field. They blamed their own lawyers for “forgetting” to put the stadium into the last Master Plan. They claimed they were there before the neighbors (actually the Chase house on Woodrow was built 10 years before the governor gave the property to the Dominicans). They claimed to have played continuously on the field, but for over 20 years they played at Middleton without complaint.

- They tried to cheat last spring, requesting a light permit from the city without revealing they were for the forbidden stadium.
- They blatantly violated the Master Plan by scheduling an entire season of games, including more than a third in which EHS students didn’t participate.
- They successfully bullied the city with a lawsuit.
- EHS has consistently avoided engagement with its neighbors who have tried many times to work with them in the basic civic process of together finding solutions that all sides can live with. It has barely acknowledged that the stadium would have any impact. They wouldn’t even talk to our alder until now.

The Stadium Noise and Lights will Really Be a Problem

I live only a block and half within the outer boundary of the area for which that our sound study predicts that stadium noise would rise above the city’s maximum allowable residential noise level during games, about 4 blocks from the Edgewood practice field. Painting our fence last spring I became aware that a track meet was taking place there because I could understand most of what the announcer was saying—and he had a lot to say over several hours! I wouldn’t have been a happy camper if it had been a social occasion or I was looking for a relaxing read on my porch, as his announcements would compete with both conversation and quiet solitude even at this distance and annoyingly over a several hour period.

I could see that Edgewood’s games--already nearly 80 daytime games last year (for 29 of them Edgewood wasn’t even a participant)--would make quiet enjoyment of my yard—and the yards of the 500 or so other households which will be in this suffering circle around EHS – a very rare pleasure. The 50 plus households within a couple of blocks of Edgewood’s stadium will lose even the quiet enjoyment of the interior of their own house (yes, with windows closed) for hours every time the stadium is used. The nearest residential property is only 65 feet away, unparalleled for Dane County school stadiums and most other places.

Now Edgewood is proposing to compound the problem for nearby neighbors with this lighting permit, extending the many hours of daytime noise into additional nighttime pain. EHS already has nearly 500 seats (with ample hillside grass in addition) and a portable PA system, so this light permit alone will allow them to hold night events in addition to those 80 daytime games, many team practices and gym classes. If it is used for 80 day games and say 48 night games, we are talking a total of 120 afternoons and evenings of cowering in a room at the back of the house each year. This is the pivot point, make no mistake.

Their original 2018 proposal for the stadium included 40 night games with seating for 1200 people; Alder Tag Evers has just written a updating piece. He says Edgewood anticipates an astonishing 46 night games plus up to 18 additional runoff games. Although we can’t know EHS’s intentions, it raises the specter of many, extremely noisy late-night games, many possibly not even EHS-related. Lights out at eleven (with many exceptions) mean that the noise and disturbance will continue past midnight as audiences move to cars and queues in long lines to leave. It will be a nightmare for the houses in the inner ring around the field, especially those with early bedtimes, like children and old folks.

Edgewood High’s enrollment has dropped to about half its peak, and their Board Chief has several sport-related businesses (look up Steven Krantz online). He has the background and contacts to monetize the stadium. This may represent, along with a likely failing “Hail Mary” pass for increasing enrollment, a chance to bolster the school’s finances. They have already invited many other groups—29 to be exact—to use the field for day games the summer of 2019. It is easy to imagine this will continue and even escalate to the popular evenings. No New Stadium has found a very brief video of an extreme California example of this approach. Watch it to understand the horror.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVutvv5VKas>

Now all this is a fine example of a foreseen disastrous impact. I quote again the Campus Institutional code Ordinance which advises the Plan Commission not to approve plans “unless...*the uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner.*”

From: [Barney Sweeney](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:26:38 PM

I fully support Edgewood H.S. in their application for the installation of lights on the athletic field. EHS has been a positive force in the neighborhood and the whole city for decades and I feel that being able to play sporting events at night will add to the overall atmosphere of that area.

Thank you for your consideration,
William Sweeney

From: [Brian Downey](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:21:53 PM

I support the approval for lighting at the Edgewood Athletic Field. I attended all the previous public meetings and was quite disappointed in the double standard exhibited against Edgewood. Particularly the tabling of action to allow a last minute ordinance change to take effect that made disapproval easier. I now understand the Planning Commission is leaning towards approval this time and hope there won't be any further parliamentary game playing.

My son is on athletic teams at James Madison that regularly use their facilities night lights. He also plays Lacrosse at Edgewood for James Madison and regularly had games called short because of the lack of lighting. He and I are therefore aware of the conditions the city permits for secular high schools and the prohibitions it places on teams representing religious schools. While we are not Catholic but, as Americans, support the 1st Amendment and hope the Council will put actions to its words of 1A support and correct the obvious discrimination against Edgewood lighting.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Downey
3502 Country Grove Drive
Madison, WI 53719
(608) 845-2066



Speaker:

Lynn Keller

2005 Jefferson Street

Opposed

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Deny EHS CUP Application
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:35:04 PM

From: Dianne Jenkins <jenkins2125@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: Deny EHS CUP Application

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From: **Dianne Jenkins** <jenkins2125@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, May 8, 2020 at 11:41 AM
Subject: Deny EHS CUP Application
To: <allalders@cityofmadison.com>, <mayor@cityofmadison.com>, Tag Evers
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Members of the Plan Commission:

I am writing to express my opposition to the EHS CUP application to install lights on its field. As Arthur Garfield Hays, general counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, once noted:

"In a society where interests conflict, I realize there can be no absolutes. My freedom to swing my arm ends where the other fellow's nose begins. But the other fellow's nose doesn't begin in my brain, or in my soul either,"

Please don't allow EHS to knock out its neighbors. Please vote to deny this permit and send a message to EHS once and for all that this is an incompatible use of their property given its location in the midst of a dense residential neighborhood and abutting an undeveloped natural lake.

Current expanded use that resulted absent neighborhood input when the Master Plan was repealed by City Council already robs surrounding property owners of the use and enjoyment of their property - going from fewer than a dozen games a year to more than seventy games.

This has already had a substantive and negative impact on the neighboring properties, documented via studies that other letter writers have provided and, importantly, in the testimony and data provided by the neighboring property owners themselves.

Extending this use into evening hours further robs the neighboring property owners of their right to use their property unencumbered by unwanted light, noise, traffic and all the related impacts of

such use.

Dianne Jenkins
1802 Monroe St, Unit 408
Madison, WI 53711

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood High School Field Lighting
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:34:48 PM

From: Rachel Roessingh <raeroessingh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood High School Field Lighting

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask you to please not approve Edgewood High School's request to install lights on their practice field. My husband and I have lived in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood for over a decade. We spent the majority of that time living on Monroe Street near the proposed stadium location. We recently moved 1 block away and continue to own our house on Monroe Street as a rental property. I would be open to some sort of compromise between Edgewood and the neighborhood on how the lights are used and with what frequency, but from what I've observed so far, it doesn't seem like Edgewood is open to a compromise; therefore, I don't support their request to have the lights installed.

Expecting neighbors in close proximity of the Edgewood field to accommodate the additional light, and presumably sound levels and increased traffic that having lights will yield is simply too much of a burden for Edgewood High School to ask of its neighbors. Many families with young children live adjacent to the stadium. It is more than a matter of inconvenience. Loud noise and bright lights make it difficult to settle young children down and get them to sleep at an appropriate bedtime. Potential increased traffic is a safety concern, and potential house value decrease is an unfair risk to ask of hardworking families who invest in having a home in the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood.

I am happy to provide more information, further discuss my concerns on the issue, or participate in work to come up with a compromise, but my purpose for writing you today is to express that under the current conditions, I am opposed to Edgewood High School's request to add lights to their practice field and to ask you to please not support this expansion.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Rachel Roessingh
2217 West Lawn Ave

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Strong opposition to Conditional Use Permit requested by Edgewood Campus.
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:34:31 PM

From: R CoCle <rebeccacole7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Strong opposition to Conditional Use Permit requested by Edgewood Campus.

Dear All:

Edgewood has submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit to install stadium lights. If this permit is granted, they would have a right to ***UNLIMITED*** nighttime use, with no limits on the number of games, no limits on how late the lights can stay on, no limits on the use of amplified audio during games, no limits on using the lights or amplified audio for nighttime or early-morning practices, and not even any limits on renting the facility out for nighttime use by other third-party groups. Indeed, with the decrease in football popularity I could see Edgewood leasing/renting the venue for concerts and other events that could be scheduled nearly year round.

If this permit is granted I see a permanent insult and injury to the neighborhood surrounding the Edgewood campus. The proximity of private property to the Campus makes it all but impossible for lights and sound to live peacefully with residents in or around their domiciles. This area has been a peaceful, vibrant part of the Dudgeon Monroe Community and I would like it to remain so. The downside to taxpaying property owners can't be ameliorated by laws or ordinances which the city has basically indicated are unenforceable or will not be enforced (sound and light issues). I find it hard to believe that we would allow this change to occur to this neighborhood for the sole benefit of a non profit, non tax paying entity. As a private, tax exempt school, taxpaying citizens and public school groups can't have access to this facility as if it were part of the public schools such as MSCR activities. So the benefit is to a few and at great expense to many.

Beyond the nearby neighbors, the noise and lights will decrease the solace and enjoyment of the wooded area behind the campus.

I would strongly encourage you to **NOT** approve this permit request.
Thank you

Rebecca A Cole
2824 Gregory St
Madison WI
608 231 9888



Speaker:

Shawn Doherty

2121 Adams St

Opposed

Q2: If Yes, What Position?

