

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kelly Boettcher <kfortune@saris.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 8:19 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood high school football stadium

General Information

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

We are newer to the dudgeon Monroe neighborhood and plan on staying and raising our kids here. We moved here wanting to be in the city. I think that having Edgewood home games across the street would be a great thing for our community. We love taking our kids to high school football and right now we have to drive out of our neighborhood to do this. I support the proposed stadium.

Thanks for your time

Recipient:
Allen A. Arntsen

Veldran, Lisa

From: DMNA President <president@dmna.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 8:17 AM
To: Josh Napravnik
Cc: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Fwd: Edgewood Athletic Field Proposal
Attachments: Edgewood Proposal.docx

FYI

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

From: **Trest, Dennis CW2 USARMY NG WIARNG (US)** <dennis.trest.mil@mail.mil>
Date: Wed, Oct 17, 2018 at 7:37 AM
Subject: Edgewood Athletic Field Proposal
To: district13@cityofmadison.com <district13@cityofmadison.com>, president@dmna.org <president@dmna.org>

Gentlemen,

I am unable to convey my concerns in person, so please consider my enclosed letter regarding the proposed changes to the Edgewood Practice Field.

Alder Arntsen, I do not have Mr Napravik's contact information readily available, I would appreciate it if you would forward my correspondence to him.

Thank you,

Dennis Trest

Dennis Trest
CW2, FA
Targeting Officer
USFOR-A / TAAC-East

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Sent from my mobile device, which likely means I typed this out with one thumb while holding my infant son in the other arm. Please excuse any resulting typos.

Dear Alder Arntsen, Mr Hoffert, and Mr Napravnick,

I would like to voice my concerns regarding Edgewood High School's proposal to install lighting, sound, and additional seating to their practice field. This proposal has many facets that are important to the overall issue and deserve specific comments. I apologize in advance for the length of my statement and not attending the public meetings in person as I am currently serving in Afghanistan.

I am a resident of Monroe Street at the intersection with Edgewood College Drive. I moved into the neighborhood over eight years ago fully understanding that Edgewood is a neighbor. The Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood has a distinct character and enjoyment about it that my family loves, and we intend to spend many years here. The Edgewood Campus is part of that character and enjoyment, and I understand that as a neighbor and a business it has its own priorities and vision for the future. However, just like any other individual neighbor, Edgewood does not have the right to unilaterally alter the character of the neighborhood to the detriment of even a minority of others. The proposal constitutes such an alteration of character and directly impacts my ability to enjoy my property.

The Lighting proposed will be placed on towers approximately 80 ft in height. Those in themselves are a significant change to a predominantly single family home neighborhood. The talk by the Musco representatives in March of last year was very interesting, and their product seems very high tech and leagues beyond what was available only a decade ago. I did notice that the Musco representatives made clear use of the word "should" when describing the abilities of their product to reduce glare and minimize the impact on surrounding properties in this project. It must be taken into consideration that they are sales representatives, and it is their job to market their product in the best light possible, no pun intended. I did look through their website which has extensive positive examples of their product. A broader internet search shows that not all of their installations were as warmly received and athletic field lighting in general has caused controversy and ill will amongst neighbors across the country.

The same is true for the description of the sound system technology that (since the audio contractor was not present) Mr. Elliott discussed. It was presented in a hypothetical, best case assumption of conditions that again was predicated on information provided by a sales representative. He also pointed out that the design of the system was preliminary. The sound system control is not the only consideration regarding increased noise. Mr. Elliott admits that he does not have the ability to control the human voice. 100, 500, up to 1,300 people can be in attendance at these events.

The traffic and parking solutions proposed by Mr. Elliott are the best effort that can be expected from Edgewood. But again, he does not have control over the actions of his students, their fans, or that of opposing teams or outside facility users. I do appreciate that he is cognizant of the difficulties that events at Edgewood bring to the neighborhood, but his best efforts do not take away the reality that even with provided parking, those events place a stress on the residential streets and the community.

I am also concerned with the frequency of use for this facility. It is true that Monroe Street is already a corridor for UW events (Camp Randall, Kohl Center, etc.). Edgewood will have to coordinate their events to not coincide with these, which means that their events will be in addition to an already stressed corridor. To be clear, I do not hold ill will towards Edgewood HS

or its students. The location of the campus and available access makes expanded use proposals such as this unreasonable.

Several community members have spoken in favor of the facility. I can appreciate that community members see value in the prospect of attending a game there. Or two. Maybe more, if they wish. Or not if they don't. The residents adjacent to the field will not have that option.



This is the view from my living room. My yard is 95 ft from the track, 180 ft from the End zone. If the goal post were Camp Randall's, my yard would still be in the stands.

I will have seats to every lacrosse, soccer, track & field, and football game and every other event they decide to host. Every. Single. One. Whether I want to or not. Whether I am at my window, on my couch, eating dinner, reading a book, or trying to sleep. The games will practically be in my house. 35 or more times a year. I will not have the luxury of saying "not today" that my neighbors a few blocks away do. Everyone in the neighborhood has a voice that should be heard. But to this end I must say that those most affected have a significantly higher stake in the issue and should be given appropriate consideration.

As a homeowner I am concerned not only with the enjoyment of my property, but also its value. No one can reasonably argue that such a project will not have a negative effect. For similar projects, like the Bishop O'Connell HS referenced above, realtors expect a decrease of 9 – 11% for the properties adjacent to the stadium. Properties within two to three blocks are also expected to be negatively impacted. For me this translates into approximately \$40,000 in value. The properties adjacent to the practice field alone have a combined assessed value of around

\$14 million. That is a significant tax base to impact for providing a venue that Edgewood High School has successfully managed decades without. The City of Madison stands to lose annual tax revenue from reduced home values in the neighborhood in addition to added maintenance expense from increased traffic on the surrounding streets. The added infrastructure to Edgewood HS adds \$0 to assessment and \$0 tax revenue as it is tax exempt.

Opposition to this project does not deny students the opportunity to participate in athletic events. The practice field exists. Edgewood also owns property 15 minutes away that is arguably better suited for this kind of project. Edgewood HS student base predominantly commutes from outside the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. I do not state this negatively. It is a fact and there is nothing wrong with that. But it does mean that Home games will involve travel regardless if they are played on the Monroe Street campus or at another Edgewood property. Edgewood is not asking for the ability to host home games out of necessity. Their students are not denied opportunity for lack of facilities as generations of alum can attest (numerous persons in my family included). I cannot understand how having a "home field" here vs there is worth alienating a good portion of the community as well as altering the neighborhood attributes they are so proud of "being a part of" and figure so prominently in their outreach.

Should this plan move forward it cannot be undone (at least not without significant expense). Assurances by Edgewood High School administration, Musco Lighting, and the sound system contractor that points of concern are addressed and mitigated sound reasonable but are not a guarantee of success. Who determines what constitutes acceptable levels of noise, light spill, light glare, and traffic brought by these changes? Once it is built, is it reasonable to believe Edgewood would cease late night or the frequency of events if light, noise, and traffic mitigation "don't work out"? Will residents have to go through a rigorous complaint process with the city to find reprieve from violations of stipulations in a revised ten year plan (or any other agreement with the neighbors) as Mr. Elliot suggests? In the few interactions regarding complaints with people on school property I have had, their answer was "call the Police". Their unwillingness to address concerns directly and cordially neighbor to neighbor, as you and your neighbor surely would if you had a disagreement or complaint, does not set a very promising precedent.

A neighbor has procured audio testing equipment and made noise measurements. Although not a disinterested professional, he has shown that even without the proposed improvements the noise levels based on his findings are already at or above the levels the Edgewood proposal suggests the field will generate. I believe this is reasonable cause for an official noise study to be conducted prior to any approvals or permits. If Edgewood is that confident in its assessments there should be no objection.

You are probably aware that many neighbors feel Edgewood High School has not been honest in stating their ultimate goals in their dealings with the community. I agree with that sentiment and it is exhausting and not fair for them to constantly ask the neighborhood to revisit proposals year after year. I also hear some neighbors (mostly from people living outside the neighborhood) suggesting that it is not a new but an existing athletic field that is part of the neighborhood and people should not be surprised when improvements and modernizations are made over time, therefore a compromise should be found. It IS a new field built in 2015. Edgewood wanted a PRACTICE FIELD so students have to travel for practices every day. Edgewood received that compromise from the neighborhood. No lights, no sound, no competitive games, no outside users. In my opinion it shows bad faith that the electrical infrastructure for lighting was installed into the PRACTICE FIELD despite assurances that it was

not Edgewood's intentions to ever have lighting. Now Edgewood is asking for exactly what they said they were not going to ask for, and if the past is any indicator, Edgewood will continue to ask for more compromises in a continuous stream of future requests until in the end it has achieved exactly what was intended to begin with. For the record, Edgewood immediately began hosting actual games contrary to their PRACTICE FIELD agreement which further puts their good faith intentions in question as far as I am concerned.

Lastly the timeframe of the current proposal is concerning. Considering that the proposal does not involve safety or critical infrastructure concerns, there is no pressing reason for this process to be fast tracked. I feel the opposition last year and resistance to the existing PRACTICE FIELD shows that an expedited approval process would only serve to delegitimize the city's role as a steward of I am urging you to insist they abide by the current ten-year plan that the neighborhood agreed to in good faith.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Dennis Trest

2310 Monroe St, Madison

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kim Kessler <kwk@chorus.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 9:10 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood stadium expansion

We live at 2209 West Lawn, and unfortunately, are not available to attend the meeting tonight. We would like to express our concerns about the proposed expanded use of the athletic field at Edgewood High School.

As neighbors of this private school, we feel strongly that this expansion will have a negative impact on an already busy traffic corridor. We don't feel that our neighborhood will experience any benefits from this expansion.

While there is congestion at key times of the day at our local public high school, our neighborhood also experiences many benefits from this school including use of their tennis courts, basketball court, and numerous community events that draw the neighborhood to this school.

We hope you will vote no when this issue is brought to the full city council.

Kim Kessler and Rick Mundt
2209 West Lawn Avenue

Sent from my iPad

Veldran, Lisa

From: Lynn Aspinwall <Lynn.Aspinwall@sonicfoundry.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 9:38 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Please Read.....
Attachments: Edgewood Letter.docx

Good morning Alder Arntsen,

I am sure you have been inundated with messages from my neighbors in opposition of the Edgewood Athletic Complex and reading through them must be exhausting! I wanted to take a moment to share with you my perspective in FAVOR of the project and the letter I have written to hopefully read at the meeting this evening to express my support. My neighbors on Woodrow Street held a meeting last Wednesday and chose to exclude anyone from the meeting that they thought would not agree with them. Several of us have been very quiet on the subject and some indifferent, but when I heard about the meeting to "strategize", I decided it was time to pipe up and express my opinion too. We have a handful of neighbors on our street that are very vocal and have never supported any efforts that Edgewood presents with any terms of compromise. At some point, I think they will just lose all credibility.

I am on the Board of Directors of the Madison Elks Lodge and our mission is to focus on giving back to the community, supporting children's educations and helping Veterans. I wish I could ask my neighbors to take a little of the negative energy they are spending on fighting this project and focus more on participating in solutions that will bring positive programs to help support others in our community.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my rant and Best of Luck during your term as our Alderman!

Lynn Aspinwall
886 Woodrow Street

I am speaking as a neighbor, an alumni and the parent of an alum in total support of the Edgewood proposal to build the stadium and allow the students to enjoy the new facilities at THEIR school. I know that I am the minority amongst my neighbors who have strong opinions and have "strategized" together to express their opposition to this project. My family has lived on Woodrow Street since 1944 and they knew when they moved in that Edgewood was the center of our neighborhood. My grandfather and grandmother raised their 6 children who all attended Edgewood. My Dad can tell you the name of who lived in every one of your houses when he was growing up. We live in Madison with the pride of having a World renowned University just a few miles from our homes. The sounds coming for Camp Randall on football Saturdays in the fall brings excitement to our neighborhood, customers to our local businesses and Yes, A Lot of traffic and noise! Why should it be any different for the Edgewood campus that attracts students from all over our community, county and state?

I moved to Woodrow Street in 2000, when my grandmother asked me if I wanted to purchase her house when she was moving to assisted living. When we moved to Woodrow Street, the neighborhood was full of children the same age as my daughter, they played outside together, had sleep overs, ran through the backyards to soccer practice at Wingra park and made LOTS of noise. I loved the sound of them giggling, riding their bikes up and down the street, playing in the neighbor's pool and jumping on the trampoline in our backyard. How much fun they would have all had together running over to watch sporting events at Edgewood??

In fifth grade, my daughter attended a middle school basketball game at Edgewood and came home afterwards and asked if she could go to Edgewood the following year. I hesitated, but we talked about it a lot and agreed that she would have so many more opportunity to play sports at Edgewood than she would at the school she was attending. She played soccer, softball, volleyball, Varsity Basketball and became the manager of the boys football team in high school. The girls had to haul all the equipment every Friday night out to Middleton High School and bring it all back to Edgewood after every game. They should have just been able to walk across the parking lot!

A few weeks ago my windows were open and I listened to the girls practicing for their Homecoming Powder Puff football game in the early mornings and it reminded me of the great memories I had our Senior year at Edgewood over 30 years ago. My neighbors think this will somehow impact their quality of life for the few years, that you may live on this street. Edgewood has been here for 137 years and I ask you to consider the thousands of kids that will be making memories at this school long after we are gone. Edgewood doesn't rely on our property tax money to support them, they rely on the parents and alumni for their support to provide quality education and great opportunity's to their students. What better way to attract new students than to showcase a great sports facility for years to come and support the great programs they provide to their students. At what cost to you? A little extra noise and lights on a Friday night?

As a single mother, I will be forever grateful to Edgewood for my daughter's exceptional education that guided her to succeed at UW Madison, where she graduated in May and she has come full circle back home at Edgewood College to pursue her dream of a Nursing Degree in their one year accelerated program. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak on behalf of this great school and I look forward to hearing the sound of laughter and excitement in our neighborhood again!

From: Colleen Howes <chowes01@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 5:42 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood stadium

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition for using Edgewood Stadium for night football games. This is an unreasonable proposal that will affect the ability of tax paying property owners to enjoy their property. Specifically,

- 1) increased traffic and parking congestion
- 2) noise pollution
- 3) The stadium does not serve the Dudgeon-Monroe community. It serves as an alternative revenue source for a private school that draws its enrollment from outside of the neighborhood. A revenue generating stadium benefits Edgewood, not the neighboring community.
- 4) Other stadiums in our community were built with large areas of buffering land before any residences, and the homes around were built contemporaneously with the stadium. Those who purchased those homes did so with full knowledge of their proximity to a stadium. Our situation is the opposite -- the homes in the neighborhood, some of which are over 100 years old, are directly surrounding the Edgewood field with no intermediary property.

A similar proposal had been rejected some decades ago, so neighbors had no indication there could be such an extreme change to the situation. I look forward to more public debate about this proposal.

Colleen Howes & Dan Julie
2257 Keyes

From: Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 7:00 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Fwd: Night games at Edgewood

Hi

Just passing along feedback from one of my constituents. Thanks Shiva

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Brenda K. Chamberlain" <brendakchamberlain@gmail.com>
Date: September 10, 2018 at 4:41:52 PM CDT
To: district5@cityofmadison.com
Subject: **Re: Night games at Edgewood**

Hello again!

I've heard rumors that Edgewood may use the field far beyond the school's own occasional events and rent the field out for other uses. If this is true, it sways my opinion and I do NOT approve. Perhaps there is a middle ground to be negotiated?

Thanks!

Brenda Chamberlain
2250 Hollister Avenue

On Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 10:28 PM Brenda K. Chamberlain <brendakchamberlain@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi,

I completely support Edgewood HS and College having night games and using lights. My children (ages 2, 4, and 5) do not attend the school, but the campus is a wonderful neighbor. We live a block south of West High and are not bothered by night events. It is all part of what keeps our fantastic neighborhood lively and safe. The community that is evoked from our local schools and businesses is a huge part of why we choose to live here.

Sincerely,

Brenda Chamberlain
2250 Hollister Avenue

Veldran, Lisa

From: Noonan, Kenneth <Noonan@ortho.wisc.edu>
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2018 9:53 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: <no subject>

Dear Mr Arnsten

I am a resident of Nakoma and I am writing to ask for your support to approve lights at Edgewood High School
My children have been athletes at EHS and for years they have had to travel to "home games"
Now that the athletic field has been refurbished it needs lights so that we can have home HS games
I have been made aware that EHS needs city approval. I hope that you will support this and the EHS community
I am certain that having home games will be an economic boon to the local establishments on Monroe street.
It appears that plenty of parking is available

I am sure there are some who have some concern that this will affect the neighborhood
I can't imagine it could be anything like the traffic the area sees from Badger football games and the traffic to the Kohl center

Having Home Games is critical to enhance the educational experience for EHS; something that is good for Madison and the neighborhood]

Thank you
Ken Noonan

Veldran, Lisa

From: Patrick Wall <Patrick.Wall@AREDITIONS.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 9:44 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Support for Edgewood High School

Alder Arntsen
Common Council Office
210 Martin Luther King,
Jr. Blvd, Room 417
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am fully and enthusiastically in favor of Edgewood High School's plan to make full use of its athletic field for games and practices. We live adjacent to EHS and Edgewood College and they are good neighbors. If we don't allow the high school to offer the services that parents and students demand, we can look forward to the high school closing. The school needs the facility to compete with the new high schools being built for 10's of millions of dollars by communities outside Madison. Wait until Verona builds their \$100 million high school. Families go where great schools are. Keep Madison strong by keeping Edgewood strong.

I know not all our neighbors favor the idea of games being played on the new field. Their pessimism is understandable. We had similar concerns when Edgewood College built their new dormitory. But it turned out well and our fears of traffic and noise and students staggering home from State Street at all hours of the night were completely unfounded.

Listen to neighbors' fears and concerns but then vote for growth and improvement. Take a chance on it all turning out well. I know it will.

Thank you,

Patrick Wall
1102 Lincoln Street
Madison, WI 53711

From: Greg Paradise <greg@mwp-law.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 11:31 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium

Allen: I am writing you not in any legal capacity but just as any other citizen would. This concerns the Edgewood Stadium.

I live in the Nakoma neighborhood and drive by Edgewood nearly every day. My two sons went to Edgewood and have turned out pretty well if I do say so myself. I think Edgewood provides a good educational alternative for parents in Madison and part of that is the social activities that every high school student needs in order to become a more well-rounded person. Athletics is a part of that. I know from experience how hard these young athletes work. For the vast majority, this is it. It would be great if they were supported by playing in their own facility.

We talk a lot about communities in Madison. Edgewood is a community and it is part of the greater community, as witnessed by the number of service hours each student is required to put in as a condition to graduation and the annual Edgewood Day in the Community event. I know neighbors are concerned about the affect events will have on their neighborhood, but I think the School has done a lot to deal with those concerns. I hope you can support this project. I think in the long run even the neighbors will come to see it as a good thing. Greg.

Gregory J. Paradise
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Veldran, Lisa

From: Stephen Balsley <spats.balsley@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 12:07 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: Emily Balsley
Subject: Edgewood lights issue

Allen-

I wanted to reach out. We met years ago at a DMI bicycle sub committee meeting. I was happy to see you take on the role of alder in our district.

Emily and I live at the corner of Commonwealth and Fox. We support the installation of lights at Edgewood for sporting events.

Simple. Say hi to Betsy for me.

Stephen

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kathryn Johnson <tjkjmj@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 1:31 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium Improvements

Alder Arntsen,

I am writing to voice my support for the Edgewood High School stadium improvements. I have read Edgewood's proposal and read many of my neighbors' concerns on the Nextdoor forum. It appears to me that EHS has done its very best to address the neighbors' concerns. The amount of games/other events that will be held there are not drastically different from what is already held there. Yes, some will be later at night, but not that many. I believe that the positives, both for the neighborhood and the students at EHS, far outweigh any concerns that have been mentioned.

I have lived in the neighborhood and within walking distance of EHS for over 27 years (Pickford Street). I welcome the opportunity to be able to walk to high school sporting events or other events that may be held at the stadium. The Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood is vibrant and has so many opportunities for activities and events that we can walk to. I feel that the stadium improvements are something that will offer us another opportunity to attend events that are close to home and maintain the vibrancy of the neighborhood!

Thank you!

Kate Johnson
645 Pickford Street
[REDACTED]

From: RICHARD O FRIDAY <rofriday@wisc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 2:38 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: stadium proposal

17 October 2018

Dear Mr. Arntsen,

I strongly oppose the Edgewood High School stadium proposal. While I live on the south end of Woodrow St. near the lake, I am not writing this as “Nimby”. I have lived in the neighborhood for over 50 years , but being north of 75 I have limited years left in this location. I am speaking for the kids and grandkids not yet born as well as for the thousands of residents and visitors who will be impacted by this decision for years to come

The Park and Pleasure Drive, Vilas and Wingra Parks, the Arboretum and Lake Wingra combine to provide a green and quiet space and recreational opportunities for thousands of people as an oasis in the middle of urban chaos. They are jewels that need to be protected. As you know, once wetlands are filled, farms fields paved over, dams constructed, forests cut or highways built there is no going back. There are consequences, both good and bad, that persist for a long time.

The Edgewood athletic field is not a municipal space like Breeze Stevens. The three schools are wealthy, tax-exempt religious entities that already impact a central neighborhood and commuting corridor with noise and light pollution, as well as traffic and parking problems. This project will significantly increase those problems. Please oppose the project and support the “Lake Wingra Jewel.” Also note that West High, a much larger city school, has survived for many years without a lighted stadium. Edgewood can do the same. Our previous Alder, Sara Eskrich, spent countless hours evaluating the stadium proposal when it first surfaced. It might be instructive to talk to her.

Thank you,

Dr. Richard Friday

1050 Woodrow St.

Madison, WI. 53711

From: Ned Sibert <nedsibert@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 3:05 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Plans for Stadium

Dear Mr Arntsen,

I am opposed to the 1,200 seat stadium with lights and sound system. Edgewood has continued to grow for the 30+ years that I have lived in the neighborhood. This growth has created friction over the years as the residential community around Edgewood has watched a beautiful campus become ever more crowded with buildings and students. The newest step they wish to take is beyond reason. I can see no advantage that this stadium will offer except to the well-to-do parents who will get to watch their sons play football. I recognize that other events will be held, but the size, the lights, and the loud speakers are on a scale that exceeds the needs of every other sport.

As the Alder for District 13, I ask you to defend our right to say no to this stadium and keep the Edgewood master plan as is. I do not believe it is in the best interests of the district, and it would be a great loss to me as a homeowner.

Sincerely,

Ned Sibert
2318 W Lawn Ave, Madison, WI 53711

From: gretchen twietmeyer <gtwiet@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 3:09 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Fwd: Edgewood sport stadium proposal, Arnold Arntsen

I am forwarding to you my email to your predecessor, which is obviously still pertinent. I expect I'll see you this evening.

Gretchen

Begin forwarded message:

From: gretchen twietmeyer <gtwiet@gmail.com>
Subject: Edgewood sport stadium proposal
Date: May 16, 2017 at 9:31:48 PM CDT
To: district13@cityofmadison.com

I missed the neighborhood meeting where the presentation was made but have reviewed a neighbor's extensive notes.

I have lived at 2260 West Lawn for 43 years; the extreme proximity of this new stadium to my home suggests that there will be difficulty with noise, light, traffic and that trusting that they are thinking about our best interest is a poor strategy.

Noise has always been an issue with Edgewood events, even across busy Monroe St. Edgefest (I go way back) was an entire weekend of it, but anytime they do anything miked over there, even not directly across from me you can hear announcer emotion and actual words, not pretty. I don't, by the way, get noise from the Sunday Farmer's markets there.

On two recent weekends there were events at the stadium. I could hear boisterous shouting. The 2nd time, on a Sunday, I walked over and saw a football game (uniforms, lighted scoreboard) and a moderate amount of people in the stands. Those events were not miked, and it is hard to imagine that using a sound system would NOT produce intrusive unwanted noise, despite the presence of a 'bowl'

Going from an unlighted field to a lighted one will add to light pollution, even if mitigated.

My part of West Lawn tends to get parked up with Edgewood HS students (even with our more recent 2 hour parking!) and certainly for their events. Most of the neighbors on my block who requested the 2 hour parking seemed most concerned about dangerous driving (we have alot of small children at this point). Teen-aged parkers tend to act in ways similar to UW Vilas neighborhood's UW football parkers (ours seem to be mainly alums).

As a former Dudgeon Monroe council member, I was impressed with the way Edgewood College worked with our council liaisons to resolve issues, but this did not seem to carry over to the high school. I am very concerned that whatever they get will be pushed in directions at odds with the neighborhood—we should not be having to defend ourselves from them. That's how I interpret 'consulting with the neighbors about adding things'.

Thanks for listening.

Gretchen Twietmeyer

Veldran, Lisa

From: Rachel Lander <rlander42@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 3:24 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen; president@dmna.org
Subject: Edgewood stadium

Dear Mr Arntsen,

I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts with you. I am emailing to convey my strong opposition to Edgewood high school's stadium, lights and sound system. I have lived in the neighborhood (2310 West Lawn Avenue) for many years and fear this would greatly negatively affect some of the very reasons I moved into this neighborhood and love living here so much -- peace and calm. I am not an expert on light and sound systems, but I worry that any such elements that would make a field feasible, would also be heard and seen in the surrounding area. Anything close to 26-40 evenings per year, in addition to days, feels like a high amount of times of disruption to us neighbors.

I would not choose to move into a house close to a stadium with lights and sound and I feel like there's a promise inherent in the current master plan that honors the neighbors and our choices to live here. And I believe this would be broken if this change would go forward. Though I am sympathetic to their wishes to host home games, I really do believe this change would greatly negatively change this neighborhood and all it offers.

As the Alder to District 13, I really hope you will vote no for any sound system or lights that could be heard or seen by any surrounding neighbors.

Thank you very much for your consideration,
Rachel Lander
2310 West Lawn Ave
Madison, WI 53711
[REDACTED]

From: Kay Cashman Cahill <kcahill83@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 3:39 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood stadium--please read

Dear Allen,

I intend to go to tonight's meeting about Edgewood High School's stadium wishes. However, a 6 p.m. meeting has arisen so I may not make it. I want to share my thoughts with you as I might at the meeting. Our family has lived within a block of Edgewood HS campus since 1994. For the past 10 years we've been at 2119 Jefferson St., just across Edgewood from the high school parking lot entrance.

1) We have never been complainers about noise from UW Football games, because after all, the noise and traffic are just a half dozen times per years. However, I am concerned that once this stadium with seats for 1200 and a large sound system is permitted, at a cost of well over 1 million dollars, Edgewood HS will have a great incentive to put it to use frequently and to rent it to recoup costs. Instead of a few times every autumn, we could be subject to noise from games and competitions, charity runs, tailgates, and other events that might find a large gathering place with a sound system enticing. What kind of limits will be put on the use of the facility for sizeable crowds which will impact the neighbourhood, and what limits especially on amplified events?

2) My understanding is that the Goodman fund donated the track and field to Edgewood with the understanding they would share it with the community. What are they doing to fulfil this? I understand that community members aren't banned from using the field for individual practice when Edgewood is not putting it to use. That seems quite limited to me. How would the creation of this expensive stadium complex affect that? In particular, I am all too aware that West HS (like East HS) has no track so that West students must travel to Memorial HS for track and field practice. This is difficult and results in students in some West track events having very little access to facilities such as pole vault and jump pits. Is this an area where Edgewood HS could make a meaningful contribution to the wider community with this facility?

3) Most important to me, what accountability would Edgewood have to the community under this plan? I have lived in proximity to Edgewood HS for a long time, and my experience is that most of the Edgewood HS community, in particular, operates without accountability to this neighborhood. Most of the students' families do not live in our area and do not operate like our neighbors. That means when issues arise, they are unresponsive.

I had an experience I need to share which still disturbs me very much. I was hosting a birthday party for my own high school-age child when we looked out the window to see Edgewood HS students engaging in vandalism on our property. They were kicking down our election yard signs. This was a couple days after the Nov. 2016 election, and my signs were to me a very important expression of my political speech and my rights as an American which I feared were under threat from the result. I ran outside to speak to the students about how upsetting this was to me. They gave me a lot of attitude, would not stop and speak, and were rude and dismissive of my concerns. I called Madison Police because I felt it was very important these teenagers be accountable for their behavior in our community.

That got their attention, and a couple of them called their parents, who drove over to arrive shortly after the police. Their parents were very concerned--but not about what their children had done to an Edgewood neighbor's property, just about making sure their kids suffered no negative consequences. I told the police I cared only that these teens be held accountable by their parents and school. The police said their experience with Edgewood was that the institution was unresponsive in matters involving their students. That seems very important as we consider the possible fallout for the neighborhood with a stadium bringing over a thousand people into our area regularly.

The parents told me they had already contacted the school and assured me they would follow up with their children and I would hear from them. I agreed to drop the matter on that basis. I never heard a single word from those teenagers or

their parents or Edgewood after that. A week later, I wrote to Shannon McDonough at the high school to request that Edgewood follow this matter up, as to me it was a very significant part of teaching their students how to behave respectfully in a civil society even with political divisions. I never had any response from her or from anyone at Edgewood.

I have not been able to forget this. I took away the message that I didn't matter, my home and neighborhood do not matter at Edgewood High School. What matters is their students doing what they want. Right now they want to have a large, noisy festive crowd attend football games. When problems arise with parking, drinking, or noise, I have every reason to believe Edgewood HS as an institution and community will be unresponsive and unconcerned.

What assurances can they give, what **real** commitment could they make, that would cause me to believe otherwise?

Thank you for your serious attention to this matter with longterm consequences for our community.

Yours,

Kay Cahill
kcahill83@gmail.com



From: Ben Yahr <bjyahr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 4:39 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Lights and Lake Wingra

Alder Arntsen-

Friends of Lake Wingra is writing to express our concern with Edgewood High School's plan to add lighting and 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

Veldran, Lisa

From: Cecilia Carlsson <ccarlso2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 4:52 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Lights

Hi,

My name is Cecilia Carlsson and our home is located at 2114 Vilas Ave. I am in support of Edgewood improving their sports field and adding lighting.

Thanks,

Cecilia Carlsson

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kay Cashman Cahill <kcahill83@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 4:54 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Fwd: Sent to Shannon McDonough 11/18/16

Dear Allen,

Here is a copy of the email I sent to the assistant principal at Edgewood HS following vandalism on my property by 4 Edgewood athletes. I received no reply nor any sort of followup from Edgewood. This is why I question whether we can trust how they will deal with impacts from their stadium project in our neighborhood.

Yours,

Kay Cahill

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

Dear Ms. McDonough,

Last Friday a group of five Edgewood students knocked down the political signs displayed in my yard. I caught up to them as they walked through the neighborhood and expressed my concern: this was my property and my constitutionally protected political speech. I asked them for accountability; I wanted their names and I wanted their parents and their school to be alert to their behavior so they could counsel and instruct them as parents and schools are supposed to do. Especially in this post-election environment in which speech has been suppressed and acts of hatred have been taking place toward a minority, this behavior felt threatening. However, these are young people and they should have the chance to learn about appropriate behavior in a civil society.

They would not stop and were quite rude to me and my daughter. So I called the Madison Police Department because I couldn't see another way for there to be accountability from these young women. At that point they took my concerns more seriously, or at least believed they could not just ignore them. A couple of them called their parents: two parents showed up shortly after the police, David Guinther and Margaret Maher.

I told the police that I would be open to a resolution in which parents took responsibility. I agreed with Mr. Guinther and Ms. Maher that they would speak with their children and with you--Maher had already called you, and told me to expect to hear from you the following day. We agreed that they would discuss an appropriate response with their children and I would hear from them. I felt that a restorative approach involving family and school community is much more meaningful than children simply being told to say, "Sorry" without any processing or thought.

However, a week has now passed and I have heard nothing from any student, any parent, or anyone at Edgewood. Are you aware of what took place and the students involved? Ms. Maher told me that Edgewood had held that day an assembly suggesting that everyone must "move forward together" after the election; do you think students took from that that no one should retain views held prior to the election or should voice opposition? I am baffled at the lack of further response or any accountability from these students. This is a teachable moment, surely, but is the teaching taking place? Our freedom of speech is perhaps our most precious right as Americans and to trample it thoughtlessly reveals a lack of understanding.

If my child did such a thing--regardless of the sentiments on the sign and whether I agreed or disagreed with them--I would be on the phone to that family immediately and my child would be in the process of creating an appropriate apology expressing understanding of the offense this represented.

I feel that the parents were angry that I had involved the police, but ironically Edgewood tends to tell us to call the police when their students are involved in disturbances in the community. Perhaps you could explain that to them.

Moreover, I had no intention of calling the police when I saw the girls' actions, but their refusal to take any responsibility or even courteously to listen as I explained how their actions violated my family's rights left me no alternative.

I would certainly like to hear from Edgewood at this point. I consider that your students in our community represent your institution.

Thank you,

Kay Cahill


Veldran, Lisa

From: Tucker, Matthew
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 5:47 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: Parks, Timothy
Subject: RE: Comments on Edgewood Football Stadium Proposal

Ald. Arntsen- I have significant concerns about how people might interpret the noise and light measurements components of this message.

This is all a bit of a grey area anyway, because this matter will ultimately come down to a quality-of-life question for our City Policy-makers, and not specific scientific data. There will not be any code violations, unless lighting elements are installed improperly.

For what it is worth, the City has very sensitive scientific equipment to measure noise and light. City staff are experienced in using this equipment. The equipment is tested and calibrated for precision, by city staff. City staff are not in a position to visit Waunakee or other distant places to measure the sound and light, nor should we. I have a fair amount of experience in this area, and I don't see any concrete reason to measure other places as a comparison. There will be cast-off light, there will be crowd noise, and there will be P.A. noise.

I do question the method/accuracy of these measurements, given that Mr. Brodsky is clearly in a position of opposition to this proposal. I think these findings should be taken anecdotally, and viewed as one person's observations, rather than something we can rely on as accurate measurements of light which may emit from the site. The sound (crowd noise, P.A., band, etc.) is much more difficult to accurately measure, and intonations or voice inflections, the direction of wind, the orientation of the source, temperature, cloud cover, possible external sound that could influence the readings (like traffic on Monroe) etc. directly affect sound readings. Any measurements, from either an individual living in the neighborhood, a consultant of Edgewood or a City Staff person, will not paint a clear picture of the experience.

Matt Tucker

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

From: Arntsen, Allen
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 6:26 PM
To: AutoLogon; AutoLogon; AutoLogon
Subject: Fw: Comments on Edgewood Football Stadium Proposal

FYI. This is substantive information that should be addressed. Thanks Allen

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From: Ethan Brodsky <ethan.brodsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 5:57 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Comments on Edgewood Football Stadium Proposal

Mr. Arntsen -

My name is Ethan Brodsky and I live at 866 Woodrow Street and am writing in regard to the Edgewood football stadium proposal. This is going to be an extremely long letter and I'm sure you've got a lot on your plate right now, so if you read nothing else at this point, I ask that you please at least read the next paragraph, which is the only time-sensitive request in the letter.

I have been told that you will be moderating the Edgewood neighborhood meeting this coming Wednesday. If this is the case, or if you have any control of how the meeting is conducted, I am requesting that you require each speaker to begin their comment with their address (or at least what street or "neighborhood" they live in, or the distance from their home to the proposed stadium) and their past and current affiliations with Edgewood (i.e. alumni, parent of student, employee, etc...). When we went through this process two years ago, Edgewood encouraged large numbers of alumni and other boosters to attend and their comments drew the meeting out to last so long that many immediate neighbors of the proposed stadium had to leave before it was over and were unable to speak. I understand that anyone who would like to speak must be allowed to do so, but it's also important that, at a "neighborhood meeting" that is intended to get the "neighborhood's opinion" on this proposal, Edgewood's neighbors are afforded an opportunity to speak.

That said, the rest of my comments are in regard to the proposal in general and not the conduct of the meeting this week and are thus less time sensitive.

I'm going to leave my personal opinions on the stadium proposal out of this letter and focus solely on the objective scientific measurements and analysis that I have made to study it.

Edgewood's current stadium proposal, as detailed in their Liason Committee meeting presentation on 8 Oct of this year and in the "Goodman Athletic Complex" page on their website:

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https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district/districtfiles/district13/documents/EHS_AthleticComplexAgreement_1_4_17.pdf

Edgewood has been long aware of community opposition to this stadium. In a 15 June 2015 article in the Wisconsin State Journal about improvements to Edgewood's "athletic practice facility", Edgewood President Michael Elliot acknowledges 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":

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He 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." The article details how the football team will continue playing their games at Breitenbach Stadium.

It is clear that Edgewood understands that neighborhood opposition to this project is extremely strong, and I would argue that is a very good reason for the city to proceed with caution here and not allow the proposal to be fast-tracked without adequate study. Because of the nature of the zoning code and construction itself, the harm that would be created by mistakenly allowing

the construction to proceed would be far higher than the harm associated with delaying it until it could be more carefully considered.

Currently there has been little evidence provided by Edgewood to support their claim that the stadium will have minimum impact on neighboring properties - many of the claims they have made are directly from marketing materials provided by their suppliers and dubious at best. Notably, in the presentation at their Oct 8 meeting, they made two patently false claims regarding noise ("noise on surrounding properties will be < 60 dB") and light spill ("falls to zero outside the blue line") that were obviously untrue to any listener with any familiarity with those topics.

During the 2017 process, Edgewood repeatedly pointed to Waunakee as a model for the advanced lighting technology they were proposing to use. On the city's "District 13 Development" page (next to your picture!):

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district13/development/>

there is a quoted request from Edgewood president Mike Elliott:

Effective for the 2017 fall sports season, Waunakee High School is using the same style of lighting that Edgewood is proposing to use in their upgrades. If you are interested in and/or concerned about the Edgewood proposal, I highly encourage you to attend all or part of one of the Waunakee sporting events listed below so that you can decide for yourself how disruptive or not having lights like these in our neighborhood would be. No matter what your current or future opinion on the potential Edgewood upgrades may be, we will all benefit from being informed when it comes to the specifics of what is being proposed. Edgewood has specifically asked that we consider the following assertions (quoting from Edgewood High School's president, Mike Elliott):

- Observe how these lights minimize light glow, spill and reflection.
- Stand outside the stadium and observe how the light ends at the edge of the track.
- Stand behind the shrubs outside the stadium at the west end of the field and see how little light escapes. This would be similar to our tree cover on Woodrow Street.
- Observe how the entire sky is not illuminated above and around the stadium.

(Note that at the 8 Oct 2018 meeting, Mr. Elliott was instead suggesting Mansfield Stadium at Memorial High School for comparison. I inquired at that meeting why he had switched from suggesting Waunakee to Mansfield and he said that it was just "because Mansfield was more convenient to get to" and that "Waunakee also has the same lights as Mansfield and that we intend to use")

I took his suggestion and did exactly what he said, observing the Waunakee stadium on numerous occasions, but coming to exactly the opposite conclusion. I'm a private pilot and fly out of the airport adjacent to the Waunakee stadium regularly, so I am in the area regularly, and observed a number of games there, took photos and videos on 15 Sep 2017 and 6 Oct 2018, and collected rigorous data on the most recent date.

I have put several videos of the stadium online here:

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These videos were taken from carefully-selected positions that were chosen to be representative of specific locations on Woodrow Street, specifically the center of the sidewalk at the center of the driveway for 830 Woodrow Street, and the same point for the shared driveway for 812/820 Woodrow Street. If you were to take two steps backwards from locations that these videos were filmed, you would be standing on these landowners' property, approximately 15-20 feet from their homes.

The 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. I did this in Google Earth and can share maps showing the corresponding sampling points, if that would be helpful. I then identified the points on the ground using a handheld GPS.

At each of these locations, I 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 +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). Noise measurements were collected with an Extech 407736 sound level meter using the A-weighting range and "fast" (125 ms) response filter, which is the conventional practice for measuring noise of this type. The instrument is rated to +1.5 dB from 35-90 dB. The noise measurements were collected with the meter either handheld at chest to eye level or on a tripod at the same height.

From a sound standpoint, at the locations corresponding to the driveways of homes on Woodrow Street, I was measuring sound levels substantially higher than the "60 dB" levels that Edgewood has claimed. I measured sound levels of 81.2 dB from the PA system, 82 dB from the band, 80.9 dB from the crowd, and 68.4 dB from the cheerleading squad. The highest sound level I measured was 87.3 dB, just after a "pick six" by Waunakee. The stands were not anywhere near full.

I also recorded a third video, from a parking lot roughly 750 feet from the sideline. Many homes on the 2200 and 2300 blocks of Monroe and West Lawn, portions of Keyes and Leonard Street, and most of the homes on Terry and Woodrow Street are within this distance of Edgewood's field. This is what the game looks and sounds like from that distance:

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Even at this point, measured sound levels were 67 dB from the PA system and 64 dB from the band, far higher than the 60 dB claimed by Edgewood.

I also stopped in a quiet parking lot (off Division Street) that is approximately 3,000 feet from the Waunakee stadium, with no direct line-of-sight path to the field, and could *still* hear the crowd noise, music, and PA from there. Drawing a circle that distance out from Edgewood's proposed stadium includes everything out almost to Speedway and Regent Street, Monroe from Wingra School to the Monroe Street public library, the Vilas Neighborhood out past Grant Street, Vilas Park out to the Zoo, much of Lake Wingra, and portions of the arboretum. Crowd and PA noise from Edgewood's proposed stadium would be audible over much or all of this area.

Because these types of noise are so different from other kinds of noise, it is difficult to come up with comparisons to these sound level numbers that are meaningful to everyone. As someone who has studied snowmobile noise (I used to advise a UW project to build clean and quiet snowmobiles), it is helpful for me to think that these numbers in the low 80s are substantially louder than the (since 1975) legal limit of 78 dB for a snowmobile doing a full-throttle pass-by at 50 feet, but, obviously, a snowmobile pass-by only lasts a few seconds. The 87.3 dB measurement is comparable to the level you'd hear standing 50 feet from an interstate highway as a semi-truck drove past you. Other comparisons in that range would be a chainsaw at 50 feet (~85 dB) or a car horn at 50 feet (~86 dB).

Those are all "mechanical" sounds though, and very different in nature from crowd noise, which is a mixture of the constant "murmur" of conversations and the "surges" as everyone cheers at once. In a paper by Hayne et al. published in the Proceedings of Acoustics 2006:

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the authors observe:

"In complaints about crowd noise, complainants are not necessarily consistent in the way they describe the intrusiveness of the noise. In some instances, the complaint is with the constant unescapable babble,

but in other cases, the disturbance is caused by frequent loud intrusive noises. Clearly crowd noise can be both of these."

To better understand the impact of this, I look at a paper called "Community Annoyance with Sports Crowd Noise: A case study of the facts in a jury decision", written by Jack Evans from Engineered Vibration Acoustics and Noise Solutions and published in the Proceedings of NoiseCon 1990:

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It studies a case in Texas regarding a sports complex built immediately adjacent to a residential neighborhood, and details testimony from expert witnesses explaining that "broadband noise approximately 10 dB over ambient becomes objectionable, but narrow-band or tonal noise much closer or even below ambient can be perceptible annoying" (not only would Edgewood's proposed stadium exceed this, but their current use already does). It also states that "speech interference and distraction may occur with ambient sound levels between 60 and 70 dBA when the speaker and listener are separated by 15-20 feet, as would be very likely in the backyard", and that "75-80 dB will interfere with speech at five feet". It also notes that "continuous exposure to a varying and intermittent intrusive noise of 60 to 70 dBA, while not endangering health, can be annoying and cause stress", that it is not viable to use music or other background noise to "mask" sounds of these levels, and that "crowd voice noise, with nearly instantaneous increase and decrease in volume, has an almost startling effect unlike the gradual rise and fall of volume of intermittent source such as aircraft flyover or railroad traffic" (and is thus more disturbing than non-intermittent noise of a same level). Edgewood's proposed stadium would exceed all of these thresholds.

Of course the environment around Edgewood is different from that around Waunakee, so to get a basis for comparison, I observed a Junior Varsity Football game at Edgewood on 11 Oct 2018. Based on a photo I took of the bleachers, there were approximately 50 spectators in attendance. I recorded the following sound levels (dBA, fast weighting), being careful not to take measurements when there was any traffic on Monroe Street.

From the sidewalk in front of the 812/8200 Woodrow driveway:

Whistle: 64.4
Ambient: 42-43

From the sidewalk in front of 2314 Monroe Street:

Whistle: 64.3, 64.2
Crowd: 61.7
Ambient: 45-47

From the front stoop of 2310 Monroe Street: (i.e. at the home's front door)

Crowd: 68.4, 61.7, 68.6
Team chant: 63.7 (organized, far end zone), 63.7 (disorganized, mid-field)
After-game yelling: 61.6
Ambient: 46-48

All of these measurements are *already* in excess of the "60 dB" that Edgewood is claiming neighbors will experience with crowds twenty times larger. Notably, they already involve both broadband (cheering) and tonal (whistle) sounds that are both 20 dB over ambient, whereas the Texas case found that "broadband noise approximately 10 dB over ambient becomes objectionable" and "narrow-band or tonal noise much closer or even below ambient can be perceptible annoying". Indeed, neighbors have already found these sound levels to be objectionable, and Edgewood's current use of the facility is already generating noise complaints.

To try to estimate what it would be like with a larger crowd, I did a bit of research into how to scale noise levels with crowd size. A simple model based on physical principles would suggest that every 10x increase in crowd size corresponds to a 10 dB increase in noise. The paper "Prediction of Noise from Small to Medium Sized Crowds" (Hayne et al., Proceedings of ACOUSTICS 2011):

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finds that an increase is 11 dB in the "transient" component of noise and 15 dB in the "steady-state babble" (presumably because individual speakers within the crowd raise their voice levels in response to the louder background levels, resulting in higher levels than just purely combining a bunch of equal voices).

If the cheers from a 50-person crowd are 69 dB at a particular listening point, then a 500-person crowd would be 80 dB at that same point (11 dB more), and a 1,200-person crowd would be 84 dB from that point ($69 + 11 * \log_{10}(1200/50)$). These measurements are very much in line with the 87 dB I measured at Waunakee, considering the differences in measurement distance, measurement position (behind the end zone instead of across from the stands), and crowd size.

All evidence suggests that homes on Woodrow and Monroe Street will experience sound levels that are at least in the 80-90 dB range, that homes out 750 ft from the stadium will experience sound levels in the 60-70 dB range (also objectionable), and that homes out to 3000 ft will be able to hear the noise from the stadium.

As for light pollution, at a location next to the Waunakee stadium corresponding to the driveway between 812 and 820 Woodrow Street, I measured vertical illuminance of 3.34 lux and horizontal illuminance of 0.98 lux. Note that Edgewood is now claiming that they will use lighting fixtures with only 60% the light level that Waunakee uses, so these figures should be adjusted accordingly, but after doing so, that yields levels comparable to what you would experience at civil twilight (20-30 minutes after sunset) rather than at night time, and are many times brighter than a full moon.

I performed the same measurements on Woodrow Street on a dark night last spring and measured levels of 0.00-0.06 lux (basically the low end of the meter's sensitivity range) everywhere except in immediate proximity to streetlights. This will be a enormous change in the night sky over a large area on game nights.

Note that all these figures are measures of illuminance, which is basically a measure of the total light falling onto a surface from all directions, not luminance, which would more directly correspond to the perceived brightness or "glare" when looking at the stadium lights themselves from a point where they are directly visible. The instrument to measure "perceived glare" cost thousands of dollars and I couldn't justify buying one for this, but it is clear from the videos of Waunakee that glare will be an issue.

The videos I linked to earlier from the Waunakee stadium show an intense glare from the lights and sky glow over the field, directly contradicting the claims from Mr. Elliot and his suppliers. It would be preposterous to believe that light spill from the facility can be limited - even if the luminaires can perfectly control the pattern of emitted light, the entire point of installing the lighting is to light the field surface to ~300 lux (SI equivalent of 30 foot-candles) in an area where ambient nighttime light levels is well below 1 lux.

Even with hypothetical perfectly designed luminaires that spill no light to the sides, the light will shine on the 5300 m² field itself and then be reflected back into the air (one study I found quotes an albedo of 0.08 for artificial turf), causing a substantial increase in ambient light levels, likely to be many times brighter than current levels. This will be even worse during humid or dusty conditions, when the light is further scattered in all directions by the atmosphere. This glow will extend over a large area of the city and be visible from much of Lake Wingra and the arboretum. This is exactly what I observed at Waunakee and would be an enormous detriment to our neighborhood. It is well-understood that it is impossible to eliminate this glow. Reading the "Artificial Sports Lighting Design Guidance" from Sport England (a major sports promotion organization in the UK):

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They state that:

"Sky 'aura', meaning the glow which appears above a lit pitch when it is

viewed from a distance at night, results from a combination of the reflectance of the pitch surface and light scattering by dust or moisture in the air above the pitch. As such, it is a consequence of factors other than the lighting itself and is largely unavoidable."

Regarding the question of "glare" (a form of light pollution in which direct-path light from a source is so bright as to cause annoyance or visual discomfort when looking in its general direction), Edgewood has claimed that these new lighting fixtures will "prevent" glare, but my experiences from the Waunakee stadium show that glare will be objectionable when viewed from locations corresponding to homes on Woodrow and Monroe Street. It is especially notable that when I, as Mr. Elliott suggests, "stand behind the shrubs outside the [Waunakee] stadium at the west end of the field and see how little light escapes. This would be similar to our tree cover on Woodrow Street", I observe exactly the opposite - that a huge amount of light escapes and is visible.

I have begun putting together a 3D model showing the actual position of the stadium lights to that this can be better understood. It suggest that the lights will be directly visible from many homes on Woodrow and Monroe, sometimes with a direct view of the light towers out of bedroom windows. This degree of light trespass will be absolutely unacceptable to many homeowners.

Finally, one should note that the new energy-efficient LED-based luminaires that Edgewood proposes to use emit a broadband light spectrum that, as noted in a Oct 2010 publication by SPIE (The International Society of Optics and Photonics), "closer to sunlight than traditional bulbs and therefore more disruptive to many species", and that "many of these light sources have a large amount of blue light in their spectrum... [which] disproportionately brightens the sky" and "will have a profoundly negative effect on light scatter and sky glow" and "has the potential to interfere with circadian rhythms and cause sleep disorders":

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I have not been able to find any published spectral information is for the Musco TLC-LED-1150 luminaires that Edgewood proposes using, but this would be an important consideration considering the stadium's proximity to natural areas.

It is also similarly impossible to control the spread of noise pollution, both from the amplified public address system and natural sounds associated with a football game (crowd noise, whistles, marching band, etc...). Even with the claimed "directional" PA systems, they will have to adjust the volume up so that announcements can be heard over the crowd noise, and much of the sound will reflect off of the bleachers and other fixed objects and spread out over the surrounding neighborhood in an uncontrolled manner.

I'd also like to point that, during the 2015 approval process for Edgewood's Campus/Institutional Master Plan, the neighborhood acquiesced (with some limitations) to Edgewood College's intent to develop a surface parking lot (designated "Site One" in their current master plan) into an 80,000 square foot athletic facility that includes a gymnasium with a seating capacity of 1,000-1,600 persons. This site is *immediately adjacent* to Edgewood High School's proposed football stadium.

The "Site One" development was mutually agreed to by the neighborhood in 2014 in the context of the current and proposed use of the surrounding portions of the Edgewood campus as documented in the currently approved master plan, and would likely *not* have been agreed to as proposed had the high school's intention to construct a football stadium immediately adjacent to it been known.

The potential impact to the neighborhood of a 1,600-seat basketball area immediately adjacent to a 1,200-seat football stadium is substantial and it is impossible to consider these projects in isolation, since the Site One development has already been agreed to in the existing master plan. The existence of a "solid wall" of sports facilities along my street will have a severe impact on our neighborhood. The combination of these developments would turn Woodrow Street into a miniature version of Breese Terrace, with a mini-Camp Randall and a mini-Field House across the street from a row of residential homes. You'll note that there are very few owner-occupied homes remaining on Breese Terrace.

Even without the stadium, "Edgewood crowds" already create major problems for our neighborhood, as their severe lack of on-campus parking for their campus users causes enormous spill-over of parking onto Woodrow Street (one of the only in the area that does not require residential parking permits).

Edgewood College dormitory residents frequently leave their vehicles parked on Woodrow long in excess of 48 hours, and there a constant stream of commuter vehicles coming and going, waiting for parking, and causing damage to other vehicles while parallel parking. I know that there's nothing more NIMBY than complaining about parking and that the Monroe Street residents have a bad reputation in that regard, but there's a major difference in scale between the impact of mixed-used developments that attract a few dozen vehicles per night and a football stadium that attracts hundreds.

Edgewood's efforts to build a stadium in this residential neighborhood will damage the use, value, and enjoyment of neighboring properties, hurting the investment of homeowners, and reducing the quality of life of for those living on adjacent streets. Does the city want to create another area of deteriorating rental housing with student renters turning over every year, at the same time as they are putting so much time and money into converting the Greenbush neighborhood back into owner-occupied housing?

I thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Feel free to email or call me with any questions you may have,

Ethan Brodsky
[REDACTED]

From: Mary Clare Murphy <maryclarem@charter.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 6:24 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood stadium

Here's my biggest question. Why must Wisconsin HS football games require so many facilities? **Why is every single HS football game in the state of Wisconsin played at exactly the same time on Friday nights?** Splitting games and meets at currently available facilities with lights and sound between Friday evenings and Saturday mornings or afternoons would make a lot more sense. Daytime track meets and other sports events work out very well during those hours.

I am writing to register my opposition to the lights and sound system at the Edgewood HS athletic complex because I think it will be very difficult to control. I realize this is a moving train that is unlikely to be stopped, but I would ask that at the very least mitigation of the light and sound be an expectation that the city has parameters for (including the frequency of use) and absolute enforcement capability over.

I am a graduate of Edgewood High School and live on the other side of the campus. I don't remember feeling like a second class citizen or feeling any less school spirit because we had to go to Memorial for our home football games. Going to other schools for games was more adventurous and Memorial was a great stadium that held a lot of fans and had a huge parking lot.

On an almost daily basis I walk around the campus perimeter with my dog. I also enjoy doing some bird watching along Edgewood Drive, the boardwalk and Woodrow St. I am the mother of a former HS runner and a current college athlete and understand the world of HS athletics, to some degree. I also clearly understand that you take your chances when you buy a house in an active neighborhood. But I can see this getting way bigger than the current projected uses.

The rental of this facility, as well as the new Edgewood auditorium, will no doubt be useful for raising funds for the school, as well as for their intended use, but it shouldn't be at the expense of the neighborhood. 40 nights/school year most likely means that the people in the vicinity cannot have company on a Friday or Saturday night in the early-mid fall or late spring because the streets will go from being parked in by college and HS students to being parked-in by sports fans. The noise will preclude enjoyment of their yards and probably the front halves of their interiors. Birds' lives will be disrupted.

I know that enrollment is down at Edgewood HS and I suspect that a certain amount of that downturn is due to the draw that some nearby school districts have currently, that they did not have in previous decades. For example, both Middleton and Verona have experienced a lot of growth, have good academic reputations, and have enviable athletic facilities. The Madison School District facilities are not the greatest and are shared but that's life in the big city. Practicing hurdles in a parking lot and running on pavement and occasionally bussing to a stadium for a game are not the best training/playing environments, but it's what we've got and the kids make due. Although Edgewood plans to share, to some extent, it doesn't matter who is playing whom. It will be reliably, extremely noisy.

Mary Clare Murphy
1910 Jefferson St.
Madison

From: EDWARD R AHRENS <erahrens@wisc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 10:41 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Proposal

Allen,

I am opposed to the Edgewood light and sound proposal. I believe in Edgewood's sincerity however in their attempts to present this project they are understandably minimizing the impacts. Specifically the affects of sound and traffic. To suggest that the sound impact will be little more than conversational level is almost laughably absurd. I have no idea how loud this proposed facility will be but I do know that even more than light, sound is very difficult to predict or control accurately. Just too many variables including wind, temperature, & humidity. Lights will have an impact but sound I think is an even bigger issue. There is no question that events will be heard in the neighborhood and much more frequently than the the Friday football games. Sound will be used for all "games" played there. So we are talking about events occurring many if not most days of the week during the school year. No to music now however I agree that this is all a slippery slope and unless written into restrictions, music will be heard throughout these events in a matter of time. That is just the way it is at sports events these days.

Similarly with traffic I believe that Edgewood is doing their best to mitigate the the issues however there is no question that traffic volume and neighborhood parking is going to suffer with this proposal. Woodrow parking will be non-existent and traffic on Monroe street will clearly significantly worsen at times.

Lastly I think it is important to place Edgewood's private status in perspective. In the past Edgewood has primarily been a religious school with the goal of a Catholic education in mind. I think this has changed over the years. Edgewood certainly still has this role however it has also become somewhat of a prep school for some of the more privileged in the Madison area. I don't mean to state this as a negative, just a reality as I personally would be considered part of the privileged. I think the reasons behind the proposals are in part related to football scheduling concerns but in large part also related to Edgewood's perceived need to compete to maintain a declining enrollment. A need to compete with the facilities of Waunakee, Middleton, & Verona for example. The physical projects they have recently completed also speak to this. The Science Center and Performing Arts Center specifically. Certainly an option that was not raised is that if football can't be supported then the school could simply drop football. This is not an unheard of proposal and is happening in some communities. I suspect you, as I, can't imagine that happening. The parental and alumni out cry would be louder than any proposed sound system. This may be "for the kids" but many of the comments I heard suggest that this proposal is also directed at many of the adults.

My expectation is that this proposal will fly through the city process. I don't want to appear cynical however Edgewood simply has too much support from influential persons in our fine city. I do, however, urge you to reject this proposal. It will only lesson the quality of life in the surrounding area for the benefit of a very small percentage of our city. It likely will also have a negative impact on the limited but valuable wildlife in the Wingra area. As others have stated, once it's done it's done and history does tell us that the neighborhood impact will only worsen and in no way decrease. If lights and sound are "needed" for football the discussion should be centered on the fine local public high school (West) that doesn't even have a track let alone a football field.

Thank you,

Ed Ahrens
1900 block of Jefferson Street

Veldran, Lisa

From: John Murphy <john.murphy@wisc.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 7:49 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: John Murphy; Lisa Murphy
Subject: Support Upgrade to Edgewood's Goodman Field

Alder Arntsen:

Just a quick note to express my strong support for the Edgewood upgrade to Goodman Field. Great for the kids and I think fun for the neighborhood. I was at the presentation last night and think Edgewood and Vandewalle & Associates did a wonderful job alleviating any concerns. This would be a great project for the school and most importantly the kids. Thanks for your time and consideration on this project. Take care.

John Murphy
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Engineering Physics
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Veldran, Lisa

From: Darcy Lee <darcylee1805@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 8:16 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium

Dear Allen,

I strongly oppose the stadium construction improvements at Edgewood High School. I live on West Lawn Ave and from my back yard I can see and hear Edgewood High School.

I believe the lighting and sound will change the dynamic of the neighborhood and my day-to-day living. It will be noisy and the light will be bothersome. The traffic that the events will create will also be unpleasant and potentially dangerous for our kids who play in the front yards. It will change the calm neighborhood feel in the neighborhood and will probably adversely effect my property value.

I am also concerned about how the wildlife, natural surroundings and Lake Wingra will change because of lights, noise and increased traffic caused by the proposed stadium.

Please do not support proposal to upgrade the Edgewood Stadium.

Sincerely,
Darcy Lee
2239 West Lawn Ave

Veldran, Lisa

From: Adam Francour <adam.francour@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 8:31 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

General Information

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I'm writing as a resident of the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood to express my opposition to Edgewood's stadium proposal. I was not able to attend the October 17 meeting, but I have heard from those who have. Our neighborhood is very residential, and does not need a stadium with amplified sound and lighting.

My main concern is that when Edgewood received permission to make improvements to their practice field, they stated that it was not their intention to turn it into a stadium. It appears however that those improvements included the electrical ground work needed for a stadium. Is this true? If Edgewood lied about this, how can we trust anything they say about the stadium's usage.

I encourage you to oppose this stadium.

Thank You,
Adam Francour

Recipient:
Allen A. Arntsen

From: Ion Meyn <ionmeyn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 9:30 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Support of Edgewood Project

Alder Arnsten,

I write to strongly support the proposed project to improve the stadium at Edgewood. I live at 2001 Jefferson St, Madison, WI 53711. I believe such improvements are essential to improving the neighborhood, creating a strong and vibrant community, contributing to the local economy, and, in the end, to having fun.

Thank you,

Ion Meyn

Veldran, Lisa

From: Michelle Frehner <frehner4@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 10:00 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: against Edgewood stadium

I am against strongly the proposal. New information about the use of sound and lights for concerts is a huge concern. I live at 2917 Gregory Street. Thanks.

Michelle Frehner



Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Ashley Russell <ashleyarussell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 11:49 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Field

General Information

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Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Hi Alder Arnsten,

I've been observing the discussion around the potential additions to the Edgewood field. Although I wouldn't be directly effected by the field other than when I pass by, I have so much empathy for the people who live in the immediate vicinity and oppose the field. It is wrong that Edgewood made promises to the neighbors that they now want to go back on. The field lights and sound will also negatively impact so many, including the many creatures who live in the Lake Wingra/Arboretum area. I oppose the field. Please do what you can to make Edgewood keep their promises and keep them from adding lights and sound to their field.

Thanks,
Ashley Russell

Recipient:
Allen A. Arntsen

Veldran, Lisa

From: Karisa Trudgeon <karisa.trudgeon@myredtwine.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 12:24 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Thank you

Alder Arntsen,

I want to thank you for your efforts at the meeting last night regarding the EHS sports facility. I live in Seminole Hills in Fitchburg and have two children currently at Edgewood high school.

Obviously there were a lot of heated emotions last night. I truly believe after hearing both sides (and the facts that support them) that Edgewood has gone above and beyond to address the concerns and potential impacts.

As parents and athletes at EHS we have "worked around" not having a home field for many years. This has caused students to drive off campus for multiple practices and games a week, families to drive all over the city for games, and impacts the amount of fans that comes to the games. All of this negatively impacts Edgewood's ability to recruit student athletes. With declining enrollment over the past several years - it becomes even more of a concern and problem.

I think we all know that it is in the neighborhoods and businesses of Monroe street best interest that Edgewood continues to thrive.

Thank you for your time and I for all you do!

Karisa Trudgeon
EHS parent

Sent from my iPhone

From: Libby Gerds <libbygerds@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 6:10 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Opposition of Edgewood Stadium Plan

Hello,

Thanks for your time. I'm writing to share my vehement opposition of the proposed Edgewood Stadium. We have lived in the neighborhood for 10 years, with five years (this week!) at 840 Woodrow Street. We love the neighborhood, and have appreciated Edgewood as neighbors for the most part. We do have traffic/parking and speeding issues with school traffic, but we have adjusted and do our best to be flexible. The stadium concerns us for a number of reasons, most specifically because of noise. Currently, we have noticed that during the back-to-school events where Edgewood uses amplified noise (on a much further away part of campus), we can hear literally every word spoken in every room in our house with all the windows closed. As a family with young kids, this is a huge concern for us, and extremely disruptive even when it's in the middle of the day. I truly believe that the students at Edgewood (the vast majority of whom don't live in the neighborhood) deserve a great high school experience, which they can absolutely have with football games off campus as most kids in Madison do.

I would be at the meeting in person today, but am not available tonight as I have a board meeting for a local nonprofit. Thanks for your advocacy on behalf of our neighborhood and neighbors, and please be sure that you consider the sound and light impacts, at night, on neighbors with young kids, early bedtimes, and a peaceful neighborhood.

Thanks for your consideration.

Libby Gerds and Mike Graham
840 Woodrow Street

Veldran, Lisa

From: Ellen Rosner <ellenrosner3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 7:10 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood stadium

Allen

After listening to the presentation last night at Edgewood High School, my husband and I would like to register our disapproval of the plan to add stadium seating, lights, and sound system.

Please register our opinion accordingly.

Ellen Rosner
Barry Perkel

2141 Fox Avenue

From: Dawn Berney <dawnberney@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 8:28 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: A couple of observations regarding the stadium

Dear Alder Arntsen,

Thanks for giving the community to express their concerns about the stadium. I think that the stadium could work in our community, but in order to do so, they would have to live up to their promises and assurances, promises and assurances that so far, they have not done.

I agree that at times, Edgewood has been a good neighbor. The Farmer's Market is great. That is a wonderful example of being a good neighbor. Some of their examples of good neighbor was a bit of a stretch. Parking at the college during football games nets Edgewood thousands of dollars each week. Yes it helps the congestion, but there is a significant benefit to the college as well. One could even argue that if Edgewood weren't there, more would park on the outer campus and bus in.

According to the 2015 article, the president of the Goodman Foundation said this about building the practice field, "At the University of Minnesota, Irwin Goodman was a track star. And Irwin and his brother Bob throughout their lifetimes had a passion for physical activity," Schramka said. **"This complex will continue their legacy by being a community-wide venue that will serve all of Madison, from children to seniors, through games, camps and other activities."** https://madison.com/sports/high-school/football/prep-sports-edgewood-high-school-breaking-ground-on-million-athletic/article_cba5c427-720e-5507-9599-acb877b038f4.html

The Goodman Brothers wanted open access for their sports fields.

I know from speaking with E.G. Schramka, that Irvin and Bob really wanted this field to be open to the community, as all of the other fields and complexes named for the Goodmans have been. Just look at the Camp Shalom Pool (Goodman Aquatic Center), Goodman Community Pool, Goodman Community Center, Goodman Softball Complex, or the Goodman Park. The Goodmans wanted there to be sports availability to everyone, not just those who attend a private school or university.

Edgewood does not let people run on the track when it is empty.

Even at the meeting on Tuesday night, the Edgewood officials spoke of the community being allowed to use the track. **That is false.** There is a padlock kept on the field. Any time I've tried running on the track, it has not been possible.

There is not easy access to the fields for organizations not directly affiliated with Edgewood.

The Westside boys lacrosse coach also spoke of the field being available for a number of different teams to be able to use, including the Westside girls lacrosse team. Again, **that is false.** My daughter is on the Westside girls lacrosse team. They have practice at a different field nearly every practice. In the six years she has played lacrosse, the only times they've ever been on the field has been to play against the boys team. And one game was played on the field in 2017, but that was only after they switched coaches to someone who is an Edgewood teacher.

I'm not going to write about the noise, traffic, or lights. You got enough from others on that. And I didn't speak at the meeting on Tuesday. You had heard from me the night before on a different topic, and there were enough people speaking. I would say that the speakers were convincing that they could keep the lights low and the sound low, at least for my house. And I moved to a house near Camp Randall, so I can't complain about additional congestion. As the neighborhood alder, I'll let you figure that out. **I am concerned about Edgewood's inability to follow-through on their promises.** Based on their track record (no pun intended), I would worry that twenty nighttime games and however many nighttime practices are going to be very difficult for the people who live closer to the stadium than I do.

Personally, I don't see how this stadium benefits either the neighborhood, or the City of Madison as a whole. I believe that this will give Edgewood sports more access to better sports, but it doesn't benefit the local neighborhood at all as I truly doubt that community teams or community residents will be allowed access to the field. If I could vote as a community resident, I would say that I would not vote for it. As the city alder, I understand that you need to look at all sides and not just our community, and I wish you good luck. (Glad it isn't me.)

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best of luck,

Dawn

Dawn Berney
2201 West Lawn Ave.
[REDACTED]

p.s. unrelated to the above email, but related to my presentation to City Council, I thought that you would be interested in this:

https://madison.com/wsj/opinion/letters/ice-arrest-sounded-like-gestapo-tactics----dawn/article_7c9a80b2-199d-56b3-82de-f681ae8d0c07.html

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Dawn Berney

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From: Maria Villaescusa <maria_emilia@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 9:35 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I am very concerned with Edgewoods proposal and I would like to know what your office is doing regarding the proposal and would actually like to know if you have a position on it.

thanks
Maria

Recipient:
Allen A. Arntsen

Veldran, Lisa

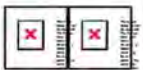
From: Cindy Schlichte <cindy@toolshed.org>
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 1:21 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Fwd: [greenbushneighborhood] Edgewood HS sports facility

Dear Alder Arntsen -

I agree with everything Anne has stated including the Greenbush neighborhood and other neighbors not being included in the larger conversation especially as it relates to environmental impact, which seems to have overlooked on this project.

I've included a most recent post from NextDoor on the same thread that Anne is referring to. Whether Tracy's statements are true or not, many will not be convinced that the project took all this into consideration with an adequate review of the impact this project will have on the surrounding area that I feel quite strongly should be protected.

Kind regards,
Cindy Schlichte
513 S Randall Ave - Greenbush - just shy of Vilas by 12ft give or take :)



Tracy Topalian

. Dudgeon Monroe · 25m ago [New](#)

Martha I have been in touch with The Friends of Lake Wingra, the Madison Audubon Society who also contacted 2 people at the UW. They all expressed concern about the impact on mating and bird migration. They also expressed surprise that this project was moving forward without a careful study of the impact on the environment. One told me that her experience with Edgewood COLLEGE was that they always looked carefully ecological impacts. I was also told that Edgewood is not a monolith and the college and HS are separate entities that have different board of directors who happen to share a campus. That was all news to me. This is what a person from one of those groups said, "as Edgewood moves forward with the proposal to revise the master plan what would be most valuable will be concrete, measurable goals/targets and impacts. If there are impacts to wildlife that can only be qualified by experts. This needs to be highlighted." He also told me he met with our alder and expressed these concerns directly to him. Please don't shoot the messenger folks (that being me. I've seen how nasty some comments from a handful of individuals can get.) This is not my opinion just passing on what other more qualified people than me have stated.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Anne Forbes anne@partnersinplace.com [greenbushneighborhood]" <greenbushneighborhood-noreply@yahoogroups.com>
Date: October 19, 2018 at 12:57:09 PM CDT
To: "greenbushneighborhood@yahoogroups.com" <greenbushneighborhood@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [greenbushneighborhood] Fwd: Edgewood HS sports facility
Reply-To: Anne Forbes <anne@partnersinplace.com>

FYI, what I just sent to our Alder.

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

From: Anne Forbes <anne@partnersinplace.com>
Date: Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 12:56 PM
Subject: Edgewood HS sports facility
To: Allen Arntsen <district13@cityofmadison.com>

Hi Allen,

I was not able to attend last week's meeting, and I saw this on the Nextdoor Vilas listserve. I am concerned that there may be very real issues of sound and light carrying into the wider area of Greenbush, Bay Creek and other neighborhoods and across Lake Wingra. I understand that these neighborhoods are not being considered in the public process and think that this may be a grave oversight in terms of allowing Edgewood to change their master plan to accommodate their interests.

What can you share with me about the actual impacts on the larger area (in addition to immediately adjacent) and what are your thoughts about how to address this before - rather than after - this large project is approved and the impacts are known... perhaps too late?

Thanks very much,

Anne Forbes
516 Wingra Street (Greenbush)

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From: "Nextdoor Vilas" <reply@rs.email.nextdoor.com>
Date: October 18, 2018 at 7:27:32 AM CDT
To: cindy@toolshed.org
Subject: Some things I learn at Edgewood's meeting last night
Reply-
To: reply+GM3DEOBYGQZF64DSN5SHKY3UNFXW4X2QJ5JVIXZZGM4TSMZUG4ZA====@reply.nextdoor.com



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Marie Trest, Dudgeon Monroe

-the amplified sound system would not 'just' be used for Edgewood's planned 40 games. It would be permitted for use by all outside users in their events. Music would be allowed to be broadcast. Bands would be allowed to play. This means noise pollution would be broadcast through the neighborhood and across Lake Wingra at essentially any time and all weekend long. -the lights would also not 'just' be used for Edgewood's 40 games, but for all practices up to 7pm. The lights could be on all spring and fall, every single day. I believe this warrants an... [See more](#)



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From: Leah Johnson <leahkjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 5:31 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Please oppose Edgewood Stadium Plan

General Information

Name: Leah Johnson
Address: 1130 Chandler St
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53715
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: leahkjohnson@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Edgewood stadium expansion proposal. There are a number of reasons I implore you to oppose the plan and ensure our neighborhood is well represented in this situation.

1 - Edgewood is violating the neighborhood plan to which they agreed. This is a consistent and disturbing pattern of bait and switch with the school. Edgewood assured the neighborhood and city that the recently improved facility would only be for practices. They need to stick with their original agreement, which is why a practice field was approved at all. Changing the practice-only field into a stadium with lights, amplified sound and large crowds is not what was agreed.

2 - Amplified sound and stadium lighting will impact the quality of life for everyone in the neighborhood. The 40 events they propose each year means that most every week or weekend will host an event that impinges on the neighborhood.

3 - We don't understand how the proposal will impact the lake and our environment. Lake Wingra, Edgewood and the rest of the neighborhood are special places for people and wildlife, something that can't just be "fixed" if we fail to protect it. Edgewood states they will not impact the environment or neighborhood, but because they are the party seeking amendment, they should be obliged to prove it. This plan should require an independent assessment of environmental impact on both people and nature.

4 - Edgewood is a private business and what they are proposing benefits their business, not the neighborhood. They are not an underfunded public school with few options. They are not building a park for everyone to use. They have a loud and deep-pocketed student body/alumni who can afford to fund a stadium in a better-suited environment.

I am infuriated to hear that after the meeting this week, Edgewood is not even bothering to address the issues many people raised. They seem to be just pushing things right along with the help of a developer who's cozied up to city planning staff. This is not right and I strongly object.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leah Johnson

Recipient:

Allen A. Arntsen

Veldran, Lisa

From: RACHELLE L WINKLE-WAGNER <winklewagner@wisc.edu>
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 7:12 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Against Edgewood stadium

Greetings,

I am reaching out to you as my alder. I own a home at 2334 West Lawn Ave and we are AGAINST the Edgewood Stadium proposal.

It would cause a lot of noise and light pollution for us because we are only a block away and 40 games is way too often for this to be tolerable.

-Rachelle Winkle-Wagner

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kathi Seiden-Thomas <seidenthomas@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 20, 2018 10:12 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: Mark
Subject: resident writing in support of the Edgewood proposal

Hi Allen,

I'm a resident of your district (2232 West Lawn Ave). I own a home that would be directly impacted by the expansion and I am writing in SUPPORT of the proposal. When we purchased our home in 2014 we selected this location because of its proximity to a vibrant community with local retail, public transit and proximity to Edgewood and UW. We thought that activities at the institutions would provide a rich experience for our family with access to cultural and sporting activities and student life. This proposal would increase those opportunities for us.

I am committed to supporting the full diversity of our neighborhood and if I wanted to live in a community that was free of lights, traffic, sound and people I would have moved to a rural area. As an aside, I wish that residents in our neighborhood fought this hard for social justice as they do for property values. I believe that our priorities are turned upside down on this issue if we are speaking out against this proposal.

Thanks,

Kathi

Kathi Seiden-Thomas (pronouns: she/her)
Seiden Thomas Consulting LLC


seidenthomas@gmail.com

Veldran, Lisa

From: Gmail <elghenkelmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 20, 2018 3:59 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood stadium

Hello - I live in the district and I'm writing to share my opposition to the Edgewood stadium plan. It seems there are many unanswered questions, particularly (1) whether or not the field use would be expanded to concerts or other events beyond prep sports, and (2) what the environmental impact will be long term on the Arboretum and surrounding areas. The plan should not be approved as is - much more around the use of the stadium needs to be defined. Residents immediately surrounding the stadium deserve to have the above questions answered before changes are made.

Sincerely,
Lisa Geraghty
2238 West Lawn

From: Catherine Mandt <cemandt@tds.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 20, 2018 4:43 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: lmandt@tds.net
Subject: Edgewood High School Stadium

Dear Allen,

Thank you for officiating at the meeting [Wednesday night](#).

My husband Larry and I attended but did not comment. We have lived at 2254 Monroe for 28 years and have raised our 4 children here. Edgewood College has always been a good neighbor even tho their new entrance has caused more traffic problems for us.

I hope Edgewood High School will also demonstrate their willingness to be a good neighbor. The first we were aware of the the new stadium plan was by a postcard announcing the 10/17/18 meeting!

We are very concerned about the light and noise pollution (we already hear the games at Camp Randall) as well as the traffic. And we are extremely concerned about property value. Our home is already valued at 25-30% less because we are on Monroe.

The very least the high school can do is slow the process especially until we have voted for our permanent alder but also until we see what Monroe St is like after construction is completed. The neighborhood has hardly been normal and we may have forgotten what it is like! Also it seems there is more need for neighborhood input.

The high school students are not being prevented from playing football while we take the needed time to make a decision about something that will have a big and lasting impact for so many neighbors.(I do hope you have had a chance to view the video from Ethan Brodsky taken at the Waunakee Stadium).

My hope is that the high school will be a good neighbor and slow the process so that we can have input which may include the necessary environmental studies being done.

At the meeting very few who will be directly impacted spoke. Was this because,like us, they were just not informed of the plans in a timely way?

Cheers,
Catherine and Larry Mandt

Sent from my iPad

Sent from my iPad

Veldran, Lisa

From: Karie Krantz <kariekrantz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 1:18 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Thank you

Alder Arntsen-

Thank you very much for your time last week at the EHS neighborhood meeting. I know that wasn't probably your ideal way to spend a Wednesday evening. I was disheartened by the people who seem to be against this project because they are just against EHS - or youth sports - for some reason. EHS is a great neighbor and they have a great student body. I am sad for these kids - they literally have no where to play if this doesn't get approved and that will further affect enrollment. When this is all said and done, I really do not think the impact on the neighborhood is going to be that big of a deal.

I did want to address the sound issue. I live at 1715 Adams St and was woken up yesterday morning by the sound system at Camp Randall (which I think is great, btw).....inside my house with all of the windows closed. I can see Lake Wingra from my back yard and am close to the Arboretum entrance. The amount of sound that reaches Lake Wingra and the Arboretum from Camp Randall is SIGNIFICANTLY more than any noise that will be heard from any outdoor EHS sporting event. This seems like a non-issue to me. Boys soccer played a playoff game there a few days ago and has another one coming up this Thursday afternoon. This crowd noise is not going to be much different from a football game and these events are already occurring.

I understand people do not like change but that cannot be the reason that this does not get approved.

Sincerely,
Karie Krantz
1715 Adams St

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From: Susan O'Leary <orfam1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 2:17 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood High School stadium proposal

Dear Alder Arntsen:

As a resident of the 2200 block of West Lawn and District 13, I am writing in opposition to the Edgewood High School stadium proposal.

I have read Ethan Brodsky's analysis of light and noise levels that would come with the proposed changes and listened to his videos on YouTube, all of which show that the noise and light levels are higher than the levels Edgewood High School suggests.

I also have concerns about the environmental effect of such loud noise and bright light at night on the behavior and mating habits of the many birds, fish, reptiles, insects and mammals that live along and in Lake Wingra. The lake is an important Madison natural resource and its species need to be protected.

As you well know, in 2017 two-thirds of DMNA community survey respondents opposed an Edgewood Stadium proposal.

I urge you to vote no on the proposed new stadium.

Thank you for your work for the district.

Sincerely,
Susan O'Leary
2220 West Lawn Ave
Madison

From: Peggy and Jim Berkvam <Peggy.berkvam@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 2:32 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium

General Information

Name: Peggy and Jim Berkvam
Address: 630 Sprague St
City: Madison
State: Wi
ZIP: 53711
Phone: 608-322-5312
Work Phone:
Email: Peggy.berkvam@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Tried to send email with our concerns but unable to. We are very against Edgewood building stadium.

Recipient:

Allen A. Arntsen

From: Marie Trest <mttrest@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 3:33 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: oppose Edgewood stadium proposal

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am writing to express my opposition to Edgewood's proposed stadium. Since Edgewood upgraded their practice field, they have rented the facility and had ever increasing numbers of events that have already negatively impacted our ability to enjoy our property.

We have a nearly 100-year-old house that has been updated with high quality double and triple pane windows in addition to cellulose insulation in the walls. These are about the best sound proofing possible, and indeed, we can barely hear Monroe St traffic in our home. Before we purchased the home, we tested the sound during rush hour, and we looked at the land use across the street and learned that a stadium had been rejected. With this information, we decided to buy our home.

With games now being played in the early evenings and on weekends since the updates to the 'practice' field, we experience whistles and sirens from the electric score board. They are audible and annoying in the house, disturbing our quiet weekend and evening activities. Certain games, such as boys' lacrosse, has human voice levels exceeding 80dB in our backyard. These are clearly heard in our home, even over a movie, and intrusive in our front and backyard activities as well.

Further increasing the hours of use into the evening with 80 ft lights, and past members of our household's bedtimes, would result in a continued decline in the livability of our property. Increasing the crowd size from the 50-100 people we have counted at games now to 500-1200+ would result in intolerable levels of noise disruption. That does not even include the amplified sound system, which we learned at EHS' presentation could be used in all events, not just Edgewood's proposed 40 games. The spill of noise and lights from a stadium would so negatively affect the livability of our home, that we would move. No institution should be allowed to do this to neighboring properties.

This is a view from a bedroom window, our property is 95 ft from the track. Please note there is no buffer whatsoever between our bedrooms and the field:



This proposal has already resulted in a decline in potential property value. In 2016 we had selected contractors and were prepared to bid out home remodeling for a \$60,000-\$100,000 project. I am grateful that we heard of Edgewood's plans and did not proceed, which resulted in a loss of business to local contractors and a reduction in the local property tax base. We will not put any improvements into this property because we simply cannot live by a stadium.

There should be no new stadium in this location; such a facility is incompatible with the surrounding single family homes and the Lake Wingra environment, a shared area so important to many human users as a peaceful refuge. If Edgewood High School needs a stadium, the compromise should be that they build it in an appropriate location not within 100 ft of neighboring single family residential properties.

Sincerely,

Marie Trest

2310 Monroe St

From: Bill Barker <barker.bill@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 3:37 PM
To: DMNA President; Josh Napravnik; Arntsen, Allen; Baldeh, Samba; Soglin, Paul
Subject: NO on Edgewood HS Stadium proposal

Hi folks, I write as someone with deep experience in neighborhood and city governance, as well as a long history of working productively with the various entities at Edgewood to work out compromises such that the various schools can achieve their goals and simultaneously preserve the quality of life in our fantastic neighborhood and city. In my very first official role as DMNA President, I attended the dedication of the Sondereger Science Center. President Ebben and I agreed we had come through a long and difficult process to arrive at a place where, thanks to countless hours of neighbor input (in particular professionals such as the architect Peter Tan) Edgewood achieved its growth goals via a final product much improved over initial proposals. Incidentally, a lighted baseball stadium in Wingra Park was one of the bad ideas we averted.

Whether during both of my other two stints as DMNA President, or during my service on the Edgewood liaison Committee, I have always sought to work collaboratively with Edgewood to arrive at collegial compromises. During my decade of service on the City of Madison Board of Parks Commissioners, I helped close the Park and Pleasure Drive behind Edgewood to through traffic and reclaim it as a fantastic amenity for Edgewood and city residents as well. Further, I currently volunteer and remove invasive plants and pick up trash from PPD and the woods behind Edgewood. All in all, I speak with an undeniable history of cooperation and deep experience of working cooperatively with Edgewood, even though I see the increased erosion and environmental degradation their growth causes to Lake Wingra.

I live on Terry Place, and have done so for over 25 years. And so it is with deep regret that I must implacably oppose this latest attempt to build a lighted stadium with a public address system as a project that simply cannot be accommodated. I feel it will degrade what little of the night sky we've been able to hang on to here, and I do not believe the technology of LEDs and some magical sound system will confine the noise or reduce it to a tolerable level. I do not support this project in any form, for I know well Edgewood's strategies of creeping incrementalism. Approval of any component will inexorably be followed a few years later by requests for expansion. This is their pattern.

It's no accident that the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood is a splendid place to live, for DMNA advocacy and the City of Madison's willingness to hear our perspective has made it so. I urge you to oppose this project. Failure to do so will vastly degrade our quality of life, reduce the value of our property, and greatly damage the credibility of the DMNA. Thanks for hearing me out and feel free to contact me should you require additional clarity on my opposition or reasons for it. B=

From: Susan Paskewitz <anopheles202002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 4:16 PM
To: josh.napravnik@gmail.com; president@DMNA.org; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Opposition to Edgewood High school stadium proposal

To the DMNA and District 13 representatives:

I have learned today that Edgewood High School has proposed a huge expansion of it's noise and light footprint in our neighborhood.

I live on Terry Place, just one block away from the proposed stadium noise. I have lived here for 25 years. My elderly mother lives in the house next door. We purchased our homes because of the walkable neighborhood and the proximity to the arboretum and parks. The neighborhood is a treasure because the people who live here care deeply about our neighbors and small businesses.

Edgewood has been without a stadium for 100 years and this will not cause a hardship for them. In my view, this is mainly a revenue opportunity for them, since they have previously stated they intend to rent out the lighted and amplified stadium. Our own high school does not have a lighted, amplified stadium so clearly this is not a necessity.

We are opposed to this project in any form. Amplified, loud noise at night for 40 nights a year and additional amplified noise at events during the day will turn our homelife into a nightmare. We already can hear Camp Randall on some afternoons and evenings. It is easy to imagine what a stadium practically next door would be like.

Please act to preserve the neighborhood's quality of life and represent the views of the most affected neighbors, not the views of Edgewood.

Susan Paskewitz, 830 Terry Place
Lynn Paskewitz, 826 Terry Place

From: David Williamson Shaffer <david.williamson.shaffer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 4:43 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am writing to you as a resident of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood to express my strong opposition to Edgewood High School's plans to construct a stadium on its Monroe Street campus that would include amplified sound, lighting, and is projected to hold as many as 40 events per year -- that is, nearly ONCE PER WEEK.

1. The proposed stadium is inappropriate in a residential neighborhood. While Camp Randall is nearby, it is not directly in the middle of a residential neighborhood in the way that Edgewood's stadium would be.
2. This would be a new and significant intrusion into the quality of life of both the immediate neighbors, and indeed, much of the neighborhood around it. Sound travels.
3. Edgewood School, despite its sectarian nature, has consistently underestimated noise and light levels that will be experienced in the neighborhood as a result of the stadium. Independent measurements of light and sound adjacent to a similar stadium in Waunakee shows that the noise will impact **all** of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. This is a bad-faith way to conduct a public discussion.
4. I am concerned that once the stadium is built, if noise levels or light levels are above what was approved, there is no effective mechanism for enforcement. That is, the neighborhood could be exposed to far more disruption than would be agreed to.
5. Edgewood has other options it could pursue. The other high school in the neighborhood -- West High -- shares a stadium with another school that is in a less densely settled residential neighborhood.
6. Finally -- and MOST IMPORTANT -- Edgewood completed a planning process with the city and neighborhood to develop a master plan for Edgewood's facilities. This proposal exceeds that, without anything like the consideration that went into the initial plan. This is both a bad way to make policy, and worse, completely unfair to the residents of the city and neighborhood who worked carefully with Edgewood to come up with the original plan, which Edgewood is now trying to unilaterally change.

Those of us who live in this urban neighborhood bought our houses knowing that dense settlement has both advantages and disadvantages. But many people also purchased houses understanding that Camp Randall had a long history in the neighborhood, but there was a master plan in place that would govern Edgewood's growth -- a plan that most definitely did not include a stadium of this type.

Fair is fair: Edgewood also has its campus in a densely settled residential neighborhood, which also has advantages and disadvantages. One of the disadvantages is surely that they cannot simply expand their facilities without taking due consideration of the impact of their decisions on their neighbors.

The proposed change is far too intrusive, and the process has not been appropriate to the scale of the intrusion Edgewood seeks to make.

I urge you to support your constituents -- who are the VOTERS of this district -- and oppose this plan.

Yours sincerely,

David Williamson Shaffer
653 Knickerbocker Street

Veldran, Lisa

From: Lazaris <lazaris@charter.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 5:34 PM
To: josh.napravnik@gmail.com; president@DMNA.org; Soglin, Paul; Arntsen, Allen; Baldeh, Samba
Subject: Edgewood High School Stadium proposal

I am writing to express my concerns with the upcoming Edgewood High School Stadium proposal. As I understand it, amplified sound and lighting will pervade our Lake Wingra and Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood, and most likely even the arboretum residents and wildlife across the lake. The lovely paved walk behind Edgewood currently provides a feeling of solitude which many Madisonians utilize, not just the Dudgeon Monroe area folks. This would drastically change with a stadium seating 1200 people with amplified sound and bright lights just up the hill. In addition, Monroe Street has absorbed an increase in traffic from newly built mixed use buildings already. It is difficult to imagine traffic on Monroe when UW has a night game at the UW stadium or Kohl Center and Edgewood has one too. The quality of life in this neighborhood would definitely decline.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Barb Lazaris

2249 Fox Avenue

Madison, WI 53711

lazaris@charter.net

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Kathi Seiden-Thomas <seidenthomas@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 7:45 PM
To: Soglin, Paul; Baldeh, Samba
Cc: Mark; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Fwd: resident writing in support of the Edgewood proposal

Mayor Soglin and City Council President Baldeh,
I'm sharing the note that I sent to our interim Alder.
Thanks,
Kathi Seiden-Thomas

Kathi Seiden-Thomas (pronouns: she/her)
Seiden Thomas Consulting LLC

seidenthomas@gmail.com

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathi Seiden-Thomas <seidenthomas@gmail.com>
Subject: resident writing in support of the Edgewood proposal
Date: October 20, 2018 at 10:12:16 AM CDT
To: district13@cityofmadison.com
Cc: Mark <markrellerthomas@gmail.com>

Hi Allen,

I'm a resident of your district (2232 West Lawn Ave). I own a home that would be directly impacted by the expansion and I am writing in SUPPORT of the proposal. When we purchased our home in 2014 we selected this location because of its proximity to a vibrant community with local retail, public transit and proximity to Edgewood and UW. We thought that activities at the institutions would provide a rich experience for our family with access to cultural and sporting activities and student life. This proposal would increase those opportunities for us.

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Thanks,
Kathi

Kathi Seiden-Thomas (pronouns: she/her)
Seiden Thomas Consulting LLC

seidenthomas@gmail.com

From: peggy berkvam <peggy.berkvam@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 8:16 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: Baldeh, Samba
Subject: Fwd: Edgewood stadium

Concerning Samba Baldeh in district 17 and Allen Artsen in district 13

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From: **peggy berkvam** <peggy.berkvam@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Oct 21, 2018 at 2:24 PM
Subject: Edgewood stadium
To: Josh Napravnik <josh.nappravnik@gmail.com>, president@DMNA.org <president@dmna.org>
CC: prsoglin@cityofmadison.com <prsoglin@cityofmadison.com>

To whom it may concern;

We own a house free and clear after 35 years living on Sprague St. I went to Edgewood High School and graduated in 1972. My husband and I are very against the building of a stadium on the campus.

We initially were open to the building when they explained we wouldn't hear any noise as we already hear quite a bit from the UW stadium which isn't often and generally only during home football games.

Edgewood on the other hand would use it for many sports, during the day and night . We've lived in our house 35 years, our children graduated from West HS and UW Madison. We understand school spirit. But I will say that while I went to school at Edgewood, I loved going to other schools for games as did our kids.

We would propose that this is a significant financial issue as Edgewood's enrollment is down. We don't think their using "school spirit" has anything to do with it.

Our neighborhood is a quiet residential neighborhood at night, wed like to see it stay that way.

We have paid significant property taxes , adding 35 years would be more than \$200,000 dollars we feel our opinion is valuable.

No, No, No to building a stadium.

Sincerely Peggy and Jim Berkvam

From: Eileen Ahearn <eahearn1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 8:41 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium Proposal- Strongly opposed

Just a note to mention my strong opposition to the proposal by Edgewood. I live in the neighborhood and strongly feel that the noise and lights and traffic burden to the neighborhood is an unreasonable imposition and hardship on those of us that live nearby.

West high school does not have a stadium either, and has managed, just like Edgewood. Edgewood is part of a local community and the city must take into account the need of the entire community, not just the needs of a private school in the area.

Thank you for your consideration, Eileen Ahearn
2348 Commonwealth Ave.

From: Lynn Keller <rlkeller@wisc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2018 10:28 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: objection to proposed Edgewood stadium

Dear Allen Arntsen,

I have just returned from nearly a week's travel for work and have only now learned of the Edgewood College proposal to erect a 1,200-seat stadium with 80 foot light poles and an amplified sound system. I have lived less than three blocks from Edgewood College on Jefferson Street for thirty years, and I am both horrified and enraged at the proposal. I am horrified because the noise and the lights -- not to mention the traffic-- will severely impact the quality of life here. It's bad enough to have to listen to the noise from Camp Randall on occasional football Saturdays, and that is much farther away. Ours is one of the most beautiful (and expensive) neighborhoods in Madison, and one in which residents value its quiet, its security. Much of what makes this a desirable neighborhood is threatened by Edgewood's plan.

I understand that the initial plan is for up to 40 nighttime events in a year. Given that these would take place in the relatively warm months of the year, that would likely mean more than an event a week! Every one of those nights will be a night when I cannot enjoy my backyard in peace as my family and I have for decades. And imagine living with the sound system blaring at additional afternoon events! I am an avid gardener, but there would go my pleasure in gardening.

Moreover, I'm sure I'm not the only person in this neighborhood whose home here is their retirement nest egg; this stadium and the changes it will bring will without question reduce the value of my property and that of all those in my immediate neighborhood. It will reduce the resources I have been counting on to support me in years to come. This feels like a terrible violation.

My anger comes also from my sense of utter betrayal by Edgewood College, which just a few years ago promised *not* to build a stadium. Our neighborhood cannot afford to take their word on future promises of protection of the quality of life here. (I won't speak here of environmental impacts, though in fact this plan would have significant negative effects on birds in an area of the city which, because of proximity to the Arboretum and Vilas Park, is home to a lot of very special avian wildlife.)

It is quite usual for urban schools not to have campus-based stadiums and instead to use suburban sports facilities. I note that West High, a considerably bigger school than Edgewood, has no stadium. Edgewood can and should pursue other options.

In the strongest terms, I object to this project. I would be happy to speak with you in person if that would be useful. I count on you to represent my views to those making decisions on this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lynn Keller (2005 Jefferson Street)

From: Ann Sydnor <amsydnor@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 7:38 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: Justin
Subject: Vote NO on Edgewood

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on the Edgewood stadium proposal. As a DMNA resident, I don't see any benefits to our district but I do see a lot of negatives.

My main concerns are:

-- Amplified sound usage -- day and night -- that will disrupt the Monroe St. neighborhood and recreational users of Wingra and Vilas Parks and Park/Pleasure Drive.

-- Night lighting that will create light pollution in our district, especially right on the shores of Lake Wingra. I realize that Lake Wingra is an urban area, but somehow it has maintained a "deep woods" feel along its shoreline with the arboretum, 2 parks, and the Edgewood campus, making up such a large part. Allowing Edgewood to create large light and sound pollution **right along its shore** 40 nights a year, during the prime time of recreational night usage, would be a huge shame and erode something that we as a city are lucky enough to still have. To me, this is different from any proposal away from Lake Wingra, and also proposals along the other lakes which already have large light pollution and are too large to protect.

-- The frequency of usage seems like a lot as proposed and also I don't trust that this will be the limit. I think there will inevitably be upward creep in usage (number of days and hours with lights on) over the coming years after the upgrades are made.

These concerns are not offset by any substantial neighborhood benefits as I see it, since Edgewood is not a public school, neither does it draw a majority of students from the district. If there are benefits to our district and you decide to vote "yes", then I would really appreciate a reply from you so I can better understand the trade-offs.

Thank you for all of your work on this.

Ann Sydnor
2366 West Lawn Ave.
DMNA Secretary

From: Patty Haeger <pattyhaeger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 9:28 AM
To: josh.napravnik@gmail.com; president@DMNA.org; Soglin, Paul; Baldeh, Samba; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Vote NO on the Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Hi Everybody,

I am writing to add my voice to the chorus of my neighbors in opposition to the Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal, for a number of reasons:

- Noise pollution from the proposed sound system with its sports announcer and broadcast of pre-recorded music
- Light pollution from the proposed high-mount night lighting
- Traffic and parking issues
- Negative environmental impact on not only the neighborhood, but the nearby lakes, parks, walking/running paths and the Pleasure Drive

In 2015, Edgewood promised that their proposed athletic field would just be a practice field. This promise has been broken, which calls their credibility into question and makes it very difficult to believe their figures, estimates, statistics and assurances.

Please vote NO on this proposal.

Thank you,
Patty Haeger

From: Rachel Lander <rlander42@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 11:16 AM
To: josh.napravnik@gmail.com; Soglin, Paul; Baldeh, Samba
Cc: president@dmna.org; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Please vote no on Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Dear Mayor Paul Soglin, DMNA Zoning Subcommittee, , City Council President Samba Baldeh, as well as Interim Alder Allen Arnsten, and DMNA President David Hoffert,

I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts with you. I am emailing to convey my strong opposition to Edgewood high school's stadium, lights and sound system. I have lived in the neighborhood (2310 West Lawn Avenue) for many years and fear this would greatly negatively affect some of the very reasons I moved into this neighborhood and love living here so much -- peace and calm. I am not an expert on light and sound systems, but I worry that any such elements that would make a field feasible, would also be heard and seen in the surrounding area. Anything close to 26-40 evenings per year, in addition to days, feels like a high amount of times of disruption to us neighbors. I can understand the school's desire to have a home stadium but I would not choose to move into a house close to a stadium with lights and sound and I feel like there's a promise inherent in the current master plan that honors the neighbors and our choices to live here. As a parent of sports loving kids who go to West High School, we would like a home stadium too, but we accept that that is not possible for a school located in a neighborhood and we choose this inconvenience in order to be respectful of the neighbors who live right around West.

Though I am sympathetic to their wishes to host home games, I really do believe this change would greatly negatively change this neighborhood and all it offers.

I really hope you will vote no for any sound system or lights that could be heard or seen by any surrounding neighbors.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Rachel Lander
2310 West Lawn Ave
Madison, WI 53711
[REDACTED]

From: Judith Nienhauser <judith.nienhauser@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 11:47 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Mr. Arntsen,
I vehemently oppose the Edgewood High School Stadium proposal.
Kindly represent my concern.
With regards,
Judith Nienhauser
602 Edgewood Avenue

Veldran, Lisa

From: D Grady <susanmaud3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 12:10 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: proposed Edgewood Stadium

No to Edgewood stadium.
S. Hanley-Grady, Keyes Ave.

Veldran, Lisa

From: William Nienhauser <whnienha@wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 12:32 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I strongly oppose this proposal and hope you will support the majority of the neighborhood's wishes to avoid the problems this stadium would bring to us. We have supported expansion of Edgewood College in the past, but this would be overly invasive for those of us who live nearby. The majority of our neighborhood association, as you must know, is in opposition.

Please consider our arguments and help us to oppose this proposal.

Bill Nienhauser
602 Edgewood Avenue

William H. Nienhauser, Jr. 倪豪士
Halls-Bascom Professor of Chinese Literature
1208 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive
Asian Languages and Cultures
University of Wisconsin
Madison, WI 53706 USA

Veldran, Lisa

From: Judith Nienhauser <judith.nienhauser@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 1:08 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood High School Stadium

Samba Baldeh,

I am vehemently opposed to the Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal.

Kindly represent my concern.

With best regards,

Judith Nienhauser

602 Edgewood Avenue

Veldran, Lisa

From: Josh Gettle <jcg186@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 3:05 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: president@dmna.org; josh.napravnik@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Edgewood High School stadium plans

Alder Arntsen,

I am forwarding the email below I sent to our previous Alder. I am surprised that this continues to be discussed based on the feedback from the neighborhood association and the previous attempts. Edgewood is not being a good neighbor to us.

I attended the meeting on October 17th. I have not seen anything in Edgewood latest proposal that is different from pervious presentations. If anything it is starting to look worse for us with more noise at varying times of the day and more night games.

I am surprised Edgewood has not had an independent firm confirm what the sales people are claiming regarding lighting and noise impacts. A salesman is going to tell you what he thinks you want to hear in order to make a sale.

There are other places not within our peaceful residential community where this private institution can have a sports facility that will not impact our community and the environment. We have something special here. Once it is gone it is gone...

Happy to discuss with you.

Josh Gettle
2356 West Lawn Ave
Madison WI 53711

From: Josh Gettle [mailto:jcg186@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 2:19 PM
To: district13@cityofmadison.com
Subject: RE: Edgewood High School stadium plans

Alder Eskrich,

I attended yesterday's meeting. I want to be involved in what is being done to prevent this from moving forward. After listening to people in the group that have had experience with Edgewood in the past, I am very concerned Edgewood is moving in this direction. I am left feeling that they ask for something and then they ask for more. I have a hard time believing that this stadium is only going to be used by the Edgewood High school which is why I asked the question concerning the number of events projected and if that was for the high school only. There are 3 schools associated with Edgewood campus. Someone is going to have the great idea: We have a stadium on campus. We should try to get the maximum return on the investment, and use it.

Personally, I do not want to see this neighborhood change. I picked this neighborhood because I did not want the Camp Randall experience, or experiences other parts of Madison have to offer. I do not want the noise and light pollution that this is going to bring. I am pretty sure they are slanting their math concerning light requirements. Sure they will start off with 30 fc, but then they will cite something like student athlete safety requiring the light illumination level to be raised to a higher value. The salesman is going to sell them a solution and promise them that it will work for their application. They will implement the solution, and when it does not work as projected, they will need to adapt and overcome. They will request another change and since it is already in place it really is only a small change. I feel that if this moves forward they will ask for additional changes to the detriment of the neighborhood until it is no longer the neighborhood we chose to live.

Another thing mentioned during the meeting that I did not previously consider was crowd noise. If we get lost in what the technical solution can provide, it is easy to lose sight of the human impact (e.g. a crowd cheering for their team). It can be a cycle. People cheer louder, then the volume is turned up to overcome the effects of crowd noise. Repeat as necessary until the

residents of the community are not able to enjoy their own properties. We should be allowed to make enhancements to our properties, but not when it is to the detriment of our neighbors.

Finally, a point was made concerning what happens to property values if this moves forward. I believe property values will decline because of the negative effects discussed at the meeting. The neighborhood will become a less sought location for families and property values will decline. Who is left to absorb the financial impact?

Please let me know what you intend on doing regarding this request to the amendment to the master plan. If you need any assistance, please let me know.

Thank you

Josh Gettle
2356 West Lawn Ave

From: Josh Gettle [<mailto:jcg186@charter.net>]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 9:24 AM
To: 'district13@cityofmadison.com' <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood High School stadium plans

Alder Eskrich,

My name is Josh Gettle. I live at 2356 West Lawn Avenue.

I am writing this email because I heard about Edgewood High School stadium plans. The way it was presented to me was that this was not in keeping with the 10-year master plan.

I am concerned about the potential for the following negative consequences for people in the neighborhood:

- Increased noise from larger venue
- Increased traffic and parking issues from use
- Extended hours of use
- Light pollution of stadium lights

Please provide any information you can share.

Thank you

Josh Gettle

From: Chaz Wilson <chazwilson02@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 3:20 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Hello,

Last year I moved to this amazing city from all the way down in Texas. My wife and I ended up in a house on Monroe street, and immediately fell in love with this neighborhood as it is both beautiful and peaceful.

Within the last week the Edgewood Stadium Porpoasal has been brought to my attention, and I feel I must write to encourage you to vote NO on this proposal for a stadium.

This neighborhood is an amazing place where historical homes are occupied by loving families and friends. I understand where Edgewood is coming from, but this stadium will take away the charm of a wonderful neighborhood, and disrupt an otherwise quiet area.

Please consider those of us that wish to live in the Monroe street area for the long haul before allowing this stadium proposal to pass

Sincerely,
Chaz Wilson
2334 Monroe Street.

From: Paul Beckett <beckettpa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 3:35 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood athletic field

Dear Alder Arntsen,

You've done a great job as interim alder!

But that's not why I'm writing. Instead, let me ask you to oppose the plans for an athletics stadium at Edgewood, one with sound and lights (perhaps TV coverage?), which will greatly expand attendance at games. I am a resident of Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood (corner of Gregory and Sprague) since 1977. I myself did not oppose the stadium as a change-averse reflex. But I have listened carefully (as I'm sure you will) to the arguments of my neighbors and I am convinced that the stadium idea is absolutely contrary to the character of the neighborhood. I feel, if it is steamrolled through, it will damage Edgewood's relations with this part of Madison long term. We have worked well together, in mutual respect, for many past years as Edgewood has grown immensely. We have compromised a little, they have compromised a little. It has been a good relationship. Let's not seriously damage it now in order to please a small proportion of Edgewood's students, leaders and (monied?) alumni.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Beckett
2533 Gregory Street

On Mon, Oct 22, 2018 at 12:01 PM <district13@cityofmadison.com> wrote:



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Veldran, Lisa

From: Jeffrey S. Klenk <jsklenk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 4:17 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Vote NO on the stadium

Dear Alderman Arntsen:

My two children have both attended West High – my daughter is graduating this year. They have both done just fine – their “spirit” is alive and well – without a big football stadium.

I don’t believe Edgewood needs to make our neighborhood any more crowded or noisy than it already is.

Please vote NO on the stadium.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Klenk and Nancy Sheehan--
2416 Gregory Street | Madison, WI 53711 USA
jsklenk@gmail.com [REDACTED]

From: Rachel Roessingh <raeroessingh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 6:33 PM
To: josh.npravnik@gmail.com; president@dmna.org; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium Proposal Concerns

Hello —

I am writing to ask you to please not support Edgewood High School's proposal to expand their practice field to a stadium. 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 kitty-corner from the proposed stadium location. We recently moved 1 block away to West Lawn and still own our house on Monroe Street as a rental property. Expecting neighbors in close proximity of the proposed stadium location to accommodate the light, noise levels, and increased traffic that will result from 40 night games per year and renting out the facility to outside groups is simply too much 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. The increased traffic is a safety concern, and potential house value decrease is an unfair risk to ask hardworking families who invest in having a home in the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood to take on.

I am happy to give more information or discuss my concerns on the issue, but my purpose for writing you today is to express that I am opposed to Edgewood High School's proposal to build a stadium 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: Amy Williamson <amyaws@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 9:15 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Dear Alder Arntsen,

First, thank you for stepping up to serve as interim Alder for our district. Your civic contribution is much appreciated.

I am a resident of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. I am writing to express my opposition to Edgewood High School's plans to construct a stadium that would include amplified sound and lighting for up to 40 events per year.

Fundamentally, this is just too much for this dense residential neighborhood. I am also very disappointed to learn that Edgewood has underestimated noise and light levels that the neighborhood would experience. Moreover, I am disappointed that this proposal falls outside of the master plan that city, Edgewood and the neighborhood developed just a few years ago.

When buying a house in our neighborhood, we must all accept the advantages and disadvantages of living in a densely settled urban neighborhood. But that certainly does not mean one must accept noise, light and environmental disruption at the level Edgewood High School proposes.

Please vote against this plan.

Sincerely,

Amy Williamson
653 Knickerbocker Street

From: Donal O'Hare <doh@oharemc.com>
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 10:08 PM
To: Soglin, Paul; Baldeh, Samba; Arntsen, Allen
Cc: president@DMNA.org; josh.napravnik@gmail.com
Subject: Alert re EHS Stadium Proposal

Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

As a DMNA resident, I have reviewed the publicly-available data on the EHS proposal to build a stadium and use it to host up to 40 games — as well as other events — each year. It will accommodate 1200 people and use intensely amplified sound day and night.

Having due regard to the anticipated amplified noise and light impacts on the neighborhood — which have been knowingly and misleadingly under-represented in EHS's documentation — the traffic impacts, the environmental impacts on Lake Wingra and its wildlife, and also mindful of the impact historically on the housing adjacent to Camp Randall Stadium, I wish to register my strong opposition to this proposal, which I believe would be a disaster for the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood.

Larger high-schools than EHS do not have a stadium. EHS has other venue options that should be explored. This short-cut would be at a devastating cost to DMNA, and, in turn, to the City of Madison. I ask you to reject EHS's proposal.

Donal O'Hare
638 Pickford Street, Madison, WI 53711
doh@oharemc.com

October 22, 2018.

From: Emily Miller <emiller@madison.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 7:13 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Re: [Alder Arntsen, District 13] Election info

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am writing regarding the proposal for the construction of the Edgewood stadium. I urge the city to approve the construction on ONE condition: that Madison West High be allowed to share the track and stadium with Edgewood. West High currently has NO TRACK and NO stadium. For track practices, our students are bussed over to Memorial where they are treated like 2nd class citizens.

Edgewood is so much closer to West than Memorial is; many students even live near the Edgewood Campus, so why not why not work out a deal where our West athletes could utilize the facilities, both for practice and for home football and soccer games. It could do much to boost the morale of West athletics.

Thank you for your consideration and for bringing up my proposal with the Common Council.

Emily Miller
1150 Emerald Street
Madison, WI 53715

On Mon, Oct 22, 2018 at 11:57 AM, <district13@cityofmadison.com> wrote:



Alder Arntsen, District 13 Updates

posted October 22, 2018 11:54 AM

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Veldran, Lisa

From: James Imhoff <james@uhpwarranty.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 9:36 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood High School - property valuation survey
Attachments: Property Valuation Survey - EHS - Redacted.xlsx

Dear Alder Arntsen,

Thank you for your efforts to bring the neighbors and Edgewood together last week. I was in attendance until just before 9:00 p.m., but unfortunately, I needed to leave before I had the opportunity to speak.

To offer full transparency, I am an Edgewood alum and a current member of the Board of Trustees. I fully support the proposed project for many reasons, but I only hope to offer some insight into the potential impact of the property values in the neighborhood should Edgewood's plans proceed.

I was initially excited to learn the neighborhood association had interest in surveying experts in the real estate industry to gather their opinions about any potential impact to property valuations should the project move forward. After seeing the survey that was forwarded to 18 brokers and office managers in the area from Rick Corey at the Realtors Association of South Central Wisconsin, however, I became incredibly concerned.

There was no control as to who would be able to complete the survey. I tested this theory by completing the survey myself. While I have worked in the real estate industry and held my WI real estate salesperson license for almost 20 years, I am not even qualified to answer questions on property values because I do not list and sell single family residential properties.

After validating my concern that the survey was not valid due to the lack of participant control, I reached out to Rick Corey to inquire about who he had forwarded the survey to. Since I personally know each one of the parties, I then contacted them directly to gather their opinions.

I've attached a spreadsheet with their feedback. I've redacted their names, but I would be happy to meet in person with you to share this information should you need further verification.

I am skeptical the survey results that will ultimately be presented by the neighborhood association will include a high volume of participants, and as I stated, many non-experts. You will see by the direct polling of the true intended participants, the feedback was clear that property values would not be adversely impacted!

Ten of the experts indicated there would no impact or potentially even a positive impact. One expert expressed nominal concern for the homes right on Woodrow, but he explained his concern related to parking issues and he subsequently changed his opinion after I explained the project can fully accommodate on-campus parking. The other participants either did not respond to my inquiry or indicated they chose not to participate in the survey.

I sincerely hope you will consider this information when determining any potential concern about adverse impact on property values should the project proceed. Again, I would be happy to meet in person to divulge more details about my survey of the intended real estate experts.

Thank you again for your efforts and consideration of this project. It is long overdue!

Best regards,

James Imhoff



James Imhoff
President



Email: james@uhpwarranty.com
Website: www.uhpwarranty.com



<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Sent to agents?</u>	<u>Completed Survey</u>	<u>Feedback</u>
		Chairman	No	Yes	Verbal - No affect at all.
		Broker	Yes	Not yet as of 10/16	I do not believe that there will be any detrimental effects to property values in the neighborhood. Edgewood needs this stadium to compete effectively in their conference. It is long, long overdue.
		Broker	No	No	Verbal - No negative effect immediately. Possibly positive affect to valuations in the future.
		Vice President	Yes	Yes	I did fill it out and my personal opinion is that it would not have any effect on the neighborhood values unless they were holding events daily or several times a week and it would be noisy until late at night. It could be a positive that you are so close to the school that children can walk to the school. You can look at it both ways in my opinion.
		CEO	No	No	In my opinion it will be a net neutral effect on property values, won't hurt or help the values
		Broker	Yes	Yes	Out of the 8 agents in our office, 1 agent filled out the survey. No one else plans on filling it out. I filled it out. I don't think property values will decrease with the improvements proposed.

<p>Broker - Monroe St. Office</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>I believe that as with the other projects in/around Monroe St the past couple years, the current homeowners will initially offer their strong objections, then become used to the idea, then realize that change is good. Monroe St is one of the most vibrant neighborhoods in Madison, and growth is inevitable. With growth comes change.... I don't believe home values will suffer. I'd say they will remain steady. Prospective buyers choose to live in our neighborhood because they WANT to live in Dudgeon Monroe, and will pay the premium just to be here. A stadium may be noisy, well-lit, and cause some congestion once or twice a week. But life is noisy and youngsters grow and benefit from this "good" noise. I personally own a home just a block from Cambridge High School's football field. I listen to games being announced, bands playing, kids cheering, and think how lucky we are to have exuberant youth participating in healthy activities. I even tear up once in a while in pure joy of knowing they are there..... To those homeowners who continue to object to it - Fine - Sell your home, you're sure to be pleased with how much it sells for! Let those who value youth and healthy activities become a part of the community!</p>
<p>Broker</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Not yet as of 10/16</p>	<p>I would assume that the stadium wouldn't have much of an impact on real estate values in the area. I think the only areas that might see a slight negative effect would be those on Monroe across from the stadium and those located on Woodrow. (He indicated his rationale was due to parking, but verbally stated he didn't realize the campus could accommodate parking without using street parking. The survey did not include this information!)</p>
<p>President</p>	<p>Not as of 10/16</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No, direct effect on the property values in a negative way, could possibly enhance the value.</p>

Broker	No	No	Thank you so much for reaching out to me in regards to this new stadium at Edgewood. Happy to answer the questions you have. I wanted to let you know that I did not send the survey to my agent because I felt the way the survey was written that we would only be sending the neighborhood association incorrect data from the fact that the survey could be in interpreted correctly. For example question 2 asks be if the stadium will increase or decrease values, then it gives me two boxes to fill out a \$ box and a % box but does give me a place to say if I am saying the amount is an increase and decrease amount, for the purpose of this data gathering those surveys will confuse people. I believe the the stadium would add value to the neighborhood. It will bring actions and life to the neighborhood. People want their children to have the opportunity to play at such an amazing facility, and I believe it will draw more home owners to come to the area. Parents want walkable distances to schools as much as possible these days. With most families having both parents working, the ease of kids being able to walk to the school is priceless. While increasing the value of the school with the new stadium it brings new students to Edgewood, but brings strong demand and resale of the homes around it. I live in Waunakee now because both our parents live out here and help with the kids, but also because Waunakee has done a great job creating a community of families coming together and supporting each other. Waunakee put in a state of the art stadium with PA system and it has added great value to the area and a wonderful draw for more families come so their kids can play on such an amazing field. Not only has it drawn in high school age families, but youth sports have the opportunity to play on the field for special games and that is big deal to the kids and families. It keeps kids excited to be active and they have something to watch and look forward to doing more when they get older. The whole community and neighbors make it a Friday night event and come and support the the team and come visit with the neighbors even if they do not have kids playing. A great value to an area is the sense of community. This Stadium would not be just for the high school and the players, it is for everyone. One other thing to mention is this Stadium will be managed and taken care of by Edgewood Campus, who takes great pride in being respectful, and good at what they do. They would not allow for the stadium to be anything but a positive addition to the neighborhood. Why would they do anything to jeopardize the value of the neighborhood. The strength and the livelihood of the area the school sits in is very important the the strength of the school as well;) When asked what percent the values will go up is hard to give a number to because the the market will depend on that. If you ask me if this addition will add value to the neighborhood, I believe it will. Any community improvement helps the area grow in a positive way.
			No repsonse
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Broker			No repsonse
Broker	No	No	Stated they chose not to participate due to the potential controversy involved.
Broker			No repsonse
Broker	Indicated she will	Indicated she will	My personal opinion is the stadium will not adversely affect property value.

Team Leader	N/A	N/A	Facebook: I voted to support this...even if you don't live there the facility will do so much for Edgewood Campus and the community!
Broker	N/A	N/A	Facebook: Signed in support...

From: Sally Jerney <sjerney@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 12:26 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: Baldeh, Samba
Subject: Opposition to the Proposed Edgewood Stadium

Hello Interim Alder Arntsen,


Thank you for filling this position until our alderperson is elected. I appreciate your support in helping the neighborhood in this fight. It feels a little like David and Goliath after sitting through the meeting at Edgewood High School. It's going to be a tough issue going forward. I think it might be appropriate to ask them to hold off any decisions until after the election and we have been able to vote for our alderperson with this important issue in mind.

I have lived at 2372 West Lawn Avenue for the past 44 years. Edgewood has been a good neighbor to me and I have been a good neighbor to them. After hearing the Edgewood design team proposal last week I have weighed the pro/cons with neighbors and others.

I am against the expanded stadium for these reasons listed below:

1. The amplified sound, crowd noise, lights, and increased activity will negatively affect the quality of life for those of us packed close to Edgewood.
2. Edgewood is already breaking a promise to the neighborhood in pursuing this.
3. Edgewood is not a neighborhood high school. West is our neighborhood school and it does not have a state of the art stadium in our neighborhood and shares with other schools.
4. I am very much aware of the give and take living so close to neighbors and I don't begrudge a loud party every once in a while (like Edgefest was) but I wouldn't want it to be 20-40 or more times a year!
5. The neighborhood is home to Lake Wingra, The Arboretum, Wingra and Vilas parks, the pleasure drive behind Edgewood and all of the vast uses that would be affected by this stadium. I would like the natural environment to matter more than sports.
6. My taxes are high (\$1000 per month) and my income is fixed. I don't want this stadium. Edgewood has a beautiful practice/game facility. Use your resources and come up with a creative solution elsewhere.

There are many other reasons and concerns but you will be getting those from others I would imagine.

Again, thank you
Sarah Jerney


From: Shelley Caw <ssavagecaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood High School stadium

Dear Alder Arntsen:

I am writing in support of the Edgewood High School stadium proposal. I live in the 2300 block of Monroe Street. While I understand my neighbors' concerns about noise/light/traffic issues related to the stadium expansion, I believe that those issues are all part and parcel of living on Monroe Street and in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood. We already have significant traffic issues on Monroe Street during EHS and ECS opening and closing—or whenever any of the Edgewood schools/college has an event. We already have significant neighborhood disruptions (noise/people/traffic) whenever UW has an event—especially during football season. Often marathons and runs-for-charity use a route that passes from Woodrow onto Monroe Street. From my house, I can hear athletic practices and games already occurring on the new field at EHS as well as outdoor events at Camp Randall and at West High School. Open lunch at West High School creates some negative issues for the neighborhood. Previous to Monroe Street reconstruction, emergency vehicles drove full speed, lights and sirens blasting, 24 hours a day on Monroe Street. With Monroe Street (when not under construction) being a major east/west thoroughfare and the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood's close proximity to schools, businesses and parks, our neighborhood is busy and lively at all hours of the day, every day. Thus, I see no reason to single out and restrict Edgewood High School from using their new field.

Thank you,

Michelle S. Caw
2340 Monroe Street

From: Carol Mitchell <carol_l_mitchell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 3:07 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium

General Information

Name: Carol Mitchell
Address: 306 Campbell St
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53711
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: carol_l_mitchell@yahoo.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I wrote last month stating my opposition to the stadium. I noted it would cause light and noise pollution to say nothing about the traffic by many who are not there to take advantage of the restaurants, stores, and non-sports entertainment. Edgewood had been a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

The proposed stadium is in-appropriate to the neighborhood and will cause damage to the eco-system and family-based activities of Lake Wingra.

Do you have a sense of the voting on this important issue.

Recipient:
Allen A. Arntsen

From: Mark Landgraf <msrltmadison@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 3:27 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood High School Master Plan Amendment

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I live at 2130 West Lawn Ave (barely 2 blocks from EHS) and am writing you today to let you know that I am **VERY MUCH IN FAVOR** of Edgewood High School's plans to amend the Master Plan.

I originally was going to write a long message detailing the frustration I have with the opponents spreading so much misinformation to my neighbors and the community at large, but I do not want to play that game and haven't from the beginning. I would just like to say that the benefits to the students (who this all should mainly be about in the first place) and families at Edgewood, as well as the community and surrounding businesses far outweigh the silly arguments and selfishness that has been displayed.

I am hoping that common sense prevails and that the amendment to the Master Plan passes.

Thank you for your time and efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,
Sue Landgraf

Veldran, Lisa

From: Mary Howick <mhowick732@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 9:10 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium

Hello, I am sending this e-mail to let you know of my strong opposition to the proposed stadium at Edgewood High School. The stadium would benefit very few people and impact many. Please uphold the quality of life of our neighborhood.

Mary Howick
605 Edgewood Ave, Madison, WI 53711

From: Karen Jaehnig <karenj721@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 9:40 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: president@dmna.org
Subject: Edgewood stadium project

Dear Alder Arntsen,

We would like to voice our opinion on the proposal for the stadium on the Edgewood campus. It doesn't matter how well designed this project might be, stadiums are meant to make noise. At the present time, the sound from the practice field can be heard on the lake without amplification. Adding lights and amplification is very intrusive to the neighbors who live close to Edgewood. These additions would permanently alter this area including the delicate ecosystem. Lake Wingra and all the non-human neighbors who inhabit this area need to be acknowledged.

This project does not uphold the original agreement and once it is built, there is no going back. It would affect the property values and the overall quality of life for those who live closest to the campus, and their opinions should hold a greater weight. This proposed stadium is not a good fit for the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood.

Thank you.

Kurt & Karen Jaehnig
725 Copeland St.
Madison, WI 53711

From: Rob Williamson <iiiwsr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 10:47 PM
To: Soglin, Paul
Cc: Baldeh, Samba; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Statement regarding Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Mayor Soglin, President Baldeh, and Alder Arntsen,

I am simply writing to express my strong opposition to Edgewood's proposal to build a stadium and associated lighting and amplified sound system.

I have friends whose children play for Edgewood High School and there have historically been no issues finding other suitable venues for all of their football games.

The urban and close setting of Edgewood High School to the adjacent homes is utterly unsuitable for the noise and light pollution that will go along with a stadium build. A substantial number of homes are separated from the proposed venue by only a narrow residential street. Although I am a few blocks away, our neighborhood will be significantly affected by the noise and lighting as well.

When stadiums like this are built, they are part of an wholistic and specifically-designed community plan, which includes appropriate buffer distances and land zoning to accommodate the noise and light pollution from the stadium. Edgewood is in an established, century-old neighborhood with no possibility for buffer zones or other natural barriers to enable the stadium to coexist with residences.

Allowing a stadium to be built in the Edgewood location will have a substantial impact on the quality of life in the immediate and surrounding neighborhoods and negatively impact property values. It will negatively impact the natural serenity and quality of Wingra Park.

I urge you all to oppose the Edgewood stadium proposal.

Thank you,

Rob

Rob Williamson
2730 Gregory Street
Madison, WI
[Rob Williamson](#)

Veldran, Lisa

From: Joan Nugent <jfnuge@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 2:34 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: douglaspoland@me.com; Dan Anderson
Subject: EDGEWOOD

Hi Alder Allen Arntsen,

As neighbors in the Vilas area for over 33 years, we are opposing the Edgewood Stadium athletic field expansion.

Edgewood is a private school in a residential neighborhood.

Only 20% of students come from our combined neighborhoods of Vilas and Dudgeon/Monroe.

The UW already has a large stadium in our area that causes increase noise, traffic and parking congestion/problems.

During UW football games we can sit in our living room with the windows and doors shut and still hear the announcing from the stadium.

We do not want another amplified athletic field that is projected to host up to 40 games/events a year.

As you are aware, there is already increased traffic that flows through Monroe and Regent street corridor, regardless of an event.

Another concern is the effect the increased light and sound it will have on wildlife habit along the shores of Vilas behind Edgewood School.

Has an environmental impact study been done?

This is our home, Allen.

If this project goes forward, it will diminish the quality of life for many people and effect home values.

Please vote no.

Thank you.

Joan Nugent and Dan Anderson
1521 Vilas Ave.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Mike Stuart <1mikestuart@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 2:53 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Allen- I do NOT object to Edgewood stadium

Mike Stuart
1mikestuart@gmail.com
[REDACTED]
2024 Madison St.

From: Kathryn Converse <conversekrtn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 4:47 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood College stadium

Dear Mr. Arntsen,

Please vote NO on Edgewood College's stadium proposal!

Sincerely,

Randy Converse, 630 Pickford St.

From: Greta L <gllawrenc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 9:16 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood stadium plan

Hello,

I live in the Monroe Street neighborhood. I am also an Edgewood alumnus. I radically OPPOSE the new stadium plan. Please do not let it pass. The arguments Edgewood is making in favor of the stadium do not ring true - there was no stadium with lights when I was there and school spirit was fine. In fact it was fun as a student to travel to other stadiums.

The effect on neighborhood life would be drastically negative. Please vote against this proposal.

Thank you,
Dr. Greta Lawrence

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

From: Henry Jasen <hjasen@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Soglin, Paul; Baldeh, Samba; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Reject Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Dear City of Madison Leaders,

Please preserve the peaceful enjoyment of a quiet residential neighborhood by rejecting the Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal. We have all gotten along well without the lights or a sound system that would reverberate through the neighborhood. This is not just about noise and light pollution. Edgewood students have a history of property destruction on celebratory nights. We don't need many more nights like that.

We do tolerate Badger games with similar parking and traffic problems, but they only have one or two night games per year. Edgewood wants dozens of nights. This is an unreasonable intrusion on the peace of the neighborhood. I trust that you will agree and prevent this regular disturbance in our midst.

Henry

Henry Jasen
2105 Madison Street
Madison, WI 53711

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hjasen@me.com

From: RACHELLE L WINKLE-WAGNER <winklewagner@wisc.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 9:45 AM
To: josh.napravnik@gmail.com; president@DMNA.org; Arntsen, Allen; Soglin, Paul; Baldeh, Samba
Cc: Michael Wagner
Subject: Edgewood stadium proposal - OPPOSED

Greetings, community leaders,

I own a house on 2334 West Lawn, only about 1 block from the Edgewood campus. My family is **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to the stadium proposal.

The proposal includes significant noise and light pollution that would be a massive, negative disruption in the neighborhood, effecting sleep, ability to study or think, and our general lifestyle.

The proposal is for up to FORTY games per year which means that for that many days, my children will be unable to sleep, we will be unable to work at home, and our lives will be generally disrupted. We live nearly a mile from Camp Randall and on game days, we hear the cheering from our house the entire time, almost as if we were there — but it is only 6 games per year so it is tolerable. There is a huge difference in this proposal as compared to Camp Randall (more than 10 times the disruptive games) which represents a cataclysmic shift in what is currently a quiet, residential neighborhood and has been for 100 years. It is not just the neighbors who are a few blocks away who will be impacted — this will impact Dudgeon Monroe, Vilas, Nakoma, and Westmorland neighborhoods in various ways.

Please vote no on this proposal and represent me and my neighborhood as your constituent.

-Rachelle Winkle-Wagner

Rachelle Winkle-Wagner, PhD
Associate Professor
WISCAPE Faculty
Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis
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Madison, WI 53706
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From: Susanna Rasmussen Fischer <serasmussen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 10:28 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Dear sir,

I am an Edgewood neighbor who lives at 702 Leonard St. and I oppose the high school stadium expansion.

I grew up in Madison and have always considered myself to be pro-urban development. I like the idea of a vibrant isthmus and do understand that urban neighborhoods need to embrace change or face the possibility of decline. My issue is one of class and fairness. I have attended public schools in Madison from kindergarten through the UW. I find it deeply offensive that the private school feels entitled to this expansion when it charges such high tuition and has a student body that is mostly commuters in from outside of the neighborhood. Meanwhile the urban public schools honor the tradition of hosting games at other schools in less urban environments.

The bottom line to me is that the students and families potentially served are not the ones who will be bearing the impact of the development. I also do not feel as though it is right to support a private institution, especially one that is in direct competition with our public schools, in such a manner.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Susanna Fischer

Veldran, Lisa

From: Paul Guilbault <pgilbo1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 11:26 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

General Information

Name: Paul Guilbault
Address: 877 Terry Place
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53711

Work Phone:
Email: pgilbo1@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Mr. Arntsen,

I am against the proposed Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal.

I have on Terry Place for 24 years. I attended Edgewood College for my nursing education. I am not anti-Edgewood in any way. I received an excellent education at a reasonable price. I am currently an RN at the William H. Middleton VA hospital here in Madison serving our nations Veterans. Edgewood High School is located in our neighborhood but is not a neighborhood school. I would be interested to know what percentage of Edgewood High School students live within 1 mile of the campus? The other 99 percent would have to drive to football games just like all the students who attend West High School.

Wingra Park and the surrounding UW Arboretum is a very special place. There are is a no wake restriction on Lake Wingra to offer everyone a quiet place to return to nature and enjoy watching Sand Hill Cranes dance and raise their young. My family and I have enjoyed sitting outside and listening to Great Horned Owls and watching the Great Blue Herons and Green Herons on Lake Wingra.

Please help us to maintain the peace and quiet of our neighborhood and vote against the proposed Edgewood Stadium changes.

Respectfully,

Paul Guilbault
877 Terry Place
Madison, WI 53711

Recipient:
Allen A. Arntsen

From: Catherine Rasmussen <crasmus@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 12:52 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: FW: proposed Edgewood stadium

From: Catherine Rasmussen [mailto:crasmus@charter.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 12:49 PM
To: 'president@DMNA.org' <president@DMNA.org>
Subject: proposed Edgewood stadium

I am opposed to construction of this stadium. It will change the character of Edgewood's campus and turn the high school into a bad neighbor. Presently Edgewood shares the wooded campus of the college: a stadium would alter the character of the campus and create more traffic and congestion, which we do not need.

It has been pointed out that West High School, which is much bigger, manages to share the stadium of a more suburban school: surely this is possible for Edgewood as well.

From: Katie Drucker <mama2gg@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 4:25 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: president@dmna.org; Josh Napravnik
Subject: Edgewood Stadium

Dear Alder Arnsten,

We would like to share the reasons we are **against** Edgewood adding lights and sound systems to their field. We hope that you will vote **no** on their proposal to do so.

We have lived on Pickford St. for almost 20 years, our kids attended Blessed Sacrament and are now at West. We have absolutely nothing against Edgewood and have many dear friends there. We moved to this neighborhood from the rat race of a big city just so that we could raise our kids here. We have loved that it has been quiet and safe, where neighbors are friendly, parking is easy, and traffic is minimal. We have always been happy to pay the high property taxes for the quality of living here. Watching this great neighborhood turn into a place where there are too many cars, too much density, and rising crime is making life here less desirable, stressful and sad. We have been robbed inside of our house while we slept, had our car stolen and now have the constant worry and stress about it happening again. We are angry that we seem to be living with more and more big city problems. Please do what you can to preserve our neighborhood and NOT allow this stadium and increase our big city problems, especially for the following reasons:

1. Noise. We can sometimes hear the games and band from Camp Randall which can be charming because there are so few and the sound is faint enough. We can easily hear the music at jazz in the park. We cannot image having to listen to so many (up to 40!) events at the much louder and closer Edgewood campus, whistles blowing, cheering, yelling. It would ruin our quality of life during the short lived warmer months. Things we love about living here; sitting on the front porch and chatting with neighbors, having windows open, eating dinner on the back patio all will become tedious, frustrating and miserable. The noise will be inescapable, even inside our homes.

2. Traffic. Traffic is another one of those things that has adversely changed this neighborhood in recent years. We already endure so much being the thoroughfare for Epic, UW Campus, Camp Randall, Downtown, Edgewood, etc. Having 40 events a year where most of the spectators and players will be commuting in and out will just add to the already miserable traffic issues we have to deal with here. Once the construction is over, it will once again become impossible to make a left turn off of Pickford onto Monroe every weekday morning and evening, and Badger game, and various other events in Madison. Please do not make this worse by allowing this stadium. Our tiny Monroe Street is just not made for such high traffic, even after the construction is over. Traffic has become a miserable part of living here.

3. Crime. I realize that the kids that would attend the games at Edgewood might not exactly cause the kinds of problems that the city schools seem to be having. But an increase of teenagers from outside of Madison driving through at aggressive teenager speeds, parking, running around before and after events will not likely be a positive thing. We all know how teens tend to behave at sporting events. I also worry about an increase of vandalism and crime with an increase of teens from out of the area.

4. Lights. Even though the lights probably wouldn't affect us as much on Pickford Street, I would be devastated for my neighbors who would be. I would hate to be forced to put up with the lights for so many nights and evenings during our precious warmer months of the year. It is so wrong to force this upon homeowners. It would be extremely disruptive to those who live in the light zone. If it turns out that it is also disruptive to Lake Wingra inhabitants, then it is even more devastating.

It seems so incredibly unfair, deceptive and unneighborly that Edgewood is trying to pass this through after their promises not to. Please let us know what else we can do to prevent this from happening. It is incredibly distressing to

think Edgewood might change our neighborhood in such a terrible way. Please do everything you can not to let this happen.

Thanks so much.
Sean and Katie Drucker
648 Pickford Street
[REDACTED]

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kate <rac@chorus.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 4:43 PM
To: josh.naprvnik@gmail.com
Cc: president@DMNA.org; Arntsen, Allen; Baldeh, Samba; Soglin, Paul
Subject: <No Subject>

I SUPPORT the Edgewood College stadium expansion! I live on the 2200 block of West Lawn Avenue, one block from Edgewood High School. Edgewood is an asset to our neighborhood and is a good neighbor. We are in the city close to UW and Monroe Street noises and lights. We should help Edgewood succeed and embrace their presence, which conforms to and enhances the nature of our neighborhood.

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

From: Jennifer Rupcich <jenrup@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 8:25 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood High School Football Field

General Information

Name: Jennifer Rupcich
Address: 1802 Monroe Street
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53711
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email: jenrup@gmail.com
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I am happy to hear the addition of lights to the football field is moving forward at Edgewood High School. I've recently purchased a condo on Monroe Street and welcome the idea. The campus is a beautiful space and a few night games will not take away from the neighborhood. If we can survive the Monroe Street construction and Badger Football Saturdays we can surely survive a Friday evening high school football game. Thank you for your support.

Recipient:
Allen A. Arntsen

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jon Pevehouse <jonpevehouse@me.com>
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 10:09 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium Expansion

Dear Allen,

I'm sure your inbox is flooded with emails like this, but allow me to add one more!

As you might imagine, I am very opposed to the proposed expansion of the stadium on a number of grounds, including its effect on neighborhood safety from increased traffic, noise and light pollution, as well as its influence on the natural environment around Lake Wingra.

Thank you for listening.

Best,

Jon

From: Liz Laufenberg <llaufenberg@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 8:29 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Hello Mr. Arntsen,

My family lives at 2137 Keyes Ave, close to Edgewood High School, we have lived in this neighborhood for the past 15 years. I grew up in this neighborhood too back in the 80's-90's. Many of my friends attended Edgewood High, my parents graduated from Edgewood High and I even went to preschool there.

We oppose the building of a stadium on Edgewood High School's Monroe St. campus. This is an urban area, already much congested with traffic - current construction heightens this of course but an issue even without that added extra. We are concerned about noise levels as well as the impact of potential additional stadium lights whether via actual lighting or score boards. We don't buy the argument of increased school spirit based on adding a stadium to their campus. School spirit revolves around the people, philosophy and activities with which a community engages.

We urge you to do what you can to oppose this proposal and to vote "NO".

Respectfully,
Liz Preston

Veldran, Lisa

From: Fields, Debbie
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 12:49 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Phone message: Pat Kandziora

Ms. Kandziora called on Friday, October 26, 2018, at 12:45 p.m. She opposes any modifications to the Edgewood Master Plan and urges you to vote no. She lives near there and says the proposal will have a negative effect on her. She didn't leave a phone number because she doesn't need a call back.

Thanks,
Debbie

From: Witt Anderson <witt.anderson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 2:00 PM
To: Baldeh, Samba; Soglin, Paul; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: edgewood stadium

Please vote NO on the proposal to amend Edgewood High School Master Plan to allow for construction of a Stadium on Monroe St. campus. Edgewood High School has not been honest in conversations concerning a 'practice field' which has now become Stadium with 1200 seats, amplified sound day and night, lighting, and hosting up to 40 evening games and other events. Dudgeon-Monroe residents are opposed to this proposal. Thank you.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kate <rac@chorus.net>
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 7:24 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Fwd: I support Edgewood Sport Field proposal

----- Original message -----

From: rac@itis.com
Subject: I support Edgewood High School

I think we should allow Edgewood High School to upgrade lights and sound system on their athletic field. As a resident on West Lawn Avenue for 46 years one block from Edgewood, I think the improvements will have nothing but a positive effect on the neighborhood. Edgewood has been honest about their planned uses. Most of the 40 events projected will be soccer, track, and other sports that do not draw large crowds. Not all are football games. They will have less effect on the neighborhood than our block parties. Edgewood has been a good neighbor for 100 years. Why should we throw road blocks in their way? They have been very sensitive to the neighborhood needs. We ought to be careful what we wish for, as there are a lot worse uses for that property than Edgewood High School. We should want the best for Edgewood. Tell our neighbors and alder to support Edgewood.

Bob Richardson

From: Judith Poplawski <reporting@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 27, 2018 10:16 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Hish proposal

General Information

Name: Judith Poplawski
Address: 2419 Gregory St
City: Madison
State: Wi
ZIP: 53711


Work Phone:

Email:

Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Please vote no on the Edgewood Proposal. The entire school/campus already encroaches on the area more than it should.

Recipient:

Allen A. Arntsen

From: Amy Poland <acpoland@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 27, 2018 10:34 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood stadium proposal

Hi Allen,

I live one block away from Edgewood's property and am in favor of them installing lights and being able to use their stadium for night games. It is a lovely looking stadium facility, let's let them use it. Wish that my children who attended West H.S. would have had a similar opportunity.

Thanks,
Amy Poland

From: Daniel Bennett <danbmd@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 27, 2018 5:06 PM
To: Soglin, Paul; Arntsen, Allen; Baldeh, Samba
Subject: Edgewood High School stadium proposal

Dear Mayor Soglin, Interim Alder Arntsen, and Council President Baldeh,

We are writing to strongly oppose Edgewood High Schools planned proposal to build a stadium on their campus.

1. Traffic in our neighborhood is already a major safety issue. Our neighborhoods and streets should not be forced to accommodate additional traffic demands imposed by a stadium complex.
2. The burden of amplified sound and lighting imposed on the neighborhood is unacceptable.

As you know, West High School shares facilities with Memorial High School. As parents of a child at West and another who will soon attend West, we believe this situation is acceptable given the density of our neighborhoods in near west Madison. Edgewood parents should be expected to make the same sacrifice.

Edgewood's proposed stadium will undoubtedly damage our neighborhoods. The cost to the city and its residents is not worth any benefit gained for a very small number of individuals associated with Edgewood.

Thank you,
Daniel and Rachel Bennett
1119 Van Buren St
Madison

From: Sue Ellingson <sue.ellingson@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 27, 2018 5:11 PM
To: Stouder, Heather; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Opposed to Edgewood High School stadium

To the Madison Plan Commission and Alder Arntsen:

I urge you to reject Edgewood's proposal to amend its master plan and allow a stadium on its grounds.

I was alder when the master plan was adopted. We spent many hours talking about what sort of building might abut Woodrow St and the many neighbors who live there, and how landscaping might be used to minimize the building's impact. Edgewood's representatives at the time were sensitive to the neighbors' concerns. I thought a reasonable compromise was reached. I supported approval of the master plan.

Edgewood's current proposal to put a stadium in that location is a betrayal of that process and the trust the neighbors and Edgewood had in one another.

A stadium with regular sporting events means lights, hundreds of people, cars parking everywhere, marching bands, and, worst of all, amplified sound. Amplified sound means you hear the event like it's taking place in your living room. There is no escape.

I know personally what it's like to live with amplified sound from public spaces. I live across the street from Vilas Park. Amplified sound even from small events in the shelter is very disruptive (and *never* ends at 9:00pm as required). I live half a mile from Camp Randall. During some football games, it sounds like it's next door.

It is not reasonable for the Woodrow St neighbors to put up with that much disruption to their everyday lives.

West High School doesn't have a stadium. Edgewood High School has managed just fine so far. They don't need a change now.

Again, I urge you to reject Edgewood's proposal for a stadium on Woodrow St.

Sincerely,

Susan Ellingson

1922 Vilas Ave, Madison, WI 53711
sue.ellingson@icloud.com

From: Lynne Sexten <sextenlm@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2018 8:00 AM
To: Soglin, Paul; Arntsen, Allen; Baldeh, Samba
Subject: I support Edgewood

After watching my son's Edgewood High School soccer team play their final game of the season, I returned home to find a neon flyer tucked beneath my doormat. It was protesting efforts to make improvements to the sports complex on the Edgewood campus and was authored by a group of Dudgeon-Monroe (DM) residents.

My son is on the varsity soccer team. Early in the season, I enjoyed heading over to watch their games after work. The longer days provided sufficient daylight for a 90 minute game. As we entered October, the shorter days necessitated that games begin much earlier so the boys wouldn't be playing in darkness by halftime. This causes work conflicts for many parents. Despite the beautiful field the Goodman's made possible on Edgewood's campus, there are no lights to enable high school and college soccer, lacrosse, football, or track events to occur once the sun goes down.

In 2017 Edgewood began reaching out to our neighborhood about adding lights, additional seating, and a sound system to the sports complex. Since that time they have held numerous informational meetings and have revised and upgraded the technology intended for the field to address nuisance concerns. Despite their attempts to partner with us, I have been taken aback by the acrimony expressed by a small group of DM residents during these meetings. To have an opinion contrary to mine is not offensive. However, watching vial and personal insults hurled at educators – that I find embarrassing and baseless. Or to have these same residents refer to the students and parents of Edgewood as elitists, snobs, and grouchers – that I find offensive and prejudiced. How do you know me to call me such names? How do you know my children to consider their desire to play home games under the lights with such enmity?

I see unfolding the potential to have a small minority of households from DM be overly influential in the vitality of a local treasure. Edgewood is a large local employer, they attract hundreds of families and young people to patronize our local businesses, and showcase the vibrancy of living on the near westside to those who presume the distant suburbs are the only option for a young family. Both the high school and the college play a role in the continuity of our communities; promoting dynamic diversity among homes with older individuals, young professionals, and new families.

I believe the high school and college have been collaborative partners with our neighborhood and have earnestly responded to concerns about the desired improvements. I FULLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EDGEWOOD SPORTS COMPLEX. I want our community to thrive and believe a part of that is for the high school and college to be attractive options for sports-minded students of the future.

Best regards,
Lynne Sexten | 1825 Vilas Ave

Veldran, Lisa

From: Sally Lehner <sa_lehner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2018 8:59 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Oppose Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Dear Ald. Arntsen,

As a Vilas Neighborhood resident, I am writing to ask that you oppose the Edgewood Stadium Proposal.

I believe the benefit from having the stadium is outweighed by the health impacts on the surrounding neighborhood families due to the light and noise pollution from the proposed stadium. Further, it is my understanding that if the noise and light levels exceed projections, there is no recourse.

Sincerely,
Sally Lehner

Veldran, Lisa

From: BARBARA Z RICHARDSON <barbandtomrich@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2018 9:49 AM
To: Soglin, Paul; Baldeh, Samba; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Dear City Representatives,

I'm writing *for* the stadium (grandstand, really), lights and speakers for Edgewood High School. I've lived in the Vilas neighborhood all my life; my mother still has her house and we built a home next to her. I've witnessed, first hand, times when a proposal for something new to the neighborhood was met with very "pitchfork, stakes and torches" type opposition. One example would be when the bike trail was proposed, and another would be when we proposed to build a house next to my mother. Both resulted in the exact opposite of the doomed forecast predicted by the opposers. People, in general, don't like change, I get that. Just because Edgewood, or West for that matter, hasn't had a sports stadium for over 100 years doesn't mean it hasn't been a problem. I went to West and our son currently goes to Edgewood. I remember trying to get rides to the games with the hopes of finding a ride home. I don't need to go into the details of how, on so many levels, this is not a good thing, we've all been there. We have the opportunity to create a safer, local venue for these kids to participate, celebrate, flourish in their respective athletic endeavors. I've lived in the shadow of the UW Field House/Stadium my whole life and feel proud/priviliged of this. I relish the convenient opportunity for community, entertainment, and diversions from the tv/computer way to spectate or participate.

Sincerely Yours,

Barb and Tom Richardson
1918 Adams Street
Madison, Wi 53711

ps I just read this to my Mom and she feels the same way!

Betty Zeps
1922 Adams Street
Madison, WI 53711

From: SUSAN FRIEDMAN <ssfriedm@wisc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2018 11:43 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: Baldeh, Samba; Soglin, Paul
Subject: Opposition to Edgewood HS Stadium

Dear Allen Arntsen, I am writing to express strong opposition to Edgewood High School's plan to put a full stadium on Monroe Street. I hope that you will vote NO on the request to amend its Master Plan.

Having the University home games, with loudspeakers and loud music and disruptions in this residential neighborhood is disruptive enough. I do think all Badger home games are good for the city, however, in many ways. I do not see how the Edgewood HS stadium does more than really disrupt the neighborhoods near the school. I agree with the argument that school spirit does not require this stadium; West High also does not have a stadium. I think that schools in the near west and east and central Madison areas should have stadiums that use loud speakers at home games, meets and other athletic events.

I live at the intersection of Adams and Harrison in the Vilas Neighborhood, and so I am not certain whether I would myself be disrupted by the Stadium plans. But a large swath of your district would definitely feel the effects of constant disruption.

Respectfully,
Susan Friedman
1102 Harrison St
53711

Veldran, Lisa

From: Dave Cieslewicz <davecieslewicz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood

Hey, Allen.

I hope you're enjoying your service on the council. I thought you were a great choice for that, by the way.

For what it's worth, I'm fine with the Edgewood proposal for the lights, etc., at the athletic facility. We live at Monroe Commons, so it doesn't impact us, but I understand there's an effort going around in opposition, so I wanted to counter that a bit with a word of support from another district resident.

Best and happy budgeting.

Dave

Veldran, Lisa

From: Sue Ellingson <sue.ellingson@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2018 2:02 PM
To: vilasna@yahooogroups.com
Cc: Stouder, Heather; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Contacting the City

Edgewood's proposed amendment to their master plan will be heard by the Plan Commission first. (I don't know whether they have actually made the application yet.) You can send email to the Plan Commission care of Heather Stouder, hstouder@cityofmadison.com.

You can also send your comments to our current alder, Allen Arntsen. district13@cityofmadison.com

The mayor probably won't be involved in the decision at all. However, his email address for public comment is mayor@cityofmadison.com

Sue

Sue Ellingson, sue.ellingson@icloud.com, 

From: Steve A <sjalmasi@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2018 9:29 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: NO NEW STADIUM!!!

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed Edgewood Stadium.

I live with my wife and 2 small children on 1909 Jefferson Street. I oppose this stadium as it will have a negative effect on the quality of life currently enjoyed in our neighborhood. This is currently a quiet neighborhood where you can hear an owl call at night. That quiet will be destroyed by 40 evening events with constant PA announcements, "Johnson on the keeper to the Edgewood 44 yard line!". I don't need to hear the play by play for a high school football game, lacrosse game or soccer game 40 nights a year!

We currently have countless Edgewood students racing their mopeds and cars down our street at speeds well above the posted limit. This traffic will greatly increase if this stadium is build, that will endanger my children as they cross the street, ride bikes and play in the neighborhood.

Edgewood already has a negative impact on the neighborhood with the horrible traffic resulting from the suburban commuter student population. To add to the Monroe gridlock with 40 sporting events would be horrible.

Our children will attend West. West has no stadium and never will. West kids live in this neighborhood and will travel to Memorial HS for their events. Why should Edgewood students who mostly live outside this neighborhood have to come here for their games. And why should Edgewood profit off this stadium exploiting our neighborhood for their gain as they destroy our peace and quit?!

Please oppose this proposed stadium.

Sincerely,
Steve Almasi MD MS

Veldran, Lisa

From: David Seth Gevers <dsgevers@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 10:16 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Oppose Edgewood Stadium

Dear Ald. Arntsen,

As a Vilas Neighborhood resident, I am writing to ask that you oppose the Edgewood Stadium Proposal.

I believe the benefit from having the stadium is outweighed by the health impacts on the surrounding neighborhood families due to the light and noise pollution from the proposed stadium. Further, it is my understanding that if the noise and light levels exceed projections, there is no recourse. If it is approved, the number of night events allowed should be capped at less than 20, or that only a handful of events can use the sound system.

Sincerely,
David Gevers

From: Betty Van Leuven <bettyvanl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 11:00 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am a Dudgeon Monroe resident strongly opposed to the proposal that Edgewood High School be allowed to construct a stadium on its Monroe Street campus.

The noise and light pollution generated by such a structure would very negatively affect the quality of life in the neighborhood. Please vote NO on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Van Leuven, M.D.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Marie Louise Seckar <mlseckarop@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 12:26 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood HS stadium proposal

Alder Arntsen,

I live across from Edgewood HS. I oppose the plan the HS administration is proposing to significantly amend the agreed upon master plan. The anticipated noise and light impacts on the neighborhood are not conducive to this residential area. The research done by concerned neighbors attests to this. It is disappointing to hear that the HS administration is not adhering to the original decision. As we use our porch, we can already hear the loudspeakers and noise from the UW stadium. We don't need more noise in this residential area. It will also affect the quiet use of Vilas Park and I'm also wondering if the sound would travel over Lake Wingra, spoiling the quiet I enjoy there in evenings and even possibly affect the Arboretum quiet.

Sincerely,
Marie Seckar

Sent from my iPad

From: Francis Schrag <fschrag@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 5:08 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Proposed Edgewood stadium

Dear Interim Alder Allen Arntsen --

I'm writing to let you and the city of Madison know how strongly I oppose the construction of an Edgewood football stadium. I have been a resident of the neighborhood (West Lawn Ave.) since 1972. Our neighborhood and neighborhoods like it, a residential neighborhood within walking distance of a prime shopping area, is fragile. We fought long and hard against the possibility of a Walgreens replacing Ken Kopps grocery store and only because of neighborhood mobilization were we able to defeat that possibility and welcome a premier grocer to replace it.

I have read several communications about the proposed stadium. The increase of noise, light at night and parking will doubtlessly damage the quality of life we in the area prize and that I know you are dedicated to preserving. One stadium in the neighborhood is enough! I hope that with your help, Edgewood comes to see it this way too.

Sincerely,
Sally Schrag

From: liwrihs <liwrihs@netscape.net>
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 7:03 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen; Baldeh, Samba
Subject: Opposition to Edgewood High School Master Plan Ammendment

I am writing to express my opposition to the Edgewood High School proposal to amend its Master Plan to allow for a larger stadium with amplified sound system and lighting. This is out of character with the neighborhood that the High School is in. It is argued that it needs this campus based home stadium for night games. Please let's acknowledge that schools in the city don't/can't have the same amenities as schools in more suburban settings. People live within yards of the campus. When moving into a neighborhood such as this, one understands the pros and cons. We embrace Camp Randall, moved here knowing what that meant. We moved near Edgewood High and College knowing what their campus entailed and the commuter traffic of the students.

There is a large public high school - West High - in a similar circumstance that does not have a local home field....they share a home field with a school in their conference. It works. Please advocate against a change in the Edgewood High School master plan. It is not compatible with a dense neighborhood near downtown community.

Shirwil Lukes
509 Edgewood Ave.
Madison

Veldran, Lisa

From: s clapp <bluegreenhavas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 8:59 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Fwd: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: s clapp <bluegreenhavas@gmail.com>
Date: October 29, 2018 at 1:55:52 PM CDT
To: prsoglin@cityofmadison.com
Subject: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Please vote NO on this proposal, for the many reasons already cited.

Sincerely,
Susan Clapp
610 Gilmore Street
Madison, Wi 53711

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: McDonough, Shannon <shannon.mcdonough@edgewoodhs.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 8:05 AM
To: Edgewood Campus School
Cc: mgartler@gmail.com; Arntsen, Allen; Anne Palzkill; Beth Steffen; CJacobs@edgewood.edu; snippetswi@gmail.com; dpoland@rathjewoodward.com; Erin Bykowski; jonstandridge66@gmail.com; Kristine Fruehling; MGuns@edgewood.edu; Michael Metcalf; Michael Elliott; samipkothari@gmail.com; Susan VanderSanden; thuber@tooledesign.com; KZahler@edgewood.edu
Subject: Re: Edgewood "please slow down" signs for Woodrow Street?

The stop signs are wonderful! Should have been added years ago and I sure hope they stay post-construction on Monroe!

Shannon McDonough
Assistant Principal
Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart
2219 Monroe St. Madison, WI 53711

edgewoodhs.org | facebook.com/EdgewoodHS

"Character is who you are when no one else is looking!"

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On Mon, Oct 29, 2018 at 8:10 PM Anne Palzkill <apalzkill@edgewoodk8.com> wrote:

We will work to add some of these to Woodrow and Edgewood Ave. I also noticed that the city, after many requests, did add stop signs at all four points on the Jefferson and Edgewood Ave intersection. However, folks are so used to not stopping-- these will take some time to change behavior. Slow down signs on both side streets, posted on campus property, will help with this issue as well.

Anne

On Mon, Oct 29, 2018 at 8:15 AM Marc Gartler <mgartler@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi All,

A Woodrow St. neighbor noticed the "please slow down" signs being used on the Edgewood campus, and wondered if some could be added on Woodrow St. too. I think this would be welcomed.

Thanks,

Marc Gartler

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Anne H. Palzkill
President & Principal
Edgewood Campus School



From: Maureen McDonnell, O.P. <mcdonnel@edgewood.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 9:54 AM
To: samipkothari@gmail.com
Cc: Soglin, Paul; Baldeh, Samba; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood H.S. Stadium Proposal

Greetings to each of you and thank you for your service to our city.


Although I am a Dominican Sister and committed to the well-being of all of the Edgewood schools, having ministered at the College for 21 years as a campus minister, I do not think the high school plans to amend their master plan to allow for construction of a stadium on campus is a good idea.

I understand some of the reasoning but believe the welfare of the neighborhood takes priority over building such a facility that would so drastically affect the quality of life here. Noise, light, and traffic are already so much part of our surroundings, we need to add no more.

So I ask you all to vote NO on this proposal.

Thank you ... Sr. Maureen

Maureen McDonnell, O.P.


*1007 Edgewood Avenue
Madison, WI 53711*

From: Kelly DiNardo <kelly@kellydinardo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 11:46 AM
To: Stouder, Heather; Arntsen, Allen; Baldeh, Samba
Cc: johnpaulfielder@gmail.com
Subject: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Hi. I am a Vilas Park resident and I'm writing in full support of the Edgewood High School Stadium.

It seems as if it would be in the best interest of the students in terms of safety and growing their community. Also, both the high school and the college play a role in our larger community and this creates more opportunities for us all to come together. Lastly, the concerns about noise seem strange to us as our neighborhood is also near Camp Randall and no one seems to mind the noise from band practice and UW games.

Best,
Kelly DiNardo

Veldran, Lisa

From: Karen Fennema <kefennema@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 1:35 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Dear Allen Arnsten,

This is my statement of opposition to the construction of a stadium at Edgewood High School, with lighting and amplification, and up to 40 night games per year.

It would be loud, compromise parking availability, and disturb the peace.

Thank you,

Karen Fennema
873 Terry Pl
Madison, WI 53711

From: Mary Jones <mvjones@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 3:26 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Opposed to the Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Dear Alder Arntsen,

My name is Mary V. H. Jones and I live on Terry Place one block from Edgewood High School. I am writing to ask you to vote NO on the Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal. I have lived on Terry Place for 60 years and it has been a wonderful street to raise my family and enjoy my retirement. If the proposed stadium is allowed the whole area will no longer be a peaceful place to live. The bright lights, noise, traffic, parking issues and the volume of people will be very disruptive. Edgewood has outgrown its place in the community. Please vote NO for Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal.

Respectfully,

Mary V. H. Jones

From: Claude Kazanski <ckazanski@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 3:29 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen; Baldeh, Samba; Soglin, Paul; josh.nappravnik@gmail.com; president@DMNA.org
Subject: Subject - Vote No on the Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I am writing to ask you to oppose the Edgewood High School (EHS) stadium proposal as it currently stands.

Before proceeding, I also ask that you set aside the disparaging comments directed to neighbors of the high school who are legitimately concerned about the quality of their lives and fear the proposal will bring significant negative changes. Critics of the proposal have been described in public and social media as self-righteous urbanites, cappuccino lovers, dog walkers and silly flag wavers when crossing busy streets. These are caustic and immature characterizations which should be left out of important discussions affecting citizens' lives.

I have lived on West Lawn Avenue for over twenty years. My neighbors and I give/gave countless hours volunteering in our schools. We actively participate in our religious communities. We drive our children to sporting events and choir practices, manage little league teams, shovel sidewalks for our elderly neighbors, and volunteer to help the incarcerated return to civilian lives. I call this to your attention because demeaning and derogatory comments should not be allowed to diminish and distort the important issues we face. I am proud of what and how my neighbors contribute to making Madison one of the finest cities in the country and I trust that you and other members of the Common Council will weigh our concerns rationally by focusing on the issues that keep us from supporting the EHS proposal so that a fair and equitable result may be realized.

After reviewing the current Edgewood Master Plan and the proposal EHS presented to the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association on October 3, 2018, I have the following concerns:

THE PROPOSAL IS SILENT ON THE ILL EFFECTS ON THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

EHS enjoys great intangible benefits by its location next to Lake Wingra, Wingra Park, and the UW Arboretum. These resources create a unique, regional natural environment in an ever-growing urban setting. The public comes here to find solitude, to be on the water, to observe wildlife. Without data to measure the impact of the new stadium, the anticipated enhanced schedule of events, and the stadium's proposed lights and sound systems, we face unknown risk. Based upon the proposal and the discussion presented thus far, we simply do not know the potential damages that might occur to a great regional resource. This is unacceptable.

The proposal should not go forward until a credible ecological review of the proposal's impact on the natural habitat and bird population is completed (I call attention to the bird population in particular because the spring and fall events directly coincide with major nesting and migration periods). If sizable risks are identified, these should be corrected before going forward. Given the world-class environmental knowledge and talent at the University of Wisconsin and Edgewood College, this is not an "unreasonable ask" and it would be irresponsible to go forward without it.

THE PROPOSAL'S FUNDRAISING AND THIRD PARTY EVENT SCHEDULE PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT RISK TO NEIGHBORS

I have great concerns that the stadium and surrounding grounds will become a multi-event venue promoting loud concerts and large crowds. Fundraising and third party events are ill-defined in the EHS proposal. Preferably, the Common Council should ensure that the facility be limited to use for athletic events, which would be in keeping with the thrust of the original Edgewood Master Plan. At a minimum, strict noise levels should be applied for non-athletic events as well to avoid conflict with Madison Regulation Chapter 24.04(1) which prohibits making any noise to unreasonably disturb the peace and quiet of persons in the vicinity of its source.

THE PROPOSAL'S SOUND LEVELS ARE AMBIGUOUS AND NEED CLEAR DEFINITION

The EHS October 3, 2018 PowerPoint states that the sound systems will comply with applicable Madison standards. As far as I can tell, there are no clear sound standards for a private institution. Events held on a private party's property need to comply with Madison Regulations Chapter 24.04 to avoid making unreasonable noise disturbing the peace and quiet in the vicinity. But what decibel level determines noncompliance? It has been suggested that the EHS proposal will be held to a maximum 60dB level at a defined distance from the its source but I could not find that stated in the October 3, 2018 PowerPoint. There has also been a testing of noise levels at the

Waunakee High School stadium by a neighbor of EHS which I assume has been brought to your attention. These test results show sound levels far in excess of the levels EHS is promising (apparently, the Waunakee stadium was suggested as an example of what would occur if the proposal was implemented).

The differences are troubling and call for a clear standard to protect the public's interest. A 60dB level may be reasonable, depending on where the measurement is taken and its proximity to neighboring residences, but there is no explicit EHS commitment to this or any other specific noise level. Equally important is a mechanism to monitor and enforce compliance once a standard is set; without these, the neighborhood and the public at large have little recourse.

CONCLUSION

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns about this important proposal. In my view, neighbor distrust is the result of what appears to be a concerted effort to change the master plan through piecemeal modifications, ambiguous standards and self-serving public relations campaigns. This may be an effective legal strategy but it damages community relations and furthers the public's general distrust for large institutions. It is an unfortunate outcome but it can be corrected.

In short, I ask that you do not support the EHS proposal until the ambiguities noted above are clearly resolved and vetted with the surrounding neighborhood associations. In particular, I remain concerned about the uncertain impact on our surrounding natural environment and the effect of sound, lighting and the schedule of non-athletic events, particularly when there are other facilities for such events in the city. These concerns no doubt echo comments you have heard from many others who share misgivings about the proposal's content.

With that said, I do hope better definition and clear compliance standards can be reached. It is important for us to have multiple opportunities for youth to participate in athletic events and EHS has an important role in making these available. But in doing so, it is equally important to minimize the ill effects for the neighborhood and our natural environment. In its current form, I do not believe the EHS proposal meets that standard and you should not support it.

Respectfully yours,

Claude Kazanski
2233 West Lawn Avenue

From: Shirley Dumas <reporting@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 4:12 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

General Information

Name: Shirley Dumas
Address: 2317 Keyes Ave.
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53711
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email:
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I would like to register my opposition and that of my family to the proposed stadium. This project will clearly negatively impact our quality of life here in Dudgeon-Monroe, particularly for those of us who live close to Edgewood. Our neighborhood has already undergone significant stress due to residential construction projects on Monroe Street, and the ongoing disruption from street construction. Surely, Edgewood has options for its athletic program other than those that serve to further alienate its neighbors.

Recipient:
Allen A. Arntsen

From: Leopold, Madelyn
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 9:09 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Cc: Madelyn Leopold
Subject: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Dear Alder Arntsen:

I live on West Lawn Ave. between Edgewood Ave. and Leonard.

I write respectfully to ask that you, as our alder, represent the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood aggressively in seeking and conducting negotiations with Edgewood High School over the proposed expansion of the athletic facility on Monroe St. It is only right that a proposal with such potential impact be negotiated; an up-and-down vote in the Common Council at this point is inadequate.

In my view, the feature of the proposal that is most concerning is the number of events that EHS seeks to hold in that space. All the other issues--amplified sound, lights, traffic, parking, the effects on the park and lake and on the Arboretum--are made dramatically worse by the sheer number of events that EHS proposes. Expanded facilities for athletic events in which EHS students participate make sense. Beyond that, the neighborhood is made hostage to whatever EHS wants to do.

Finally, I want to emphasize the importance of process in this situation. EHS and the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood, as you have undoubtedly heard, have not enjoyed a relationship of trust and cooperation over the years. As the population of Madison grows and our demographics change, clashes over development proposals will likely increase all around the city--not just here in our neighborhood. But given the history of distrust between EHS and the community around it, now sharpened by the horrible rhetoric unleashed in recent times, a serious, thoughtful, comprehensive, and open public process is more crucial than ever. I don't believe that such a process has yet taken place.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns--and for your service to our community and the city.

Madelyn Leopold

Veldran, Lisa

From: Ben Walker <bjwalker75@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 10:03 PM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Feedback

Hi Allen,

I just want to go on record as saying I support the Edgewood athletic complex. I think it is reasonable to have lights, and think that the low frequency of use is acceptable. I'm sure you're hearing from many on this issue. Thanks again for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Ben Walker

1814 Adams St.

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Sent from my phone

From: Terri Johnson <tjrf@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 10:12 AM
To: Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Edgewood stadium

General Information

Name: Terri Johnson
Address: 802 Minakwa Drive
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53711

Work Phone:
Email: tjrf@sbcglobal.net
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I have lived in the DMNA neighborhood for 33 years. While our home is not close to the proposed Edgewood stadium, we will be affected by it. The thing we love most about our neighborhood is the relatively unspoiled natural areas that are uniquely an integral part of this urban environment Lake Wingra, Wingra Park, the Arboretum, Vilas Park, the Edgewood Park and Pleasure Drive. We walk in these areas daily, at all times of the day and evening. We are increasingly disturbed by the priority given to development and profits in our City, resulting in more noise, more lighting, and more traffic and parking congestion. It seems to us that the support for the Edgewood stadium comes from Edgewood management and alumni who may not live in our neighborhood and will not suffer the effects. Moreover, many folks here feel that Edgewood has gone back on its word regarding future development and therefore cannot be trusted to stick with an agreement. Please support us in preserving the beauty and character of our neighborhood!

Recipient:
Allen A. Arntsen

Veldran, Lisa

From: Tish Lafferty <tish@tishlaffertycoaching.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 10:25 AM
To: Baldeh, Samba; Arntsen, Allen; Soglin, Paul; samipkothari@gmail.com
Subject: NO on edgewood stadium!

OPPOSE the edgewood proposal for a new, larger stadium!

Bigger is NOT better as it relates to stadiums and to the quality of life for those who LIVE in the Dudgeon-Monroe/Vilas neighborhoods.

Thank you for opposing this edgewood proposal and vote NO!

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Tish Lafferty

MSN, RN, Board Certified Life/Health & Wellness Coach
www.tishlaffertycoaching.com