



Ethan Brodsky
PhD, PE

866 Woodrow St

600 ft from the field

1996-1997

Attachment Two

Advisory Votes on Revised Conditional Use Plan

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

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

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

FINE ARTS/PERIMETER

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

ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS

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| 10. No permanent structure for athletic complex? | 17 yes | 1 no |
| 11. Support #11. | 13 yes | 1 no |

DRAFT

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

Minutes

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

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

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ACTIVITIES & OPERATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reasons for denial

- Incompatible location
 - West and East lack stadium lights
 - Memorial stadium lighting predates Dark Skies ordinance
 - LaFollette's stadium much further from homes - also pre-1993
 - Breese Stevens has had lights since 1930s
 - Burr Jones is in commercial area and much further from homes
 - Comparable new light installation has never been permitted
- Harm from light
- Harm from nighttime sound enabled by light
- Proposed lighting violates city lighting ordinance
 - Upward-facing lights are included as part of proposal
 - No discussion in application of upward-facing lights

Application is not supported by substantial evidence

Edgewood's Stadium Proposal

Rendering of proposed lights based on CAD model from EHS's site drawing

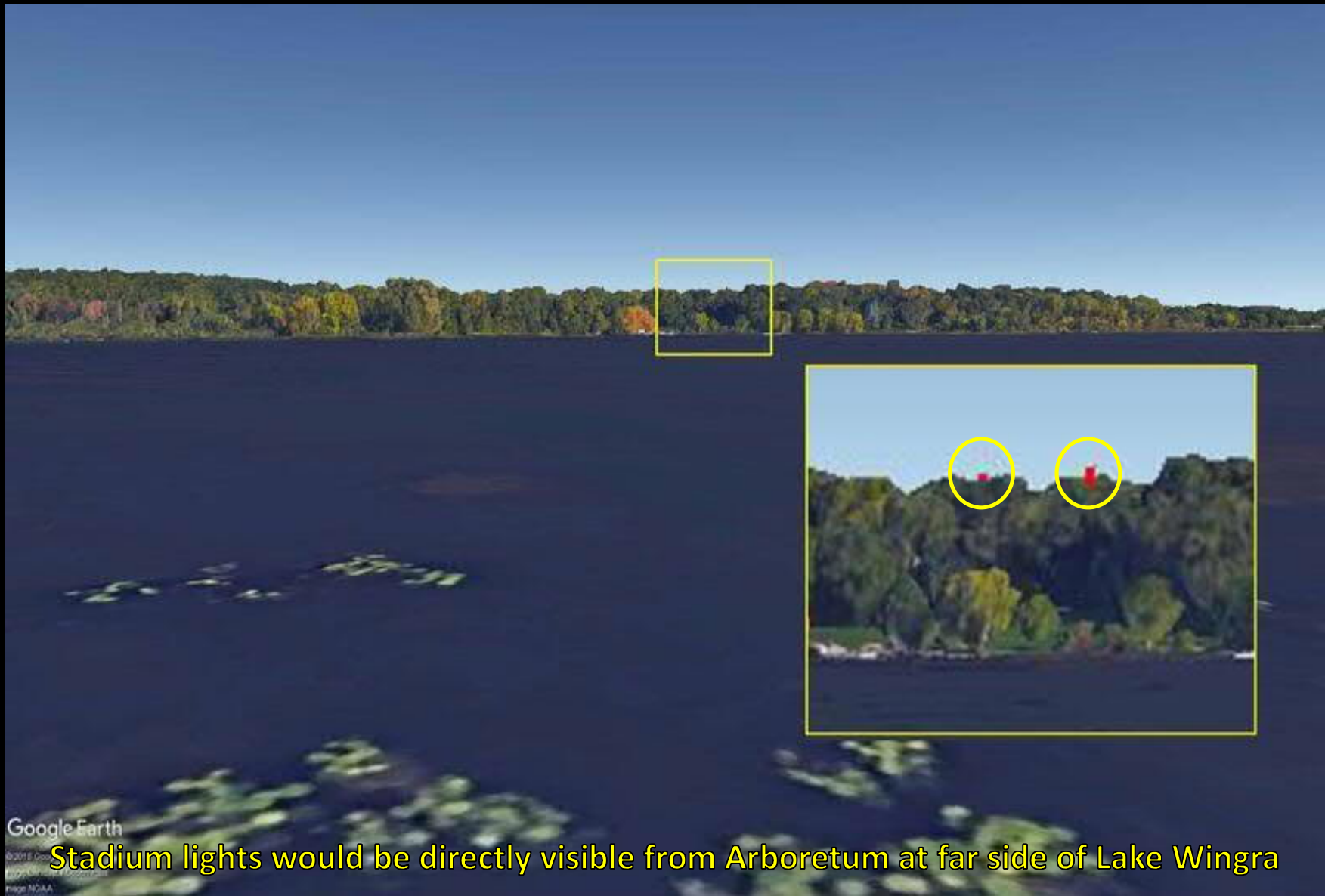


View from home at 812 Woodrow Street



View from home at 2310 Monroe Street

Impacts an enormous area

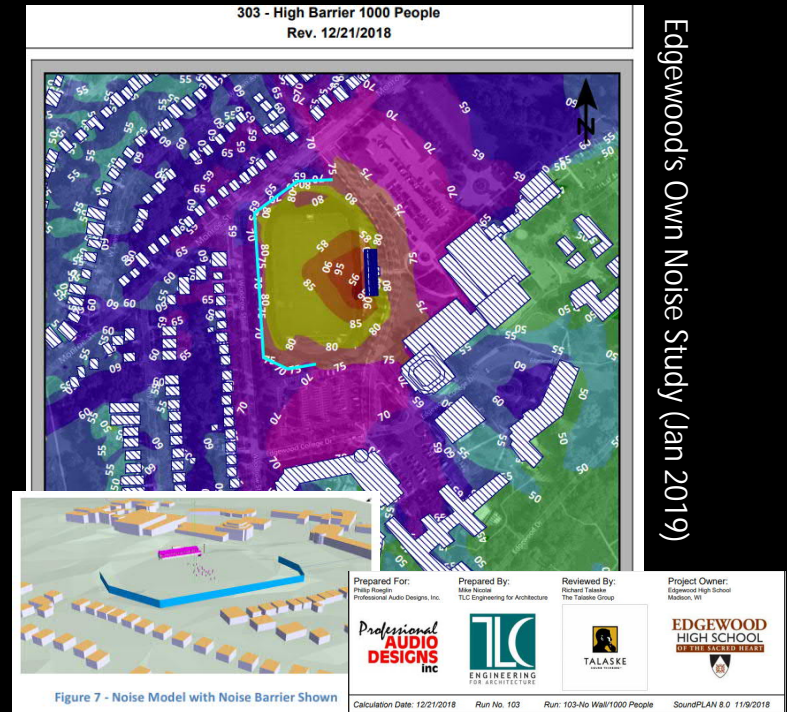


Stadium lights would be directly visible from Arboretum at far side of Lake Wingra

Google Earth

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Noise Impact



Edgewood's Own Noise Study (Jan 2019)

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



Edgewood's own noise study found similarly and recommended a 26' wall around the site
 Their study found that events with as few as 150 spectators would exceed 70 dB in homes

Light Impact - 4.2 million lumens

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

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

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

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

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

Sky glow will be visible over an enormous area

Middleton stadium lights @ 1.5 mi brighter than streetlights

MGO 10.085(3)(a)(2):

"All fixtures greater than 1,000 initial lumens (equivalent to 70 watts incandescent)"

EHS proposal:

4,246,400 lumens
(39,100 W)

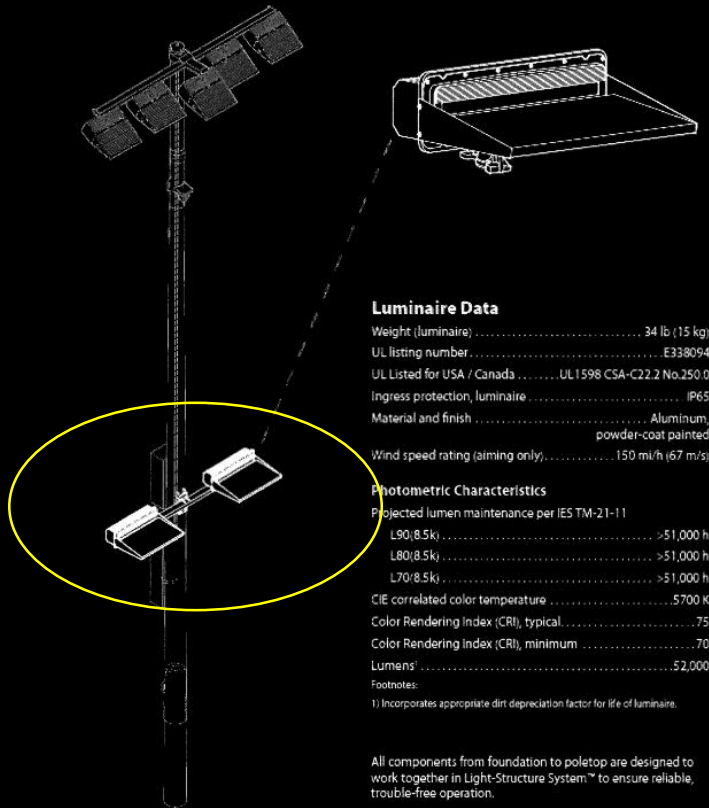
Middleton High School football stadium viewed from 1.5 miles away



Proposed lighting violates city standards

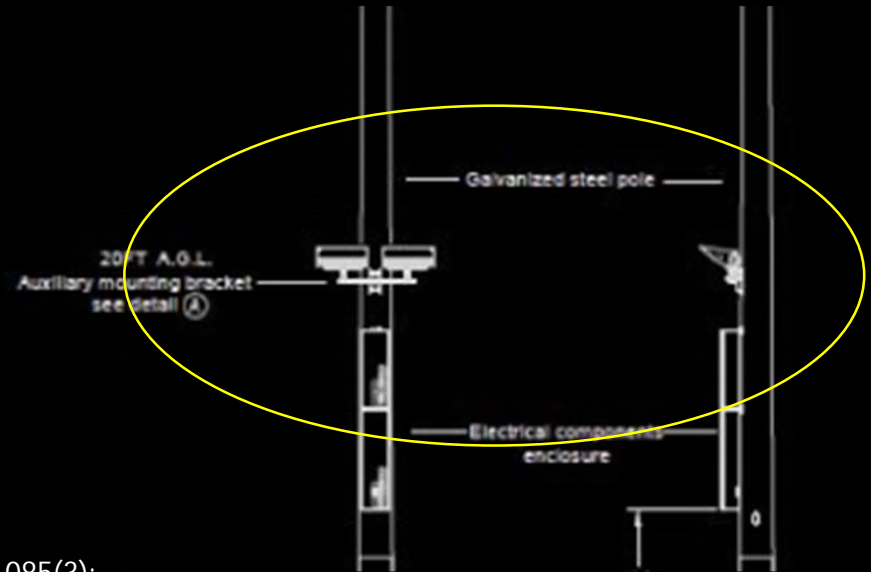
Datasheet: **Light-Structure System™**

Luminaire and Driver Components – TLC-BT-575



8 x 52,000-lumen
upwards-facing
"Punt Lights"

Shown in drawing but not disclosed or discussed anywhere
Emitters will be directly visible from bedroom windows



MGO 10.085(3):

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

...

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

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

Comparables

Facility (Zoning)	Lights	Date Installed	Nearest Residences (Surrounding Zoning)
Edgewood High School (CI)	No		~150 ft from single-family residential (TR-C2)
Madison West High School (CI)	No		~100 ft from single-family residential
Madison East High School (CI)	No		~50 ft from single-family residential (TR-C4, TR-V1)
Madison Memorial High School (CI)	Yes	1970s	~150 ft from low-density residential (SR-V2, SE, CC, CN)
Madison LaFollette High School (CI)	Yes	pre-1993	~1000 ft from residential (SR-C1, SR-C3, NMX, PR)
Breese Stevens Field (PR)	Yes	1930s	~150 ft from single-family residential, on E. Wash (TR-V1, TR-C4, TE)
Burr Jones Field (CN)	Yes	2019	~550 ft from homes (TR-V1, TR-C4, TE, CC-T, TE)
UW Nielsen/Goodman/McClimon (CI)	Yes	Unknown	~1500 ft from UW-owned residences, >1/2 mi from others
Vilas Ice Rinks (PR)	Yes	Pre-1980	~400 ft from nearest home, ~800 ft for hockey rink (PR)
Tenney Park Ice Rinks (PR)	Yes	Pre-2000	~300 ft from nearest home (TR-C2, TR-C4, TR-V1)
Duane Bowman Park (PR)	Yes	Unknown	~600 ft from nearest home (town) (IL, SR-C2, CC-T, town)
Warner Park Softball Diamonds (PR)	Yes	Pre-2000	~175 ft from nearest homes (SR-V1, SR-C1, CC-T)
Olbrich Softball Diamonds (PD)	Yes	Pre-2000	~180 ft from nearest homes (TR-V1, TE)
Westmoreland Ice Rinks (CN)	Yes	1950s?	~100 ft from nearest homes (TR-C1, TR-C2)
Otto Breitenbach Stadium (Middleton)	Yes	Unknown	~500 ft from nearest homes (City of Middleton)
Verona High School Stadium (Verona)	Yes	2020	~600 ft from apartment building
Waunakee High School Stadium (Waunakee)	Yes	Unknown	~500 ft from homes

- No recent light installations this close to homes
- The existence of other lights, installed under older laws that may not have recognized the harm that they caused, is not a justification for newly subjecting this neighborhood to that harm, under the zoning law that exists now.

Elephant in the Room

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

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

COMPLAINT

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

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

- Edgewood High School, 10 Feb 2020

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood Appeal
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:02:14 PM

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

From: Patricia Friday <patricia.friday72@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood Appeal

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Dear Heather Stouder,

My name is Patricia Friday and I have lived at 1050 Woodrow Street (about 300 yards from Edgewood) since 1978. I am writing to ask you to oppose Edgewood's appeal of the Plan Commission's unanimous decision to reject their application to install lights on their playing field.

I am outraged by this appeal and its timing! There are more important matters going on in our society today than Edgewood wanting lights! We are in the middle of a pandemic with many in our community sick and dying. We are in a significant recession with many people out of work, business closing and Madison residents needing food and housing assistance. The homeless population is increasing. There is systemic racism in our community. Our democracy is being threatened. Yet - Edgewood's priority is to force stadium lights on a residential neighborhood! How entitled! It is appalling that they chose this time with all the major problems the city and country are facing, to ask you - the Common Council - to overturn the Plan Commission's decision!

Why I ask, isn't Edgewood using their substantial influence, their time and their significant financial resources to help the homeless, feed the hungry and work against racial injustice in our city? The answer is that Edgewood feels entitled to get what they want - when they want it. And they want lights!

Edgewood wants to install 80' lights to play 30 to 40 plus games a year - and eventually rent out the facility. No plan has been offered to mitigate sound. This proposal would increase noise and light pollution far beyond reasonable levels, as well as adding too preexisting traffic and parking issues. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD! Would the city allow me to erect 80' lights on my property and use them indiscriminately? I think not - so why should Edgewood be granted that privilege?

Over 75% of Edgewood Families live outside the Dudgeon-Monroe and Vilas neighborhoods. Therefore, these families will not suffer the consequences of the appeal - the light and sound pollution will not affect their daily lives. I wonder how they would feel if 80' tall lights were erected near their homes. Increased traffic and parking on their streets as well as excess noise in the evenings will not be forced on their lives.

The Plan Commission rightly found that Edgewood's request for lights did not meet the conditional use standards, specifically the requirement that:

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

If this appeal is approved, the livability, the property values and the health and welfare of Edgewood's neighbors will be adversely affected and substantially impaired.

To close, I would like to comment of the peace and quiet of the Lake Wingra community. This lake has always offered residents of the city and beyond quiet solace during both peaceful and turbulent times. From pre-dawn to well beyond dark fishermen, kayakers, swimmers, paddlers and sailors have found respite on Lake Wingra. That will disappear with 80' lights and amplified sound. The city and community would lose the pristine jewel that is now Lake Wingra.

I URGE YOU TO REJECT EDGEWOOD'S APPEAL OF THE PLAN COMMISSION'S DECISION DENYING THEIR APPLICATION TO INSTALL LIGHTS ON THE PLAYING FIELD ON MONROE STREET.

Thank you for your consideration,
Patricia Friday
1050 Woodrow Street
Madison, WI 53711

Please upload this later to Legistar #60646. Thank you.

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:07:34 PM

From: KAY C GABRIEL <kgabriel@wisc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:04 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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To the Common Council,

I am very disappointed that Edgewood has continued its campaign to get lights on it's athletic field. The neighborhoods expressed their opposition over 20 years ago and the city agreed that lights and amplified sound would disrupt the neighborhoods. And now, for two years Edgewood has been pushing again despite DATA which shows the negative impacts of sound and lighting on quality of life.

For twenty years I lived on Woodrow Street directly across from the Edgewood High School field. I therefore have a lot of first-hand experience of the past field use, the traffic problems, the neighborhood ambiance and the general public use of the area for recreation. A year and a half ago, I concluded that I didn't want to live across from a stadium should Edgewood succeed in getting their lights and sound system, especially as their ultimate desire is to use such a facility with no limits. When an ideal apartment in the same neighborhood became available, I sold my house and moved.

I did not mind Edgewood's past field use and generally supported them. But the stadium, if built, will ruin this quality neighborhood. First, the lights and sound will disrupt the current peace and quiet, and any suggestion that the sound will be minimal is ludicrous. When games are being played now, with or without spectators, and without amplified sound, they can be heard up and down the

street. When Edgewood College held an outdoor event last fall with amplified sound, I could hear it clearly in my new apartment three blocks away. Eighty foot lights will cast a glow that will require neighbors to draw shades. Parking on Woodrow Street is almost impossible when the Edgewood campuses are in session during the day despite their many attempts over the years to mitigate the problem. As it is an historic neighborhood with minimal driveway and garage space, holding numerous evening events will extend this problem into the night so that working residents with more than one car, as well as evening visitors, will have no place to park.

Finally, this field is located on a block adjacent to one of Madison's gems, Lake Wingra. It's Madison's only undeveloped lake with the surrounding natural areas of the Park and Pleasure Drive next to the Edgewood campuses and the Arboretum across the lake. I have walked the Park and Pleasure Drive at least three times a week for years as well as watched, from my house, the hundreds (thousands?) of others who walk, with and without dogs, birdwatch, jog or bike this route. It is quiet and beautiful now. However, I lived in the area when through traffic was still allowed on the Park and Pleasure Drive, and remember the beer cans and other trash littering the road and the occasional joy rider screeching through. It was a favorite haunt of youthful experimentation and I would guess has that potential again if the stadium is built.

As a birdwatcher (Great Horned owls often nest at the end of Woodrow Street) and conservationist, I am concerned about the disruption to bird, (especially at migration time) and animal life by the night lights. And as I kayaker who uses Lake Wingra in the evenings, I am concern by amplified sound which carries so well over water.

The neighborhoods and natural areas surrounding Edgewood are very desirable for many reasons. It will be a cause for great sadness if these qualities are lost to Edgewood's determination to build this stadium for their own gain. The quality of the surrounding neighborhoods, and the ability of all Madison residents to enjoy the peace and quiet of the Lake Wingra environment, would be lost so that Edgewood families, 75% of whom do not even live in the 53711 zip code, can watch their son or daughter play 5 or 6 games a year, at night, for 3 or 4 years. The

city would be the loser here.

The uses, values and enjoyment of my residence will be substantially impaired and diminished by the bright lights, loud noise and traffic that accompany competitive night games. Edgewood is already permitted to play unlimited day games. Unlimited night games would be disruptive to the entire community and destructive to the environment.

Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision and vote NO on Edgewood's application for stadium lights.

Thank you,

Kay Gabriel
2628 Arbor Dr.
Madison, 53711

Please upload my letter to Legistar #60646

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: PLEASE UPHOLD PLAN COMMISSION DENIAL - FILE #60646 FOR COMMON COUNCIL HEARING JAN 19 2021
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:33:10 AM

From: Shawn Schey on behalf of Shawn Schey <shawnschey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:34:35 PM
To: Evers, Tag; All Alders
Cc: Stouder, Heather
Subject: PLEASE UPHOLD PLAN COMMISSION DENIAL - FILE #60646 FOR COMMON COUNCIL HEARING JAN 19 2021

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Dear Alder Evers and all Madison City Alders: (Heather, please upload this letter to File #60646)

Dear Common Council:

I have lived 700' from the Edgewood field scoreboard for 35 years, and am Chair of the Friends of the Park & Pleasure Drive. This drive separates the Edgewood campus from Lake Wingra, a wooded linear park that is part of a recreational route that wraps around the lake. We are a grassroots group that throughout the turn of the century, worked with city officials, the Arboretum, and numerous neighbors to persuade City Traffic Engineering to close the drive to cut-through traffic.

In 1968, the City Council made a gift to its citizenry. It banned motorboats on Lake Wingra weekends and holidays. Motorboats at other times could only operate at 6 mph. This measure has preserved the lake's peaceful ambiance for windsurfers, paddleboarders, anglers,

Residents oppose overrule of the Plan Commission's decision on the EHS field lights application.

We are John and Susan Wolf, Vilas Neighborhood Association members. We live at 1921 Madison St., two blocks NE of the NE edge (Edgewood Ave.) of the Edgewood complex. We **oppose** Edgewood High School's appeal to the Common Council of the Plan Commission decision denying their application for stadium-style lights. We urge the Common Council to trust the advice of the Plan Commission. We request that this letter be uploaded to Legistar #60646.

Edgewood HS has failed to address problems with their application noted in the Plan Commission decision and they have failed to negotiate in any substantive way with neighborhood organizations toward addressing those problems. Their request to be allowed almost unlimited nighttime activities far exceeds the nighttime activities agreed for use of the nearby UW-Madison stadium, and is quite unreasonable. It is clear that non-taxpayer Edgewood wants these lights to support money-making activities far beyond any needs of their own sports activities. The Plan Commission, not the Common Council, is the appropriate entity to evaluate Edgewood's actions to address their current application's failure to meet conditional use requirements, and eventually submit modifications.

Addition of lights as per the current application will have direct negative impacts on us by allowing already excessive noise late into the evening repeatedly during all seasons except winter, and by increasing traffic and parking problems on our nearby streets through the entire evening. Added lights and noise that will impact most heavily on the neighbors to the SW (Woodrow St. side) and NW (Monroe St. side) of the field, will negatively affect us by degrading the livability of and taxpayer property values in all the adjoining neighborhoods as well as environmental quality and enjoyment of Lake Wingra.

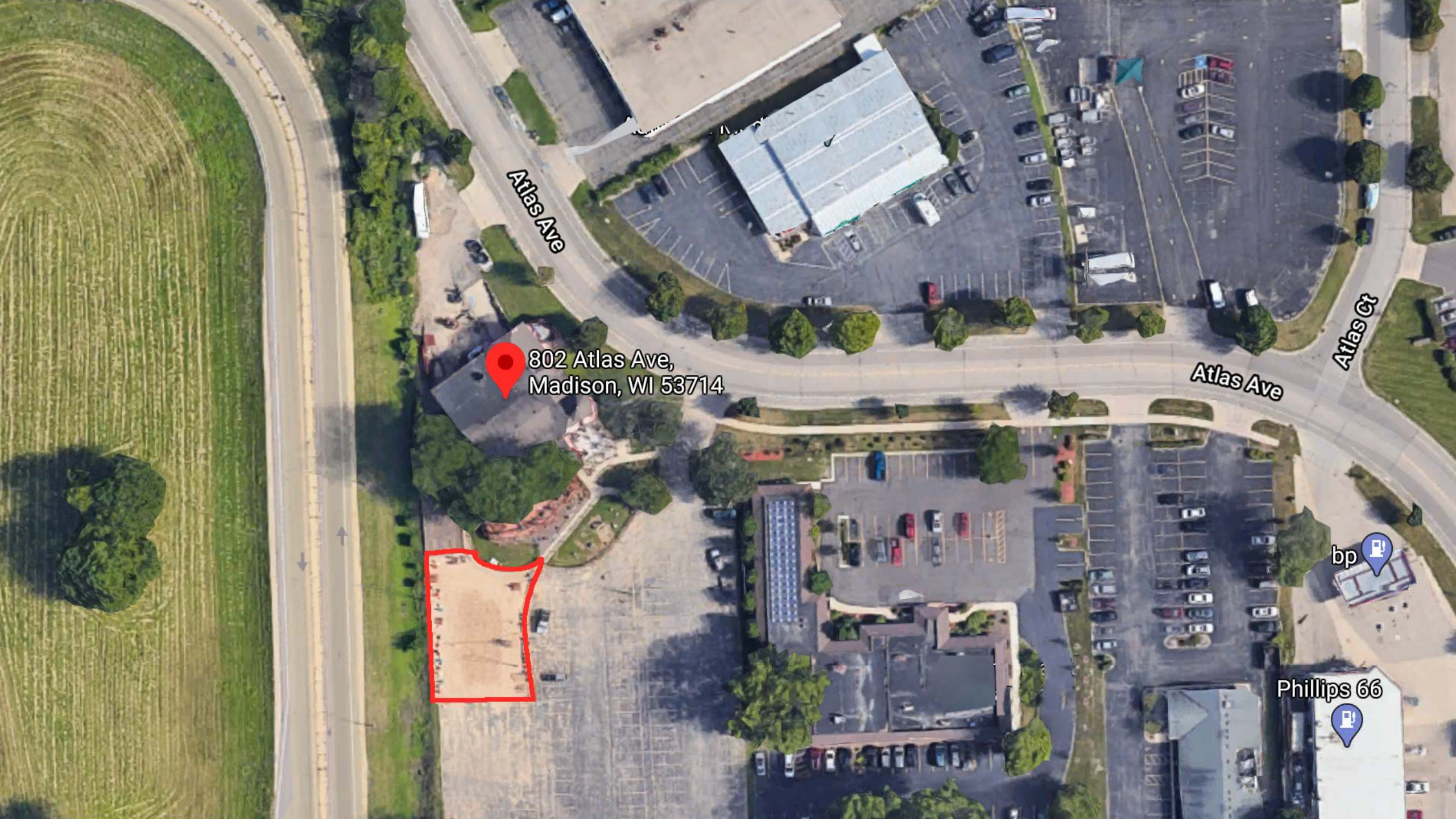


Lynn Bjorkman

Forward Dr

725 Forward Dr,
Madison, WI 53711





Atlas Ave

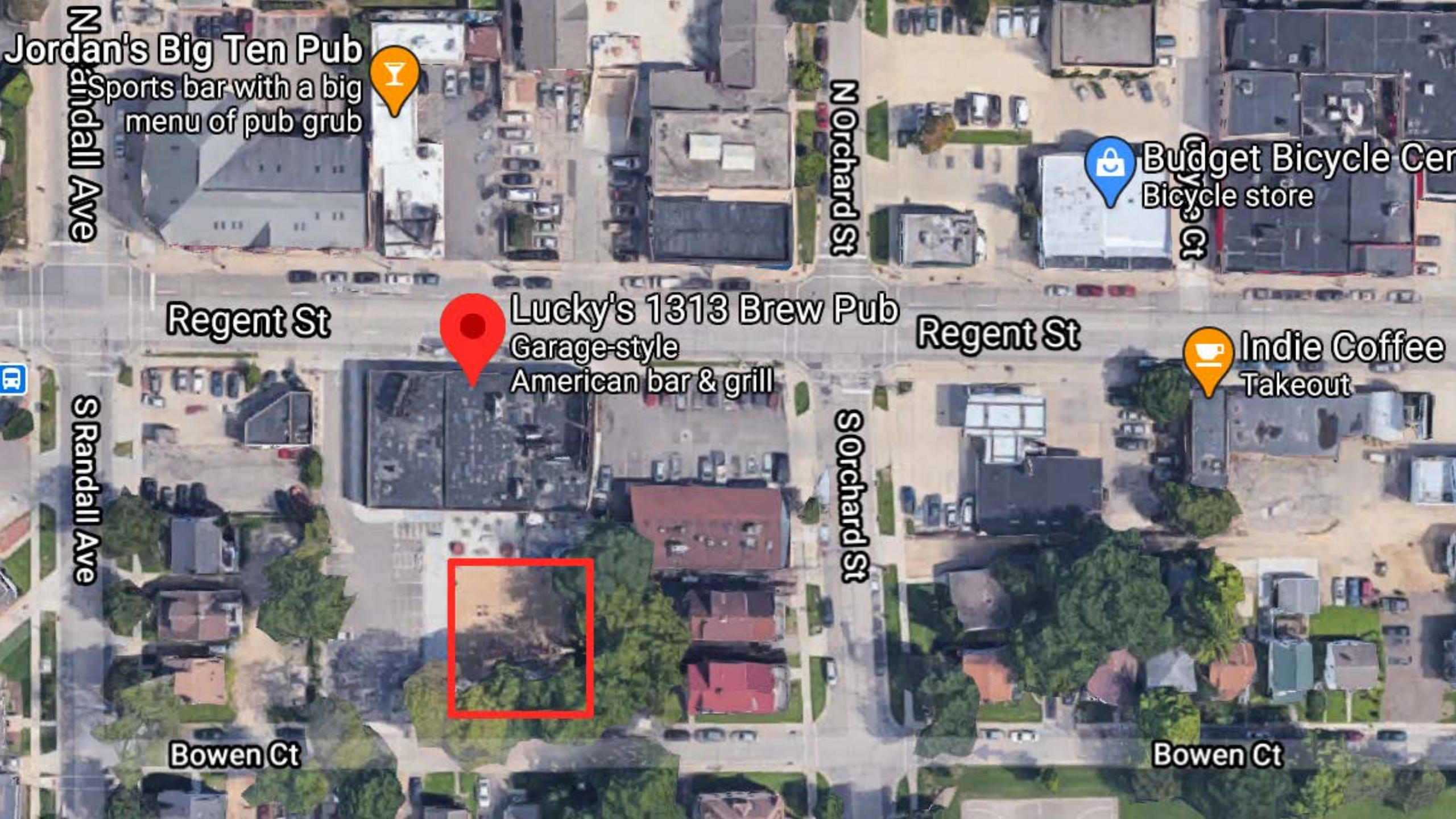
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Madison, WI 53714

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Phillips 66



Jordan's Big Ten Pub
Sports bar with a big menu of pub grub



Budget Bicycle Center
Bicycle store

Regent St



Lucky's 1313 Brew Pub
Garage-style American bar & grill

Regent St



Indie Coffee
Takeout

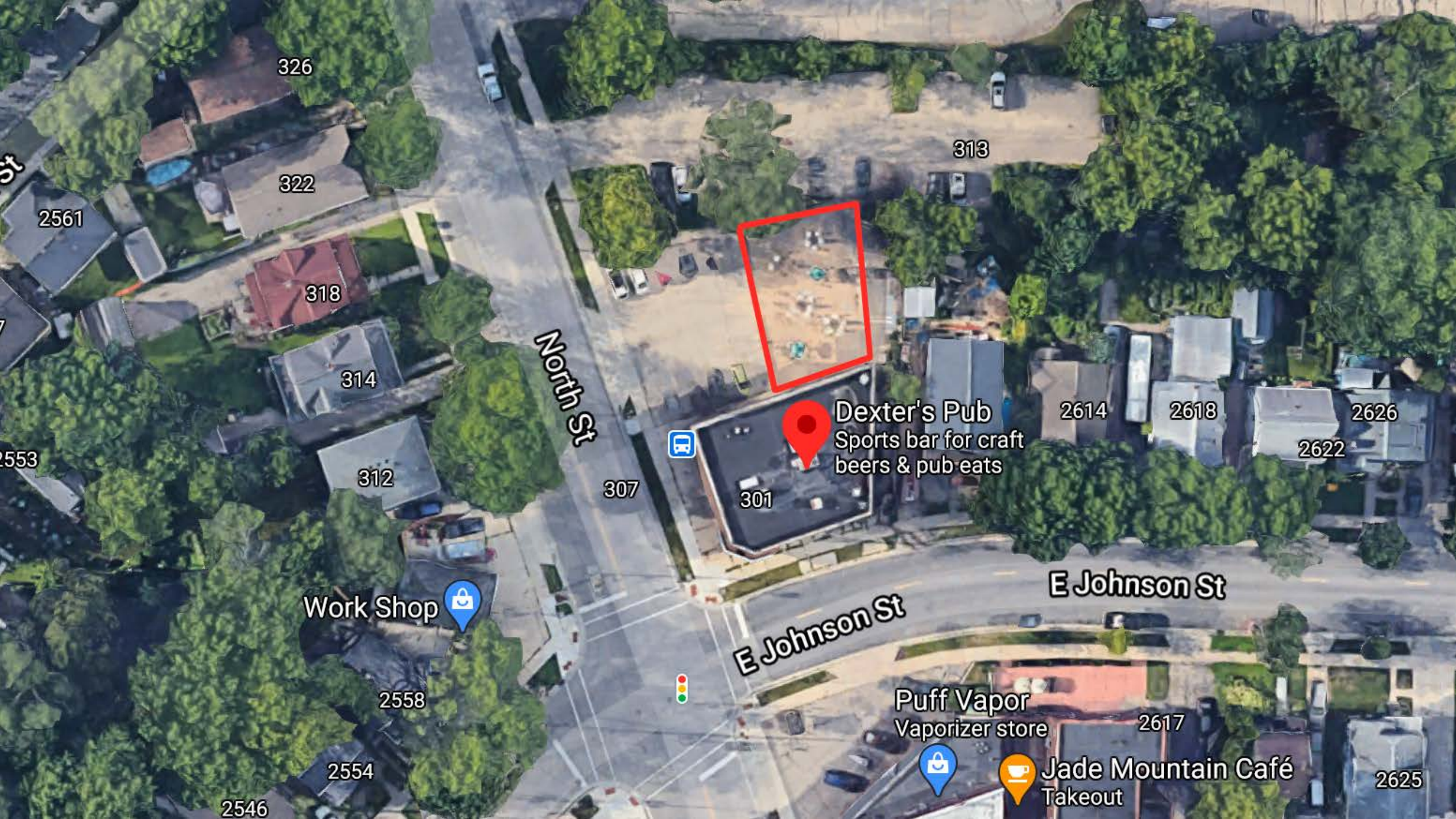
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North St

E Johnson St

E Johnson St

Dexter's Pub
Sports bar for craft
beers & pub eats

Work Shop

Puff Vapor
Vaporizer store

Jade Mountain Café
Takeout





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ASTROTURF RULES
1. No alcohol or drugs
2. No profanity
3. No smoking
4. No pets
5. No outside food or drink
6. No glass
7. No firearms
8. No weapons
9. No vandalism
10. No trespassing
11. No parking on the field
12. No parking on the grass
13. No parking on the sidewalk
14. No parking on the street
15. No parking on the driveway
16. No parking on the lawn
17. No parking on the porch
18. No parking on the steps
19. No parking on the stairs
20. No parking on the roof
AstroTurf

Date emailed: 11-29-20

To the Common Council:

I live a block and a half from the Edgewood campus. I have been a homeowner here for 33 years. I am strongly opposed to granting Edgewood's appeal for a Conditional Use Permit to install stadium lighting on their athletic field. This is an attempt to build a stadium one step at a time, ignoring the neighborhood's decades-long, overwhelming opposition. Edgewood's athletic field is located at the very edge of its property, closer to adjacent homes than any other high school in the city of Madison. The glare from stadium lighting—and the noise that night-time field use would necessarily bring with games, tournaments and meets in many different sports—would disturb my right to peaceful evenings in my home and back yard during the spring, summer and fall.

Our community was forced to accept a compromise solution to the dispute over use of the athletic field when Edgewood's Campus Master Plan was repealed by the Common Council in January of this year. Edgewood's use of the athletic field has historically been minimal. That changed when they resurfaced the field in 2015. They announced that the upgrade was for practice *only*, but they proceeded to host numerous competitive events after that—including 77 games and tournaments in spring and fall 2019, despite being served with two notices of violation by the City. All of those events were held during daytime hours, and were substantially disruptive and disturbing to my family and our neighbors, as documented by the many noise complaints. My wife works from a home office, and had to use headphones even with the windows closed in order to concentrate. Family dinners outside or with the windows open were disrupted by screaming, whistle blasts and music. Going forward, we will have to tolerate the stress of that kind of nuisance noise at random seven days a week during daylight hours once athletic events resume. Please do not give Edgewood the ability to hold night-time events also. This not an existing use, and would have a huge impact on our home lives.

In Edgewood's lawsuit against the City, they claimed they were being discriminated against because other educational institutions have stadiums. I would like to stress that of the five major high schools in the city of Madison—West, East, Memorial, La Follette and Edgewood—*only two* have stadiums: Lussier Stadium at La Follette and Mansfield Stadium at Memorial. Both have lights—but Lussier has no housing within over 1,000 feet; it backs onto a golf course. Mansfield Stadium is surrounded on 3 sides by roads and non-residential property. There are apartments close to it on one side, but, crucially, *these were built AFTER the stadium*. Edgewood resembles neither of these. Edgewood wishes to add stadium lighting in a historic, dense residential neighborhood of mostly single-family homes. It is disingenuous to compare it to Memorial and La Follette as if they were equivalent.

My son attended West High School, which is located, like Edgewood, in a dense residential neighborhood. *It does not have a stadium or night lighting*. Neither does East High School. Both West and East use stadium facilities at Memorial, La Follette and Middleton. Sharing stadium space is currently the norm for three out of the five major

high schools in Madison. *The very situation that Edgewood claims is an intolerable hardship is the norm at East and West.* If West High School were applying for stadium lights, I would be opposed on the same grounds that I oppose Edgewood's application: because the fields are simply too close to neighboring homes, and the impact on residential property owners is too great.

The majority of those supporting Edgewood's application are people who will not experience any of the negative consequences of the stadium lights. Edgewood has alumni all over the city, county and country. Please bear this in mind as you consider testimony from the two sides. The voices of neighbors whose right to "use and enjoyment" of our property is directly threatened should carry more weight than those of Edgewood supporters living elsewhere.

Please uphold the Plan Commission's ruling and vote no to the Conditional Use Permit.

Sincerely,

Edwin Sibert
2318 West Lawn Ave
Madison, WI 53711

(Please upload this letter to Legistar File #60646)

From: Catherine Jagoe <cajagoe@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:04 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood letter incomplete on Legistar

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Dear Ms Stouder,

I'm wondering if you could help with the following. I emailed the Common Council on 11/27/20 regarding Edgewood's appeal of the Plan Commission decision, but my comments appear truncated in Legistar, Public Comments 11-30-20 pdf. The second two thirds of my letter are missing. Is it possible to correct that? The same is true of the letter from my husband, Edwin Sibert. I attach a Word file of the text of his letter.

The full text of my letter is below.

Many thanks,
Catherine Jagoe

Emailed 11-27-30 to allalder, Tag Evers, Mayor, hstouder
To the Common Council:

As a long-time resident of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood, I ask you to uphold the Plan Commission's May 12th decision and vote no to a conditional use permit for Edgewood High School to install stadium lighting on their athletic field.

The Plan Commission's decision was not made lightly; they voted 7-1 after six hours of testimony and deliberation to deny the application because it did not meet the City's CUP standard 3, that the *"uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner."*

Edgewood won a huge concession when the Common Council voided their Campus Master Plan in January 2020. The high school's athletic field can now be used for unlimited events during daylight hours. In May, the Plan Commissioners recommended that Edgewood take the time necessary to observe, measure and research the impact that day games have on the community before moving toward expansion of field usage to nighttime hours. Due to the Covid pandemic and subsequent restrictions on athletics in Dane County, that has not been possible. It is premature to grant a conditional use permit before at least a season's worth of sound measurements have been taken and impacts assessed.

At the Plan Commission hearing, community members pointed to a wealth of solid, fact-based evidence to support their opposition to adding stadium lights. They gave testimony about their lived experience of 77 day games (played in spring and fall of 2019, violation of zoning regulations at the time); their measurements of sound-levels

far in excess of the City noise ordinance; two sound studies (one commissioned by Edgewood and the other by the community) showing sound levels with even a small crowd of less than 150 would exceed City ordinances without a very large wall being built; World Health Organization data on the negative effect of night-time noise on human health; the fact that Edgewood's location is uniquely close to its neighbors, far closer than the two other Madison high schools that have lights; and the fact that the two high schools that *are* in close proximity to comparable dense residential neighborhoods (East and West HS) do *not* have stadiums. Neighbors also pointed out that the refracted light from stadium lights would create sky glare that is *not* currently covered by City ordinance, thus leaving residents with no protection against the proven negative impacts of refracted light.

The Plan Commission's decision was made on the basis of facts. Edgewood has no new data to present that change those facts. Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision, and support its recommendation that Edgewood High School record sound data for a season or a full year, and work with their neighbors to come up with a mutually-agreed plan for adequate noise and light mitigation, one that the community can support.

Respectfully,

Catherine Jagoe
2318 West Lawn Ave
Madison, WI 53711

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Is Point Loma High School next? A cautionary video. Please view!
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:18:56 PM

From: PATRICIA ALEA <pvalea@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:28 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: Is Point Loma High School next? A cautionary video. Please view!

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Heather, please upload my letter to Legistar#60646.
Thank you!

Dear members of the Common Council,

I am a 39 year resident in the Dudgeon-Monroe community and I strongly oppose Edgewood's appeal of the Plan Commission's decision in their effort to install lights on the playing field. The uses, values and enjoyment of property in our neighborhood are long established and will be substantially impaired and diminished should Edgewood's insistence prevail!

If you have already viewed the video linked below, thank you! If you haven't yet done so please take 4 minutes to watch what happened in Clairemont California to a neighborhood clearly impaired and diminished by a stadium.

You may need to copy the link below and paste it into your search engine to view. I apologize for the inconvenience but I'm certain you will find the video eye-opening as we once again "assemble" for further discussion on January 19th!

Thank you for all you do and especially for adapting and conducting your important work during the pandemic.

Subject: Is Point Loma High School next?

<https://youtu.be/tVutvv5VKas>

Sincerely,

Patricia Alea
708 Leonard Street (300 feet from Edgewood field)
Madison 53711

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood appeal
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:29:06 PM

From: Scott Spoolman <sspoolman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:25 PM
To: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood appeal

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Dear Common Council Members,

I live at 2317 West Lawn Avenue, a block away from Edgewood's practice field. I am strongly opposed to Edgewood's proposal to erect lights on that field. During the past two years, we have noticed a dramatic change in the noise level generated by events on the practice field, including those held early on several weekend mornings when we were accustomed to enjoying the peace and quiet of our neighborhood, as well as events at other times on many days. We tolerated this unhappily until the Covid crisis arose and presumably will have to tolerate it again when the crisis is past. However, we would find it unacceptable to have these noisy events extended into the evening hours, the only time when we can count on the peace and quiet we used to enjoy.

This is a compact old neighborhood. The practice field is close to dozens of homes. Many of us have invested years and large amounts of capital in our homes and neighborhood. Until recent years, Edgewood has been a good neighbor, but that is no longer true. Their changes are significantly and negatively affecting the neighborhood. If they are allowed to expand the practice field activities any further, these effects will be intolerable. I find it hard to believe that the families of participants in those practice field events would welcome such changes to their neighborhoods, most of which are elsewhere in the metro area.

It is grossly unfair of Edgewood to expect its neighbors to put up with any more noise than it was generating prior to Covid19, not to mention more crowds, traffic, litter, and light pollution. A strong majority of Edgewood's neighbors surrounding the campus oppose this and the school administrators know it. That they are again pushing such changes after being soundly rejected by the Plan Commission, at a time when we are all distressed and distracted by a coronavirus surge, makes it doubly unfair. On signs on its campus, Edgewood displays five principles—truth, justice, compassion, community, and partnership—which guided Edgewood

in working with its neighbors to establish a Master Plan, now tabled because of the push for a new stadium. Edgewood should return to those admirable principles and resume that cooperative relationship with its neighbors.

I urge you to protect our neighborhood by denying any and all of Edgewood's applications for any further changes to its practice field, and to thereby protect all neighborhoods by preventing the setting of a bad precedent.

Please upload this letter to Legistar #6040

Sincerely,

Scott Spoolman

2317 West Lawn Ave.

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood lighting
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:43:55 PM

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From: gretchen twietmeyer <gtwiet@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood lighting

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Please uphold the Plan Commission decision to deny a lighting permit for Edgewood's athletic field, which was based on failure to meet conditional use standards, specifically, that:

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

Until March 2020 I lived at 2260 West Lawn, very near the Edgewood field and I experienced first hand the unwelcome noise of many of the 77 games that were played in 2019. Usually I was outside gardening or eating meals and I did not appreciate the invasion. Lights, those 80 foot tall stalks, far taller than the Edgewood campus or the trees, would cast glare over the sky, when I would rather be sleeping or enjoying the night sky, adding to the sickly color at night in Edgewood direction. Imagine glare and noise reverberating over Lake Wingra, where so many people have gone lately to be in nature.

I would be at the hearing in person but I do not zoom. I hope you will refer to my November letter on this subject. Thank you for your consideration.

Please refer this to 60646 file, Legistar.

Gretchen Twietmeyer
633 W Lakeside St.
Madison, WI 53715

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose allowing Edgewood to install lights and amplified sound
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 5:21:21 PM

From: Eric <elb2000@pobox.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 5:07 PM
To: Henak, Zachary <district10@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: Oppose allowing Edgewood to install lights and amplified sound

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Alder Zachary Henak - District 10

We oppose allowing Edgewood to install lights and amplified sound.

As Nakoma residents we request that Alder Henak vote to uphold the Plan Commission's decision to deny the lighting permit.

Alder Henak should support the planning commission and the local community decision against lighting.

I request that my letter be uploaded to Legistar #60646.

I live in Nakoma and routinely walk on the Park and Pleasure Drive.

Regards,

Eric Brodsky and Freddi Adelson

1119 Waban Hill

Madison, WI

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 5:26:24 PM

From: Liz Lusk <lizlusk51@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:09 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Bidar, Shiva <district5@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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To the Common Council,

The uses, values and enjoyment of my residence and actually all the residences in Madison will be substantially impaired and diminished by the bright lights, loud noise and traffic that would accompany Edgewood's proposed competitive night games. Edgewood has already begun to play unlimited day games. Unlimited night games would be disruptive to the entire community and destructive to the environment. This is the stadium that the neighborhood and the whole Madison community has opposed all along. And for good reason.

I currently live in the Regent Neighborhood and have lived in the area surrounding Edgewood, first on Terry Place, then on West Lawn and now on Virginia Terrace, over the past 40 years. I write to oppose this for all the reasons so many others have brought forward, including so clearly Alder Tag's responses. But I would also add that this particular area is very important to Madison as a whole.

This bit of Edgewood land extends the natural setting of the Vilas, Wingra and Arboretum circumference of Lake Wingra. In fact, I have walked with friends "around Lake Wingra" pretty much every Saturday for the last 25 years. This environmental pathway extends almost completely around the lake and has come down to us as an irreplaceable resource. The Ho-Chunk people knew this and community leaders over generations have also recognized this resource. Wingra was designated a no wake lake in the 1970s to prevent noise and destruction of habitat. The Arboretum has no regular through traffic, again to preserve it. Adjacent to Edgewood the Park and Pleasure Drive, which is actually a linear park was established early in the 20th century. There are native mounds found in many places behind and on Edgewood property as well as in the loop encompassing the Arboretum. Some of the trees along this route have stood overlooking Lake Wingra since before the Revolutionary War. At this moment, the Wingra Park Plan is looking to extend it's road closure to cars. All of this is to say that yes, this is an important neighborhood issue. And of course any reasonable soul recognizes that introducing a lighted, late night amplified stadium will degrade the neighborhood. But this particular bit of Madison is not just a neighborhood. This is an environmental gem. To have it degraded by adding 80 foot lights and amplified day and night sound would be an irretrievable loss. The lake and Arboretum and surrounds are fragile and require our protection. Our predecessors including Leopold and Vilas and Marshall recognized this place as a piece of the whole of Madison's birthright. It has been preserved for the enjoyment of the natural world for all of us. Let's keep it that way.

Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision and vote NO on item 5, Edgewood's current push for lights and amplified sound. To the Common Council and Mayor,

Please upload my letter to Legistar #60646

Sincerely,
Liz Lusk
452 Virginia Terrace
Madison, WI 53726

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:48:18 PM

From: Peggy ROSIN <peggy.rosin@wisc.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:39 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Stouder, Heather <hstouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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To the Common Council,

I am resubmitting the letter I previously sent. I do not see it included in the Public Comments from the last Common Council meeting when the Edgewood proposal discussion & decision was deferred. Please upload my letter to Legistar #60646. Thank you.

November 30, 2020

Re: legistar #60646

Dear Common Council Members:

I oppose allowing Edgewood High School to install stadium lights and amplified sound. On May 11, 2020 the Plan Commission agreed that Edgewood's conditional use request did not meet standard #3: *"The uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner."* There was much testimony in opposition to the Edgewood proposal. I wrote then that I believed that the planned changes to the Edgewood stadium violate a number of the conditions for approval based on the recommendations of the City of Madison Comprehensive plan including: 1) detriment to public health and general welfare due to noise and light pollution and 2) greatly effecting the value and enjoyment of the surrounding neighborhood. I also worry about the impact of increased traffic, noise and light on the wildlife around lake Wingra.

These same concerns regarding installation of stadium lights and amplified sound continue to exist. Now Edgewood is appealing the Plan Commission's rejection of their proposal claiming to be compromising to meet Standard #3 and neighborhood concerns. However, their proposal is a rehash of earlier proposal and I see no compromise on their part nor have they attended to the recommendations of the Plan Commission prior to submitting this appeal. Therefore, I ask that you uphold the Plan Commission's decision and reject this appeal.

Thank you for your efforts for our city.

Peggy Rosin

1515 Vilas Avenue. Madison, WI 53711

Please upload my letter to Legistar #60646

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Mike](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: #60646: RE: Misleading statement by Edgewood's sound consultant
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 4:29:35 PM

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From: Ethan Brodsky <ethan.brodsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:48 PM
To: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: #60646: RE: Misleading statement by Edgewood's sound consultant

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This is an updated comment regarding file #60646, Edgewood High School's appeal of the Plan Commission's denial of their application for a conditional use permit to install stadium lights and begin nighttime use of their athletic field. Please ensure that it is put into the legislative record for the Common Council hearing on January 19. This is distinct from the comment submitted on Dec 1.

On December 1, a new document was posted into the Legislar file for this issue, titled "Rick Talaske's planned 1 December 2020 presentation regarding sound matters."

That document can be found here:

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(Please note the corrected URL - the URL I provided in my Dec 1 letter was incorrect).

This letter is written by the same acoustical consultant that was hired by Edgewood to perform the noise study that they entered into the legislative record in January 2019.

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I pointed out at that time that this study included numerous errors. The study has not been updated and these errors still exist. I have included my contemporaneous comments on that report at the end of this letter.

I am a professional engineer with a PhD in electrical engineering who has worked in the field of signal processing and acoustical analysis for many years.

Regarding Mr. Talaske's new letter, I will note the following.

* The document reports that "Measurements for two hours were performed at the three locations noted on Figure 1. * Ambient noise levels ranged from 50.6 to 63.2 dBA. * Peak sound levels ranged from 68.5 to 75.8 dBA". It does not state the time of day at which these readings were taken. The January 2019 report identifies that as being "late afternoon hours" but does not specify the exact time of day. Presumably these readings were taken during rush hour, as they are substantially higher than many measurements taken at other times. Also note that they shows differences of -15 dB between locations in some bands, and Leqs varying over 12 dB, then "averages" these measurements together in what appears to be mathematically incorrect manner to come up with a single figure.

The consequence of this is that the report dramatically overstates ambient (background) sound levels in the neighborhood, claiming that they are far louder than they actually are. Every other study and report on this issue has put the typical ambient nighttime noise level in the neighborhood in the -42-47 dB range. A recent several-week study of noise in the neighborhood using literally hundreds of thousands of measurements made with calibrated instruments found evening ambient levels in the 42-46 dB range.

* The document states that the results of their sound study showed "peak sound levels" ranging from 68.5 dB to 75.8 dB and "average" sound levels of "55dBA to 60 dBA during a football game". It then goes on to state that "The average sound level over a one-hour period will be less than 65 dBA, which we understand in the number referenced within the City of Madison noise ordinance." While these may correctly state the outputs of their model (not that those models are necessarily correct, an issue discussed in my earlier letter), it shows an error in understanding the city's noise ordinance, which regulates PEAK LEVELS, not AVERAGE LEVELS. MGO 24.08 sets a limit of 65 dBA. "peak" (slow response / 1 s filtering) at residential property lines. This study letter acknowledges that their own model indicates that their proposed development would generate sound levels (up to 75.8 dB) that the city has deemed to be harmful. This is true even for events with as few as 150 attendees, which is consistent with measurements made by neighbors at daytime events at this site with crowds of that size. Larger events would be substantially more disruptive.

* The report disparages others' measurements of noise by stating that "Noise measurements not made with calibrated precision sound level meters and taken without a wind screen should be assumed to be inaccurate. This is especially true with measurements made with iPhones, meters from Radio Shack, or similar uncalibrated equipment."

Note that another professional noise study was performed in Fall 2018 by Wise Associates, a well-regarded acoustical firm. They collected measurements were using a "HP 3569A Frequency Spectrum Analyzer and an ACO Pacific ANSI Type 1 microphone/pre-amp, with calibration certified by Scaetel, Inc." This is high-end equipment and a far cry from "iPhones and Radio Shack Meters" that Mr. Talaske dismisses. Wise also reported ambient sound levels of 42 dB in the vicinity, based on measurements taken for projects they did for Edgewood College in the 2019-2015 period.

I myself also took numerous measurements with an Extech 407736 sound meter, an instrument that "meets ANSI and IEC 651 Type II standards", as specified in MGO 24.08(2)(k). In accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, a windscreens was always used when any wind was present (the photo of it in my presentation shows that). The instrument received calibrations prior to each use using an internal source in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and was stable enough that the calibration never varied more than 0.1 dB. While it did not receive regular calibrations against an external reference source, it has always shown consistent measurements within 1 dB against other instrument that did. However, based on this criticism, on 2020-12-23 I had the instrument's calibration verified against a Reed R8090 Sound Level Calibrator (which meets the performance requirements for an IEC 60942 Class 2 sound calibrator) and the calibration was within 0.1 dB. There is no reason to doubt careful measurements taken by citizen scientists in the neighborhood, despite Edgewood's attempts to disparage their work.

* The report dismisses peak levels of 80 dBA as being not "significant".

Peak sound levels of 80 dBA are indeed significant. The fact that they may be 20 dB quieter than an ambulance siren at 50 ft does not make them irrelevant. Who hasn't had to pause conversation as an ambulance passes their house? Would having this happen many times during a three-hour evening event impact quality of life?

* The figures on page 7-8, which Edgewood also uses in their presentation, show "Levels LrD in dB(A)". While LrD is not defined in their presentation or their earlier report, LrD is generally a symbol used to represent the "Yearly averaged daytime sound level", typically used in traffic studies. This is an average level, not a peak level, so their finding that the stadium may cause levels exceeding 60 dB at neighboring homes is not a vindication that the stadium's noise impact would be minimal, but actually a finding that the stadium's noise impact would be substantial, raising the noise in the area around the stadium enormously over the 40-45 dB ambient level that they themselves show in their figures. (That's right, they acknowledge the 40-45 dB ambient sound levels themselves in the figure, despite claiming elsewhere that the background levels are higher). Their own full report, submitted by Edgewood into the legislative record in January 2019, shows that the peak levels a stadium would cause at these homes would exceed 75 dB. That's far louder than the 65 dB limit in the ordinance. Even for crowds as small as 150 spectators, they would exceed 65 dB.

* The whole issue of these graphs really introduces a lot of questions and calls everything in the letter into doubt. As I mentioned earlier, LrD is not defined in the letter, or the earlier report, and is not widely used in this kind of noise study, or at all anymore. It is generally a symbol used, primarily in traffic studies, to represent "daytime rating level", alongside "LrN" for the "nighttime rating level", and typically involves many adjustments for the source type and receptor area, which Mr. Talaske does not make clear whether were applied (ISO 1996-1:2003 specifies that "outdoor ball games, such as football, soccer or basketball" are defined as "regular impulsive noise" that should have a 5 dB adjustment factor added due to their intrusiveness - was that omitted in this analysis?). In any case, this metric isn't widely used anymore, because Ldn, a "combined day/night average" has become more standard.

As written, this figure is showing that the proposed development would increase the average noise level at neighboring residences over the **entire year** from 40 dB to 60 dB. If we assume that the noise were to last, say, 3 hours * 50 events = 150 hours, out of the 8760 hours in a year, then that would mean an average noise level during each event of $60 + 10 \log(108760/150) = 77$ dB. That's an average noise level, not a peak - the peak would be far higher - and is a level that you would expect to find in areas of heavy industry that are wholly incompatible with residential use.

Now perhaps they'll claim, again, that that's not what they meant, but unfortunately it is impossible to know what they meant, because that's what they said. The letter mentions "one-hour averages", since they still seem to wrongly believe that's what MGO's Noise Ordinance references, and my guess was that they actually mean LAeq(1-hr) instead of LrD, but that can't be either. The figure is labeled "stands at full capacity, no wall", which corresponds to test case 103 from their original report (page 17), but that report shows the same area with noise contours -10 dB higher, and the data on the simulation (bottom line of the new figure, small text) says it was "last edited 2018-12-18", so this really is the same simulation as was in the original report. So it seems like they really may have chosen to now report a full-day average, which is a dishonest and deceptive way to understate the impact. If they assumed that the noise level was for a three-hour event and then averaged it over a whole day, then $10 \log(10(24/3)) = 9$ dB, so that really does seem to be what they did.

This new letter is so badly written that there is no way to really be sure.

They claim in the text at the top to be reporting one-hour averages, but then show in the figure below that they are reporting all-day averages, and have figures that are -10 dB lower than what the original report had for one-hour averages, which would make sense if they are reporting full-day averages.

So it really does appear that they have switched from showing one-hour averages in the original report (which is inconsistent with the measurement method in city standards and dramatically and falsely reduces the dB numbers, but may have been an honest mistake) to reporting 24-hour averages in the new letter (which is even more inconsistent with city standards and further reduces the dB numbers and has no plausible explanation aside from utter carelessness or an intent to deceive).

Even if it was a one-hour average of 60 dB, that doesn't matter, because the city noise regulation is based on one-second peaks for non-impulsive noise and 1/8 s peaks for impulsive noise, and those levels are going to be much higher than the one-hour average, as was shown in their original report.

Over and over again their own noise study demonstrates that the proposed development would generate noise levels incompatible with area it exists in and harmful to the use, value, and enjoyment of surrounding properties.

All of these are topics that should've been, and were, raised at the Plan Commission, and not revisited here.

The Conditional Use Standards for Approval require that

"The uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner."
by a development and that the application demonstrate this with substantial evidence.

Furthermore, MGO 28J Supplemental Regulations state, in MGO 28.151

"Supplemental regulations are established to address the unique characteristics of certain land uses. The standards and conditions listed for land uses in this chapter are applicable to both permitted uses and uses permitted by conditional use permit, as specified for each zoning district, unless otherwise noted."

...

"Outdoor Recreation .

(c) The site shall be designed in such a way as to minimize the effects of lighting and noise on surrounding properties. Hours of operation may be restricted and noise and lighting limits imposed as part of the conditional use approval."

It is clear that this proposed development fails to meet this standard.

The information presented here does not change that.

The denial should stand.

Thank you,

Ethan Brodsky

===== I attach below my original comments on Edgewood's noise study, as submitted in January 2019. =====

Date: Wed, 9 Jan 2019 15:02:16 -0600 (CST)
From: Ethan Brodsky <ethan.brodsky@gmail.com>
To: Heather Stouder <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>;
Timothy Parks <TParks@cityofmadison.com>;
Matt Tucker <MTucker@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Rebuttal to Edgewood Jan 4 noise study
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Ms. Stouder, Mr. Parks, Mr. Tucker -

Yesterday, I was informed of the existence of a document titled "AMBIENT NOISE MEASUREMENTS AND GRANDSTAND NOISE SIMULATION MODEL for EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GOODMAN ATHLETIC COMPLEX Madison, Wisconsin prepared by TALASKE and TLC Engineering for Professional Audio Designs, Inc. Wauwatosa, WI Issue Date: January 4, 2019". My understanding is that this document was submitted to the city to support their application for an amendment to their Campus/Institutional Master Plan, and it is just now being circulated among the neighborhood.

Unfortunately, this document contains a number of technical and legal errors, omissions, and misstatements, which invalidate much of its analysis and conclusions. I will try to detail them here, but due to the highly accelerated time frame that we must deal with, I am only able to briefly summarize my concerns, and must apologize for any errors in my analysis, as I did not have time to subject it to my usual level of review.

The most significant issue is in Section III, "Review of Madison Noise Ordinance", in which the authors cite an obsolete version of the city's noise ordinance, which references limits of 70 dBA at night and 75 dBA during the day. This language appears to be from a version of MGO 24.08 that was passed in September 1974 and is inconsistent with the current ordinance, which imposes a limit of 65 dBA at all times. As many other portions of their analysis were based around demonstrating that noise levels would be under 70-75 dBA, this is a major error that invalidates almost all of their claims of compliance.

To further exacerbate this issue, the authors state in Section V that "the averaging method is not clearly identified within the Noise Ordinance".

While this may have been true for the 1974 ordinance, the current regulations specify "fast meter response" for impulsive noises and "slow meter response" for all other noises. These response times are defined by ANSI standard to be 0.125 s and 1.0 second, respectively. Their noise study instead uses a one-hour average and concludes that "The average exposure of residents (LAeq 1-Hour Average) to noise from a typical football game event at the stadium is less than the stated maximum 70 dBA level within the Madison Noise Ordinance". This is wrong on so many levels - not only did they use the wrong limit and the wrong averaging period, but many of the assumptions and calculations that led to that estimate are absent. When noise levels are measured according to the city's standard for regulation instead of by this standard of their own invention, the numbers will be far higher than reported here and far in excess of the city's standard.

The next major issue is in their noise maps at the end of the document.

The right figure for each is labeled "L_{Amax} (Peak)", which is presumably the units with which the numbers labeling the isolines should be interpreted. Unfortunately, this is a self-contradictory unit and demonstrates a lack of understanding among the authors of how noise measurements are defined. L_{Amax} is defined to be the highest value shown by a noise meter with a specific response function over a period of time.

Typically it would instead be written L_AF_{max} or L_AS_{max}, or L_Amax_A.F, to make it clear what response function was being used. This report not only omits that (is it 0.125 s, 1.0 s, or something else?), but then writes "(Peak)" afterwards, which introduces confusion as to whether they are actually reporting L_AF_{max} ("Maximum Sound Level") or L_pk ("Peak Sound Pressure Level"), which is an instantaneous measurement that is only weakly related to L_AF_{max}, and only relevant in regulating extremely loud impulsive sounds to prevent hearing damage. As these maps are the critical result for determining the area over which stadium noise would exceed city regulations (the one-hour average maps on the left are irrelevant to that), it is essential that we understand what exactly they are showing.

Assuming the maps on the right actually are showing a slow or fast-weighted maximum dBA figure, they demonstrate the implausibility of the model the authors have used to estimate stadium noise. We can see this because Case

101 shows a simulation with "no wall, 150 spectators, 22 players on field,

1 referee's whistle, 2 R2-94 loudspeakers, and 28 pep band musicians", at a point 1.5 m above terrain. It shows a 70 dBA contour running along front-line homes on Monroe Street. On October 11, I took measurements using a noise meter, from the steps of a home at 2310 Monroe Street, at a point roughly that height above ground level, for a JV game at which there were approximately 50 spectators in the stands, the standard number of players on the field, and no band or PA system. During a short period of data collection, I observed a sound level of 68.6 dBA, using fast response time but no peak hold functionality (so the true maximum was likely higher).

Trying the crowd from 50 to 150 would increase this 4.8 dB to 73.4 dB, and there is no question that a band and PA system operating simultaneously would add more than an additional 1.6 dB, pushing this contour over 75 dBA.

Measurements of the band alone at Waunakee from distances comparable to homes on Woodrow and Monroe yielded levels of 82 dBA for fast response and 78 dBA for slow response. Even a smaller band would likely be comparable or louder than crowd noise, and the PA system would necessarily need to be louder than the crowd for the crowd to hear it, so realistically we are talking about a 3-6 dB increase in levels, which puts the levels from an event of this size up closer to 80 dBA. It is clear that Edgewood's consultant is underestimating sound levels in this map by at least 5 dBA, and possibly more.

In addition to the lack of correspondence between their computer-modeled results and actual real-world measurements taken by multiple engineers, their model is suspect because it fails to identify many of the assumptions that went into building it. Spectator noise was merely described as "Each human noise source in the model is based on measured laboratory data for spectral content and directivity of people shouting", with no quantitative metric defining "how loud" those people were "shouting" or reference to the literature or experimental procedure that they used to come up with that number. The same is true for the band - there are no numbers, methodology, or reference to the literature that they may have used to pick out those numbers. For the PA system, they don't even define how the "volume knob" would be set, or what the "estimated amount of time per hour" that they used (not that that is relevant to whether the city's noise ordinance is exceeded, as that is based on a one-second response time, not a one-hour response time).

If they want this sort of model to be taken seriously, they should use it to simulate noise from existing stadiums, then compare their predictions to actual measurements taken at those stadiums under the same conditions - if they can show correspondence between simulation and reality over a range of the parameter space, then there is validity in trusting their model to accurately predict what would happen should their stadium be built. Absent such evidence of accuracy, the results of the model cannot be trusted.

However, all flaws in their model aside, it is useful to note that Edgewood's consultant has acknowledged, through this report, that not only would a stadium would generate sound levels on neighboring properties that would exceed the city's legal limits, but that that would happen even with a crowd as small as 150 people. Any home within the purple "65-70 dB" contour on the right map in #101 would be so affected. In their 1000-spectator/no-wall scenario in #103, this contour is shown to extend out past Terry Place and West Lawn Avenue. This is an important acknowledgement on their part.

In Section II, the authors discuss measurements of ambient noise levels in the neighborhood, and carefully identify the equipment they used, sampling points, noise levels, and dates, but fail to mention what time the data was collected except to say that it was "late afternoon". Presumably "late afternoon" means "rush hour", since the 51-63 dBA levels they report are far higher than the 42 dBA that others have measured. While a rush-hour ambient baseline would be appropriate for discussing games conducted at rush hour, the loudest games that Edgewood is proposing would start at 7 PM and last until nearly 10 PM, so it is extremely misleading to use rush-hour sound levels as an ambient baseline for these events. In any case, even the exaggerated ambient baseline claimed in their report do not come close to "equalling or exceeding" the levels Edgewood is proposing to generate with their stadium.

In Section V, their observation that noise levels will be below OSHA limits to prevent hearing damage, and "not threatening to the general public" are appreciated, but not relevant, as nobody has been arguing that that is the case - this debate is over a stadium proposed in a residential neighborhood, not a factory where we are trying to protect employee's hearing. We are arguing that the noise would be disruptive, irritating, illegal, and would interfere with the use and enjoyment of our homes, not that it would cause hearing damage. While the 5 dB drop for indoor noise levels with windows open is reasonable, the "30-plus decibels less" they predict with windows closed is enormously in excess of the 20 dB attenuation documented elsewhere. In any case, the city regulates outdoor noise levels on neighboring properties, not indoor levels, so they should not be able to issue a variance or exemption on the grounds that "neighbors will be able to tolerate the sound if they close their windows from September through May".

Finally, I would like to note that the concept of erecting a noise barrier is a very recent addition to their proposal, few details have been provided, and there has been little time to fully examine it, but a general rule of thumb for highway noise is that a high-mass noise barrier that blocks direct-line-of-sight to the source will achieve a ~5 dB reduction in the nearfield, and that each meter of additional height above that yields an additional 1.5 dB of attenuation.

Due to the short timeframe, I have not yet been able to fully analyze their site, but some quick modeling shows that, for a 5m tall grandstand (16.4 feet), a wall between 8-9 m (26.2-29.5 ft) would likely be required along Monroe Street to block the direct sound path between the grandstand and front-line homes and achieve a predicted 5 dB reduction, and that achieving a predicted 9.5 dB reduction would thus require an additional 3 m, for a height between 11-12 m (36.1-39.4 ft).

This is substantially higher than what they discuss in their noise report, and my initial renderings of this show it would be a visually enormous structure that is much more imposing what is implied by Figures 5 and 7.

This seems like a substantial alteration to their proposed amendment, and I would be very strongly opposed to letting "Final details on wall construction" be "addressed as part of the architectural review submittal", as Edgewood requests in their letter to Mr. Arntsen on Jan 7.

Noise barriers of this sort only reduce noise over a short distance, typically on the order of 200 feet, so this would only mitigate sound levels for front-line homes and do little or nothing to reduce noise levels that other homes in the neighborhood would be subjected to. Even supposing a 10 dB reduction in noise level from an adequately-sized noise barrier, stadium noise would still be substantially in excess of city regulations over a large area.

I realize that this is very short notice and that you have imminent deadlines of your own, but I hope you will consider this criticism before trusting the analysis and conclusions in their report.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ethan Brodsky

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Vote No on Edgewood High School's Appeal
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 6:47:15 AM

From: Claude Kazanski <ckazanski@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:05:49 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Cc: All Alders; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Vote No on Edgewood High School's Appeal

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Dear Alder Tag Evers and Other Members of the Common Council,

Please vote NO on the Edgewood High School appeal regarding its request to allow lights at the school's outdoor stadium.

I have lived at 2233 West Lawn Ave for 28 years. Our block is parallel to Monroe Street and directly across from Edgewood High School's entrance.

I am greatly concerned that the installation of lights and the expanded night time athletic schedule will be seriously detrimental to the quality of life, use and enjoyment of our property which we have become accustomed to for nearly 30 years. We do not understand how the lights and the noise created from the night time sporting events will not impair the quality of living in our neighborhood.

I am also concerned that Edgewood High School has not worked with our neighborhood association in good faith to find an acceptable compromise for the light and sound installations on its athletic field. The Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association has presented various methods to minimize the disruptive effects of Edgewood's proposal but these have been consistently set aside without engaging in meaningful discussions to reach a compromise.

Since it came before the Plan Commission, I am not aware of any recent activity Edgewood has conducted to measure and research the impact its current and proposed use of the athletic fields will have on the surrounding neighborhood. Such an assessment was suggested by the Plan Commission when Edgewood's proposal was heard and denied earlier this summer. Thus, the neighborhood is left to accept on blind faith that Edgewood's request will not substantially impair or diminish the well established use, values and enjoyment of neighboring residents' property.

For these reasons I respectfully request that you vote NO on Edgewood's appeal.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns on this matter. Please have this letter uploaded to Legistar #60646 if it is not done so automatically.

Respectfully yours,

Claude Kazanski
2233 West Lawn Ave.
Madison, WI. 53711

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: No Lights or Sounds at Edgewood's Stadium
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 4:12:30 PM

From: Eric Kerlow <Eric1@Kerlow.net>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:20 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>; no new stadium info <nonewstadiuminfo@gmail.com>
Subject: No Lights or Sounds at Edgewood's Stadium

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Dear Madison Alders:

Edgewood's installation of lights and sound on their playing field is an incompatible use for their residential neighbors and harms the natural respite of those visiting adjacent Lake Wingra. With the Safer In Place Orders we saw how important protecting the community's natural resources are to the physical and mental health of Madison's citizenry. It should not be degraded for the benefit of privileged parents and players at a private school for football games.

Please vote no on Agenda Item# [60646](#)

Eric Kerlow
2007 Adams St.

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Edgewood appeal
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 6:46:59 AM

From: Leopold, Madelyn
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:16:13 PM
To: All Alders; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Edgewood appeal

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To the Common Council:

I ask that the Common Council leave it to the parties to work out the issues between them relating to the expansion of Edgewood High School's athletic facilities.

This was what the Plan Commission directed the parties to do when it denied Edgewood's request for a conditional use variance.

Edgewood and the neighborhood have made some progress in their negotiations: the Wisconsin State Journal reported back in November that Edgewood has agreed not to rent out the field and also to limit the number of games this year, but it still wants permission to use lights at 40 games per year starting in 2022.

40 games: Down the street at Camp Randall, the Badgers typically host seven (7) football games per year.

Now Edgewood seeks to bypass the Plan Commission and the neighborhood, using this appeal to cut off further discussion about lights and amplified sound.

Edgewood should be required to continue negotiations as directed by the Plan Commission.

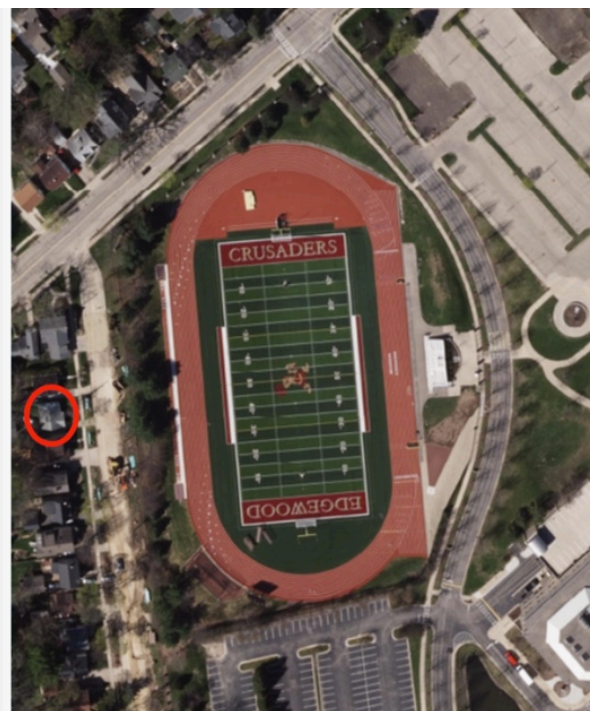
What's been achieved so far will, without question, substantially impair and diminish the uses, values and enjoyment of property in the neighborhood.

Thank you.

Madelyn Leopold
2233 West Lawn Ave.
Madison, WI 53711

I live at 810 Woodrow Street and consider myself a proud Edgewood parent. In 1990, I moved into my house along with my young son and enrolled him into Edgewood Grade School, where he attended 3rd grade through high school. Instead of sports, he preferred to spend his time skateboarding, playing board games at UW and experimenting with techno music. My son eventually went on to obtain his MBA from UW-Madison; has residency in the Netherlands, and is running his own international company. I thank Edgewood for giving him the education and confidence to help him get where he is today.

The ridiculous claim that Edgewood is being discriminated against is completely unfounded. My husband's family and I are all Catholic. We have supported Edgewood throughout the years, starting when my husband's father and his brother's were students. The issue here has to do with what is right for the neighborhood and how allowing Edgewood to move forward will change the quality of life in this neighborhood forever.



The photo on the left is what the practice field was like when we moved into our house. The photo on the right is the current field, which you can clearly see now dominates the entire area.



The above photo, taken from my kitchen, shows the higher elevation of the field. When games are played, this new height puts us in direct shot of any noise coming off the field - there is no escaping it.

To all Edgewood supporters out there, please remember that we are subjected to every game played on that field, not just the one you are attending. Our homes are filled with the sounds of screaming fans, coaches yelling, whistles blowing, and music. We cannot go back to our quiet homes, like you.

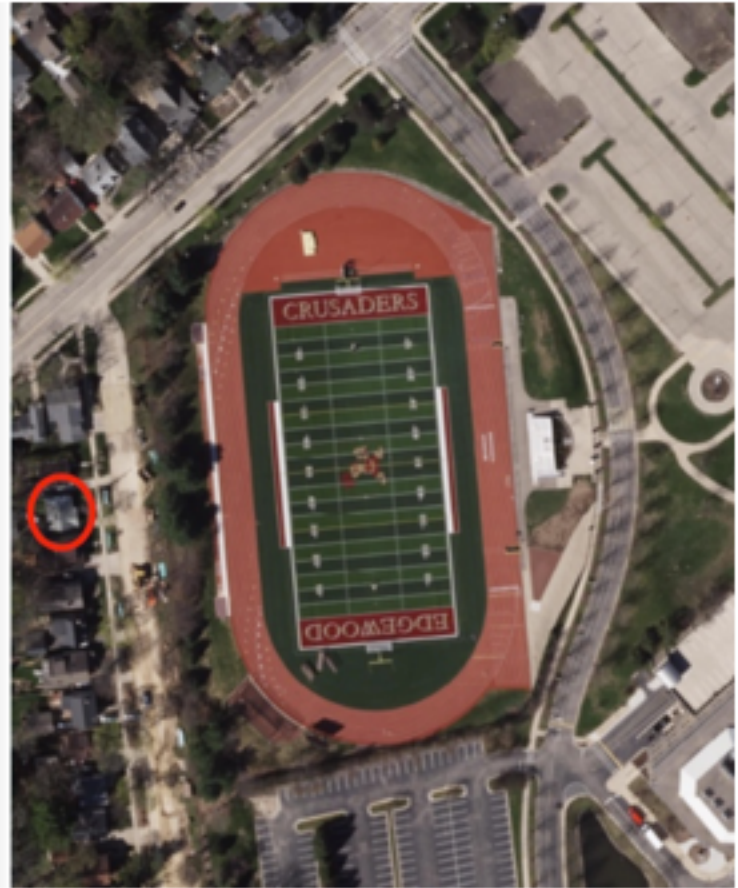
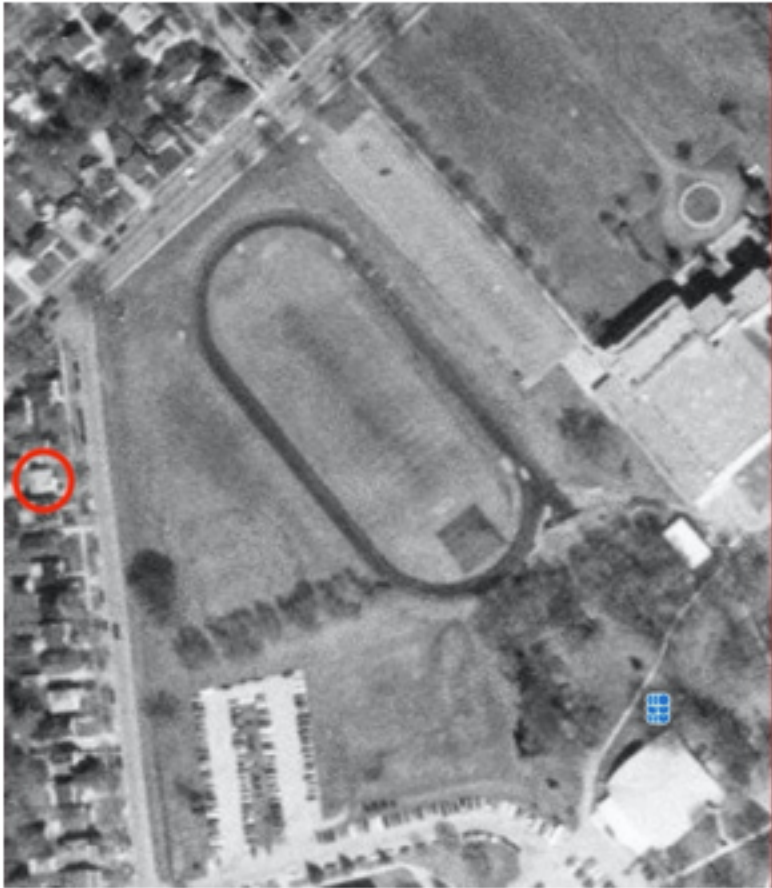
Everyone knows that Edgewood's sport's teams do not suffer. They have always had a facility available to play their competitive sports, just like West and East High School. They can easily continue to do so. Their new proposal does not guarantee that light will not spill into our homes or that they will be able to reduce the sound level so that we can have our windows open during the summer.

My home was already established before EHS upgraded their field and decided to turn it into a competitive sports field. The noise level definitely impairs and diminishes the enjoyment on my property, as well as my neighbor's properties. Having lights would just extend the games throughout the evening - as well as flood our properties with light and noise. Together, I would call that "substantially impaired."

Edgewood will no doubt continue to claim discrimination. The Goodman brothers would be appalled to see how their donation has turned into senseless appeals and lawsuits. The only people being discriminated against are the neighbors who are trying to protect the neighborhood, their properties and future generations.

Please do what is right and vote **no** to their request for lights and help us ensure that the field be used only for their practices and PE classes. Thank you.

Sue Statz
810 Woodrow St





From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Opposition Statement for Common Council 01.19.2021 Agenda Item 5
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:49:55 PM

From: Jennifer Weaver <jweaver04@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 7:28:39 PM
To: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Opposition Statement for Common Council 01.19.2021 Agenda Item 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 1:41:41 PM

From: KE Rost <kristen.frostco@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 1:41 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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To the Common Council,

We live a block away from EHS field, and ask Common Council to uphold the Plan Commission's decision and vote NO on Edgewood's application for stadium lights.

I believe proposed installation of lights violates an existing city approval standard, specifically: *"The uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner."*

Lake Wingra and UW Arboretum natural areas will degrade.

Overwhelming artificial light and noise at night will endanger the habitat, health, breeding, and migration of all species we've sought to protect in these precious inner-city natural areas, compromising decades of conservation efforts.

Diminishing property values.

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

Decreased enjoyment of neighborhood.

It seems unavoidable that, once installed, EHS's costly additions will impel an increasing number of night games and events. I don't believe we know the amount of time proposed EHS lights, with associated crowd noise and traffic, would actively disrupt our neighborhood; and, to proceed without limitation or study is to invite continual amendments and ongoing mistrust.

Thank you,

Kristen Rost

2154 West Lawn Avenue

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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: January 19, 2020 Common Council Meeting, Agenda Item #5, Edgewood High School
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 3:39:08 PM

From: James Schey <jamesjschey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: January 19, 2020 Common Council Meeting, Agenda Item #5, Edgewood High School

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Dear Alder Evers,

I'm respectfully requesting that you, your fellow alders and Mayor Rhodes-Conway deny Edgewood High School's request to overturn the Plan Commission's action. I am a neighbor of Edgewood's and a 35 year resident of 878 Woodrow Street.

The Plan Commission's decision rejecting their proposal to add stadium lighting and amplified sound to their football field was supported by detailed fact finding and balanced reasoning. The addition of high mast lighting and amplified sound were proven through engineering measurements and analysis to cause substantial impairment of the uses, values and enjoyment of the surrounding properties by both the residents of the neighborhood and those using nearby public spaces including Wingra Park and the Park and Pleasure Drive.

As you know this is a dense urban setting where homes are extremely close to the football field with no light or sound barriers in between.

Their proposal includes no sound limits. Multiple sound consultants demonstrated that sound levels would be excessive and widespread. For the nearby homes, it's been demonstrated that normal conversation with windows closed would not be possible during events.

Imagine if you were living in an established neighborhood, your neighbor installs an outdoor amplified sound system with lighting and proceeds to hold night time events disrupting your ability to converse within your home, put young children to bed or simply enjoy being in your residence or around your neighborhood.

The plan before you is substantially the same one that has been proposed for the past two years. What has changed is an increase in proposed use from 18-27 night

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 4:16:01 PM

From: Sandy Kampen <sandy.kampen@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 4:13 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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To the Common Council,

I am the fourth generation to live in my Jefferson Street home, my mother and I three blocks from Edgewood High School. I am a huge sports enthusiast and long-time Badger Football Season ticket holder. So sports are not my issue.

The quality of life is my concern for both my elderly mother and myself. The uses, values and enjoyment of my residence will be substantially impaired and diminished by the bright lights, loud noise and traffic that accompany competitive night games.

I am extremely concerned over how Edgewood HS wants to change my neighborhood and what the impact will be. Unlimited night games and potential special events will be disruptive to our entire community and destructive to the environment. Edgewood is not compromising with the neighborhood and nor are they willing take the time to determine the impact of day games, measure the noise levels, and figure out a way to mitigate the impact before moving forward with a plan to expand use of the field.

I am asking you to consider the neighborhood and our lives and how this will change it. **Please uphold the decision that the Planning Commission came to and do not allow Edgewood HS to install lights and amplified sound.**

Thank you,

Sandy and Sharon Kampen

[1914 Jefferson St](#) (three blocks from Edgewood)

[Madison, WI](#)

games/8 day games in 2017 to 25 regular season night games, an unspecified number of post season night games, unlimited lighted night practices and unlimited day games.

I appreciate your support of the greater neighborhood in rejecting this request.

Sincerely,
James Schey
878 Woodrow Street
Madison, WI 53711
jamesjschey@yahoo.com

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 5:12:34 PM

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From: M B King <mbk_kef@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 4:15 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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Dear Alders,

Edgewood High School has not negotiated in good faith with neighbors or associations to try to resolve this. The proposed adjustments to their plan still do not address concerns raised by many neighbors and the Plan Commission. Edgewood's private interests should not "trump" concerns for the public good.

Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision and vote NO on Edgewood's appeal.

Thank you, ~~ bruce king

873 Terry Place

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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
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From: Craig Recob <craig.recob@gmail.com>
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To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
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To the Common Council,

The uses, values and enjoyment of my residence will be substantially impaired and diminished by the bright lights, loud noise and traffic that accompany competitive night games. Edgewood is already permitted to play unlimited day games. Night games would be disruptive to the entire community and destructive to the environment.

I live at 885 Terry Place my home is within 600 feet of the field.

Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision and vote NO on Edgewood's application for stadium lights.

Thank you,

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