

Message: please no new stadium

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From Mary Jones Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 12:58 AM

To Stouder, Heather;Parks, Timothy;Arntsen, Allen

Cc

Subject please no new stadium

When my husband and I moved into a house a block away from Edgewood the college was a small girls collage. Most of the students lived in the dormitory. There was also an elementary school and high school both with limited enrollment.

Now that the college has expanded and has taken in day students our street is parked full of cars on both sides so much so that at times we can hardly get out of our driveways and emergency vehicles can barely get through.

If the high school has a stadium the street will be parked full day and night bringing more noise and commotion. The truth is that Edgewod has become too big for the community. No new stadium please.

Mary V.H. Jones

Message: Opposition to changes to master plan enabling build of Edgewood stadium with lighting and sound

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From Rob Williamson Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:15 AM

To Soglin, Paul;Arntsen, Allen;Baldeh, Samba;fieldsrac@gmail.com;josh.npravnik@gmail.com;Stouder, Heather;Parks, Timothy
Cc ajstanz2@madison.k12.wi.us;bacantrell@charter.net;jpolewski@charter.net;jshagenow@yahoo.com;ken.opin@gmail.com;Zellers,
Ledell;melissaberger2@gmail.com;hiwayman@chorus.net;Carter, Sheri;King, J Steven

Subject Opposition to changes to master plan enabling build of Edgewood stadium with lighting and sound

Mayor Soglin, President Baldeh, Alder Arntsen, Ms. Fields, Mr. Napravnik, Ms. Stouder, Mr. Parks, and members of the city planning commission,

In anticipation of the forthcoming public hearing, I am writing to reinforce my strong opposition to Edgewood's proposal to build a stadium and associated infrastructure.

Edgewood High School, embedded in our community, adjacent to hundreds of homes, dozens of businesses, and one block away from Wingra Park, is not a compatible location for a stadium with amplified sound and lighting system. I live a few blocks away and our neighborhood will be significantly affected by the noise and lighting emanating from the proposed stadium.

When stadiums like this are built in new "green field" communities, they are part of an holistic and specifically-designed community plan, which would include appropriate buffer distances and land zoning to accommodate the noise and light pollution from the stadium in relation to residences and businesses. Edgewood is in an established, century-old neighborhood with no possibility for light or sound buffer zones or other natural barriers to enable the stadium to coexist peacefully with residences.

The master plan that was put into place many decades ago carefully considered how to successfully integrate a high school and college campus within the residential Monroe Street neighborhood. This document and the community growth plans derived from it have benefitted both Edgewood and the surrounding community, resulting in improved quality of life for residents and those attending Edgewood College and High School. It has also resulted in continued positive financial growth as reflected by the wealth in increased property values and tax revenue that benefits the city.

Edgewood has proposed a fundamental change to the master plan to enable them to build a facility that is larger, louder, and more disruptive to the community than anything previously proposed. Nothing fundamental has changed in the neighborhood structure, community, or circumstances that warrant a change to a foundational document that has proven successful in guiding decades of community growth and change.

What has changed is that Edgewood College and High School has a strong desire and substantial private funding to build a structure and related systems that are fundamentally incompatible with the location and structure of the campus within a close residential community.

Students and families of Edgewood are the sole beneficiaries of this change and are the ones providing the funding for it. Those who attend Edgewood and benefit from the project are in large part not from the surrounding community but from Madison suburbs. Those who benefit from the stadium will not suffer its negative consequences.

Backed with substantial private funding, Edgewood has launched a publicity campaign attempting to diminish the perceived impact of the stadium, lighting, and sound on the community. The assertions made in their literature are highly misleading and are not backed by scientific fact. The stadium is immediately adjacent to neighborhood residents whose lives will be regularly and uninvitedly interrupted by the visual impact of 4.5 million lumens of light and sound levels exceeding 80 dBA inside their private homes.

The proposed stadium and related infrastructure are simply not compatible with the neighborhood and will have substantial negative impact on the quality of life of its residents, businesses, and parks and diminish residential property values.

I urge you all to oppose the Edgewood stadium proposal and any changes to the master plan.

Thank you,

Rob

Robert S. Williamson III, Ph.D.
2730 Gregory Street
Madison, WI

Message: FW: Edgewood HS Goodman Complex

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From Ethington, Ruth Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:25 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood HS Goodman Complex

From: David Moen

Sent: Monday, December 31, 2018 7:25 AM

To: Planning

Subject: Edgewood HS Goodman Complex

Madison Planning Committee Members,

I wish to submit my support for the proposed addition of the Edgewood HS Goodman Complex.

I believe this addition is a valuable project for the Edgewood HS, Edgewood College and Youth Athletic organizations in the Madison community. The complex improvements will add positive energy to an already vibrant Monroe Street area.

The technological aspects of this addition are superior. I have attended athletic events at the Waunakee HS, the lights are focused directly on the field of play. There is extremely limited over spill into the bleachers and surrounding areas. It is very impressive. Based on my experience, I would imagine very minimal, if any, adverse light impact to the surrounding neighborhood.

In the spirit of the Goodman Bothers and with the best interest of Edgewood HS, Edgewood College students and other youth athletes at heart, this project should be approved to move forward.

At the end of the day, It is really about the students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully
David Moen

Message: FW: No Stadium please

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:42 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: No Stadium please

From: Lisa Burdulis [mailto:lburdulis@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 9:44 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: No Stadium please

My husband and I vote no Edgewood Stadium, please.

Lisa Burdulis and Steve Sadoff

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:43 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: No new stadium please

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

From: Lisa Burdulis [<mailto:lburdulis@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 5:44 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: No new stadium please

This is our vote. Thanks, Lisa Burdulis and Steve Sadoff

Message: FW: Support Edgewood Master Plan Update

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:45 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Support Edgewood Master Plan Update

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

From: Jason Bittner [<mailto:jjbittner@me.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 3:03 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Support Edgewood Master Plan Update

Our family — we live on Keyes near Edgewood’s campus—strongly supports Edgewood’s proposal to add lighting and sound to their athletic field. We do not believe this would be anything other than a highly compatible use for a school AND a boon to our neighborhood’s vitality. We also believe the NIMBY attitudes of those opposed border on alarmism to an extreme.

We know you will receive many complaints about the athletic field improvements. We wanted to share our belief that these comments do not reflect the views of all.

Thank you.
Jason Bittner & Sarah Kissel
2220 Keyes

Sent from my iPhone

Message: FW: Edgewood Stadium

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:46 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood Stadium

From: Tracy Simonson [mailto:tracysimonson@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 1:58 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood Stadium

Ms. Stouder:

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed amendment to the Master Plan to allow Edgewood High School to construct a stadium with lights, amplified sound and expanded seating.

We have lived on Edgewood Ave (across from the Edgewood academic campus) for 14 years. We feel lucky to be part of a vibrant urban community. Although there are many drawbacks to living on Monroe Street (houses very close to each other, limited street parking, increased traffic, noise), we have always thought of these as part of the price for living here. In the time we have lived here, the density of the area has increased. A number of buildings have been torn down and replaced with mixed-use buildings each including several apartments. We have seen an increase in traffic and parking issues as a result. We are concerned that expanding Edgewood's stadium to host up to 40 events of up to 1000 spectators will add increased traffic in an area that is already congested. Although Edgewood has argued that they have ample parking for spectators and there will be no additional traffic, this defies simple logic. Currently, cars from the Edgewood campus routinely park in front of our house – this is before the increased spectators that would come from a new stadium.

Although we understand Alder Arntsen's effort in negotiating a compromise (only five evening football games and no increased daytime use), Edgewood has proved in the past that they are not honorable in keeping their promises. When the fields were originally upgraded, Edgewood was clear that the fields would only be used for practice and that they understood the neighborhood's opposition to lighting and sound amplification. Now, four years later they are asking to add lighting and sound. In fact, they currently aren't following the agreement they made in the Master Plan and are hosting games as well as renting it to outside customers. Although Edgewood has couched their request in terms of being able to have their football teams play on a home field, this is not completely honest. Hosting up to 40 events makes the stadium a revenue generating venue with little to no benefits to the neighborhood or city. No tax revenue will be generated, and a majority of students come from outside the city of Madison.

As residents of the Monroe Street neighborhood, we reap the benefits of living in an urban area. We also understand that living in densely populated area requires us to make accommodations so as to be good neighbors. Edgewood needs to understand this as well. The construction of this stadium is in clear violation to this.

Tracy and Martin Simonson

715 Edgewood Ave

Message: FW: Edgewood stadium

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:45 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood stadium

From: kathy gerhardt [mailto:k_gerhardt@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 4:39 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood stadium

Dear Heather,

I live at 1518 Drake Street and as a nurse I get overwhelmed every time there is a UW football game by noise pollution/game announcements. I am not a fan of a sport that causes irreversible brain injury. Football is a game of the past and the sooner we realize that the more money/brains we can save. Property values will decline. I think rather than invest in such destruction we could invest in our community environmental issues so we have clean air and water, the basics of life. This stadium would destroy the peace and quiet of this neighborhood. The owls will leave. The stars will not be visible in the night sky. Property values will decline. People have already put up their for sale signs to get out before the stadium gets built. This is not a step forward. This is a mistake we won't be able to undo. Please vote no for the stadium at Edgewood. And while you are at it, ask that the volume of the UW game announcements be lowered so I don't have to listen to the game inside my house with the windows closed. Thanks you, Kathy Gerhardt

Message: FW: Edgewood master plan: public hearing

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:46 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

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From: Zellers, Ledell

Sent: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 1:52 PM

To: Stouder, Heather


Cc: Michael Oliva

Subject: Fw: Edgewood master plan: public hearing

Please add this email to the record for this project.

Thanks.

Ledell

Alder Ledell Zellers


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From: Michael Oliva

Sent: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 12:18 PM

To: Zellers, Ledell

Subject: Edgewood master plan: public hearing

Hello Ms. Zellers,

I am writing to provide my opinions regarding the Edgewood proposed amendments to their master plan as part of the public hearing process.

I do not believe that the proposal should be accepted unless Edgewood is willing to recognize certain limiting provisions as a compromise with the strong neighborhood opposition to the stadium, lighting and amplified sound system. I would support the proposal if Edgewood was willing to specifically limit the use of nighttime lighting to a fixed number of sports events, such as 10 sports games, and limit the use of an amplified sound PA system to only sports events with attendance over 200 spectators.

Edgewood and their public relations consultants appear to be quite duplicitous in publishing misleading public information regarding their proposal. Three primary items lead one to doubt Edgewood's veracity:

1.) Edgewood claims that the stadium may create average sound in the area that that would measure in the 60 decibel range. Their statement to that effect is incredibly misleading. An "average" sound level is meaningless. If you were to stand at the Dane County Airport and measure sound for an hour you would find a similar "average" sound level in the 60 decibels range, but for that 45 seconds when a military fighter jet takes off from the runway the "peak" sound level would reach a disturbing 90 decibel range. It is that peak sound that affects humans, not an "average".

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The stadium will sit in the middle of an attractive and lively city neighborhood. The neighborhood residential taxpayers and Monroe Street business property owners contribute financial support for Madison's government, city infrastructure, and public education. Their opinions on neighborhood events should be closely considered. Will Edgewood's proposed stadium and systems provide its share of financial support to the city if the amendment to their master plan is approved?

Michael Oliva
2446 Commonwealth Ave.
Madison

Message: FW: Edgewood master plan amendment: public hearing

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:47 AM
To Parks, Timothy
Cc
Subject FW: Edgewood master plan amendment: public hearing

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

From: Michael Oliva [<mailto:mgoliva@wisc.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 11:57 AM
To: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Edgewood master plan amendment: public hearing

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:46 AM
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From: Pat Williams [<mailto:pat.patwilliams@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 1:25 PM
To: Stouder, Heather ; Parks, Timothy ; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Opposition to Amendment of Edgewood's Master Plan

I purchased my home in 1982 on Keyes Avenue, a few blocks from The Edgewood campus. Part of the reason for choosing this house was that the neighborhood was quiet, with good public schools, and bordering Lake Wingra and Vilas Park.

I strongly oppose Edgewood's proposed amendment to their Master Plan. It is my understanding that our Interim Alderman Allen Arntsen (who does not live in the neighborhood) believes that noise is "part of living in a city." I disagree. There is a reason for Madison's noise regulations. Edgewood needs to recognize that the need for quiet is "part of being situated in a residential neighborhood." It appears that Alderman Arntsen prioritizes Edgewood's needs for bleachers, lights and sounds in their athletic program over the desires and needs of the neighborhood.

Alderman Arntsen states that "Edgewood's amendment sets forth technical information as to its proposed light and sound system that will limit the impact on neighbors and surrounding natural areas." However, the Concerned Engineers in the Edgewood's Neighborhood make a compelling case that Edgewood has misrepresented the impact that the proposed stadium will have on the neighborhood. The Concerned Engineers group have outlined facts on noise levels and lights based on actual measurements that contradict Edgewood's claims. Is this something that can be ignored and only rely on Edgewood's claims? I think not.

Edgewood's argument that their proposed athletic complex will serve as a community-wide asset for greater Madison. That is questionable. Only a fraction of the school's enrollment comes from the neighborhood and nearly half of the student population is from outside Madison city limits. Neither West nor East High Schools have attached stadiums, they have a City of Madison large student population, and the students are from the neighborhood. My daughter went to West. The lack of a stadium didn't affected her high school experience. Nor should it for Edgewood.

I understand that Edgewood has already violated the noise levels which has had a negative impact on the neighborhood. My understanding is that on November 20, 2018 the city's building inspection division issued a letter informing Edgewood that they would be receiving a formal notice of violation for this non-conforming activity unless their master plan was amended. There is a lack of trust in Edgewood.

In a 2015 Wisconsin State Journal article, Edgewood High School President Mike Elliot was quoted as saying that the neighborhood has been "vehemently opposed to us having lights or playing games here" and that what was being built then was for outdoor practices. That was the intent of the Master Plan and it should remain as a practice only field with no lights or a sound system.

Patricia Williams
1916 Keyes Ave
Madison, WI 53711

Sent from my iPad

Message: FW: Edgewood stadium

FW: Edgewood stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:48 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood stadium

From: Susan Davidson [mailto:susanrdavidson@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, December 31, 2018 6:17 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood stadium

Dear Ms. Stouder,

As 32 year long residents of 2122 Vilas Avenue, we would like to register our opposition to the Edgewood High School Stadium proposal. We see no advantages for the neighborhood for this endeavor and many potential disadvantages. While Edgewood has been a satisfactory neighbor, we do not believe we need to risk the noise and light pollution to provide a stadium for a small private school, particularly as it affects the habitat surrounding Lake Wingra and the neighbors in the Dudgeon-Monroe area.

We strongly request that you oppose this proposal.

Thank you for your attention to this,

Sincerely,

Susan and Richie Davidson

Message: FW: EDGEWOOD EXPANSION

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:47 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: EDGEWOOD EXPANSION

From: Rena Gelman [mailto:rena_gelman@live.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 8:49 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: EDGEWOOD EXPANSION

I am unable to attend the Jan.14th meeting where the Edgewood proposal will be discussed.

I live near Monroe St. and Knickerbocker.

I am opposed to the expansion. The Edgewood campus is an asset to the area and has enjoyed compromises from the neighborhood in the past. The level of sports and event activities allowed now should be the limit. Expansion is not compatible with the culture of the neighborhood.

There are times when we, around Lake Wingra, here sound from the Stadium. That occurs during the day.

This is not about supporting sports, or the Edgewood community, which we wholeheartedly do. This is a 'no' vote to expansion.

Respectfully,
Rena Gelman

Message: FW: Edgewood stadium

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:48 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood stadium

From: Mulcahy, Sheila [mailto:sheila.mulcahy@uwex.edu]

Sent: Monday, December 31, 2018 4:11 PM

To: tparks@cityofadison.com; Arntsen, Allen ; Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood stadium

leave poor Edgewood alone. Neighbors are TOO uptight!

Message: FW: Opposing Edgewood stadium

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:49 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Opposing Edgewood stadium

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

From: Susan Paskewitz [<mailto:smpaskew@wisc.edu>]

Sent: Monday, December 31, 2018 2:47 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Opposing Edgewood stadium

Dear Heather:

I live on Terry Place just 1 street over from Edgewood College where the new stadium is proposed to be build. I have received mailings from Edgewood that describe the project and how accommodations to neighbor concerns have been made and from a neighborhood group who point out many of the untruths in the Edgewood mailing.

I am very concerned that the noise levels and very bright stadium lighting will negatively affect my street, my home and my quality of life. I currently pay high property taxes on 830 and 826 Terry Place and have done so for years, arguing that it's worth it because of the walkability and wonderful parks, lake and other amenities of the Monroe Street area. I fear the new stadium will mean that it will no longer be a reasonable trade-off.

I urge you to do whatever you can to deny Edgewood the permission to build, light, and amplify sound for this stadium.

Susan Paskewitz

Message: FW: Comments for the issue of the Edgewood Stadium

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:50 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Comments for the issue of the Edgewood Stadium

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

From: Tibi Light [<mailto:light@chorus.net>]

Sent: Monday, December 31, 2018 10:54 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Comments for the issue of the Edgewood Stadium

Edgewood College is a wonderful addition to our community and offers our residents many fine opportunities and experiences, however this stadium issue demonstrates one of the downsides of Edgewood's relationship with the community. Edgewood has continually pushed their agenda of this sports field and stadium, and has under stated their intentions and gone back on their word in regards to this issue. The other city schools don't have stadiums in town, nor expect their neighbors to accommodate one.

As a resident of the neighborhood, I strongly oppose the development of the stadium on the grounds of noise, commotion and light. We live here. All the time. What Edgewood does greatly affects our lives in many ways.

I don't like it, but the proposal for only 5 night games would work for me if Edgewood is legally obliged to limit themselves to just that. Their history has been to keep pushing until they get what they want regardless of the neighborhood's welfare.

If they have no night games, I would be even happier, as that dampens the potential for large numbers of kids to be roaming the neighborhood, park and arboretum at night as well as the obvious detriments of light and noise.

Thank you much,
Tibi Light
2906 Arbor Drive

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:50 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood Stadium

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

From: Mary Powell [<mailto:maryepowell@mac.com>]

Sent: Monday, December 31, 2018 10:29 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood Stadium

Dear Commissioners:

I live about two blocks from the Edgewood practice field, across Monroe Street, and have lived here for 45 years. Most of my neighbors feel as I do—we really don't care if Edgewood High School adds improvements to their practice field to allow them to play football games at home. The impact on the neighborhood will hardly be noticeable. The five night games may produce a little crowd noise when a touchdown is scored, and maybe we'll hear the announcer once in awhile, but at night in the fall when windows are closed it won't be much. Walking down Woodrow Street yesterday I noticed that many of the No New Stadium signs that had been on lawns previously had been removed. There are signs on Monroe Street, but driving through the rest of the neighborhood there are very few. I don't know why the neighborhood association has taken such a strong stand. They cite a survey but it was taken in spring of 2017, with about 10% of the Dudgeon-Monroe households responding, and 2/3 of them against the project, which comes to about 100 households out of 1100—hardly representative. I am in favor of letting Edgewood change their master plan to allow the stadium.

Sincerely,

Mary Powell

505 Leonard St.

Madison, WI 53711



Sent from my iPad

Message: FW: Proposed Edgewood Stadium

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:51 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

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

From: Ellen Taylor-Powell [<mailto:etp2023@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, December 31, 2018 9:16 AM

To: ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us; bacantrell@charter.net; jpolewski@charter.net; jshagenow@yahoo.com; ken.opin@gmail.com; Zellers, Ledell ; melissaberger2@gmail.com; Carter, Sheri ; hiwayman@chorus.net; King, J Steven ; Stouder, Heather

Subject: Proposed Edgewood Stadium

Good Morning,

Please vote NO on the proposed Edgewood Stadium expansion.

We live in the neighborhood, on Terry Place, one block back and at the other end of the block from the practice field. We already know how the noise (loudspeakers, whistles, cheers) from current use invades our backyard. It was to be used just as a practice field and for physical education classes, but already is used for much more. We can only imagine what it would be like with amplified sound, lights and larger crowds - daytime and nighttime. Expanded use would be inevitable. The entire Monroe Street corridor is already under stress with development. Many cities are working to curb traffic, noise and light pollution. Why would Madison want to increase it with a high school sports stadium that will benefit so few?

As I wrote in a letter to the WSJ, a home field is not a necessity or something that is "deserved." Our daughter played varsity soccer at West High for 4 years. It was never a hardship - it was a given. It did not affect team morale or individual safety, nor the team's standing in state rankings, in athletics or academics. Why does Edgewood expect its own home field when Madison West and Madison East have managed without?

A stadium does not belong in a neighborhood such as this. We who live close to it would be most affected, but all who enjoy the natural environment of Lake Wingra, Wingra Park, leisure drive and the arboretum or travel the Monroe Street corridor, will feel the proposed stadium's impact.

We hope you will VOTE NO on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Ellen and Mark Powell
881 Terry Pl, Madison

Message: FW: Opposed to new Edgewood stadium

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From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:51 AM

To Parks, Timothy

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Subject FW: Opposed to new Edgewood stadium

From: John Wolf [mailto:jwolf1921@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Monday, December 31, 2018 8:56 AM

To: King, J Steven ; melissaberger2@gmail.com; Stouder, Heather ; ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us; bacantrell@charter.net; jpolewski@charter.net; jshagenow@yahoo.com; ken.opin@gmail.com; Zellers, Ledell ; hiwayman@chorus.net; Carter, Sheri

Subject: Opposed to new Edgewood stadium

Dear Plan Commission member:

We wish to register our opposition to the proposed alteration of the Edgewood campus master plan that would allow new seating, lighting, and sound amplification at the Edgewood athletic facility.

We have lived at 1921 Madison Street for 44 years and have tolerated the crowds associated with UW-Madison football games. We knew when we purchased our house that football weekends would produce traffic and parking problems as well as noise and litter. Adding another major sports venue so close to Camp Randall will be a detriment to our neighborhood.

In addition, the Edgewood athletic field has no buffer between it and many neighboring homes. The disruption caused by large athletic and other unspecified events with amplified sound and bright lights would be unacceptable. This is the reason that West High School (a truly neighborhood school) does not have its own stadium.

This is simply not a reasonable request from Edgewood. The benefits all go to the high school and produce only headaches and loss of property values for the tax-paying neighbors. Every additional high school student Edgewood attracts with its new stadium will take tax money from the public schools.

We hope that you will oppose any attempt to authorize a change in the campus master plan that would allow a disruptive change in the status of the Edgewood athletic complex.

Sincerely,

John & Susan Wolf
1921 Madison Street
Madison, WI 53711

Message: FW: No new stadium

FW: No new stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:52 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: No new stadium

From: Bradley Cantrell [mailto:bacantrell@charter.net]

Sent: Sunday, December 30, 2018 12:18 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Fwd: No new stadium

Fyi

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From: Yael Gen <mizgen@gmail.com>

Date: Dec 29, 2018 6:15 PM

Subject: No new stadium

To: "Andrew J. Statz" <ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us>," Bradley A. Cantrell" <bacantrell@charter.net>,"James E. Polewski" <jpolewski@charter.net>," Jason S. Hagenow" <jshagenow@yahoo.com>,"Ken Opin" <ken.opin@gmail.com>,"Lendell Zellers" <district2@cityofmadison.com>," Melissa M. Berger" <melissaberger2@gmail.com>,"Michael W. Rewey" <hiwayman@chorus.net>,"Sheri Carter" <district14@cityofmadison.com>,"Steve King" <district7@cityofmadison.com>

Cc:

To the Plan Commission,

I am writing to urge you to vote No on the Edgewood High School proposal to expand their stadium.

A newcomer to Madison in 1995, I have lived on Woodrow Street for 20+ years now. I looked at 75 houses and ven though back in 1197 this one was about 10K over what we wanted to spend, all it look was a walk to the lake and I was sold. I've walked there almost every day since then and seen owls, and cranes and herons and I know I am lucky to live here. Up until now, I have watched as my neighbors worked with the Edgewood campus to make sure the 16 building projects were achieved with minimal disturbance to the community and I applaud their efforts. I could not let them do all of the heavy lifting on this though.

Edgewood High School made an agreement they never intended to keep. I take issue with the pretense that this stadium is for the community. I've yet to see an reasonable argument FOR the stadium except that they have the money. Edgewood is in the neighborhood, it's not a neighborhood school. Nearly 75% of the students don't even live in this zip code (which extends to Fitchburg). So, students and fans have to drive to games no matter where the stadium is. We live in a city with zoning laws. Allowing amplified light and sound sends the message that if you have enough money, the city will change the laws for you. The implications reach farther than the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. To imply in any way that this benefits the Dudgeon-Monroe community is absurd. Mike Elliot wants to make his mark. The Stadium will be used a recruitment tool, a showplace for donors and a potential revenue generator. The only community the stadium will benefit is the Edgewood High School community. Frankly, I haven't even heard the college or elementary schools chime in with support.

Edgewood charges over \$11,000 per student. They are not required to accept all students. Its campus is private property. It is privately run, privately endowed and that is their first priority. I'm not being critical. It is a fact. Endowment and tuition funds have to be their first priority in order to exist. Edgewood is a lovely campus in an urban area and should have to abide by the same laws as its business and residential neighbors. I do not begrudge anyone their sporting events. They are part of the fabric of our culture. These sparsely attended events do not boost the Monroe Street economy. Whether they devalue the homes adjacent to the stadium remains to be seen. But what is certain is that they ONLY benefit a private institution.

The stadium was part of a 10-year "master plan" that WAS approved by the neighborhood, the City of Madison and more importantly, Edgewood High School! Edgewood agreed to a practice field with these restrictions. That's why they need an amendment to change it. They built it. Now they have changed their minds. High school president Michael Elliot is quoted as saying "We're not planning to do any concerts. We're not planning to rent it out." If Elliot changes his mind again, are the neighbors NIMBY objecting? Really? Why should we believe or trust him?

In my 20 years of experience, the Edgewood college campus has been a great neighbor. Negotiating with the neighborhood and taking environmental impacts (including flooding and light pollution) into account brought their master plan to fruition. Neighbors can use the college library and enjoy the exhibits and lectures there. Edgewood college has at least one live music event. It's loud. But it's just one time a year. Maybe the high school should take its lead from the college and note that the community has been a good neighbor to Edgewood High School too. Several families right here on Woodrow Street send their children to Edgewood schools.

Nevermind that I have to walk past the insulting, bullying 8-foot high letters spelling out "Crusaders" every day. A team name celebrating the mass murder of Muslims and Jews. This isn't about that.

Nevermind that stadium supporters have vandalized and stolen our signs. This isn't about that.

Nevermind that Edgewood pays 0\$ in property taxes. This isn't about that.

Nevermind that Edgewood has a powerful donor base and a PR firm. This isn't about that.

This is about money, plain and simple. There is no way to enforce the compromise Alder Arnsten proposes. EHS has exceeded the agreed-upon use and sound levels already. There are a potential of 40 night events. Who can neighbors call if Elliot rents the stadium out for a marching band rehearsal? What will happen if they violate the agreement?

I do not know how far-reaching the implications of this amendment means to the rest of the city of Madison. But that is something to consider as well. We are just one neighborhood but approval of the stadium seems to imply that any developer with enough money can purchase the zoning laws. Imagine trying to get your child to sleep, reading a bedtime story, having a dinner table or telephone conversation in the middle of a football game. Because that is what it will be like for some of us close to the field. It will be as if we are on the field. I already have new windows for my bedroom and I can tell you that I heard the JV game announced with my windows closed this October.

Edgewood claims that they "deserve" this stadium because they have been good neighbors. In what universe is the reward for being a good neighbor, being a bad neighbor? What kind of neighbor wants to fill the streets with noise and light pollution for a potential 40 nights a year? Not a "good" one. Whether or not we prevail, I am filled with gratitude for my neighbors opposing the stadium. I still feel lucky to live here. Please vote no.

Thank you,
Yael Gen

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Yael Gen
860 Woodrow Street

Message: FW: Against Edgewood proposal

FW: Against Edgewood proposal

From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:52 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Against Edgewood proposal

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

From: Janet Laube [<mailto:janetlaube@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, December 30, 2018 8:54 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Against Edgewood proposal

Please note that Doug and I live one block from Edgewood high school and we oppose the amendment to the master plan.

Janet Laube

2025 Jefferson Street

Sent from my iPhone

Message: FW: Edgewood Stadium proposal

FW: Edgewood Stadium proposal

From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:52 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood Stadium proposal

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

From: Nancy Daly [<mailto:nmdaly@charter.net>]

Sent: Sunday, December 30, 2018 12:54 PM

To: Arntsen, Allen ; Soglin, Paul ; Baldeh, Samba ; Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood Stadium proposal

Mayor Soglin, Interim Alder Arntsen, Council Members and Plan Commission, Be it know that we are both STRONGLY opposed to the Edgewood Stadium plans. We have lived a block away from the campus in our home at 1112 Lincoln Street for over 26 years. We feel it would negatively impact the entire neighborhood and urge your vote against this proposal for the following reasons:

- *overall livability particularly on bordering streets - noise, lights, extra traffic, etc. which will affect long term desirability of properties as well as immediate quality of life for current residents
- *we have little confidence Edgewood will stick to an agreement on the number of uses of this facility
- *concern for impact on the natural areas in the Arboretum and Vilas and Wingra Parks, including wildlife living in and visitors using and appreciating those spaces
- *Edgewood is NOT a neighborhood school and already contributes to traffic in the neighborhood, we don't need more
- *city high schools in Madison and many other places have long used suburban or outlying stadiums for their games and meets, notably West and East High Schools, without issue; Edgewood can too
- *if a stadium is built, what is the guarantee Edgewood won't continue to ask for more? And what is the recourse if there is excess sound and light?

We value our neighborhood and its current livability and strongly ask you to vote no to this proposal.

Nancy & Pete Daly

1112 Lincoln Street

Message: FW: No new stadium

FW: No new stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:53 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: No new stadium

From: Bradley Cantrell [mailto:bacantrell@charter.net]

Sent: Sunday, December 30, 2018 12:07 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Fwd: No new stadium

Fyi

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From: San Kampen <skampen@charter.net>

Date: Dec 29, 2018 6:02 PM

Subject: No new stadium

To: bacantrell@charter.net

Cc:

Bradley-

As a resident in the Edgewood neighborhood, I am asking that you please vote "NO" for the Edgewood High School new stadium proposal.

I am the fourth Kampen generation to live at 1914 Jefferson St. My grandfather purchased the house in 1921, sixteen years before Edgewood existed.

From an environmental standpoint, and our quality of life please vote NO for the new stadium!

Thank you,

Sandy Kampen, and mother Sharon Kampen

1914 Jefferson St

Madison, WI 53711

Message: FW: stadium

FW: stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:53 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: stadium

From: Bradley Cantrell [mailto:bacantrell@charter.net]

Sent: Sunday, December 30, 2018 12:08 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Fwd: stadium

Fyi

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From: Bradley Cantrell <bacantrell@charter.net>

Date: Dec 30, 2018 12:06 PM

Subject: Fwd: stadium

To: hstauder@cityofmadioson.com

Cc:

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From: Patricia Meyer <pmeyer2@wisc.edu>

Date: Dec 29, 2018 2:23 PM

Subject: stadium

To: bacantrell@charter.net

Cc:

Please vote NO on the Edgewood stadium.

Patricia A. Meyer on Commonwealth

Message: FW: Edgewood Stadium

FW: Edgewood Stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:53 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood Stadium

From: peggy berkvam [mailto:peggy.berkvam@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, December 30, 2018 7:22 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood Stadium

We have lived in our house for 35 years on Sprague St. My street is one block long, and now is heavily parked due to Collectivo. While I enjoy the businesses we have in the neighborhood I also value the fact that is residential. I graduated from Edgewood High School and as an alumni I'm against building a stadium that will forever change the ambiance of our community.

I love the quiet evenings when Collectivo is closed and we can stroll thru the neighborhood. That will change dramatically. If it was only on the weekends when noise can be tolerated I could agree to a limited use of a stadium. What I really don't understand is why isn't my concern respected ? I've paid taxes for 35 years and have been a good neighbor and steward for our community.

Sincerely Peggy Berkvam

Message: FW: edgewood stadium

FW: edgewood stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:53 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: edgewood stadium

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

From: Patricia Meyer [<mailto:pmeyer2@wisc.edu>]

Sent: Saturday, December 29, 2018 2:22 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: edgewood stadium

Please vote NO on the Edgewood stadium.

Pat Meyer, on Commonwealth Ave

Message: FW: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

FW: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:54 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

From: Fiona McTavish [mailto:fiona.mctavish@wisc.edu]

Sent: Friday, December 28, 2018 7:22 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the meeting regarding the Edgewood Stadium Proposal as I have had a trip planned for over a year. I would however like to write in my opposition to the proposal of a Stadium/Sports Complex submitted by Edgewood College.

As a resident of Woodrow Street (living about 100 feet from the 10 yard line) I strongly oppose this proposal (as does more than 70% of the neighborhood). The DMNA neighborhood association has worked cooperatively with Edgewood in their desired building plans over the years. In almost all instances, with modifications they have done what they planned. Edgewood has floated a stadium proposal several other times in the 27 years I have lived in the neighborhood. The DMNA opposed this plan each time. It wasn't right for the neighborhood back then and it still isn't.

Edgewood students can continue to play sports as they do now. We are not against them playing sports. What we are trying to do is keep our neighborhood quality of life. While Alder Arnsten proposed "a compromise" by suggesting Edgewood go ahead and build the stadium with lights and amplified sound but only allow them to play 5 night games for the next 5 years (or until another amendment to the master plan comes along). Alder Arnsten's "compromise" simply provides facilities for much more extensive use in the future, at the cost of those of us living in the area who have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in our homes. For most of us, this is our biggest life investment. We the neighbors, unlike Edgewood, are the ones who pay property taxes and support public institutions like the police & fire departments, public schools, etc. And we are the ones whose quality of life is most affected by this stadium proposal.

There are some time when one must simply stand up and say NO. There are times when no is appropriate. This is a time to say NO. Edgewood is unable to mitigate the crowd noise. Already I can hear the day time activities on the field even with my double paned windows closed. Edgewood is a commuter school in a neighborhood, not a neighborhood school. Please don't allow big money (Edgewood) to ruin the quality of our lives and our neighborhood. Please stand with us against the Edgewood Stadium proposal.

Sincerely,
Fiona McTavish
826 Woodrow St
Madison, WI 53711

PS: I would also like to note that over the last month a supporter (or supporters) of Edgewood's proposal have stolen about 50 of the "No New Stadium" Yard signs from houses in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood. This is trespassing and just another example of why we don't want a stadium in the neighborhood.

Message: Opposition to Edgewood HS stadium

Opposition to Edgewood HS stadium

From Alejandra Huneus Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 8:15 AM

To

Cc

Subject Opposition to Edgewood HS stadium

Greetings,

I live in the Vilas neighborhood and write to express my concern over the proposed Edgewood stadium project. I oppose the project due to the noise and light pollution it would create in our neighborhood, affecting also the Wingra Lake environment. The project also comes at a time when we know that football is a dangerous sport, creating lasting damage to many young players. It does not seem a good time to invest in the sport, until we figure out how to make it safe.

Please vote against this project.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Huneus, 2001 Jefferson St.

Message: Edgewood High School Stadium

Edgewood High School Stadium

From kim barovic Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 9:43 AM

To Stouder, Heather;Parks, Timothy;Arntsen, Allen

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School Stadium

Hello,

I live at 2112 Madison St. and have lived in this neighborhood for almost 30 years. Edgewood cancelled Edgefest because of noise complaints. A stadium would be both noisier and more frequent than Edgefest was.

When Ken Kopp wanted to sell his parcel to Walgreens, the neighborhood rallied to quash that plan. This is a neighborhood of action. We have been pro-active when plans threaten the peace and well-being of our environment.

As you can see, signs of opposition have multiplied via the red yard signs opposing the stadium. Edgewood High School needs to be a good neighbor. The school does not NEED a stadium. Just because they can afford it doesn't mean it's a good idea. We do not need or want more noise, lights, or car traffic around here. The impact of Badger home games is intense. I want less, not more, especially in the name of football.

Please be responsive to the neighborhood reaction against this plan.

Thank you,
Kim Barovic

Message: No New Stadium

No New Stadium

From Sally Lehner Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 10:44 AM

To Parks, Timothy;Stouder, Heather

Cc Arntsen, Allen

Subject No New Stadium

Dear Mr. Parks and Ms. Stouder:

As a Vilas Neighborhood resident, I am writing to ask that you oppose the Edgewood Stadium Proposal. The proposed stadium is not a compatible use with the existing and established surrounding neighborhoods.

The benefit from having the stadium is outweighed by the negative health impacts it will have on the surrounding neighborhood due to light and noise pollution. Noise and artificial light pollution has been shown to negatively affect health, increasing risks for obesity, depression, sleep disorders, diabetes, breast cancer, hyper-activity in children and more. The impacts are especially acute for vulnerable groups.

If approved, amplified sound and noise from the new stadium will be heard inside peoples homes on a regular basis, preventing families from enjoying the peace and quite of their own home. It will also disrupt sleep, especially for children who generally go to bed much earlier than 9pm--the time I've seen proposed for games ending.

The sky glow from the stadium will also impact a much broader area of our community, and it is well-established that artificial light exposure has been shown to negatively impact both humans and wildlife. Not only will those living in the neighborhood be subjected to an significantly brighter sky at night and the scientifically proven negative health impacts associated with that, but our city's treasured arboretum and it's wildlife will be negatively impacted as well.

Further, it is my understanding that if the noise and light levels exceed projections, there is little or no recourse. This is especially concerning because Edgewood is already violating and showing blatant disregard for currently applicable zoning laws, disrupting neighbors. As recently as November 20, 2018, they were issued a warning for non-conforming activity.

Edgewood told us in 2015 that they were building the field to give their athletes practice facilities with the best surfaces possible. This is a compatible use, and should be the one that continues--not a new stadium.

Sincerely,
Sally Lehner

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Message: RE: Official statement of the Friends of the Park & Pleasure Drive regarding EHS stadium proposal

RE: Official statement of the Friends of the Park & Pleasure Drive regarding EHS stadium proposal

From Tucker, Matthew Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 11:30 AM

To 'Shawn Schey'

Cc Parks, Timothy

Subject RE: Official statement of the Friends of the Park & Pleasure Drive regarding EHS stadium proposal

[Will do Shawn.](#) [Matt Tucker](#)

From: Shawn Schey

Sent: Sunday, December 30, 2018 6:46 PM

To: AutoLogon

Subject: Official statement of the Friends of the Park & Pleasure Drive regarding EHS stadium proposal

Dear Matt Tucker:

Could you please share this with the members of the Plan Commission for me?

The Friends of the Park & Pleasure Drive is a grassroots group comprised of nearly 30 people who live in the Dudgeon-Monroe, Vilas, Nakoma and Regent neighborhoods, as well as Fitchburg. We are opposed to the proposal by Edgewood High School for a stadium at their current track & field on the northwestern portion of their campus.

As the Chair, I have been asked why I am opposed to a stadium at this location. Madison is growing, and all of us need to accept more density, more noise, more lights. Dudgeon-Monroe is an urban neighborhood, after all.

But what about John Olin? From 1894-1909, Olin headed up the Park & Pleasure Drive Association which operated as the city's first unofficial Parks Department. Because of his vision, we have a multitude of parks for the public to enjoy throughout our city. John Olin's philosophy that all citizens should be able to partake of the benefits of nature shaped Madison's urban landscape, and has made ours the appealing city that it is.

If Olin had succumbed to the line of thinking that Madison was going to continually swell in population, and therefore we should relinquish our need for quiet places in nature, we wouldn't have all of these greenspaces we have now, over 100 years later.

And one of the special places that was created at that time is the Park & Pleasure Drive between the Edgewood campus and Lake Wingra connecting Woodrow Street to Vilas Park. It's a quarter-mile of a wooded roadside that got closed to through traffic in 2006, and has become a favorite place for recreational walkers, joggers, and bicyclists.

When you are back there, you can dare to believe you are not in the heart of a city anymore, but on some country lane miles away. If there is a northerly wind or no wind at all, you don't even hear the bellline - just the wind in the treetops, and birds, dozens and dozens of them that use this lakeshore haven for a resting spot on their migrations or for nesting. If you don't have a car to drive out to the countryside, you can bike, bus or walk here, and find some unexpected serenity.

This rustic road or linear park is about 2 blocks from the proposed stadium location. That's about 950 feet. The sound consultant that the No New Stadium group hired has said that the decibel level of a stadium crowd - with only 350 people and without pre-recorded sports music - will exceed 70 dB. Edgewood wants to host fans of almost 3x that many. The decibel level will rise substantially - especially with a sportscaster who needs to be heard over the roar of a crowd.

There is potential for this stadium to be in use both day and night for events eight months of the year - mid-March into November. That kind of activity this close to the Park & Pleasure Drive will be dramatically audible under the canopy of trees.

I urge you to support us in our efforts to protect the Park & Pleasure Drive from the noise and light intrusion of a stadium at such close proximity.

Please help us honor the legacy that John Olin left us.

Sincerely,

Shawn Schey

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878 Woodrow Street

Chair of the Friends

of the Park & Pleasure Drive

Message: NO NEW STADIUM

NO NEW STADIUM

From David Seth Gevers Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 11:43 AM

To Parks, Timothy;Stouder, Heather;Arntsen, Allen

Cc

Subject NO NEW STADIUM

Dear Alder Arntsen:

I am writing to you to strongly oppose the new stadium at Edgewood. As a Vilas Neighborhood resident, I am very concerned about the negative health impacts it will have on the surrounding neighborhood due to light and noise pollution. Noise and artificial light pollution has been shown to negatively affect health, increasing risks for obesity, depression, sleep disorders, diabetes, breast cancer, and hyper-activity in children. Amplified sound and noise from the new stadium will be heard inside peoples homes on a regular basis, preventing families from enjoying the peace and quite of their own home. It will also disrupt sleep, especially for children who generally go to bed much earlier than 9pm! The sky glow from the stadium will also impact a much broader area of our community adding to the light pollution problem we are currently having in the area.

Thank you,
David Gevers

Message: No on Edgewood Stadium

No on Edgewood Stadium

From Henry Jasen Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 11:50 AM

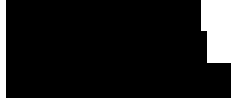
To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject No on Edgewood Stadium

Please reject the Edgewood Stadium proposal. It violates the original terms of the master plan. It would be an imposition in terms of noise, traffic and light pollution on all it's neighbors without any compensation to us. Please let us enjoy our peaceful and quiet neighborhood.

Henry Jasen
2105 Madison Street
Madison, WI 53711



hjasen@me.com

Message: No Edgewood stadium!

No Edgewood stadium!

From Ginnie Bessert Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 12:09 PM

To Stouder, Heather;Parks, Timothy;Arntsen, Allen

Cc

Subject No Edgewood stadium!

I ask you to oppose Edgewood's proposal to build a new stadium. Edgewood should be required to adhere to the previously agreed to plan and to all City rules and regulations.

Entire neighborhoods should not be subjected to light, noise, and traffic pollution so a few kids can play football.

This is a long established section of the city and a very poor place to add an athletic stadium with public address system and lights.

Virginia K. Bessert
1929 Regent St.
Madison, Wis. 53726

Message: Edgewood High School proposal

Edgewood High School proposal

From Rima Apple Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 12:28 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School proposal

Tim Parks:

I am writing to let you know of my opposition to the proposed Edgewood stadium expansion. I don't mean to sound "nimby" but The neighborhood has seen extensive expansion of the Edgewood campus over the recent past. This proposal will have a disastrous effect on the neighborhood. I am not confident about the Edgewood's claims about the noise level and the light pollution. Given the cost of the stadium, I find it unlikely that Edgewood would actually limit its use to only a few days a year.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Rima Apple

2013 Madison Street

Message: Opposing Edgewood Stadium plan

Opposing Edgewood Stadium plan

From Scott Spoolman Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 7:22 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Opposing Edgewood Stadium plan

Dear Mr. Parks,

I am strongly opposed to Edgewood High School's proposed new stadium, because the benefits it would bring to the relatively transient community of Edgewood students and parents do not outweigh the harm it will bring to the larger and far more vested and permanent population of Edgewood's neighbors. If you want my more detailed argument, please read the letter below, which I'll send to newspaper editors. Along with the rest of the 75% or more of Edgewood's neighbors who oppose the stadium, I strongly urge you to vote against approving this plan. Thanks for your consideration.

Scott Spoolman

2317 West Lawn Ave.



sspoolman@gmail.com

Dear Editor:

In local and social media, we who oppose Edgewood High School's proposed stadium have been portrayed as stingy, over-privileged west-siders who should quit protesting and accept the stadium as a beneficial development. But no number of email lectures and political cartoons will negate the fact that adding a 1,000-seat stadium with lighting and amplified sound will change the nature of the neighborhood fundamentally for the worse. It's unlikely that many of our critics would accept that kind of change their neighborhoods.

Some have scorned stadium opponents for having a not-in-my-back-yard attitude, but that's easy to say that if the offending development is not in your back yard. We live a block away from Edgewood's practice field (where the stadium would be), which is essentially in our back yard. Those who live closer would have the stadium in their front yards. I'm not ashamed to say I don't want a stadium in my back yard, let alone in my front yard.

Edgewood has made much of its proposed technology for low-impact lighting and sound. Whether or not it would work as advertised, no technology will control crowd noise, which we already experience, often early on weekend mornings. Edgewood is using its practice field—which it promised would be used only for practices—for competitions attended by very loud crowds, and their seating now is a lot less than 1,000.

Edgewood claims there will be just 40 events per year in the new stadium. Remove the winter and mid-summer months from the calendar (24 to 28 weeks), and that amounts to an average of more than one event per week. Edgewood has shown it's not afraid to expand use of its facilities beyond what agreements allow for, and it will be tempted to grant requests for use by other institutions. Can Edgewood guarantee that we will not be seeing three or four events per week in the noisy stadium?

For these and other reasons, 75% or more of Edgewood's neighbors are opposed to the stadium plan. Edgewood should find a solution (another location) where a new stadium will not disrupt whole neighborhoods. The current stadium plan promises benefits for Edgewood's students and families—a transient community—but Edgewood's neighbors have invested greatly in the neighborhood for the long run. The benefits of the stadium for the Edgewood community don't outweigh the harm it will bring to the larger population of Edgewood's neighbors.

Message: Edgewood Current Noise Violations?

Edgewood Current Noise Violations?

From Doug Carlson Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 7:56 AM

To Stouder, Heather;Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood Current Noise Violations?

Dear Ms. Stouder and Mr. Parks-

I received a flyer regarding the Edgewood track/stadium, indicating that the noise from the current stadium "already exceeds the legal limit" out to 725 feet, including homes on Woodrow, Monroe, and West Lawn.

Can you clarify if they are currently in violation of the law? If so, has any legal action been taken against them? If not, can you clarify what constitutes a violation of the law at the Plan Commission meeting on Jan. 14? I am concerned that either the legal limit is being ignored or is being mis-represented by the group sending the flyer (Concerned Engineers in the Edgewood Neighborhood).

Thanks for your assistance,
-Doug Carlson (1018 Oakland Ave.)

Message: FW: Opposed to Edgewood Stadium

FW: Opposed to Edgewood Stadium

From Ethington, Ruth Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 8:14 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Opposed to Edgewood Stadium

From: bolz1@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2019 7:20 AM

To: hstouder@cityofmadison.om; Arntsen, Allen ; Parks, Timothy ;

planning@cityofmadison.com;district17@cityofmadison.com; Mayor ; arosin@dermatology.wisc.edu

Subject: Opposed to Edgewood Stadium

Anne Rosin, my wife, and I are opposed to the building of a new stadium at Edgewood College. We are also opposed to any proposed compromise that allows for building the stadium. Please vote against the construction of a new stadium.

Anne and I live in a single family, owner occupied home one and one-half blocks from Edgewood College at 2009 Madison Street. We will be directly impacted by the noise and additional congestion created by the stadium. We ask that the planning commission and city counsel oppose the stadium.

Our neighborhood is already impacted by congestion and noise from Camp Randell in the fall on multiple Saturdays. We can hear the crowd and music 5 blocks from Camp Randal on a Saturday afternoon. The local home owners and families should not be subject to additional loud noise and disruption caused by events at an Edgewood Stadium.

The proposed compromise that Edgewood be able to build the stadium with limited use during the current city master plan approved for Edgewood is also unaccepted. Seven years or any other limited duration with future possible changes is a very short period of time. Our house was built 119 years ago. Seven years or any other compromised time will go very quickly. The City needs to take a long term view for protecting the neighborhood. The stadium should not be built.

The city recently raised the assessment on our house to over \$980,000 with a property tax bill for 2018 of \$21,812.64, roughly \$60 per day. The City of Madison is obviously benefiting greatly from the quality of this neighborhood. A link to the City Property Tax page is attached:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/assessor/property/propertydata.cfm?ParcelN=070922333045>

Why would the City allow for the building of a Stadium that would negatively impact the value of the homes and property in the area? The neighborhood should be a source of pride. It is certainly a source of significant revenue based on property taxes. It is an outstanding near west neighborhood that the City of Madison needs to protect, if for no other reason that to protect the very significant property tax revenue that the City already receives from neighborhood home owners.

For all these reasons, the City of Madison should not allow Edgewood College to build the proposed stadium. The people living in the neighborhood are opposed. We ask that each of you vote against the

building of a stadium.

Please feel free to call me at [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

Terry Bolz and Anne Rosin
2009 Madison Street
Madison, WI 53711

Message: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

From Steve Klaven Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 8:22 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Tim:

I live at 2339 Keyes Avenue. I am opposed to Edgewood's Stadium Plan because I can already hear occasional crowd noise, coaches whistles, etc from the existing from the practice field. I don't have an issue with that - or the occasionally parking on our street. However I am opposed to the Stadium. The noise, lights, and parking situation would impact our home more than I am willing to tolerate. Thanks.

Message: Not all of us are opposed to the stadium

Not all of us are opposed to the stadium

From Hayden Thompson Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 9:02 AM

To Parks, Timothy;Arntsen, Allen;edgeinfo@edgewoodhs.org

Cc

Subject Not all of us are opposed to the stadium

I live right by the stadium and I think it will be terrific for neighborhood businesses and culture of the neighborhood. The neighbors speaking up have made it so those of us “ in favor” don’t feel comfortable speaking up. They have sent out a letter asking people to voice their opposition.. not even suggesting we are allowed to voice our feelings of support.

It’s a pure embarrassment of riches to live in this neighborhood... I’ve been here all my life. Change happens. I used to walk to buy milk at ken kopps and get out eat from the butcher. Guess what? Madison grew and we went with it.

So they opposed Trader Joe’s, the Laurel, new street lights.. (it would hurt the star gazing) ... some of us love the urban feel of this neighborhood. Some are just complainers. If we had a vote, im sure you’d see most of us either don’t care ... or support it.

Message: Vote NO on the Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Vote NO on the Edgewood Stadium Proposal

From Patty Haeger Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 9:42 AM

To Stouder, Heather;Parks, Timothy;Arntsen, Allen

Cc

Subject Vote NO on the Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Hi Heather, Tim and Allen,

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

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

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

Please vote NO on this proposal.

Thank you,
Patty Haeger

Message: Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium Plan

Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium Plan

From Carol and Steve Email Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 10:04 AM

To Stouder, Heather;Parks, Timothy;Arntsen, Allen

Cc

Subject Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium Plan

To: Heather Stouder, Planning Division Director

Tim Parks, City Planner

Allen Arntsen, District 13 Interim Alder

As a resident of the Regent Neighborhood I am writing to add my opposition to the Edgewood High School stadium plan to the record.

1. Edgewood has proven, based on past actions, that they do not negotiate in good faith with the neighborhood associations and the city.
2. The research of the neighborhood groups provides data to prove that the noise and lighting claims Edgewood includes in their proposal are inaccurate and not realistic.
3. West HS and East HS both reside in the middle of city neighborhoods. Both of these schools have operated successfully without stadiums that include sound systems and stadium lighting next to their school. Edgewood is located in the middle of residential neighborhoods. Edgewood must operate under the same conditions as our non-private city schools with respect to their neighbors and city laws.

Sincerely,
Carol Sobek
2247 Rowley Ave.
Madison, WI.

Sent from my iPad

Message: Edgewood High School stadium proposal

Edgewood High School stadium proposal

From Harry Harrison Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 10:16 AM

To Arntsen, Allen

Cc Parks, Timothy;Stouder, Heather;Soglin, Paul

Subject Edgewood High School stadium proposal

Hello our Alder!

I am Harry Harrison living at 1904 Jefferson Street. After reading and discussing this issue with both sides (for and against), I have decided that I am against this proposal as it has been presented by Edgewood.

While I am very pro sports and like the programs that all of our high schools have developed for our students to participate in, I feel that this stadium which has not been clearly defined and is possibly misrepresented in the descriptions of the impacts on the surrounding communities (sound, lighting, environmental impacts) should not to be approved just because Edgewood wants it. There are others impacted by this. The noise levels are very likely to be more intrusive than Edgewood predicts. Sound does not contain itself unless enclosed within a structure. To say otherwise is misleading and disingenuous.

Even the statement by the president that "Edgewood has been up front about the desire to have a true home field by ... hosting night games as required by the Badger Athletic Conference... Actually that conference only includes universities, not high schools. There is a high school conference too, under a different name, but the "requirement " to have night games is an allegation that I could not find online after searching the high school's conference site. This is overkill with negative impacts upon the neighborhood which you represent.

Based on past behavior: I have seen Edgewood curry favor with the city and neighborhoods in order to get their approval for projects before, seeming to be sensitive with others concerns and then going ahead anyway without concessions to the valid objections raised by the larger community. Regulation without enforcement is meaningless.

I urge you and the council and the Plan Commission to vote down this proposal.

Harry Harrison

Message: Support Edgewood High School Goodman Athletic Complex

Support Edgewood High School Goodman Athletic Complex
From Laura Fahrney Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 11:02 AM
To Parks, Timothy
Cc info@edgewoodhs.org
Subject Support Edgewood High School Goodman Athletic Complex

Dear Tim Parks,

I am writing on behalf of and in support of Edgewood High School and the Goodman Athletic Complex. As an alumni of Edgewood High School and UW-Madison, I have grown up and lived in Madison my entire life.

I understand how important it is for a school community to be able to utilize their space to its fullest potential through visiting other schools for the very few home games and activities over an entire year.

Edgewood has been an integral, respectful, and long-standing member of the Monroe Street community and surrounding area. They have gone to many lengths to compromise and listen to the community. Please support Edgewood's Goodman Athletic Complex, and allow them the opportunity to have what every other surrounding area high school is permitted, to use a field of their own.

Please vote yes to the Goodman Athletic Complex for Edgewood High School.

Sincerely,

Laura Fahrney
Madison, WI
53705

Message: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Edgewood Stadium Proposal

From PJ Patrello Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 11:03 AM

To Stouder, Heather;Parks, Timothy;Arntsen, Allen

Cc

Subject Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Hello,

I am writing to support the Edgewood stadium expansion proposal.
These type of facilities is what makes a city great.
I hope that a compromise can be found with the opposing neighbors.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Patrello

3607 Cross St, Madison, WI 53711