

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Edgewood High School Proposal
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:11:53 PM

From: Freddi Adelson on behalf of Freddi Adelson <fjadelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2020 2:30:36 PM
To: Henak, Zachary
Cc: All Alders; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Edgewood High School Proposal

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Hello Mr. Henak,

I am writing to request that you NOT support the request by Edgewood High School to overturn the unanimous decision of the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission reviewed and studied the issue at length and heard extensive community and school testimony. The Plan Commission members ALL rejected Edgewood High School's application finding that the proposal would harm the "use, value and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood."

The current proposal that Edgewood has placed before you was not developed with neighborhood input and is not a compromise. Edgewood High School has not been honest about its intentions. This is clearly seen by comparing their 2015 statement to their current proposal. Quoted from the Wisconsin State Journal (15 June 2015), the Edgewood High School president, Michael Elliott, said

"We're between two neighborhood associations. they hav

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Please uphold Plan Commission decision to refuse night lights
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From: PATRICIA ALEA <pvalea@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <hstouder@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Please uphold Plan Commission decision to refuse night lights

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Heather, please add this letter to the current Legistar file 60646 And, thank you!

To Members of the Common Council:

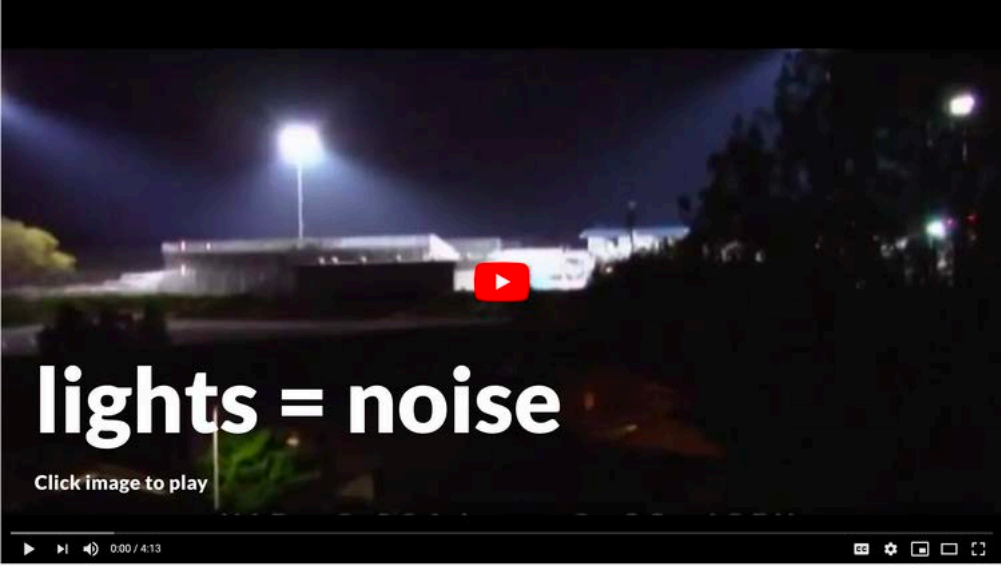
I am writing to implore you and other city leaders to uphold the Plan Commission decision to prevent Edgewood's proposal for stadium lights from being further considered... The critical Covid19 period of quarantine, spiking cases, seclusion, sheltering at home, awaiting testing, fearing exposure, caring for others, and enduring a first ever pandemic renders Edgewood's continuing crusade especially difficult for those of us who anticipate the continuous disruption of our community.

I am a 38 year resident of the Dodgeon-Monroe community. I live 300 feet from Edgewood's playing field. I am a member of the No New Stadium Steering Committee. The Plan Commission's vote to deny Edgewood's proposal to install lights recognized that lights would be the gateway to unmitigated amplified noise in our community!

Our community is made up of 1500 households and hundreds of neighbors who have actively supported more than two years of diligent, science based research on the environmental impact of light and noise within residential settings! Please link to a very brief video below to better understand what happens when a stadium is built in the middle of a residential setting! The citizens of Claremont California produced this brief film as a cautionary tale and as a service to those of us facing similar business/ based sports complex intrusions. It's 4 minutes long and your attention to this brief and real testimony will provide context for our concerns. And I hope you will gain additional clarity about Edgewood's claim that meetings with neighbors were successful! The inference that we are at a win-win point of compromise is incorrect but is a classic rhetorical device! Please don't be misled!

Your decision will be critical to all who enjoy the Lake Wingra ecosystem in the greater Madison community! Ours lives, environment and mental health hang in the balance at this unprecedented time!

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lights = noise

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To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Daria, Timothy](#)
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From: PATRICIA ALEA on behalf of PATRICIA ALEA <pvalea@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 12:49:14 PM
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Cc: All Alders
Subject: Re: Please uphold Plan Commission decision to refuse night lights

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The above link can be copied and pasted into your browser to view the video referenced below!
Sorry for the inconvenience but it's a very important 4 minutes! Thank you!

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On Nov 28, 2020, at 12:29 PM, PATRICIA ALEA <pvalea@aol.com> wrote:

Heather, please add this letter to the current Legistar file 60646
And, thank you!

To Members of the Common Council:

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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Conditional Use (CU) Permit application by Edgewood High School
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 4:13:42 PM

From: DAN R ANDERSON <dranders@wisc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 4:12:51 PM
To: All Alders; Evers, Tag; Stouder, Heather; Mayor
Cc: Parks, Timothy; DAN R ANDERSON
Subject: Conditional Use (CU) Permit application by Edgewood High School

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Subject: Conditional Use (CU) Permit application by Edgewood High School

please upload to Legistar #60646
RE: December 1, 2020 City Council meeting

Dear Common Council Alders

I have lived in the Vilas and Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhoods since 1974.

I oppose Edgewood's application request for a Conditional Use (CU) Permit (CUP) to install lights at their Stadium.

I oppose Edgewood's appeal of the Plan Commission's vote in May, 2020 to not grant a CUP without further input.

If some type of compromise were included, but not supported by the neighborhood, I would still oppose the request.

Edgewood's past behavior almost guarantees that they would not follow any type of compromise. The City also seems reluctant to enforce any type of conditions on Edgewood.

Installation of lights at Edgewood's Stadium clearly does not meet the CUP standard 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."

The neighborhoods' homes, residents, Lake Wingra Watershed, environment, darkness, and adjoining parks would all be adversely impacted by the lights, sound system, crowds, noise, and traffic of night games.

Edgewood claims that it was here first. No, first came the land, the lakes, the birds and other creatures,

the darkness, and the quiet, which helped to make this area so desirable for neighborhoods.

I urge the Common Council to support the neighborhoods, and vote no on Edgewood's appeal to install lights.

To vote otherwise would set a neighborhood damaging precedent for other such requests made to the city.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dan Anderson
1521 Vilas Ave.
Madison, WI

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
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Subject: Fw: Edgewood proposal
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 4:14:16 PM

From: Rima Apple <rdapple@wisc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:40:45 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Cc: All Alders; Mayor; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Edgewood proposal

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Alder Evers:

While we have a good deal of respect for Edgewood College and High School, we are deeply concerned about the proposal submitted by Edgewood High School to enhance its athletics facilities.

We are particularly worried about four points. First is the vague language such as "usage will be based on needs," without any specific quantification of sports and non-sports events. Second is that the proposed lights will actually violate the city's Dark Skies ordinance. Third is that in terms of noise-control, there is no honest realization of the actual extensive levels of noise that are undoubtedly made at such events. Fourth, we also have significant concerns about the late times of lighting, i.e., 11 :00 on Friday and Saturday nights.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rima and Michael Apple
2013 Madison Street

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Please Oppose Lighting on Edgewood Practice Field
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 2:58:19 PM

From: Priscilla Arsove <parsove@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 2:33:30 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Cc: Stouder, Heather; All Alders
Subject: Please Oppose Lighting on Edgewood Practice Field

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Dear Alder Evers:

I am writing to ask that you uphold the Madison Plan Commission's decision to **deny a conditional use permit** that would allow Edgewood High School to install lighting on their practice field.

I live about four blocks from Edgewood. While I don't live in immediate proximity to the campus, I often walk through the nearby Park and Pleasure Drive and Wingra Park, where wildlife have flourished in these quieter times.

Our neighborhood's treasured natural areas are among the "uses and enjoyment" that would be significantly diminished by the installation of elevated lighting on the Edgewood practice field. Such impacts would not only adversely impact adjoining natural areas, but would be extremely disruptive to those living in direct proximity. Neighbors already report being bothered by noise from a growing number of daytime events. Lights would only exacerbate this situation, allowing games to be played into the evening hours. Noise from the crowds, loudspeakers and scoreboard would increase at the time of day when most people especially appreciate peace and quiet within their homes.

No Madison homeowner should have to endure sound levels exceeding the City's noise ordinances (from which stadiums are apparently exempt) on a regular basis. This is a reasonable expectation, **not** NIMBYism. Moreover, the City does not need more traffic and congestion in the already busy Monroe Street corridor.

I have followed Edgewood planning activities for many years. I was actively involved in negotiations to establish a new campus entrance at Leonard Street, having served as president of the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association at that time. Negotiations were contentious and time-consuming, but achieved a solution beneficial to all. Countless hours were spent in collaborative master planning processes with participation from Edgewood and the adjoining neighborhood associations. A stadium was never proposed any of these planning initiatives.

It is not surprising that Edgewood's proposal to construct a stadium met with immediate resistance from both adjoining property-owners and the broader neighborhood. Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision to deny Edgewood's application to install elevated lighting on

the practice field.

Thank you for your consideration and best regards,

Priscilla Arsove

Knickerbocker Street

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to Appeal Action Plan #60646
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:04:13 PM

From: Andrew Bachhuber on behalf of Andrew Bachhuber <abachhub@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 10:54:44 AM
To: Furman, Keith
Cc: All Alders; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Opposition to Appeal Action Plan #60646

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Dear Alder Keith Furman,

I am writing in opposition to #60646, Appeal of Plan Commission action on Conditional Use request for 2219 Monroe Street, Legistar ID 60001. The Plan Commission made a good decision, and it would be unwise to overturn it. Edgewood's new proposal is not a compromise, it is the same thing they have been asking for over and over since 2017. I am sorry that you must keep dealing with this problem.
Sincerely,

Andrew Bachhuber

5914 Old Middleton Rd
Madison, WI 53705

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to #60646, Appeal of Plan Commission Action on Conditional Use Request
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:04:55 PM

From: JENNY BEATTY on behalf of JENNY BEATTY <jenbiz@jtbeatty.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 8:13:20 AM
To: 6@cityofmadison.com
Cc: All Alders; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Opposition to #60646, Appeal of Plan Commission Action on Conditional Use Request

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Alder Rummel,

I live in District 6.

I am writing in Opposition to #60646, "Appeal of Plan Commission Action on Conditional Use Request for 2219 Monroe Street, Legistar ID 60001.

The Plan Commission already made a good decision regarding Edgewood's stadium and lighting, and it would not be in the best interests of the neighborhood or the City to overturn it. Edgewood's "compromise" is nothing new — since 2017 they have kept coming back again and again with the same request. Edgewood doesn't seem to understand that their wishes and desires are not those of the City and the neighborhood. Don't allow our City to be bullied — please stand firm with the Plan Commission's prior decision.

Thank you.

~ Jenny Beatty

November 29, 2020

Common Council
City of Madison

Dear Common Council Members,

We are long-time residents of the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood and have been active in the Association (DMNA) over the years holding offices, volunteering on committees, writing for the neighborhood newsletter, working through the closure of the Edgewood Park and Pleasure Drive to through traffic, working to keep a grocery (now Trader Joe's) at the Ken Kopp side, and shepherding the Southwest commuter bike path to fruition. All these have been undertaken with the interests of the neighborhood in mind.

During our time here we have often worked with the Edgewood campuses on various issues, and, working together, DMNA and Edgewood have been able to pull together plans that work well for both the campuses and the neighborhood. We are proud of our neighborhood, and feel that Edgewood is a major asset to it.

But, as you know, and after long and very careful consideration, DMNA has been unable to support this Edgewood proposal for an expanded sports facility. In fact, we strongly oppose it. Unlike Vilas Neighborhood, and those neighborhoods where Edgewood students and supporters might live, DMNA would be intensely affected by the sports stadium and by the ever-expanding numbers of games proposed in this latest "compromise". Traffic, parking (already a major problem Edgewood), and quality of life for a number of close-settled residential streets will be seriously and negatively affected. It would be highly unfair to ignore the concerns of residents. It is misleading to juxtapose the Vilas Neighborhood, and others, most of which will have no impacts whatsoever!

In the past, the Edgewood proposal has been presented almost as a "right": to have what other high schools have. No: West High, a public school nearby, has no stadium at all; nor does Madison East! Edgewood actually alleged discrimination to force the city to defend against a law suit!

Now the school is asking for even more: in addition to lights, the number of games has increased. Once Edgewood is allowed install lights, they will want to upgrade the sound system. they will have their foot in the door and will push the city to let them expand seating, add a changing room, rent the field to add needed income. Other sports besides football will, rightfully, demand equal treatment. The number of night games will expand even more. There is no enforcement mechanism.

We urge that you, members of the Council give real consideration to the position taken by the DMNA and our current alder, Tag Evers. Please do not allow this matter to be decided during a

period of major disruption due to a world-wide pandemic! Please reject this latest attempt to adversely impact this neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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Rachel Fields, President, DMNA

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
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Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: #60646 Edgewood Appeal: Analysis of comparable facilities supports denial
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 6:43:00 AM

From: Ethan Brodsky <ethan.brodsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 9:47:42 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Cc: All Alders; Stouder, Heather
Subject: #60646 Edgewood Appeal: Analysis of comparable facilities supports denial

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This is a new letter, entirely distinct from the letter I sent on last Wednesday regarding property values.

I previously sent an earlier version of this letter on July 17, but the hearing has been referred so many times that I am sure that was a distant memory. Since that time, I have added new information. As it is now relevant to the December 1 Common Council hearing, I am sending it again today. Please ensure that this updated version goes into the Legistar file.

My name is Ethan Brodsky and I live in District 13.

I am writing regarding File #60646, Edgewood's appeal of the Plan Commission's denial of a Conditional Use Permit (File #60001) for Edgewood's proposed stadium lights at 2219 Monroe Street.

While the near-unanimous vote of the Plan Commission against this CUP application should be evidence enough that this proposal is contrary to standards, unfortunately Edgewood is now forcing all of us to spend time revisiting this decision.

This letter is intended to be limited solely to presenting factual information about comparable athletic facilities that show why denial is warranted and is not an expression of my opinion on the matter.

The appellant and their supporters have pointed to a number of other lighted athletic facilities in the city and made the veiled threat "if any other facility in the city has lights, then we are entitled to them as well, or else we'll sue the city". This argument fails to consider how different the surroundings of the other lighted stadiums are, and how many similarly situated stadiums lack lights.

The closest comparisons to Edgewood High School would be the four major public high schools in Madison.

Madison West High School (0.6 miles away) and Madison East High School (4.4 miles away) are the two closest comparisons, as they are, like Edgewood, closely bounded by single-family residential neighborhoods.

The Edgewood campus is bounded on three sides by homes and on the remaining side by the lake. Madison West's site is bounded on all four sides by homes (one side is partially a cemetery). Madison East is bounded on all four sides by homes, though it is located on East Washington Avenue / US-151 - a four-lane divided highway that is one of the highest-traffic roads in the city.

The sites are further similar in that they all contain a green space used for daytime outdoor recreation. Edgewood has a single athletic field marked for football and soccer. West has one field marked for football, a baseball diamond, tennis courts, and some additional green space used for various sports. East has a field marked for football and some tennis courts.

None of these spaces are lighted for nighttime use. Neither West nor East have any bleachers or spectator seating. None of them use amplified audio systems, though Edgewood uses a portable PA system they claim is exempt from the city's noise ordinance. West's playing surface is ~100 feet from the nearest home, East's is ~50 ft, and Edgewood's is ~150 ft - all far too close for lighted events to be conducted (especially with a crowd) without causing enormous disruption in neighbors' homes. Neither West nor East's outdoor fields are used for well-attended competitive team sports - their published schedules suggest that use is limited to Freshman or Junior Varsity games and some Varsity games for poorly-attended sports. West and East play their night games and other highly attended games at other sites. Again, none of these facilities have lights.

The other two Madison schools, which *do* have lighted stadiums, are also useful comparisons.

Madison Memorial (3.8 miles away), has Mansfield Stadium. It exists in a primarily commercial area, though there some adjacent housing. The school has Mineral Point Road and open recreational space to the south, West Towne to the SW, newly-developed commercial space to the W and NW, open space to the N, open space to the NE, and a SR-V2 (Suburban Residential - Varied District 2) to the E.

The nearby housing will certainly be discussed - there are a number of apartments and condominiums immediately adjacent to the stadium, with the nearest structure being ~150 feet from the playing surface. Mansfield Stadium was constructed, along with Memorial High School, in the 1960s (Sources: "Madison in the Sixties" by Stu Levitan, p.238; Capital Times, 1966-12-06). The apartments and condos were built between 1971 and 1979 (Source: Madison City Assessor). The stadium has seen extensive use since at least 1972, when the Badger State Boys Track and Field Championship was moved there, but the residential structures were all constructed either after or contemporaneously with the stadium's existence.

Edgewood will claim that the lights that they are proposing to install on their own never-before-lit-for-night-use field are "the same as the lights that were just installed at Mansfield", but what they don't mention is that the lights that were just installed at Mansfield were *replacing* an already-existing and long-standing lighting system. The previously installed system at Mansfield was not Dark Sky Compliant and thus must have been installed prior to March 30, 1993, the effective date of Madison's current lighting ordinance.

The city DID NOT recently approve a "new lighting system" for Mansfield

Stadium at Memorial as Edgewood claims - it approved the replacement of an existing decades-old field lighting system with a new, equivalent in functionality, but less disruptive, field lighting system. The permit there, LNDSPR-2018-00101, was titled "Updating lighting for Memorial High School's football and baseball fields". Edgewood's lighting permits is for a *NEW* lighting system on a field that has never before had lights.

LaFollete High School (5.2 miles away) also has a lighted athletic field, Lussier Stadium. It is located near the center of a 2500 x 2500 ft area of primarily green space that contains the high school and the Monona Golf Course. The parcel is bounded on three sides by residential areas and on the west by a commercial area in the City of Monona. The athletic field itself is 1000 feet from the nearest home, and there are fewer than twenty homes that are closer than 1/4 mile from the stadium without the obstruction of a multiple-story school building to block the light and sound.

Edgewood has also made comparison with a number of city parks, notably Breese Stevens Field and Burr Jones Park, and a number of University of Wisconsin facilities in University Bay.

Breese Stevens Field (3.0 miles away) does have lights. The field was constructed in 1925, was the site of Wisconsin's first night baseball game (in 1930), and had permanent lights installed in either 1931 or 1934 (the city's website says 1934; the Cap Times says 1931). It is on East Washington Avenue, a busy arterial corridor, is in a zoning district that allows and contains commercial and industrial uses, and is bounded on three sides by commercial activity.

There are houses on the NW side, approximately 150 feet from the playing surface. They were mostly built between 1900 and 1940 and nobody who owns or lives in those houses now was unaware that they were going to be living next to a stadium. Of the eight immediately adjacent blocks, only one has homes on it, though some of the recently-built neighboring commercial high-rise buildings also contain apartments or condominiums. The facility is also a source of major noise issues in the neighborhood, and I can't imagine it would be permitted in this location if somebody tried to build it today.

Burr Jones Field (3.8 mi away) is also on East Washington Avenue. The lights were installed in 2019. It is bounded on the NE by railroad tracks and a commercial/retail property with a large parking lot (zoned Commercial Corridor-Transitional); on the SE by an automotive repair shop (zoned Industrial-Limited) and a recently-built mixed-use building ("The Marling Apartments" above first-floor retail, on the site of the former Marling Lumberyard, zoned TE); the Yahara River, another auto body shop and a warehouse to the SW; single-family homes (zoned TR-V1 and TR-V2) across a set of railroad tracks and the Yahara River to the W, and an apartment building across railroad tracks, an open area, and E. Johnson to the N. The nearest homes are approximately 550 feet from athletic field, across a walking path, railroad tracks, several tree lines, the Yahara River and another bike path. The apartments are approximately 700 feet to the NW. The Marling Apartments opened in 2018, which is admittedly prior to the installation of the lights, but this TE-zoned parcel was already bounded by Industrial-Zoned land and other commercially-zoned properties, so it is not a similar situation to the TR-C2 traditional residential district around Edgewood.

The Nielsen Tennis Stadium, the Goodman Softball Complex, and the McClimon Soccer Complex on the University of Wisconsin campus are each over 1500 feet from the nearest residential buildings, and those are apartments belonging to the UW and within the same campus/institutional parcel as the athletic facilities. Outside of these UW-owned buildings, the nearest homes within the City of Madison are a half-mile away.

Edgewood has also brought up numerous smaller-scale lighting installations around the city as justification for why they are entitled to this development.

The lighting on the large ice rink at Vilas Park is approximately 400 feet from the nearest home, and the lighting on the hockey rink is approximately 800 feet away. The lights were originally installed some time ago - they are visible in historic aerial photos dating back to at least 1980 and thus long predate the city's current zoning and lighting code.

The lighting at Duane Bowman Park is over 600 feet from the nearest home (which is currently in the Town of Madison; the nearest home within the current city limits is over 1000 feet away), in an area that is predominantly zoned for commercial and industrial use.

The lighting for the softball diamonds at Warner Park (175 feet from homes), Olbrich (180 feet from homes), and Westmorland Ice Rink (100 feet from homes) are indeed cases where athletic lighting exist near homes.

Historic aerial photos show that the lights at Warner and Olbrich were already present in 2000 (the earliest publicly-available photos with sufficient detail to identify lighting) and thus predate the current city zoning code, and likely predate the city's current lightning ordinance, though I have not been able to find any pre-1993 photos documenting their existence.

I have not been able to find any photographic documentation for when the lights were installed at the Westmorland ice rink, but in the "Voices of Westmoreland" written history of the neighborhood, there is mention of a "lighted rink" in the park in a first-hand account by someone whose family grew up there in the 1950s, so presumably the lights there also long predate the city's lighting ordinance, and the "Summary of 8 seasons of the Westmorland Ice Rink Partnership" shows that they have been in continuous use since prior to the 2013 effective date for the city's current zoning code.

The existence of these lights, installed under outdated laws that may not have recognized the harm that they caused, is not a justification for replicating that harm on another neighborhood under the current zoning law.

Finally, comparisons have been made to numerous lighted stadiums in the area that are outside the city of Madison. While these are subject to their own city's zoning laws, I will discuss the facilities that have been most mentioned.

Otto Breitenbach Stadium at Middleton High School in Middleton, one of the locations where Edgewood currently plays night football games, is surrounded by school facilities, open space, and a wooded area with no homes. There are commercial areas to the west, parkland to the east, and a small number of residential homes to the S, with the nearest being over 500

feet from the playing field.

Reddan Soccer Park in Verona, where Edgewood College (not the High School) has recently built a lighted soccer facility of their own, has existed for decades and has had lights for many years. The nearest residential structure is a recently-constructed retirement building, about 600 feet from the playing surface. Prior to that, presumably at the time the lights were installed, the nearest residences were over 1000 feet away.

The Verona Area School District has recently constructed a new high school with an athletic field in an open space on the SW side of their city. It is bounded by US-151 to the W, a recreational trail to the S, Urban-Industrial zoned land to the E, and a mixture of Urban Commercial, Suburban Commercial, and Planned Unit Development to the N. The nearest structure is an apartment building constructed in 2011 that is ~600 feet away (in a PUD district), and the nearest traditional residential areas are ~1/4 mile away.

The football stadium at Waunakee High School is over 500 feet from houses to the E, 800 feet from houses to the W, and bounded by school property to the north and south.

Edgewood is asking to install new lights, on a field that has never before had nighttime use, less than 130 feet from single-family residential homes on Woodrow Street. There are no natural barriers to block the light or sound, no space to add such barriers, and no way to even possibly do that considering that homes on Monroe are elevated above the field and look down upon it. Not even a noise barrier of the type found along the major highways would prevent nearby homes from experiencing severe disruption from the proposed facility.

The situation at Edgewood's field is entirely different from the situation at Memorial and LaFollete, and much more comparable to the situation at West and East, similarly-situated urban high schools that lack lighted athletic fields and play all of their major sporting events off-site.

This appeal should be denied outright.

Allowing the installation of stadium lights will extend the disruption that the appellant causes into the nighttime hours - that is the intent and inescapable consequence of these lights. The city should consider the severe impact this would have on neighboring lands and the lack of public need for the particular use at the particular location (Edgewood had been playing almost *all* of their events at other facilities for over a decade until recently shifting daytime events on-site).

The establishment of this use will be detrimental to public health, safety, and general welfare. It will harm the use, value, and enjoyment of other properties in the district, not just on Woodrow and Monroe, but extending many blocks away to homes whose nighttime quiet will be disrupted by the events enabled by the lights.

It will discourage improvements of surrounding properties. There are no conditions that will be adequate to prevent this harm, and even if conditions were imposed, the appellant cannot realistically be expected to abide by them, considering their recent history of blatant and continued non-compliance with relevant zoning codes and approvals.

Never in recent city history has such a large-scale and disruptive lighting installation been approved so close to existing residences, and the city should not start now. City residents have a reasonable expectation of quiet at night that is far stricter than what is tolerated during daylight hours, and this proposed development is certain to violate that.

Edgewood's original application failed to present adequate facts and information directly pertaining to the requirements and conditions and applicant must meet that a reasonable person would accept and this fails to meet the requirement for "substantial evidence" test in the city ordinance. The Planning Commission recognized this, and you should too. Their revised application does nothing to address these deficiencies and does not meet standard for approval for a Conditional Use Permit.

This appeal should be denied entirely, just as Plan Commission did with the original application.

Ethan Brodsky

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To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Oppose Edgewood's Appeal of Plan Commission action on Conditional Use request for 2219 Monroe Street
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 6:42:32 AM

From: Jonathan Du Chateau <jjduchateau@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 10:22:05 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Cc: All Alders; Mayor; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Oppose Edgewood's Appeal of Plan Commission action on Conditional Use request for 2219 Monroe Street

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Dear Alder Evers,

As a resident of District 13, I write this in opposition to Edgewood's appeal for conditional use request regarding their athletic field.

I fear that **any approval only furthers an unfortunate reality to the underprivileged in our community** - that is, those with money, power, and privilege get a pass and can force their will on the rest of us. Pardon the pun, but it will just highlight the uneven playing field in our society just months after protests demanding the system treat all equally.

There are many issues that others have pointed out, but I do want to highlight a few:

- 1) The proposed lights and use volume, with subsequent increased noise & traffic, are NOT a good fit for a residential area with single family homes in close proximity, limited parking and rather congested Monroe St. - it simply doesn't fit the scale of the neighborhood.
- 2) Edgewood's comparison to Camp Randall and other high school athletic fields is apples-to-oranges. These other locations have no owner occupied residential properties in as close proximity and have use volume that is extremely low compared to Edgewood's proposal. Camp Randall might have 5 night events a year.
- 3) The majority of Edgewood students are NOT Madison residents, with almost none living in the Edgewood neighborhood. The stated travel risks for athletes is a fallacy as these students need to travel a fair distance no matter where they play.
- 4) Edgewood has not negotiated in good faith, contrary to Edgewood's claims. The record is loud and clear on this.
- 5) Edgewood has consistently shown a lack of good will and trustworthiness. All signs point to this being another "get a foot in the door" maneuver to eventually increase development and use well beyond their stated initial plans. These continual incremental developments are what slowly but surely degrade and kill neighborhoods.

Thank you.

Jonathan J. Du Chateau
668 Pickford St

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Edgewood stadium City Council Item 4
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:03:02 PM

From: Kathryn Converse on behalf of Kathryn Converse <conversekrtn@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 12:53:38 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor; district13@citofmadison.com; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Edgewood stadium City Council Item 4

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We live 6 blocks from Edgewood Stadium athletic field. We are against the installation of lights and amplified sound. As a wildlife biologist I am concerned about the impact on migratory and resident wildlife on Lake Wingra next to the stadium, particularly during nesting season. In particular the impact on our duck, crane and egret populations. Edgewood property is on Lake Wingra and will impact Wingra Park and the Arboretum that is within 6 blocks. .

We have lived here over 30 years and can attest to how the sound will carry and lights disrupt as Edgewood used to have a 3 days carnival every year with rides etc and we could hear all of it the evenings it was present and the parking and traffic were major issues. Similarly we are 1 mile from the UW football stadium and we can follow what is happening because we can hear the speakers, crowd and music.

There is major concern at the

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: In Opposition of Edgewood Stadium
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:01:09 PM

From: Ron Cramer <rjcramer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 8:15:49 PM
To: All Alders; Stouder, Heather
Subject: In Opposition of Edgewood Stadium

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Greetings, All.

My wife, Pamela, and I live at 2318 Monroe St -- directly across from the Edgewood field and track. We oppose the installation of lights and sound system and we ask the City Council to uphold the decision of the Planning Council to deny Edgewood the lighting permit.

There are no technological solutions and no mitigation efforts that will prevent the proposed stadium lights from glowing through my windows or keep the amplified sound from permeating my walls. **No representative from Edgewood has or ever would come to our house and claim otherwise.** I can already hear games on the field without the use of a speaker system.

The great lengths to which Edgewood has gone to keep their plans moving forward only proves the great lengths they will go if they are allowed to install lights and a sound system. If that happens, they will keep chipping away -- game by game, practice by practice, seasons after seasons -- to extend the uses of the field.

Sincerely,

Ron Cramer

ps - I would ask that this letter be uploaded to Legistar #60646.

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Reject EHS Appeal for Stadium Lighting, Legistar #60646
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:09:31 PM

From: Tanya Cunningham on behalf of Tanya Cunningham <itmakesyousmile@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 4:35:58 PM
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Cc: Furman, Keith; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Reject EHS Appeal for Stadium Lighting, Legistar #60646

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Dear Madison Alders,

Thank you for the work you do to keep our city functioning, especially during this incredibly difficult time.

I am very strongly opposed to the Edgewood High School (EHS) proposal for outdoor lighting at their field on the Monroe Street Campus. Even though I am not an immediate neighbor of EHS, I feel that what is ultimately decided in this case will have future, significant implications for other development in the City of Madison. Following are my main points.

1. Proposal does not meet the requirement for conditional use, #3. Please recognize the validity of the Madison Ordinance that requires that EHS show that this change, if approved, would not infringe upon the ability of neighboring property owners to use and enjoy their property according to established patterns. (It clearly will



From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: please....
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 2:59:11 PM

From: marcia diamond <mdiamond1339@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 1:48:59 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Cc: All Alders; Mayor; Stouder, Heather
Subject: please....

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Alder Evers--

I know you've heard my comments about Edgewood and their misplaced determination to destroy the peace of the neighborhood in which they exist...but here I am again. Frankly, it is time for you and your fellow alders to wear some garlic around your necks and put a stake through the heart of Edgewood's plans. PLEASE do whatever you must to make this nightmare end.

I have lived in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood for over 16 years (not across the street from Edgewood, thank goodness), and Edgewood's presence and impact has changed markedly in that time. Where they once seemed to be good neighbors, they have become a true "schoolyard bully" and have been intent on being destructive to the surrounding neighborhoods over the past several years as they push to install lights (and amplified sound) on their "practice" field. I was at the time actually proud of the way the neighborhood worked with Edgewood and ended up being supportive of the upgraded "practice" field...no more.

By now, I have no small glimmer of any feeling about Edgewood other than disgust. For a school whose motto, in part, includes the word "veritas", the motto and the reality no longer are connected. Edgewood has lied over the years about its plans and continues to do so. They say they have "compromised" with neighborhood concerns but have, in reality, done no such thing. Their demands actually have grown over time rather than being even a bit modified to accommodate neighborhood concerns about the impact of lighting and noise. I won't repeat all the details that I'm sure you've seen about how disruptive their plan would be, but suffice it to say Edgewood's preferred scenario of how to use that "practice" field (for a predominantly out-of-area student body) has grown more and more intrusive to the neighborhood in ways that would seriously impact in negative ways the ability of neighbors to enjoy their lives and sustain the value of their properties.

I realize that Edgewood has previously sued the city for religious discrimination when it didn't get its way, and I wouldn't be surprised to see them do it again should the Council reject their current moves. My fervent hope is that this history does not affect

the decision-making process of the Council. The school's complaint of religious discrimination seems insupportable--after all, East and West high schools do not have their own lighted football stadium, either, and they manage just fine without feeling discriminated against. Perhaps Edgewood High School should follow the lead of the college with which they're affiliated and build somewhere away from the campus--- maybe even arrange to use the college's new facility.

Edgewood's plan was soundly rejected by the city Plan Commission because of its negative impact on the neighborhood, and it is my great hope that you and your fellow alders will agree with and uphold that decision. It really is time for this nightmare to end, and you are the ones who have the power to make it happen. Please do so. Drive a stake through the heart of this vampire-that-just-won't-die.

Thanks for your consideration--

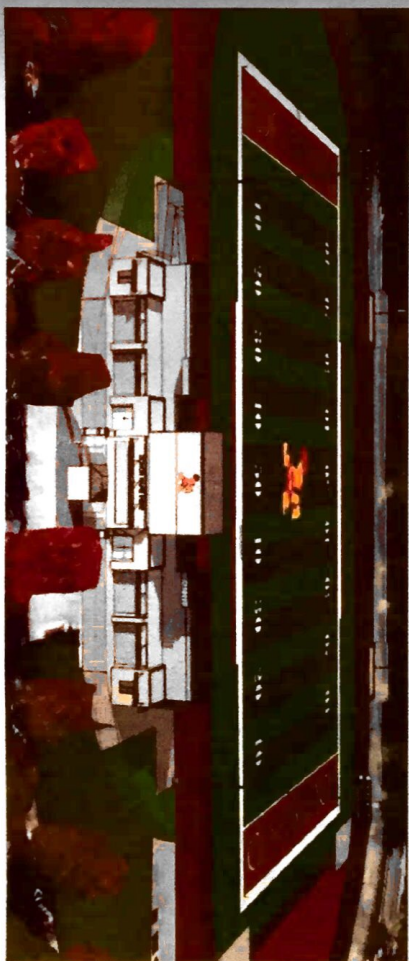
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**FACTS ABOUT
OUR PROPOSED CHANGES
TO THE
GOODMAN
ATHLETIC COMPLEX
AT EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**



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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

As you may know, Edgewood High School has been working closely with the City of Madison, our Liaison Committee and local neighbors for the past year and a half about opportunities we are seeking to enrich the offerings of the Goodman Athletic Complex. This facility has become a true community asset that is regularly utilized by several of our athletic teams, other local middle school and high school sports teams, UW-Madison athletic teams and our neighbors.

We are diligently working through the city's adopted process to amend our Campus Master Plan to allow for better and more strategic usage of this important community resource. Specifically, our hope is to improve the existing facility by increasing seating, adding site-focused LED lighting and installing a directional sound system to enhance the overall experience for all users. We believe adding a limited number of high school night events hosted within our campus would allow the Edgewood athletics program to remain competitive with other teams in our conference by hosting *true* home games while contributing to the continued, holistic, development of our students.

Throughout this detailed process we have been careful to adhere to our core principles of commitment to Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership, and an authentic dedication to preparing the whole student for a successful future. We have worked closely with local officials to meet or exceed City of Madison requirements on lighting, sound, parking and traffic; we have held neighborhood listening sessions to identify areas of concern and explore potential modifications, as necessary and appropriate; and we have worked



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hard to ensure that everyone involved receives accurate and timely information regarding the various aspects of the process and the modifications we are seeking.

This newsletter is the first in a series of communications we will be sending directly to our friends and neighbors to help share key facts about the project. Specifically, we will share information about:

- the proposed upgrades to the Goodman Athletic Complex;
- the formal amendment process that is outlined in our approved Campus Master Plan;

- our commitment to listening to and engaging with our neighbors and other key partners; and
- the value of offering Edgewood and other students a safe, accessible and quality place to develop important leadership, teamwork and other important life skills.

We hope you find this information useful for better understanding the upgrades we are seeking to the Goodman Athletic Complex and the long-standing commitment we have to our students, our neighbors and the community. If there are specific questions you may have about this initiative, please feel free to contact us directly at info@edgewoodhs.org.

Sincerely,

Mike Elliott, President

Answers to frequently asked questions regarding the proposed changes to the Edgewood Campus Master Plan

Why is Edgewood High School seeking changes to its Campus Master Plan?

Edgewood High School has a nearly 100-year history of using its athletic facilities for practice purposes, hosting day-time sporting events and allowing access to the community for game and recreational purposes. The Goodman Athletic Complex has deeply enriched our ability to serve as a community-wide asset for the greater Madison area. When the Edgewood Campus Master Plan was originally developed and approved in 2014, Edgewood leadership was up front about the continued desire to have the ability to have a true home field that could enrich our athletic program by hosting night games as required by the Badger Athletic Conference, but were very sensitive about how a limited number of night games may impact our surrounding neighborhoods.

Two major factors prompted us to begin the formal amendment process over a year and a half ago, as outlined in our Campus Master Plan:

1. Our primary agreement with Middleton to serve as a "home" field is no longer feasible. This is due not only to Middleton's own athletic program demands, but financial ramifications, safety concerns and scheduling for Edgewood's athletes. This fact has left Edgewood scrambling to find a location for "home" games, often ending up with multiple locations for our games — a scenario that few other schools have to address.



2. Advancements in both lighting and sound technology have made it possible to ensure that two of the major neighborhood concerns we acknowledged early in the Campus Master Plan process — light and sound — could now be addressed in a fashion that not only meets, but exceeds the City of Madison requirements.

As with our efforts during the original Campus Master Plan process, Edgewood High School remains committed to engaging with our neighbors and community partners as we follow the deliberative amendment process outlined in the 2014 Master Plan.

Does the Campus Master Plan allow for amendments?

As with other City of Madison-approved Master Plans, the Edgewood Campus plan specifically details the City-required process for making amendments to the plan. Edgewood High School has spent the last year and a half following this process by engaging city officials, local neighborhood associations and our neighbors to ensure that the amendments we are seeking address neighborhood issues and meet or exceed City of Madison requirements.

Who ensures agreed-upon amendments are enforced?

The amendment that Edgewood High School is seeking to enrich the Goodman Athletic Complex will include very specific requirements related to such things as the number of allowable night games, the specific times that lights are allowable and the fact that the Complex *will not* be available for other nighttime events. Edgewood is committed to adhering to these parameters and all of the agreed-upon restrictions will be fully enforceable by the City of Madison.

Wasn't the original intent of the Goodman Athletic Complex to be for use as a practice field only?

As mentioned previously, Edgewood High School has a decades-long history of using its athletic facilities not only for practice purposes, but actually hosting day-time sporting events and allowing access to the community for recreational purposes. The proposed amendments to our Master Plan do not change the intended usage of the Goodman Athletic Complex, but rather take advantage of new technologies that will allow for a limited number of night games and afford Edgewood the ability to host home events for all of its teams.

What, if any, concerns have been raised by neighbors and how is Edgewood responding to those concerns?

As part of the Campus Master Plan amendment process and our commitment to positive neighborhood relations, Edgewood High School hosted neighborhood listening sessions to share our ideas and gather feedback from area residents. Those sessions helped identify the following areas that we have specifically addressed as we move through the process:

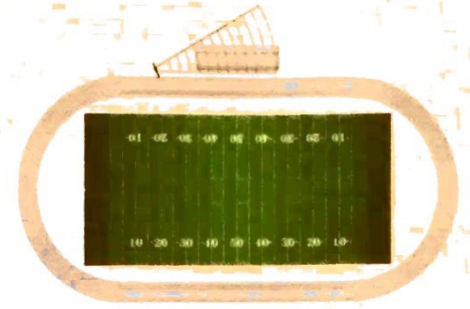
1. **Lighting:** The amended plan includes the incorporation of the latest LED lighting technology that will minimize glow, light spill and glare. This new technology, along with the height of the poles in our plans, will ensure that lighting from the limited number of night games will not go beyond our property. The plan meets and even exceeds the City lighting requirements.



An example of Edgewood's proposed lighting system installed at Clemson Field



Edgewood's proposed lighting fixture is the one at the far right, as seen from 100 feet away



2. **Sound:** The amended plan also includes a directional amplified sound system that is custom-designed for the site and meets all City sound requirements. The sound system will only be used during games and we have agreed to prohibit music being played over the PA system, with the exception of the national anthem. Edgewood High School continues to work with sound engineers to model natural sound and identify the best approaches for managing sound.



3. **Traffic:** Based on the study that was conducted as part of the Master Plan process, engineers concluded that traffic for the anticipated crowd size for the Athletic Complex would not increase and, in fact, could potentially decrease traffic during peak times due to the scheduling of events during non-peak travel hours. The Monroe St. entrance is to be used for all events.

4. **Parking:** The Edgewood campus currently has 560 parking stalls, a number that could accommodate even the largest anticipated crowd size so there should not be an increased parking impact on neighborhood streets. Visitors attending athletic events will be provided on-site parking information and discouraged from parking in the neighborhood.

Many more detailed conditions are being developed and specified for each of the key components. Stay tuned for more answers to frequently asked questions in upcoming editions of our neighborhood newsletters related to our plans for enriching the Goodman Athletic Complex.



Thank you!



MYTHBUSTERS

EDGEWOOD EDITION

To: Madison Common Council

From: Jeffrey Jerred, Woodrow Street resident

Subject: Edgewood athletic field lights

Edgewood High School submitted a document to all of you that offers alternative facts. Following is a fact check of that document.

1. *Edgewood believes their students deserve the same treatment as other schools in Madison with regard to its athletic field.*

FACT : Edgewood cherry picks which “other” schools it compares itself to — neither my alma mater, East High School, nor my daughter’s alma mater, West High school, have playing fields with lights on their campus. These public high schools, like Edgewood, are situated in dense residential areas. Edgewood prefers to compare itself to Memorial and La Follette, but their campuses are located in very different zoning areas.

2. *Edgewood claims they have worked to assuage any and all community concerns regarding the installation of lights at their field. It highlights the number of meetings it has held with community members.*

FACT: Edgewood conveniently overlooks the fact that, despite the number of meetings it has held with neighbors, it has not substantively addressed the neighborhood concerns raised at those meetings. The fact is that with lights comes sound, yet Edgewood refuses to modify its application to include noise mitigation.

3. *Edgewood provides a seven year timeline of events that positions it as the victim of discrimination.*

FACTS: Edgewood

- voluntarily entered into a Master Plan that restricted field use,
- sought to amend the Master Plan to allow for a stadium to be built
- chose to vacate the Master Plan when it realized the proposed amendments were not supported by the neighborhood, rather than listen and respond to the concerns raised

By vacating its Master Plan, Edgewood thought it would then be treated like other schools without master plans. Edgewood was treated like other schools and required to apply for a conditional use permit. Edgewood accordingly applied. When that application was denied because it did not meet city standards, Edgewood CHOSE to appeal the decision rather than modify its application to meet standards.

4. *Edgewood claims the field lights meet city ordinances*

FACT: The most disruptive impact of lights is refracted light, which is not addressed in city ordinances, but which science shows has significant negative impacts on both humans and wildlife. Regardless of proposed limitations on the use of lights, the negative impacts remain.

5. *Edgewood claims the lights they are proposing are in use in other locations in the city.*

FACT: The comparators they provide are all at much greater distances from residences than the Edgewood field, and were replacement — not new — fixtures.

6. *Edgewood claims that they completely meet the zoning requirements for lights.*

FACT: Zoning requirements for a conditional use permit were not met, as Edgewood's application did not address the negative impacts on established uses of surrounding properties, nor did it provide substantive mitigation measures for these impacts, chief among them being noise.

7. *Edgewood claims they have “done their homework,” by complying with city ordinances, agreeing to restrictions recommended by city staff, and delaying its appeal by five months so it could try to reach a compromise with neighbors.*

FACT: Compliance with current city ordinances is insufficient to grant a conditional use permit and Edgewood's application did not meet the relevant city standards. The Plan Commission found that city staff recommendations were insufficient to address the substantive negative impacts of Edgewood's proposal, and requested Edgewood meet with neighbors to achieve a compromise. In those meetings, neighbors provided specific and concrete feedback as to the impacts of the lights and offered specific recommendations for measurement and mitigation - and Edgewood repeatedly dismissed both the feedback and the recommendations.

EDGEWOOD MYTH VS. FACT FACTCHECK

Edgewood claims they have worked with the community residents and city officials to understand concerns regarding the use of lights on the athletic field.

FACT: Edgewood has met with representatives from the Dudgeon Monroe and Vilas neighborhoods but most members of the community have no idea what had been going on in these meetings. As a condition of meeting, Edgewood demanded that discussions and proposals reviewed by this small group not be shared outside the group. The first time the neighbors saw the current proposal was when it was posted to legistar the week of Thanksgiving. This document represents a fact sheet surrounding this effort.

MYTH: *Lighting of the field will shine too much light in neighborhood homes.*

Edgewood claims:

- City ordinance prevents light spill beyond property lines and multiple additional steps have been taken to ensure lights will not disrupt neighborhood homes.
- Edgewood plans to use Musco Lighting to install new dark-sky compliant LED lights on the athletic field. There will only be four poles with options of 68-or 80-foot poles.
- Three other facilities in Madison installed these types of lights with success.
- Use of lights for non-practice events will initially be limited to 30 games and increasing to potentially 40 games in 2023.
- Lights will be shut off no later than 7 p.m. for practice events.
- Lights will be shut off 30 minutes following the conclusion of a scheduled non-practice event and no later than 11 p.m. On Friday and Saturday nights. And no later than 10 p.m.. Sunday-Thursday.

FACT: City ordinance does not address refracted light, or “light glow,” which is fickle and cannot be controlled. Refracted light causes neighborhoods to be “lit up like a ballfield,” disturbing both human and animal health and well-being. Lights that have been installed were grandparented in, as they were replacements of current installations.

MYTH: *Edgewood doesn't meet the zoning requirements.*

FACT: The plan commission determined that Edgewood's application **does not meet conditional use standards**. Edgewood fails to meet approval standard 6. A. 3., which states:

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.

https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/documents/PC_Review_Standards.pdf

- Every high school in Madison has some combination of residential districts adjacent to their athletic fields. Of the five public high schools in Madison — East, La Follette, Memorial, West and Shabazz only Memorial and La Follette have playing fields with lights. These two high schools are primarily bounded by non-residential zoning districts. Conversely, east and west are primarily bounded by high density residential zoning districts. In other words, the impact of lights at La Follette and memorial are not borne by residences but by commercial and other properties not in use when lights are in use.
- In 2018 Memorial High School applied for and received administrative approval of a light permit to install 12 outdoor lighting poles for fields by submitting an application in compliance with the City's Outdoor Lighting ordinance. IMPORTANTLY, they were improving existing lights with lights that are less disruptive.
- Edgewood submitted a conditional use for lights that was recommended by the Madison city staff. The permit was denied by the Plan Commission despite city staff's recommendation because the Plan Commission determined that the standards were not met. This vote did not squeak by. It was a 7-1 decision. City staff thought that mitigation of sound was important, but its strategy of doing so by limiting the number of lighted events was determined to be insufficient by the plan commission due to the harm caused by even one event.

MYTH: *Edgewood hasn't done all of their homework.*

Edgewood claims it has complied with all City ordinances, agreed to additional City staff recommended restrictions and requested a five-month delay on the hearing of its appeal to try to reach a compromise with opponents of the lights.

FACT: For starters, Edgewood has not looked up the definition of compromise. Defined by Merriam Webster: *a. settlement of differences by arbitration or by consent reached by mutual concessions; b. something intermediate between or blending qualities of two different things.* Edgewood continues to present virtually the same plan over-and-over and met with community leaders so they can say they tried despite the fact that they conceded nothing. Edgewood has not acknowledged that noise is a byproduct of lights and that the level of noise created by current games exceeds current ordinances as well as world health organization standards. Mitigation of noise is required to allow lights.

Edgewood claims the repeal of the Master Plan confirms Edgewood can continue to use its athletic field in the same manner as it has done for more than 90 years and as other Madison high schools are allowed under Campus Institutional zoning.

FACT: The repeal of the master plan released Edgewood from AN agreement with the community that acknowledged the harms to the neighborhood created by use of the athletic field for anything other than practices. They are now legally permitted to play unlimited games and practices. Lights will extend this use to the evening, absent any assessment of the impact of the current new use of the field for unlimited games. One could argue that this is in opposition to conditional use standard 4, which requires the orderly development over time of a new use.

Edgewood claims they have met with the neighborhood associations and neighbor appointed liaison groups several times to work toward a compromise to address concerns of individual neighbors regarding the installation of lights.

FACT: Compromise is the operative word here. To date, Edgewood has not moved from its initial proposal, and despite a counter proposal from the neighborhood that addresses its key concerns, Edgewood continues to not acknowledge the real disruption caused by amplified sound, crowd noise AND lights, and as a result offered no MEANINGFUL compromise, such as a limit on decibel levels, which the neighborhood proposed.

Edgewood claims that commissioned lighting, sound, and environmental studies conclude THAT Edgewood meets or exceeds all city ordinances.

FACT: Edgewood fails to acknowledge that its own commissioned study concluded that even with as few as 150 spectators, noise at adjoining properties **would exceed current city ordinance levels**. Edgewood further fails to acknowledge that current city ordinances do not address crowd noise and noise from non-stationary sources, such as a portable pa system. However, conditional use standards require that any application not impede or negatively impact established uses of surrounding properties. Neighbors have documented how current day games impede normal uses of their property, such as sleeping, working from home, and outside uses (whether enjoying a porch or deck, gardening, or holding conversations with neighbors). Noise levels documented from neighbors prove that even a phone call to a spouse deployed to Afghanistan made in a room with windows closed is disrupted by pa system noise, crowd noise and scoreboard siren noise.

Edgewood claims conditional use standards have been fully met. Including a compromise by the school to erect only four dark-sky compliant lights with two options of 68-or 80-foot poles.

FACT: As noted earlier, city ordinances apply only to direct light spillage onto adjoining properties, such as the lights on a car dealership or a parking lot. They do not address refracted light, or light glow, which can cause a neighborhood to be “lit up like a ballpark” in the words of an alder describing Breese terrace.

These lights would be closer to residences than they are to the high school building. They are also proposing punt lights that will shine light directly upwards into the sky, further exacerbating sky glow.

Edgewood claims their 2019 light permit application met all requirements of the City’s Outdoor Lighting ordinance as confirmed by City staff.

FACT: What Edgewood isn’t saying is that the city’s outdoor lighting ordinance is intended for parking lots and commercial buildings with safety lights, not ballparks. Meeting the city ordinance is insufficient to meeting standard 3 for a conditional use permit, as acknowledged by the Plan Commission decision of May 11.

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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Cc: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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To the Common Council,

I live at 873 Terry Place, 1 block from the Edgewood field. Night football games would be loud and late. Terry Place would be filled with cars. This would happen almost weekly. I do not support night games at Edgewood.

I grew up on Allen Street and attended West High, as did my 2 children. Football and baseball games were hosted at Memorial High School. This was perfectly acceptable. I do not see the need for a home stadium at Edgewood, given the adverse effect on neighborhood and environment.

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

Thank you so much for your work.

Karen Fennema
873 Terry Place

Please upload my letter to Legistar #60646

Sent from my iPhone

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To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
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Subject: Fw: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
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From: Jeff on behalf of Jeff <fordjrf@gmail.com>
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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 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,

Jeff Ford
2015 Adams St.
Madison, WI 53711

Please upload my letter to Legistar #60646

p.s. I have written to you numerous times on this topic. Edgewood has from the outset sought to make this, a local neighborhood issue, into a City issue, orchestrated by a public relations team that managed to place a featured Wisconsin State Journal editorial in favor, followed by one by Mitch Hencks, in addition t

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Edgewood Appeal
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 4:14:36 PM

From: Patricia Friday <patricia.friday72@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:32:20 PM
To: All Alders; Stouder, Heather; Mayor; Evers, Tag
Subject: Edgewood Appeal

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Dear Alders,

My name is Patricia Friday and I have lived at 1050 Woodrow Street 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. Yet - Edgewood's priority is to force stadium lights on a residential neighborhood! How entitled! It is interesting that they chose this time with all the major problems the city is 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 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 in their homes and the increased traffic on their streets. I wonder how they would feel if 80' tall lights were erected near their homes.

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"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 the 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

My name is Richard Friday. We have lived at 1050 Woodrow St. across the street from Edgewood for over 40 years. I'm asking you to turn down Edgewood High School's request for stadium lighting as well as future requests for amplified sound because their application does not satisfy the conditional use standards of the city. It would degrade the quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood and diminish property values of those who live nearby.

The Edgewood schools already intrude upon the neighborhood with noise and light pollution, traffic and parking issues. These have escalated significantly over the past several years and are getting worse. It is transforming the neighborhood. Some people have already moved because of it.

Last winter the Mayor, City Council, and the City Attorney threw the neighborhood under the bus when they allowed Edgewood to exit their Master Plan agreement. They did it in spite of overwhelming opposition from the DMNA, Vilas Neighborhood association, Greenbush Neighborhood Association, the Alder and the recommendation of the Plan Commission. There was also intense opposition from close neighbors who formed the "No New Stadium" group and obtained legal council. The decision to let Edgewood out of their agreement, perhaps because of the religious discrimination threatened lawsuit, was outrageous. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH !!! Just say "NO".

Edgewood High School is a tax exempt, private commuter school. About three fourths of their students come from outside of the neighborhood. They drive in from Fitchburg, Verona, Middleton, Shorewood, Maple Bluff and points beyond. When combined with college traffic and Monroe St. commuters as well as insufficient parking, the neighborhood is already stretched. They refuse to engage in a meaningful dialogue with the neighbors and the alder. . Widely misunderstood to be just six nights of high school football games the actual plan approaches an event every-other-night, a level of use obviously incompatible with residential neighborhoods. They are also not compatible with the city's guidelines for development. Do the right thing. Turn down their request

Edgewood's lighting request ignores the issue of noise A sound engineer working for Edgewood College in 2010-11 measured the ambient sound level of a typical summer evening on Woodrow Street rimming the west side of campus. It was around 43 decibels which is about the level of hum your refrigerator makes. Other measurements while games were actually in session in October 2019 taken inside houses across the street from the field *with windows open* found the decibel level to be 84. That's what a diesel truck going 40 mph 50 feet away from you sounds like. Residents could not converse with each other in their living rooms. Add to the above mix a sportscaster wanting to be heard over the crowd, a

pep band or canned music or two of those at the same time. Evening plans would be put on hold or completely upset every time there is a game. You can get back to your normal life after 10 p.m

We are the owners of the properties at 938, 1050 and 1054 Woodrow St. Our residence is 1050 Woodrow St. and the adjacent properties are rental houses. Last year the property taxes were more than \$54,000.. This is more than all of the tax exempt Edgewood schools combined. In addition, Edgewood schools also own several rental properties on adjacent streets which are removed from the city tax rolls. This puts additional burdens on the rest of the citizens. Your approval of this burgeoning sports marketing venue will decrease all adjacent property values.

I find it outrageous and insulting that Edgewood would put this proposal forward during Thanksgiving week while under a Pandemic shutdown emergency. This illustrates why there is a deep level of distrust between the neighborhood and Edgewood. The distrust has been well earned.

Please deny the proposal. It does not meet city standards.

Thank you,

Richard Friday

1050 Woodrow St

Madison, Wi. 53711

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: oppose Edgewood lights and sound
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:09:43 PM

From: KAY C GABRIEL on behalf of KAY C GABRIEL <kgabriel@wisc.edu>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 3:58:02 PM
To: Stouder, Heather
Subject: oppose Edgewood lights and sound

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Ms. Stouder, please uploaded this letter to legistar #60646

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 the

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Subject: Fw: Lights at Edgewood do NOT meet standards. Vote no on #60646
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:00:38 PM

From: Yael Gen <mizgen@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 10:18:38 PM
To: All Alders; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Lights at Edgewood do NOT meet standards. Vote no on #60646

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To the Common Council,

I didn't think I'd have a lot to be thankful for this year, but I was wrong. The last time I wrote to you about this subject was the day before my cancer surgery. I am happy to report that I am cancer-free and one of the things I am so thankful for is the quiet of my home. My bedroom is 417 feet from the scoreboard of the Edgewood High School playing field. A little more than a year ago, my 6 weeks of recovery would have been accompanied by incessant field noise, including starter pistols and sirens.

I wish that the school would have waited a year, as Alder Rummel suggested at the Plan Commission decision denying the lighting application. Because the master plan was repealed in January, the community has not experienced the unlimited use of the field (without lights) for an entire year. It would be helpful to have real data before making recommendations and it harms no one to wait. The present application harms many and benefits few. Frankly, the "revised" application posted a few days ago does not differ significantly from the old application. I cannot see a single incidence of compromise on Edgewood's part.

The suggestion that they be permitted to install the lights on a trial basis is absurd. You can't unring a bell. Any trial would have to involve a temporary light and sound system.

The Edgewood High School application does not meet the Conditional Use Standards.

No application for a conditional use shall be granted by the Plan Commission unless it finds that all of the following conditions are present: (including these)

- *The establishment, maintenance or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or general welfare.*
- *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.*

Lights equal noise.

It is impossible to discuss the installation of stadium lights without addressing accompanying noise. The noise levels proposed by EHS far exceed the 40dB nighttime noise values recommended by the World Health Organization for sustainable urban settings. The installation of lights on this campus field in such close proximity to homes and the Lake Wingra watershed does not meet the approval standards. [Research shows that introducing lights](#) and the [accompanying loud noise](#) can have a **significant impact on human health**, as well as damaging ecosystems and diminishing the intrinsic value of the community.

Personally, my family will lose the **enjoyment and use** of the screened-in porch in front of our house and the deck in the back. It is not possible to have a conversation when there is a game on the field. The noise influenced my decision to shutter my freelance design business in January and take on more hours

at the University. It was too difficult to conduct client phone calls and virtual presentations not knowing when we would be drowned out by game noise. 65dB is as loud as a vacuum cleaner. The impulse noise is louder. And my home office is at the back of my house. On the second floor. We all know what it is like to conduct business at home now. If you look at [Edgewood's own studies](#) (page 15), I will experience noise exceeding the legal limit day and night (and this study did not even include a starter's pistol or siren in their sound measurements).

It is certain that **traffic and parking will be a problem**. It is already well-established that there is not enough parking available for the campus as evidenced by no vacant spaces on adjoining streets when school is in session.

A Pattern of Deceit

In addition, I am puzzled as to why the city would **reward a pattern of bullying and deceit**.

First the field was the compromise.

EHS promised it was "just a practice field." ([EHS president Mike Elliot, WSJ 5/6/15/2015](#))

EHS played over 70 games in violation of the Zoning Board of Appeals decision. (July 11, 2019)

EHS jettisoned the master plan agreement. (October 2019)

Now, unlimited day games is the compromise.

EHS cries "let the kids play."

The kids can play. All. Day. Long.

And until the pandemic closed the field, they did. In fact, they still hold practices in violation of the public health order. There are never any consequences for them.

Edgewood says "treat us like the public schools."

I say, go ahead.

Even though they are not a public school. Edgewood High School is a private school. They don't have the same rules as a public school. They charge tuition and can reject any student they please. But that aside, three of the five public schools in the city of Madison — East, West and Shabazz— do not have stadiums and will never get them. Why? Because they are in densely populated areas where private residences are immediately adjacent to the fields. Memorial is the only exception and the apartment complex that is in close proximity was built AFTER the stadium was established. So, yes, treat them like our public schools.

Stadium lights will bring stadium problems. We already have one stadium on Monroe Street. We surely do not need another.

The Common Council should uphold the nearly unanimous Plan Commission decision and vote NO on the lights.

Thank you. Wishing you continued good health,

Yael Gen
860 Woodrow Street
(less than 500 feet from the field)

Please upload my letter to Legistar #60646

Notes:

[EHS presentation to DMNA, December 2018](#)

[Ambient Noise Measurements and Grandstand Noise Simulation](#)

[Model for Edgewood High School, prepared by Talaske and TLC Engineering](#)

[Noise sources and their effects, Purdue University](#)

[World Health Organization Housing and Health Guidelines](#), World Health Organization

[Human and Environmental Effects of Light Emitting Diode \(LED\)](#)

[Community Lighting, American Medical Association](#)

[Is Noise Pollution the Next Big Public Health Crisis, New Yorker](#)

[Video from a vantage point corresponding to 830 Woodrow Street](#)

[Video from a vantage point corresponding to between 812 and 820 Woodrow Street](#)

[Video from a vantage point of 750 feet from the sideline](#)

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Subject: Fw: edgwood games
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:01:54 PM

From: kathy gerhardt on behalf of kathy gerhardt <k_gerhardt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 6:33:44 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor; Evers, Tag; Stouder, Heather
Subject: edgwood games

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I live in the Edgewood neighborhood and would be really sad if Edgewood was given permission to make noise and light pollution in one of the only large natural environments in the city. The famous UW Arboretum has worked very carefully to keep their environment research quality and now Edgewood is asking to destroy that oasis of peace and quiet with sports. Many sports are on the wane with injuries that cause permanent damage and covid causing social distancing necessary. Many of us use the area around Edgewood for solace during these troubled times. Please don't turn paradise into another Camp Randall. This neighborhood takes on more than enough of our share of the stress of aggression.

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Subject: FW: Vote to deny the installation of lights on the Edgewood Athletic field that is immediately adjacent to Monroe and Woodrow streets (Ref file #60646)
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 6:13:18 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Common Council 20201126 - Josh Gettle.pdf](#)
[Letter to Madison planning board 20201126 Reference Documents.zip](#)

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Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <hstouder@cityofmadison.com>
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Alder Evers,

Attached is my letter to the Common Council requesting you deny Edgewood's Conditional Use Permit application for Installation of lights. Also attached is a zip file that contains the contains my previous letters and referenced documents.

Please vote to deny the installation of lights on the Edgewood Athletic field that is immediately adjacent to Monroe and Woodrow streets.

Heather,

Please upload to my letter to Legistar #60646

Thank you,

Josh Gettle
2356 West Lawn Ave
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To: Common Council
From: Joshua Gettle – 2356 West Lawn Ave, Madison WI 53711

26 NOV 2020

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Subject: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

01 JAN 2019

Edgewood is a private non-profit tuition-based school campus that resides in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood (www.dmna.org). I attended multiple meetings for the proposed Edgewood Stadium with my neighbors and Edgewood. Edgewood wants to have a permanent stadium playing field immediately adjacent to its neighbors on Woodrow and Monroe Streets in Madison. You must see the “practice field” location to truly appreciate what they are proposing to visualize the effect a permanent stadium will have on the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood.

Personally, I believe you should be able to do whatever you want to do on your own property as long as it is not to the detriment of your neighbors. For example, I may want to divert rain water away from my house to prevent flooding in my basement, but I should not be able to divert my rainwater downspouts to my neighbor’s house and routinely flood their basement. Edgewood is proposing to do something very similar to the analogy above. My concerns about crowd noise, lighting and parking are below.

I have heard everything from the stadium will only be used for the High School Football team for a few games at night; to it will be used for 40 night games for various events; to it would be a great asset for the neighborhood and benefits many other organizations in Madison. I have a hard time believing that this stadium is only going to be used by the Edgewood High School which is why in the past I have asked the question concerning the number of events projected. Edgewood is going to want to maximize the return on the investment of this privately held asset.

I am very concerned about crowd noise. If we get lost in the technical solution provided in the presentation, it is easy to lose sight of the human impact (e.g. a crowd cheering for their team). It can be a vicious cycle of cheers of joy supporting your team when you are winning or being the “twelfth man” trying to prevent from your opponent’s team from being able to communicate. The average volume provided in the presentation (average over duration) is not a good representation of what my neighbors are going to experience from peak noise levels. If this is allowed to move forward, crowd noise is not enforceable, and the community residents will have to live with noise. This will have serious effects on my neighbors to the point I fear we will not be able to enjoy our residential properties, so this private, tuition-based institution can have a stadium in our neighborhood. We should be allowed to make enhancements to our properties, but not when they are to the detriment of our neighbors.

Personally, I do not want to see this neighborhood change. We chose this neighborhood because we recognized it was special. We do not want the noise and light pollution and other challenges the stadium is going to bring. Edgewood’s presentation was for 30 fc based on what they received from the group trying to sell them the solution. We saw members of the sales team once, and they were more Account Executives than engineers who would or could honestly answer questions when challenged on what was presented. Edgewood’s presentation was modeled for 30 fc of lighting.

I am disappointed there was not verification of the study provided to Edgewood to certify the results and assumptions made by the sales team trying to make the sale. The sales team is selling a solution and will assure Edgewood it will work for their application. Edgewood will implement the solution, and when it does not work as projected. Edgewood will request

additional changes that will invalidate what Edgewood presents to you and will continue to negatively impact its neighbors. For example, Edgewood will cite something like student athlete safety requiring the light illumination level to be raised to a higher value (50 fc is the NCAA recommendation). I do not want to see anyone get hurt due to poor lighting on the field because Edgewood decided to believe what is was presented.

I am also concerned about parking based what is proposed. Edgewood would like us to believe parking will not be a problem because they have sufficient parking stalls based on their estimates, but once people who are not local to the Dudgeon Monroe community figure out that it is faster for them to park in our neighborhood and walk to the stadium, they will park in our neighborhood, and they will walk to avoid parking on Edgewood campus and the associated traffic issues to them when they try to either get to a game or leave from a game. There is a reason we have 2-hour enforceable parking limits without a residential permit during the day on our streets near Edgewood's campus.

Finally, a point was made concerning what happens to property values if this moves forward. We have something special here today. Once it is gone, it is gone forever and there is no turning back. I firmly believe if this change is allowed to move forward what makes our neighborhood special will be gone. As a result, I believe property values will decline because of the negative effects presented, noise, parking, lighting, etc. The neighborhood will become a less sought location for families and the result is property values will decline. Who is left to absorb the financial impact when the revenue generating property taxes for the Dungeon Monroe neighborhood public school drop?

It would be financially irresponsible for Edgewood to invest additional funds to the existing "practice field" to see what the impact would be to neighborhood. Based on what the existing practice field looks like today they may have already been financially irresponsible, or maybe they always had the intention to have a permanent stadium in Dungeon Monroe even though this was not what was presented in its 10-year plan. Perhaps this was always the plan despite the damage Edgewood would cause to their neighbors. It is impossible for me to know what is in the hearts and minds of the people behind Edgewood, but it does not feel like they are living to up to their values.

Based on past their past performance with promises made (e.g. practice field used for games), Edgewood cannot be trusted to implement a solution that will not create problems for its neighbors. There are other places not in this peaceful, treasured, densely populated residential community where this private tuition-based institution can have a sports facility that would not be immediately adjacent to a dense residential community. We have something special here. Once it is gone, it is gone forever. Please vote no on the Edgewood stadium proposal.

I am disappointed I will not be able to attend the planning commission meeting personally. I will be out of state due to military commitments.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns,



Joshua Gettle
2356 West Lawn Ave

To: Madison Planning Board

28 APR 2020

From: Joshua Gettle – 2356 West Lawn Ave, Madison WI 53711

Subject: Conditional Use Permit Application by Edgewood High School for Outdoor Athletic Field Lighting (Reference File #60001)

References:

1. My letter to the Madison Planning Board dated 01 JAN 2019
2. My letter to the Madison Planning Board dated 11 OCT 2019
3. Edgewood mailer to neighborhood "FACTS ABOUT OUR PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GOODMAN ATHLETIC COMPLEX AT EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL"
4. My letter to the Madison Planning Board dated 01 JAN 2020

Edgewood wants to have a lighting installed to extend use of its athletic field immediately adjacent to its neighbors on Woodrow and Monroe Streets in Madison. You must see the field location to truly appreciate and visualize what stadium lights will do to the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood. Exhibit A in their application shows a top view of the outdoor athletic field placement, but you really have to see the land first hand to appreciate what is being asked, and why it is so detrimental to the neighborhood. Please vote to deny Edgewood's light application permit.

Having an outdoor athletic field adjacent and within 300 feet of over 20 residential properties is incompatible to the health and safety of not only residence immediately across from the athletic field on Monroe and Woodrow streets, but also for the larger surrounding neighborhood. I live about 2 blocks away from the field. I could hear the illegally hosted events last year from inside my house while the field was still governed by the Edgewood Master Plan. I could also hear the repetitive blowing of whistles from the athletic field during practices and games.

I am very concerned about crowd noise. It is easy to lose sight of the human impact a crowd cheering for their team, or making noise to limit their opponent's team ability to communicate. It can be a vicious cycle of cheers of joy supporting your team or being the "twelfth man" in opposition trying to prevent the visiting team's ability to communicate. The safety and welfare of the neighborhood residents is at stake because the neighborhood is no longer protected since the city has released Edgewood from the master plan allowing it to turn its practice field into a competitive athletic complex that will not be enforced by Madison's residential noise ordinances.

Edgewood has not negotiated in good faith with its neighbors, the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood association, or the city. Edgewood abandoned its master plan, it abandoned discussions with the neighborhood association, and it filed a frivolous lawsuit to bully its way to get what it wanted against the city and advance it desires to host games. I do not listen to what people say; I watch what they do. I am watching. I am interested to see what the city values more: the desires of a private institution with

transient stakeholders and a legal team, or the actual neighborhood residents that have voiced their concerns about their health and safety time and time again as a community.

My position is quite simple the noise that will be produced from the athletic field that was foolishly placed across the street from not one, but two densely populated residential streets is incompatible with the health and safety of the surrounding Dudgeon Monroe residential neighborhood and the peaceful enjoyment of personal property - see DMNA opposition letter to the addition of lights to the field at Edgewood High School. In my opinion having a source of noise adjacent to residential property that is not regulated is irresponsible. **To have that noise generation extend to more hours in a day facilitated by lights is reckless.**

Ultimately, I would like to see the Campus Institution zoning amended to protect the residents of my neighborhood and other city residents to include language that any Campus Institution zoned outdoor athletic field that is within 300 feet of 10 residential properties be limited to 10 events per calendar year (as measured from the closest point of a residential property to the closest point of the athletic field). I would also be clear in my definition of what 10 means (for example 2 boys' soccer games, 2 girls' soccer games, 2 track competitions, 3 football games and 1 graduation commencement equals 10 events). The institutions can host whatever events they want, but the total number of events cannot exceed 10 for an outdoor athletic field that is within 300 feet of 10 residential properties.

I heard and understand we need to follow our laws, but what do you do if the laws are flawed and loopholes are exposed? Based on the flawed language used in the Campus Institution zoning that was interpreted to mean voluntary in allows voluntary out in regards to Master Plans perhaps we would be better off removing Campus Institution zoning and rolling back to the zoning that was in place previously. Alternatively, something like my proposed solution in the paragraph above could be applied as an amendment to protect the residents of the city by **limiting the annual rate of occurrence of noise producing outdoor athletic field events.**

You should look closely at what happened in other places with similar situations. We have something special in the neighborhood today. Once it is gone, it is gone. I firmly believe if this change is allowed to move forward what makes our neighborhood special will be lost. As a result, I believe property values will decline because of all the negative effects including additional health risks resulting from unregulated noise exposure. I am also concerned about parking, lighting, traffic issues, and property values as described in my initial letter dated 01 JAN 2019, but unregulated noise is my major concern.

Based on their past performance, (e.g. practice field used for games, abandoning the master plan process, misleading claims of working with neighborhood, etc.), Edgewood cannot be trusted to implement an outdoor athletic field solution that is compatible with adjacent neighborhood residential property use. It will create problems for its neighbors and the surrounding community. It will damage the health and welfare of its neighbors

and the surrounding community. There are other places not where this private tuition-based institution could have an outdoor athletic field with lights not immediately adjacent to densely populated residential areas. Please vote to deny the conditional use permit application by Edgewood High School for athletic field lighting.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua Gettle". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Joshua Gettle
2356 West Lawn Ave

To: Plan Commission and Common Council
From: Joshua Gettle – 2356 West Lawn Ave, Madison WI 53711
Subject: Edgewood Campus Master Plan Repeal Ordinance (#56839)

11 OCT 2019

References:

1. Edgewood mailer to neighborhood “FACTS ABOUT OUR PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GOODMAN ATHLETIC COMPLEX AT EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL.”
2. My letter to the Madison Planning Board dated 01 JAN 2019

Edgewood is acting like it is the only stakeholder in the Edgewood Campus Master Plan that governs activities associated with its property. The public, the communities where Edgewood resides, and the city are also major stakeholders in the master plan agreement.

There was a great deal of work and compromise that went into the development of the Edgewood Campus Master Plan that is in effect. Edgewood has taken advantage of the opportunities the master plan provided to its benefit. Recently, Edgewood has been cited for zoning violations rooted in its master plan agreement numerous times by hosting competitions on its athletic field. Now, Edgewood wants to shortchange its neighbors, public, community and other stakeholders by requesting a special ordinance because it is not getting it way based on the agreement it made when it entered into the master plan process.

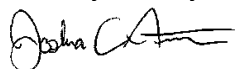
The appropriate path Edgewood acknowledges as outlined in Edgewood’s community mailer from President Mike Elliot is to request a change to the master plan via the amendment process when changes are needed. My letter dated 01 JAN 2019 was in response to Edgewood submitting its request for an amendment to address my concerns and ensure my voice was heard. Edgewood decided not to act on its amendment request for the Edgewood Campus Master Plan for only reasons Edgewood can answer...

I am not a lawyer, but I do meet the reasonable person standard. In my simplest terms, the one hundred and eighty-seven page master plan is an agreement with the following key elements:
Offer – Willingness to enter into an agreement on certain terms
Consideration – Each party gets something of value (development of property, public use, and knowing what to expect for the duration)
Acceptance – Meeting of the minds to agree upon benefits and concessions of all stakeholders.

Edgewood voluntarily entered into the master plan agreement to get the benefits it desired. They should not be able to walk away from the agreement after benefitting from it without consideration to other stakeholders that are also part of the agreement. Changes to master plans are permitted if needed. This is why there is an amendment process for master plans. I suggest if Edgewood wants to terminate its master plan it should also do this through the amendment process to ensure all parties agree on how the master plan agreement will be terminated. Legislating a special exemption to benefit only one party is not a precedent to set.

Your vote matters. Please vote in opposition to repeal the Edgewood Campus Master Plan and ask Edgewood to pursue their desires through the amendment process that is in place.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns,



Joshua Gettle
2356 West Lawn Ave

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: edgewood stadium lights and sound -- NO
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 8:14:08 AM

From: lgoldman@daveygoldman.com <lgoldman@daveygoldman.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 8:02 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: edgewood stadium lights and sound -- NO

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I'm an email in response to Edgewood's never ceasing demands to put lights and sound in their stadium and to use them incessantly throughout the year. I've voiced opposition previously and will do so again now. Please reject Edgewood proposal. This is getting ridiculous. Each proposal requests more and more games, more and more usage of lights and sound. Can you please say no once and for all so we can be done with this affront?

Lisa C. Goldman
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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
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:06:43 PM

From: Charles Hammer on behalf of Charles Hammer <chhammer@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 6:54:28 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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Adding our voices in opposition the Edgewood's latest proposal'

Edgewood is a smallish high school and college plugged into a residential neighborhood, where the schools and neighbors have co-existed well for years. But now Edgewood is proposing to essentially make its space a commercial enterprise. Schools should be schools, doing what schools do. If it is a matter of surviving financially, well find ways to do so as schools, not as a commercial sport arena. Is there really any other way of looking at this situation?

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Edgewood plan submission for December1, 2020
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 2:58:39 PM

From: Harry Harrison <wrharrison@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 2:15:03 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Mayor; Stouder, Heather; Evers, Tag
Subject: Edgewood plan submission for December1, 2020

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Dear Mayor and Members of the Common Council,

Once again we are asking you NOT to approve the latest submission by Edgewood High School for the proposed construction of the stadium project. While this most recent attempt to get approval from the city to start this project, called a “compromise” by Edgewood, actually is an increase in requests for the number of events proposed as well as the obvious increase in objectionable noise, congestion of traffic and light pollution - an unusual compromise to say the least; after all, a compromise involves the lessening - not the increase - of objectionable conditions. As residents of the City of Madison and nearby neighbors to Edgewood as well, we urge you not to approve this proposal which might benefit this high school, but does so to the detriment of the neighborhood and the City of Madison itself. Thank you for your consideration of this important proposal.

Please vote against it.

Thank you.

Harry Harrison
Jessie Lindner
Judith Heilizer

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: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:09:22 PM

From: Catherine Jagoe on behalf of Catherine Jagoe <cajagoe@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 4:43:00 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Stouder, Heather; Mayor; Evers, Tag
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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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 t

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Oppose the lights at Edgewood: Myth vs. Facts (handout attached)
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 6:43:28 AM
Attachments: [Factcheck-handout.pdf](#)

From: Jeffrey Jerred <jcjerred@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 9:45:31 PM
To: All Alders; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Oppose the lights at Edgewood: Myth vs. Facts (handout attached)

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To the Common Council:

I live across the street from the proposed stadium.

Edgewood High School submitted a “revised edgewood proposal for lights” to all of you. It is posted on legistar. Attached is a handout to counter Edgewood's false claims.

1. Edgewood believes their students deserve the same treatment as other schools in Madison with regard to its athletic field.

Edgewood cherry picks which “other” schools it compares itself to: neither my alma mater, East High School, nor my daughter’s alma mater, West High school, have playing fields with lights on their campus. These public high schools, like Edgewood, are situated in dense residential areas. Edgewood prefers to compare itself to Memorial and La Follette, but their campuses are located in very different zoning areas.

2. Edgewood claims they have worked to assuage any and all community concerns regarding the installation of lights at their field. It highlights the number of meetings it has held with community members.

Edgewood conveniently overlooks the fact that, despite the number of meetings it has held with neighbors, it has not substantively addressed the neighborhood concerns raised at those meetings. The fact is that with lights comes sound, yet Edgewood refuses to modify its application to include noise mitigation.

3. Edgewood provides a 7-year timeline of events that positions it as the victim of discrimination.

The fact is that Edgewood:

- voluntarily entered into a Master Plan that restricted field use,
- Sought to amend the Master Plan to allow for a stadium to be built
- Chose to vacate the Master Plan when it realized the proposed amendments were not supported by the neighborhood, rather than listen and respond to the concerns raised

By vacating its Master Plan, Edgewood WAS treated like other schools without master plans and it was required to apply for a conditional use permit. Edgewood

applied and that application was denied because it did not meet city standards, **Edgewood chose to appeal the decision rather than modify its application to meet standards.**

4. Edgewood claims the field lights meet city ordinances

In fact, the most disruptive impact of lights is refracted light, which is not addressed in city ordinances, but which science shows has significant negative impacts on both humans and wildlife. Regardless of proposed limitations on the use of lights, the negative impacts remain.

5. Edgewood claims the lights they are proposing are in use in other locations in the city.

In fact, the comparators they provide are all at much greater distances from residences than the Edgewood field, and the lights were replacement - not new - fixtures.

6. Edgewood claims that they completely meet the zoning requirements for lights.

In fact, the zoning requirements for a conditional use permit were not met, as Edgewood's application did not address the negative impacts on established uses of surrounding properties, nor did it provide substantive mitigation measures for these impacts, chief among them being noise.

7. Edgewood claims they have "done their homework," by complying with city ordinances, agreeing to restrictions recommended by city staff, and delaying its appeal by five months so it could try to reach a compromise with neighbors.

In fact, compliance with current city ordinances is insufficient to grant a conditional use permit and Edgewood's application did not meet the relevant city standards. The Plan Commission found that city staff recommendations were insufficient to address the substantive negative impacts of Edgewood's proposal, and requested Edgewood meet with neighbors to achieve a compromise. In those meetings, neighbors provided specific and concrete feedback as to the impacts of the lights and offered specific recommendations for measurement and mitigation - and Edgewood repeatedly dismissed both the feedback and the recommendations.

Facts matter.
Please vote no.

Thank you,
Jeffrey Jerred
860 Woodrow Street

Please upload my letter to Legistar #60646

MYTHBUSTERS

EDGEWOOD EDITION

To: Madison Common Council

From: Jeffrey Jerred, Woodrow Street resident

Subject: Edgewood athletic field lights

Edgewood High School submitted a document to all of you that offers alternative facts. Following is a fact check of that document.

1. *Edgewood believes their students deserve the same treatment as other schools in Madison with regard to its athletic field.*

FACT : Edgewood cherry picks which “other” schools it compares itself to — neither my alma mater, East High School, nor my daughter’s alma mater, West High school, have playing fields with lights on their campus. These public high schools, like Edgewood, are situated in dense residential areas. Edgewood prefers to compare itself to Memorial and La Follette, but their campuses are located in very different zoning areas.

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FACTS: Edgewood

- voluntarily entered into a Master Plan that restricted field use,
- sought to amend the Master Plan to allow for a stadium to be built
- chose to vacate the Master Plan when it realized the proposed amendments were not supported by the neighborhood, rather than listen and respond to the concerns raised

By vacating its Master Plan, Edgewood thought it would then be treated like other schools without master plans. Edgewood was treated like other schools and required to apply for a conditional use permit. Edgewood accordingly applied. When that application was denied because it did not meet city standards, Edgewood CHOSE to appeal the decision rather than modify its application to meet standards.

4. *Edgewood claims the field lights meet city ordinances*

FACT: The most disruptive impact of lights is refracted light, which is not addressed in city ordinances, but which science shows has significant negative impacts on both humans and wildlife. Regardless of proposed limitations on the use of lights, the negative impacts remain.

5. *Edgewood claims the lights they are proposing are in use in other locations in the city.*

FACT: The comparators they provide are all at much greater distances from residences than the Edgewood field, and were replacement — not new — fixtures.

6. *Edgewood claims that they completely meet the zoning requirements for lights.*

FACT: Zoning requirements for a conditional use permit were not met, as Edgewood's application did not address the negative impacts on established uses of surrounding properties, nor did it provide substantive mitigation measures for these impacts, chief among them being noise.

7. *Edgewood claims they have "done their homework," by complying with city ordinances, agreeing to restrictions recommended by city staff, and delaying its appeal by five months so it could try to reach a compromise with neighbors.*

FACT: Compliance with current city ordinances is insufficient to grant a conditional use permit and Edgewood's application did not meet the relevant city standards. The Plan Commission found that city staff recommendations were insufficient to address the substantive negative impacts of Edgewood's proposal, and requested Edgewood meet with neighbors to achieve a compromise. In those meetings, neighbors provided specific and concrete feedback as to the impacts of the lights and offered specific recommendations for measurement and mitigation - and Edgewood repeatedly dismissed both the feedback and the recommendations.

EDGEWOOD MYTH VS. FACT FACTCHECK

Edgewood claims they have worked with the community residents and city officials to understand concerns regarding the use of lights on the athletic field.

FACT: Edgewood has met with representatives from the Dudgeon Monroe and Vilas neighborhoods but most members of the community have no idea what had been going on in these meetings. As a condition of meeting, Edgewood demanded that discussions and proposals reviewed by this small group not be shared outside the group. The first time the neighbors saw the current proposal was when it was posted to legistar the week of Thanksgiving. This document represents a fact sheet surrounding this effort.

MYTH: *Lighting of the field will shine too much light in neighborhood homes.*

Edgewood claims:

- City ordinance prevents light spill beyond property lines and multiple additional steps have been taken to ensure lights will not disrupt neighborhood homes.
- Edgewood plans to use Musco Lighting to install new dark-sky compliant LED lights on the athletic field. There will only be four poles with options of 68-or 80-foot poles.
- Three other facilities in Madison installed these types of lights with success.
- Use of lights for non-practice events will initially be limited to 30 games and increasing to potentially 40 games in 2023.
- Lights will be shut off no later than 7 p.m. for practice events.
- Lights will be shut off 30 minutes following the conclusion of a scheduled non-practice event and no later than 11 p.m. On Friday and Saturday nights. And no later than 10 p.m.. Sunday-Thursday.

FACT: City ordinance does not address refracted light, or “light glow,” which is fickle and cannot be controlled. Refracted light causes neighborhoods to be “lit up like a ballfield,” disturbing both human and animal health and well-being. Lights that have been installed were grandparented in, as they were replacements of current installations.

MYTH: *Edgewood doesn't meet the zoning requirements.*

FACT: The plan commission determined that Edgewood's application **does not meet conditional use standards**. Edgewood fails to meet approval standard 6. A. 3., which states:

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.

https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/documents/PC_Review_Standards.pdf

- Every high school in Madison has some combination of residential districts adjacent to their athletic fields. Of the five public high schools in Madison — East, La Follette, Memorial, West and Shabazz only Memorial and La Follette have playing fields with lights. These two high schools are primarily bounded by non-residential zoning districts. Conversely, east and west are primarily bounded by high density residential zoning districts. In other words, the impact of lights at La Follette and memorial are not borne by residences but by commercial and other properties not in use when lights are in use.
- In 2018 Memorial High School applied for and received administrative approval of a light permit to install 12 outdoor lighting poles for fields by submitting an application in compliance with the City's Outdoor Lighting ordinance. IMPORTANTLY, they were improving existing lights with lights that are less disruptive.
- Edgewood submitted a conditional use for lights that was recommended by the Madison city staff. The permit was denied by the Plan Commission despite city staff's recommendation because the Plan Commission determined that the standards were not met. This vote did not squeak by. It was a 7-1 decision. City staff thought that mitigation of sound was important, but its strategy of doing so by limiting the number of lighted events was determined to be insufficient by the plan commission due to the harm caused by even one event.

MYTH: *Edgewood hasn't done all of their homework.*

Edgewood claims it has complied with all City ordinances, agreed to additional City staff recommended restrictions and requested a five-month delay on the hearing of its appeal to try to reach a compromise with opponents of the lights.

FACT: For starters, Edgewood has not looked up the definition of compromise. Defined by Merriam Webster: *a. settlement of differences by arbitration or by consent reached by mutual concessions; b. something intermediate between or blending qualities of two different things.* Edgewood continues to present virtually the same plan over-and-over and met with community leaders so they can say they tried despite the fact that they conceded nothing. Edgewood has not acknowledged that noise is a byproduct of lights and that the level of noise created by current games exceeds current ordinances as well as world health organization standards. Mitigation of noise is required to allow lights.

Edgewood claims the repeal of the Master Plan confirms Edgewood can continue to use its athletic field in the same manner as it has done for more than 90 years and as other Madison high schools are allowed under Campus Institutional zoning.

FACT: The repeal of the master plan released Edgewood from AN agreement with the community that acknowledged the harms to the neighborhood created by use of the athletic field for anything other than practices. They are now legally permitted to play unlimited games and practices. Lights will extend this use to the evening, absent any assessment of the impact of the current new use of the field for unlimited games. One could argue that this is in opposition to conditional use standard 4, which requires the orderly development over time of a new use.

Edgewood claims they have met with the neighborhood associations and neighbor appointed liaison groups several times to work toward a compromise to address concerns of individual neighbors regarding the installation of lights.

FACT: Compromise is the operative word here. To date, Edgewood has not moved from its initial proposal, and despite a counter proposal from the neighborhood that addresses its key concerns, Edgewood continues to not acknowledge the real disruption caused by amplified sound, crowd noise AND lights, and as a result offered no MEANINGFUL compromise, such as a limit on decibel levels, which the neighborhood proposed.

Edgewood claims that commissioned lighting, sound, and environmental studies conclude THAT Edgewood meets or exceeds all city ordinances.

FACT: Edgewood fails to acknowledge that its own commissioned study concluded that even with as few as 150 spectators, noise at adjoining properties **would exceed current city ordinance levels**. Edgewood further fails to acknowledge that current city ordinances do not address crowd noise and noise from non-stationary sources, such as a portable pa system. However, conditional use standards require that any application not impede or negatively impact established uses of surrounding properties. Neighbors have documented how current day games impede normal uses of their property, such as sleeping, working from home, and outside uses (whether enjoying a porch or deck, gardening, or holding conversations with neighbors). Noise levels documented from neighbors prove that even a phone call to a spouse deployed to Afghanistan made in a room with windows closed is disrupted by pa system noise, crowd noise and scoreboard siren noise.

Edgewood claims conditional use standards have been fully met. Including a compromise by the school to erect only four dark-sky compliant lights with two options of 68-or 80-foot poles.

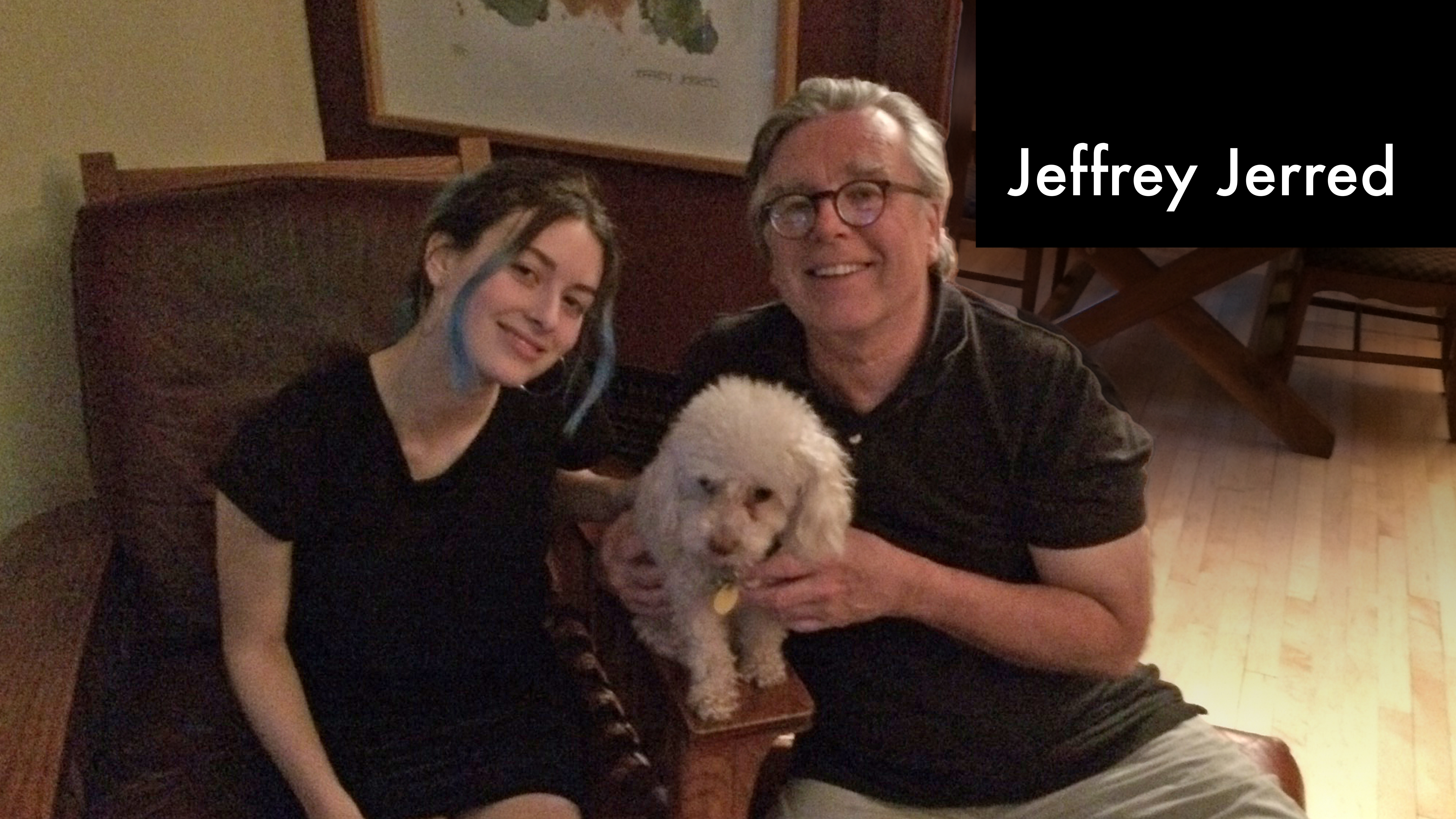
FACT: As noted earlier, city ordinances apply only to direct light spillage onto adjoining properties, such as the lights on a car dealership or a parking lot. They do not address refracted light, or light glow, which can cause a neighborhood to be “lit up like a ballpark” in the words of an alder describing Breese terrace.

These lights would be closer to residences than they are to the high school building. They are also proposing punt lights that will shine light directly upwards into the sky, further exacerbating sky glow.

Edgewood claims their 2019 light permit application met all requirements of the City’s Outdoor Lighting ordinance as confirmed by City staff.

FACT: What Edgewood isn’t saying is that the city’s outdoor lighting ordinance is intended for parking lots and commercial buildings with safety lights, not ballparks. Meeting the city ordinance is insufficient to meeting standard 3 for a conditional use permit, as acknowledged by the Plan Commission decision of May 11.

Jeffrey Jerred



From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Vote December 1 to deny Edgewood's appeal, Legistar file #60646
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:04:27 PM

From: Kerby, Holly W on behalf of Kerby, Holly W <HKerby@madisoncollege.edu>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 10:46:12 AM
To: Martin, Arvina
Cc: Stouder, Heather; Clerk; All Alders
Subject: Vote December 1 to deny Edgewood's appeal, Legistar file #60646

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Dear Alder Martin,

In May of 2020, Edgewood High School (EHS) applied to the Plan Commission for a conditional use permit to install lights and play night games on their athletic field. In their deliberations the Plan Commission concluded that the EHS application did not meet conditional use standards¹ because the lights and noise produced during night games were likely to have a negative impact on community. Therefore, the Plan Commissioners voted to deny the application and advised EHS to research the impact that day games already had on the community before proposing lights for nighttime games. The decision also stated that research and meaningful noise mitigation were a prerequisite to further discussion.

EHS ignored the judgement and advice of the Plan Commission and appealed to the Common Council. On December 1, 2020, you will vote on whether to uphold or overturn the PI

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: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:06:27 PM

From: Eric Kerlow on behalf of Eric Kerlow <Eric1@Kerlow.net>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 7:45:50 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Stouder, Heather; Evers, Tag
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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To the Common Council,

Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision and vote NO on Edgewood's application for stadium lights. Lights and amplified sound are incompatible and highly burdensome to their residential neighbors and harms the natural respite of those visiting adjacent Lake Wingra, With the spring 2020 Safer In Place Order we learned how important protecting accessible community natural resources is to the mental and physical health of Madison's population. The football needs of Edgewood privileged parents and players in not more important than whole of Madison. This school has many other stadium alternatives including purchasing 5 or 10 acres of farm land 15 minutes from their main campus, where they could construct a facility without any conflict of residential neighbors.

Sincerely,

Eric Kerlow
2007 Adams St.
Madison, WI 53711

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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Appeal of Plan Commission action on Conditional Use request for 2219 Monroe Street, Legistar ID 60001, Agenda Item #4
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 7:41:52 PM

From: M B King <mbk_kef@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 7:37 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Appeal of Plan Commission action on Conditional Use request for 2219 Monroe Street, Legistar ID 60001, Agenda Item #4

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Dear Alders, Common Council City of Madison,

I am writing about Edgewood High School's appeal of the Plan Commission's decision to deny Conditional Use to install stadium lights. I urge you to REJECT this appeal.

Private (property) rights do not "trump" community input or impact, in my view. The current Covid situation is making this even more apparent and important. This athletic field construction will be detrimental to the surrounding neighborhoods and to the environment. Edgewood's private benefit should not out-weigh a public good.

As Edgewood states, "This is done to fulfill our mission, meet the safety and athletic needs of our students and conference, and attract more students to Edgewood." But, there are no public or community benefits. Are stadium lights necessary to accomplish these goals? Certainly there are other mechanisms for the school to pursue to meet these needs.

If only there were some good faith efforts to reach a workable compromise! Edgewood says, "We will continue to meet with our neighbors to understand and address reasonable concerns through the process." But they don't, recycling their proposal with no attempt to meet neighborhood association's requests. Many of us in the neighborhood actually don't begrudge Edgewood its own athletic events on the site, within certain parameters. But their current request for such an impactful expansion of use should be rejected, given that there are

no specific, limiting, reasonable parameters that would minimize the impacts on the surrounding area, AND NO effort to establish them, as the Plan Commission urged.

Thank you for your consideration and service,

M. Bruce King
[873 Terry Place](#)
[Madison, WI 53711](#)

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to Edgewood's Appeal of Plan Commission's Decision
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:02:39 PM

From: Sally Lehner on behalf of Sally Lehner <sa_lehner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 2:53:33 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor; Evers, Tag; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Opposition to Edgewood's Appeal of Plan Commission's Decision

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Madison living in the Vilas Neighborhood, within a short walk to Edgewood's field, I am writing to ask that you please uphold the 7-1 decision of the Plan Commission that found Edgewood's application does 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."

The Plan Commissioners have suggested that Edgewood should observe, measure and research the impact that day games already have on the community before moving toward expansion of field usage to nighttime hours, stating that research and meaningful noise mitigation are a prerequisite to further discussion about community support for lights on the field and the impacts that nighttime use will bri

To: Common Council

01 JAN 2020

From: Joshua Gettle – 2356 West Lawn Ave Madison, WI 53711

Subject: Vote to oppose Edgewood's petition to be released from the Edgewood Campus Master Plan (56839 Repeal of the Campus Master Plan)

References:

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3. Edgewood mailer to neighborhood "FACTS ABOUT OUR PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GOODMAN ATHLETIC COMPLEX AT EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL"

Bottom Line Upfront (BLUF): The only purpose of this proposed legislation is to create another loophole for Edgewood and its lawyers to exploit against our city. To understand why I feel this way, please see the references accompanying this letter. It is sad for me to say, but the dishonest nature of Edgewood has eroded community trust in this organization.

City Council needs to fully appreciate the ramifications of their vote on Edgewood's request to be released from the Edgewood Campus Master Plan. From what I have seen, the catalyst for all of this is the Stadium Edgewood has been trying to force on its neighbors. City Council needs to see firsthand where Edgewood put the athletic field to gain a full appreciation of what will happen if city council decides to vote to release Edgewood from the Edgewood Campus Master Plan. All that was agreed to in this substantial document would be nullified if the Campus Master Plan was removed.

Edgewood and the surrounding communities have both benefitted from having a Master plan in place. Edgewood has been able accomplish projects and the neighborhoods have benefitted from knowing what to expect and consideration for how things would be done to protect the neighborhoods. Edgewood is in effect saying I got what I need now let me out of the agreement without consideration to other stakeholder, like the city and the neighborhoods. Legislating a special exemption to benefit only one party is not a precedent to set. There is a process for Edgewood to move forward with changes today. It is to amend the Edgewood Campus Master plan.

Edgewood withdrew from this option and instead decide to first have the zoning administrator interpret the language of the master plan citing that was not was not was meant by the language in the document. When that plan failed they then appealed to the zoning board. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 4-0 against Edgewood and to uphold what was in the master plan. When Edgewood again did not get what they wanted they petitioned the administration to introduce legislation to allow the Master plan to be withdrawn. Then they then sued the city in federal court. After the Mayor withdrew her support, they petitioned another Alder to carry their request forward.

You must decide if you want to create an opportunity for Edgewood to further exploit the city and its neighbors. Please vote in opposition of allowing Edgewood to exit the Edgewood Campus Master plan. Please ask yourselves: What if this was my neighborhood and my neighbors? Do you support the private nonprofit corporation and its transient stakeholders, or the citizens of Madison you represent? I encourage you to listen to what the different neighborhood associations have said regarding the impact. There would be harm to the public

and neighborhoods if Edgewood is allowed to create this loophole through your legislation to be further exploited.

Please vote against repealing the Campus Master Plan for Edgewood and encourage Edgewood to return to the master plan amendment process. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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Joshua Gettle
2356 West Lawn Ave
Madison, WI 53711

To: Common Council

04 JUL 2020

From: Joshua Gettle – 2356 West Lawn Ave, Madison WI 53711

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Thank you,



2356 West Lawn Ave
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To: Common Council
From: Joshua Gettle – 2356 West Lawn Ave, Madison WI 53711

26 NOV 2020

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Here we are again. After filing earlier this year, repetitively delaying, and I guess ultimately needing to refile. Edgewood is again parading out an Appeal of the Madison Planning Boards decision on May 11, 2020. The Planning Commission could not find the conditional use permit met the requirements to recommend approval for further consideration.

Nothing has changed since then except we are in faced with a Pandemic that has profoundly changed how we live our lives until we can prove we can overcome it. So I find myself asking why I am going through the trouble of writing this letter. My answer is simple, I do not trust Edgewood based on their past actions, and I want to make sure I am heard under new filing 60646 like I was heard under filing 60001.

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To: Madison Planning Board
From: Joshua Gettle – 2356 West Lawn Ave, Madison WI 53711
Subject: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

01 JAN 2019

Edgewood is a private non-profit tuition-based school campus that resides in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood (www.dmna.org). I attended multiple meetings for the proposed Edgewood Stadium with my neighbors and Edgewood. Edgewood wants to have a permanent stadium playing field immediately adjacent to its neighbors on Woodrow and Monroe Streets in Madison. You must see the “practice field” location to truly appreciate what they are proposing to visualize the effect a permanent stadium will have on the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood.

Personally, I believe you should be able to do whatever you want to do on your own property as long as it is not to the detriment of your neighbors. For example, I may want to divert rain water away from my house to prevent flooding in my basement, but I should not be able to divert my rainwater downspouts to my neighbor’s house and routinely flood their basement. Edgewood is proposing to do something very similar to the analogy above. My concerns about crowd noise, lighting and parking are below.

I have heard everything from the stadium will only be used for the High School Football team for a few games at night; to it will be used for 40 night games for various events; to it would be a great asset for the neighborhood and benefits many other organizations in Madison. I have a hard time believing that this stadium is only going to be used by the Edgewood High School which is why in the past I have asked the question concerning the number of events projected. Edgewood is going to want to maximize the return on the investment of this privately held asset.

I am very concerned about crowd noise. If we get lost in the technical solution provided in the presentation, it is easy to lose sight of the human impact (e.g. a crowd cheering for their team). It can be a vicious cycle of cheers of joy supporting your team when you are winning or being the “twelfth man” trying to prevent from your opponent’s team from being able to communicate. The average volume provided in the presentation (average over duration) is not a good representation of what my neighbors are going to experience from peak noise levels. If this is allowed to move forward, crowd noise is not enforceable, and the community residents will have to live with noise. This will have serious effects on my neighbors to the point I fear we will not be able to enjoy our residential properties, so this private, tuition-based institution can have a stadium in our neighborhood. We should be allowed to make enhancements to our properties, but not when they are to the detriment of our neighbors.

Personally, I do not want to see this neighborhood change. We chose this neighborhood because we recognized it was special. We do not want the noise and light pollution and other challenges the stadium is going to bring. Edgewood’s presentation was for 30 fc based on what they received from the group trying to sell them the solution. We saw members of the sales team once, and they were more Account Executives than engineers who would or could honestly answer questions when challenged on what was presented. Edgewood’s presentation was modeled for 30 fc of lighting.

I am disappointed there was not verification of the study provided to Edgewood to certify the results and assumptions made by the sales team trying to make the sale. The sales team is selling a solution and will assure Edgewood it will work for their application. Edgewood will implement the solution, and when it does not work as projected. Edgewood will request

additional changes that will invalidate what Edgewood presents to you and will continue to negatively impact its neighbors. For example, Edgewood will cite something like student athlete safety requiring the light illumination level to be raised to a higher value (50 fc is the NCAA recommendation). I do not want to see anyone get hurt due to poor lighting on the field because Edgewood decided to believe what is was presented.

I am also concerned about parking based what is proposed. Edgewood would like us to believe parking will not be a problem because they have sufficient parking stalls based on their estimates, but once people who are not local to the Dudgeon Monroe community figure out that it is faster for them to park in our neighborhood and walk to the stadium, they will park in our neighborhood, and they will walk to avoid parking on Edgewood campus and the associated traffic issues to them when they try to either get to a game or leave from a game. There is a reason we have 2-hour enforceable parking limits without a residential permit during the day on our streets near Edgewood's campus.

Finally, a point was made concerning what happens to property values if this moves forward. We have something special here today. Once it is gone, it is gone forever and there is no turning back. I firmly believe if this change is allowed to move forward what makes our neighborhood special will be gone. As a result, I believe property values will decline because of the negative effects presented, noise, parking, lighting, etc. The neighborhood will become a less sought location for families and the result is property values will decline. Who is left to absorb the financial impact when the revenue generating property taxes for the Dungeon Monroe neighborhood public school drop?

It would be financially irresponsible for Edgewood to invest additional funds to the existing "practice field" to see what the impact would be to neighborhood. Based on what the existing practice field looks like today they may have already been financially irresponsible, or maybe they always had the intention to have a permanent stadium in Dungeon Monroe even though this was not what was presented in its 10-year plan. Perhaps this was always the plan despite the damage Edgewood would cause to their neighbors. It is impossible for me to know what is in the hearts and minds of the people behind Edgewood, but it does not feel like they are living to up to their values.

Based on past their past performance with promises made (e.g. practice field used for games), Edgewood cannot be trusted to implement a solution that will not create problems for its neighbors. There are other places not in this peaceful, treasured, densely populated residential community where this private tuition-based institution can have a sports facility that would not be immediately adjacent to a dense residential community. We have something special here. Once it is gone, it is gone forever. Please vote no on the Edgewood stadium proposal.

I am disappointed I will not be able to attend the planning commission meeting personally. I will be out of state due to military commitments.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns,



Joshua Gettle
2356 West Lawn Ave

To: Madison Planning Board

28 APR 2020

From: Joshua Gettle – 2356 West Lawn Ave, Madison WI 53711

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Edgewood wants to have a lighting installed to extend use of its athletic field immediately adjacent to its neighbors on Woodrow and Monroe Streets in Madison. You must see the field location to truly appreciate and visualize what stadium lights will do to the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood. Exhibit A in their application shows a top view of the outdoor athletic field placement, but you really have to see the land first hand to appreciate what is being asked, and why it is so detrimental to the neighborhood. Please vote to deny Edgewood’s light application permit.

Having an outdoor athletic field adjacent and within 300 feet of over 20 residential properties is incompatible to the health and safety of not only residence immediately across from the athletic field on Monroe and Woodrow streets, but also for the larger surrounding neighborhood. I live about 2 blocks away from the field. I could hear the illegally hosted events last year from inside my house while the field was still governed by the Edgewood Master Plan. I could also hear the repetitive blowing of whistles from the athletic field during practices and games.

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To: Plan Commission and Common Council
From: Joshua Gettle – 2356 West Lawn Ave, Madison WI 53711
Subject: Edgewood Campus Master Plan Repeal Ordinance (#56839)

11 OCT 2019

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2. My letter to the Madison Planning Board dated 01 JAN 2019

Edgewood is acting like it is the only stakeholder in the Edgewood Campus Master Plan that governs activities associated with its property. The public, the communities where Edgewood resides, and the city are also major stakeholders in the master plan agreement.

There was a great deal of work and compromise that went into the development of the Edgewood Campus Master Plan that is in effect. Edgewood has taken advantage of the opportunities the master plan provided to its benefit. Recently, Edgewood has been cited for zoning violations rooted in its master plan agreement numerous times by hosting competitions on its athletic field. Now, Edgewood wants to shortchange its neighbors, public, community and other stakeholders by requesting a special ordinance because it is not getting it way based on the agreement it made when it entered into the master plan process.

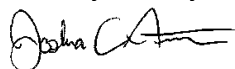
The appropriate path Edgewood acknowledges as outlined in Edgewood’s community mailer from President Mike Elliot is to request a change to the master plan via the amendment process when changes are needed. My letter dated 01 JAN 2019 was in response to Edgewood submitting its request for an amendment to address my concerns and ensure my voice was heard. Edgewood decided not to act on its amendment request for the Edgewood Campus Master Plan for only reasons Edgewood can answer...

I am not a lawyer, but I do meet the reasonable person standard. In my simplest terms, the one hundred and eighty-seven page master plan is an agreement with the following key elements:
Offer – Willingness to enter into an agreement on certain terms
Consideration – Each party gets something of value (development of property, public use, and knowing what to expect for the duration)
Acceptance – Meeting of the minds to agree upon benefits and concessions of all stakeholders.

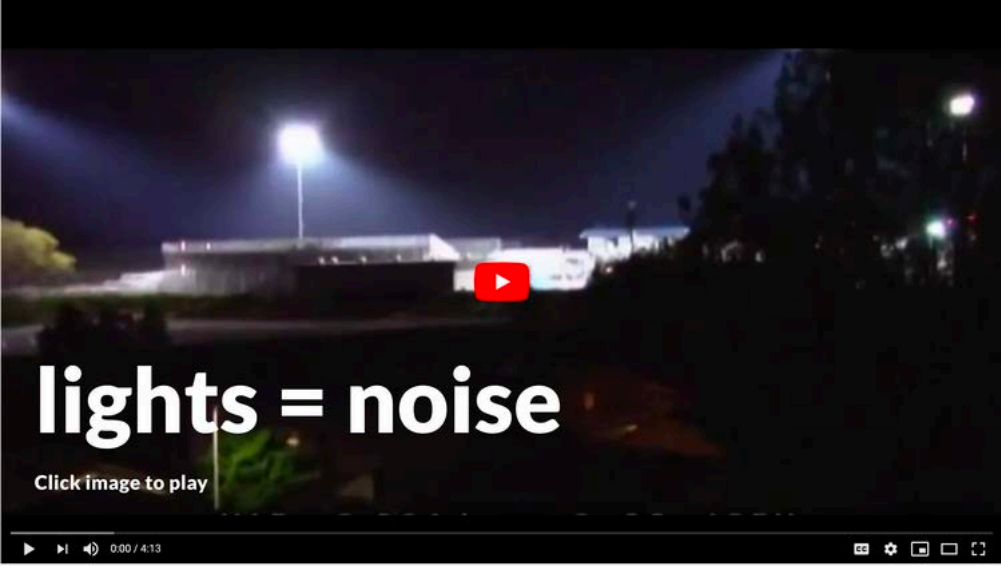
Edgewood voluntarily entered into the master plan agreement to get the benefits it desired. They should not be able to walk away from the agreement after benefitting from it without consideration to other stakeholders that are also part of the agreement. Changes to master plans are permitted if needed. This is why there is an amendment process for master plans. I suggest if Edgewood wants to terminate its master plan it should also do this through the amendment process to ensure all parties agree on how the master plan agreement will be terminated. Legislating a special exemption to benefit only one party is not a precedent to set.

Your vote matters. Please vote in opposition to repeal the Edgewood Campus Master Plan and ask Edgewood to pursue their desires through the amendment process that is in place.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns,



Joshua Gettle
2356 West Lawn Ave



lights = noise

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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Please Support Edgewood College
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:11:06 PM

From: Kurt M. Lindsley, P.E. on behalf of Kurt M. Lindsley, P.E. <klindsley@municipalfilter.com>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 8:11:06 AM
To: Bidar, Shiva
Cc: All Alders; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Please Support Edgewood College

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Shiva,

We live in the Regent-Dudgeon Neighborhood not far from Edgewood College (1909 Commonwealth Ave). I've come to understand the Common Counsel will be hearing an appeal on the Edgewood College lighting issue on Tuesday. I would like to express my families strong SUPPORT for Edgewood college and for the plan commissions denial to be overturned.

My wife & 2 children feel strongly that Edgewood is a fine community citizen and the opposition to their request is based on fear and hysteria and overblown thoughts of nightly mayhem. The opposition is loud, but please understand there are many families like ours that enjoy local events like those proposed, particularly if our kids can possibly use those facilities as ongoing members of our community.

If necessary, feel free to upload my letter to "Legistar #60646" in Support of the Edgewood proposal.

Thanks for your efforts,

Ku

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: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:06:04 PM

From: Carol Mitchell on behalf of Carol Mitchell <carol_l_mitchell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 10:24:52 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Stouder, Heather
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 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,

Please upload my letter to Legistar #60646

Carol Mitchell

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Edgewood proposal
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:00:11 PM

From: lenelson@mail.com <lenelson@mail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 8:49:42 AM
To: Henak, Zachary
Cc: Mayor; Stouder, Heather; All Alders
Subject: Edgewood proposal

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Dear City of Madison leaders,

I am writing to express my concern for Edgewood's continued proposal for lights and sound at the Goodman field. Their proposal would be a disruption to the neighborhood with more noise, lights and traffic.

I am also dismayed that more than half of the students at Edgewood do not reside in the neighborhood, much less Madison. This alone will produce more traffic.

West High School continues to have their "home field" off-site, and without much complaint. I know this is not ideal, but I think that is the trade-off for being a school in a dense neighborhood.

Please vote NO to any further alteration to Edgewood's Goodman field.

Thank you,
Linda E. Nelson
2162 Keyes Avenue
Madison, WI 53711

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: 29NOV: Edgewood stadium issue
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 7:34:56 PM

From: Brendan O'Donnell <brendanjod@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 6:30 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: 29NOV: Edgewood stadium issue

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Greetings Folks:

I'd like to express my concerns and opposition to Tag, the Common Council and the Mayor regarding Edgewood's stadium proposal to install lights to their football stadium. Allowing them to expand the disruption it will cause into the night will impair and diminish the quality of life for the folks that live in this neighborhood.

Please do not approve this Edgewood proposal. As a downtown resident that is already affected by these types of events I am opposed and would like you folks to be aware and join me in my opposition. Don't let another neighborhood get hoodwinked by an organization, join in with the neighbors and say enough and no!

Thank you all, stay safe and very best regards.

Brendan J. O'Donnell
137 South Brittingham Pl.
Madison, WI 53715-1442

(Home) 608 258 1788 (Mobile) 608 556 2808 (email) brendanjod@yahoo.com

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision that opposed Edgewood's lights and amplified sound.
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:09:53 PM

From: Evers, Tag
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 1:11:19 PM
To: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Fw: Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision that opposed Edgewood's lights and amplified sound.

Please add to the file.

Thanks.

Tag Evers
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From: J MARK POWELL <mark.powell@wisc.edu>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 12:33 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: shawnschey@yahoo.com
Subject: Fw: Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision that opposed Edgewood's lights and amplified sound.

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From: J MARK POWELL
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 12:29 PM
To: district13@cityofmadison.com <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Taylor-Powell, Ellen (etp2023@gmail.com) <etp2023@gmail.com>; shawnschey@yahoo.com <shawnschey@yahoo.com>
Subject: Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision that opposed Edgewood's lights and amplified sound.

To: Tag Evers,

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Kindly upload this correspondence to legistar # 60646
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:04:43 PM

From: J MARK POWELL on behalf of J MARK POWELL <mark.powell@wisc.edu>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 10:35:44 AM
To: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Fw: Kindly upload this correspondence to legistar # 60646

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Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 12:29 PM
To: district13@cityofmadison.com <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Taylor-Powell, Ellen (etp2023@gmail.com) <etp2023@gmail.com>; shawnschey@yahoo.com <shawnschey@yahoo.com>
Subject: Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision that opposed Edgewood's lights and amplified sound.

To: Tag Evers, Alder, District 13 City of Madison

November 27, 2020

As our Alder representative on the Common Council, City of Madison, I kindly ask you to vote to uphold the Plan Commission's decision that opposed Edgewood's request to install lights and amplified sound.

I've been an Edgewood neighbor for 24 years, for 18 years just one block from Edgewood campus in the Vilas Neighborhood, and for 6 years about the same distance in the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. During this period, Edgewood has been a very good neighbor! For exa

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Common Council Meeting Item #60646, 12/01/2020 at 6:30 pm
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 6:06:48 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

From: Maria Rattunde <maria.rattunde@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 6:03 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Common Council Meeting Item #60646, 12/01/2020 at 6:30 pm

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Dear Mayor, Common Council, and Alders.

I am writing to ask you to: please vote NO to Edgewood's request to allow fixed lighting and amplified sound on the sports field.

My husband and I both went to Edgewood High school. We moved onto Woodrow Street in 1991, the field is basically in our front yard (see google satellite photo below). We value our neighborhood and fear it will lose its charm should the fixed lighting be allowed on the field. Please consider the following and vote NO to Edgewood's request.

- Please review Edgewood's reference photo with the goal post, its height is 30' tall.
 - Each proposed light will be 68' or 80' tall. They will be dominating permanent eyesores.
- Although Edgewood believes there is no environmental impact, "light pollution" contradicts that. Human wildlife is not a good substitute for animal wildlife.
- Edgewood is a neighborhood school that does not want to work with its neighbors; please ask for the dates and outcomes of the meetings. We have learned that stating they have worked with the neighbors is not always proof.
- Although games have been played on the field for a very long time, lights and a sound system are an afterthought that will negatively impact the neighborhood. Please remember the technology did not exist when the games were first played on that field! Current technology is not good enough per the engineering studies.
- The Planning Commission voted NO for very good reasons; they value good neighborhoods.

Thank you for your time and consideration in keeping the quality of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Maria Rattunde
838 Woodrow St
Madison, WI 53711



From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Edgewood Stadium issue
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 6:42:22 AM

From: Brad Ricker <pinelakewi@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 11:10:55 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Cc: All Alders; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Edgewood Stadium issue

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Dear Alders,

You have undoubtedly heard from a lot of citizens of Madison regarding the Edgewood High School (EHS) application to install lights and more on their campus athletic field. And from many non-citizens, too, I imagine; I hope you will keep this latter point in mind as you consider your vote on the motion that is soon to be in front of you.

I will be brief. The appeal before you to overrule the decision of the Madison Plan Commission - which UNANIMOUSLY opposed the application by EHS - should be, by all appearances, "dead on arrival" in front of the Madison Common Council. I attribute it to the weird year we are having that this does not appear to be the case.

There are SO MANY reasons why permitting EHS to install lights and more on their athletic field would be wrong. I think that this divisive issue resembles the challenge that our country faces, where a significant portion of the citizenry appear willing to make short-term choices that have long-term, negative effects. It is clear that allowing EHS to add night games and expand the impact of their operations on nearby City of Madison neighborhoods, would bring long-term, negative consequences.

I won't review these negative consequences because I am sure they have all been presented to you, as they were to the Plan Commission. And that is the main reason that I ask you to vote AGAINST the appeal; this issue has already been carefully considered by elected and appointed citizens. And unanimously rejected by them. By citizens of Madison who have been chosen and endorsed by the Madison Common Council to be experts on planning issues. I don't think anything more needs to be said except "thank you" to the Plan Commission for their service, and the best way to do that, at this point in time, is to vote against the EHS appeal.

I hope the Plan Commission, numerous neighbors and I will have your support. I ask that my email/letter be uploaded to Legistar file #60646.

Brad Ricker

1815 Adams Street

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, November 25, 2020 3:45:38 PM

From: Ann Rivlin <amfrivlin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 3:43:06 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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Dear Members of the Common Council and Mayor Rhodes-Conway,

I am a resident of the Vilas neighborhood, and I am writing to ask you to oppose the conditional use permit application by Edgewood High School to install lights on their athletic field. I will make three points in this letter: (1) the lights will substantially diminish the enjoyment of other property in the area; (2) this stadium is unique compared to the locations of other high school stadiums in Madison; and (3) Edgewood's actions regarding the stadium demonstrate its administration cannot be trusted to comply with rules or respond to complaints, and the city will not take actions to enforce its rules.

First, I live on Garfield Street, and I frequently enjoy Vilas Park and the Park and Pleasure Drive. I hope that my home is far enough away from Edgewood to not be directly affected by the lights in my home (though, based on the experiences of neighbors of stadiums with similar lights in other parts of the country, sky glow may be a problem), but the park and the Park and Pleasure Drive absolutely will be. Having lights installed in Edgewood's stadium will substantially reduce the enjoyment of at least parts of Vilas Park and the Park and Pleasure Drive as it will be affected by lighting and noise from night games. In addition, I believe that allowing Edgewood to install lights at their stadium will be excessively disruptive to the community around Edgewood and significantly and negatively affect the quality of life of my neighbors—particularly those whose properties are across the street from the stadium and in the neighboring blocks.

Second, I have explored the neighborhoods that surround existing high school stadiums that have lights in Madison—those by Memorial High School and by LaFollette High School. Neither of these neighborhoods resemble that of Vilas or Dungeon Monroe. Memorial has very few residences near the stadium—most of the stadium is surrounded by Memorial, a middle school, and a multi-lane road. The LaFollette stadium is surrounded by both the school and a golf course. These stadiums are located at a greater distance from residences; the layout of the stadiums at these high schools that have lighted stadiums do not resemble the layout at Edgewood. Edgewood is uniquely located close to residences.

Third, Edgewood has, since at least 2015, been deceptive about its intentions regarding the stadium. At the time of the refurbishment of the field, Edgewood president Mike Elliot stated in a newspaper article that there would not be lights or sound at the field. However, the refurbishment of the field included laying the wiring for lights and sound installation. Edgewood also declared that it had to play home games at its field because Middleton had ended the contract that allowed Edgewood to play on Middleton's fields. This was not accurate; according to public records requests made of the Middleton School District, Edgewood was the party that ended the contract. These dishonest statements turned into actions by Edgewood that violate city ordinances—playing over 70 games last season despite city officials informing Edgewood that it was in violation of its zoning. It is clear from this history that Edgewood has little regard for honesty or complying with city rules when it comes to the stadium. Compounding this troubling history, is the City of Madison's unwillingness or inability to stop Edgewood from violating its prior zoning requirements. If there are complaints about the lights or noise from night games, its prior behavior leads me to believe that Edgewood will not care. Further, and even more troubling, the City of Madison will be unable or unwilling to act to protect its residents. This would be a frankly horrible precedent for Madison.

I appreciate your attention to my letter, and I again urge you to uphold the Plan Commission's decision to reject the conditional use permit application by Edgewood High School.

Please upload my letter to Legistar #60646.

Respectfully,

Ann Rivlin
Garfield Street

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: PLEASE UPHOLD PLAN COMMISSION DENIAL - FILE #60646
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:11:42 PM

From: Shawn Schey on behalf of Shawn Schey <shawnschey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2020 7:59:24 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Cc: All Alders; Stouder, Heather
Subject: PLEASE UPHOLD PLAN COMMISSION DENIAL - FILE #60646

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

My name is Shawn Schey, and for 35 years, I have lived about 700 feet from the Edgewood field scoreboard.

In 1968, the City Council made a gift to its citizenry. It banned motorboats on Lake Wingra on Madison's near west side weekends and holidays. Motorboats at other times could only operate at 6 mph. This measure has preserved the lake's peaceful ambiance for windsurfers, paddle-boarders, canoeists and birdwatchers.

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The Dudgeon-Monroe and Vilas neighborhood associations have been stewards of this Lake Wingra gift. Because it abuts the Edgewood campus, these two associations, while in negotiation with Edgewood through the creation of two Master Plans, consistently informed the high school that a stadium on their campus was not compatible with

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Edgewood proposal
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:02:25 PM

From: Francis Schrag on behalf of Francis Schrag <fschrag@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 5:45:06 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Cc: All Alders; Mayor; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Edgewood proposal

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We have lived in this neighborhood, on West Lawn Ave., for 48 years and have been subjected to Badger football Saturdays as well as night events every season. One such stadium with its noise, congestion & parking issues is more than enough for the residents of this area, an area that has often been under threat by various types of development. We are completely opposed to Edgewood's proposal which doesn't seem like a compromise, since it involves augmented lighting & potentially greater numbers of games than was originally suggested. Blaring noise and glaring lighting disturbing the peace of neighborhood residents and running counter to efforts to maintain dark skies remain totally unacceptable to us. Please do everything possible to consider the neighbors' point of view and vote down this intolerable proposal.

Francis & Sally Schrag

Shawn Schey

878 Woodrow St.









From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Edgewood Lights
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:02:14 PM

From: Lailah Shima on behalf of Lailah Shima <lailah.shima@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 5:55:30 PM
To: Evers, Tag; All Alders; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Edgewood Lights

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Dear Alder Evers and all Madison Alders,

Thank you for your conscientious service to our community. I'm grateful for all you do, for your strength and perseverance.

As a neighbor living three blocks from Edgewood and as someone concerned about the bats, owls, and other wildlife negatively impacted by stadium lights and noise, I urge you to uphold the Plan Commission's decision to deny the lighting permit requested by Edgewood.

Please upload this letter to Legistar #60646.

Thank you,
Lailah Shima

2434 Fox Ave.
Madison, WI 53711

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: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:09:12 PM

From: Ned Sibert on behalf of Ned Sibert <nedsibert@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 5:42:58 PM
To: Evers, Tag; All Alders
Cc: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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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 reasonable, decades-long 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

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Common Council Meeting Dec. 1- agenda item 4 - Opposition
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:02:51 PM

From: sobekcs@charter.net on behalf of sobekcs@charter.net <sobekcs@charter.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 12:54:41 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor; Evers, Tag; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Common Council Meeting Dec. 1- agenda item 4 - Opposition

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I am writing to confirm my opposition to Agenda Item 4 included in the Common Council Meeting scheduled for December 1, 2020.

I am a resident of the Regent neighborhood for over 20 years. My kids attended West High School, and I live within a block of West High School.

None of the four Madison public high schools have stadiums within densely populated neighborhoods. My kids were not harmed by participating in, and attending, sports at Mansfield and Lafollette stadiums. Those stadiums are not located within densely populated neighborhoods.

The Edgewood Campus stadium is located within a densely populated neighborhood. Why should a private education institution be allowed a stadium with lights and a sound system when it is not acceptable for a public school in a similar neighborhood (for example West and East High Schools) to have such an event space.

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To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:10:55 PM

From: Scott Spoolman on behalf of Scott Spoolman <sspoolman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 8:26:05 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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To the Common Council,

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.

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 year

This is to respectfully ask the City of Madison Common Council and Mayor to reject Edgewood High School's appeal and proposal to be considered at your December meeting for the following reasons:

1. The appeal claims a negotiated compromise between Edgewood HS and the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association. This is not accurate. Having attended, in person or virtually, almost every monthly meeting of DMNA, I have noted how diligently our representatives have conducted themselves, how they have honestly tried to engage Edgewood in productive meetings, and how often they report a clear lack of interest by Edgewood to seek actual, two-sided negotiated solutions. To all of us, Edgewood's approach seems to be to wear everyone down. To say the least, this is dispiriting. Yet we are the precise neighborhood most impacted by these decisions.
2. The "new" proposal slated for debate is both a throwback to 2017, and also now adds to the number of games, fudges the kinds of activities allowed, asks for brighter lights, and allows for not-quite-detailed or to-be-determined-later uses. This flies in the face of all the discussions we had in the past. Whether they hope one or two of these will "stick" is unclear. What is clear, again, is that they are not acting in good faith, and hope to bypass any need to compromise.

The last time Edgewood HS brought an appeal forward, some alders suggested that Edgewood take seriously some of the negative impacts of their games—noise levels, for example—and propose mitigation methods, all before drafting a final plan. This time, they are revealing what they really want, including lights, without real negotiation or compromise, to the table. Please reject this blatant attempt.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sandra E. Stark

2720 Gregory Street
Madison WI 53711
608-255-4195

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; is currently employed by an international company based in London, and resides in the Netherlands. I thank Edgewood for giving him the education and confidence to help him get where he is today.

This house is also where I married my current husband and we raised our daughter. We have lived here close to 30 years and consider this neighborhood to be one of the best neighborhoods in Madison. I cannot imagine living anywhere else, and have no desire to move to the country.



The photo on the left is what the practice field was like when we moved into our house. This is also where the annual fundraiser “EdgeFest” took place. I volunteered many hours back in the day and remember it well. They eventually stopped EdgeFest and decided to upgrade their field instead. The photo on the right is the current field, which you can see now dominates the entire area. They are now using the field as additional revenue by allowing other organizations to play competitive sports on it. This is not right.



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 field should remain a practice field as it was always intended to be and especially now due to its current location.

My home was already established before EHS upgraded their field and tried 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."

Please do what is right to protect our neighborhood and future generations. Please vote **no** to their request for lights and help us ensure that the field be used only for Edgewood practices and their physical education classes. Thank you.

Sue Statz
810 Woodrow St





From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood Statium
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 6:12:07 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Ellen Taylor-Powell <etp2023@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <hstouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: Edgewood Statium

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Dear Heather Stouder:

Please ensure that the letter (below) I just sent to you and the Alders is uploaded to legistar #60646.

Thank you,

Ellen Taylor-Powell

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ellen Taylor-Powell <etp2023@gmail.com>
Subject: Edgewood Statium
Date: November 27, 2020 at 12:10:09 PM CST
To: Tag Evers <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: allalders@cityofmadison.com, "Stouder, Heather" <hstouder@cityofmadison.com>

Dear Alder Evers,

We oppose the effort by Edgewood High School to appeal The Plan Commission's decision and try to install lights and amplified sound on their field. The Plan Commission already reviewed this issue and made a sound decision. EHS continues to ignore the problem of noise and its disruptive impact on the surrounding neighborhoods and nature preserves.

Frankly, this has gone on long enough. The City has more important issues to address. Existing decisions and processes are in place and need to be followed.

Please oppose this appeal.

Sincerely,

Ellen Taylor-Powell

Ellen and Mark Powell
881 Terry Place
Madison

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to item #4 Edgewood
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 2:59:38 PM

From: charkt@charter.net <chartk@charter.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 1:00:10 PM
To: Evers, Tag; All Alders; Mayor; Stouder, Heather
Subject: Opposition to item #4 Edgewood

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I would guess that each alderperson knows that most of their neighbors love their neighborhood. Yet sometimes we understand change is necessary for the COMMON GOOD. Football games with noise and lights is not that! I ask that you accept the Plan Commission recommendation to deny Edgewood's proposal please.

Sincerely
Char Thompson
2716 Gregory St.

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: EHS stadium
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 6:19:02 PM

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

From: Tracy Topalian <tatopalian@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 6:18 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: EHS stadium

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Hi

I just wanted to say that the “new EHS proposal” is just the same thing they have tried to push through in the past. The only “new” thing is that are still trying to lipstick on it but it’s still a pig, has always been one and always will be one. I feel like their strategy is to just try to wear opponents down with their refusal to take no for an answer

I’m sure you will continue to be flooded by EHS supporters from all over the city, including Middleton and Verona. Let’s face it if this is NOT in your own backyard your voice should not drown out those fewer in numbers whose home life will suffer if this plan is approved. I’ve lived in the DMN for 30+ years. I’ve been around long enough to understand how the politics of change is permitted or blocked in Madison.

People who live on shore wood hills have successfully fought further development of the land next to Waisman Center. They like their view, don’t want any more noise or cars cluttering up their neighborhood. Nakoma has actually had streets closed off because of some well placed residents that don’t want the extra cars that living on an egress or ingress street brings. And yes those streets were there first! Middleton has successfully blocked housing for lower income folks and just try to put something in Verona. It won’t happen.

The homes close to EHS will be irreparably harmed in terms of life quality and home value. The offer cited argument that “Edgewood was there first” is ridiculous. There was no football stadium there until recently and no one should expect someone should just move if they don’t want to live with the commotion a football stadium would cause. Sports are important yes, but that is a few years in a kids life and they move on. The people whose homes have been and will be there longer than that. They have roots in a community and have invested a lot of \$ to built their life here.

My kids went to West HS and no one died because they didn’t have their own football stadium. EHS feels entitled to have what no other Madison HS has.

It concerns me that many of the EHS parents have deep pockets and have connections to people in Madison city government that will be involved in this decision. They are a religious school and their reach and influence weaves through the business and religious communities. They have influence beyond what many of us I have. They have broken the rules and have gone without any consequences, have reneged on agreements, threatened to sue for religious persecution (What would Jesus do??) and just keep floating the same plan saying it’s new up the chain of command in the city.

I strongly state my opposition of allowing EHS to force this down our throats.

Thank you for listening.

May the force be with you tomorrow. I will pray for all of you.

Tracy Topalian and Brad Duncan

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Edgewood Appeal of Conditional Use denial
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:03:54 PM

From: gretchen twietmeyer on behalf of gretchen twietmeyer <gtwiet@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 11:16:45 AM
To: Stouder, Heather; All Alders
Subject: Edgewood Appeal of Conditional Use denial

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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 of this year I lived at 2260 West Lawn, very near the Edgewood field, for almost 47 years. That's nearly all of my adult life. I loved my home and neighborhood and Edgewood was the catalyst for my departure. The arrival of the hyped-up field with the announcement that there was a done-deal stadium involved plus the sudden institution of noisy wall-to-wall daytime use became the major stressor in my life. I garden so I'm outside alot, I enjoyed eating 3 meals a day on my deck in any decent weather, I didn't have AC

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw:
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:11:31 PM

From: Nicholas VanDerwerker on behalf of Nicholas VanDerwerker
<nick.vanderwerker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 2:04:36 AM
To: Stouder, Heather
Subject:

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Dear Heather Stouder,

My name is Nick, a resident of Madison near St. Mary's Hospital.

I ask that approval is not granted for Edgewood High School's appeal to build a new stadium on their athletic grounds. This type of building is not appropriate for the quiet residential community surrounding their school, benefits only a few privileged families who can afford to send their children to this private school (and some who receive scholarships to do so), and would lead to immense light pollution, noise pollution, and vehicle traffic in this residential zone. This construction would not benefit the public and would degrade nearby homes and neighborhoods. We hope that you will stand with me and my neighbors in opposition to this appeal.

Sincerely,
Nick VanDerwerker

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: [All Alders] Edgewood Stadium
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:11:17 PM

From: Evers, Tag
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 8:05:29 AM
To: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Fw: [All Alders] Edgewood Stadium

Please add to the file.

Thanks.

Tag Evers
DISTRICT 13 ALDER
CITY OF MADISON
(608) 424-2580
district13@cityofmadison.com

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From: nick.vanderwerker@gmail.com <nick.vanderwerker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 1:51 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Edgewood Stadium

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Nick VanDerwerker
Address: 613 S Mills St, Madison, WI 53715
Phone: 218-537-0988
Email: nick.vanderwerker@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Dear Alders,

My name is Nick, a resident of Madison near St. Mary's Hospital. First, please upload this letter to Legistar #60646.

I ask that the alders do not approve Edgewood High School's appeal to build a new stadium on their athletic grounds. This type of building is not appropriate for the quiet resident

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: I oppose Edgewood Stadium proposal
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 7:07:31 AM

From: MARTIN T ZANNI <zanni@chem.wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 7:03:28 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor; Evers, Tag; Stouder, Heather; Henak, Zachary
Subject: I oppose Edgewood Stadium proposal

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I am writing to tell you that I oppose the Edgewood Stadium proposal.

Martin Zanni
3853 Nakoma Rd.
Madison WI 53711

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose Lights at Edgewood Stadium
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 1:00:33 PM

From: Libby Gerds <libbygerds@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Oppose Lights at Edgewood Stadium

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Hello,

Thanks for your time. I'm writing to share my vehement opposition of the proposed Edgewood lights. We have lived in the neighborhood for 12 years, with seven years at 840 Woodrow Street. We love the neighborhood, and have appreciated Edgewood as neighbors for the most part. The light and noise at the stadium concerns us for a number of reasons. Currently, we have noticed that during the back-to-school events where Edgewood uses amplified noise (on a much further away part of campus), we can hear literally every word spoken in every room in our house with all the windows closed. Our front windows (my young kids' bedrooms) face directly into the stadium, and lights will be incredibly disruptive. I truly believe that the students at Edgewood (the vast majority of whom don't live in the neighborhood) deserve a great high school experience, which they can absolutely have with football games off campus as most kids in Madison do.

Thanks for your advocacy on behalf of our neighborhood and neighbors, and please be sure that you consider the sound and light impacts, at night, on neighbors with young kids, early bedtimes, and a peaceful neighborhood.

Thanks for your consideration.

Libby Gerds
840 Woodrow Street

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: December 1 Agenda Item 4: Comments in Opposition Edgewood's Conditional Use Appeal
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:58:58 PM

From: Wendy Fearnside <wendy.fearnside@att.net>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:52 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: December 1 Agenda Item 4: Comments in Opposition Edgewood's Conditional Use Appeal

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Statement on the Edgewood High School CUP Appeal and Imbrogio

By Wendy Fearnside, 912 Van Buren St., Madison

The issue before you is not just about lights. It is about whether the light and noise from nighttime games on the Edgewood athletic field will foreseeably diminish the value and enjoyment of nearby residential properties. If the stadium lights are approved, nighttime games will follow without the need for separate approval, and the die will be cast.

If Edgewood's appeal is approved with the conditions they have proposed, it would allow 40 nighttime football, soccer, lacrosse, and track competitions and other unspecified events on the field per year, with bright lights, loudspeakers and crowds of an estimated 100-700 people until 11 o'clock at night.

If Edgewood's appeal is approved as proposed, there will be no limits on the volume of amplified sound that nearby residences may be subjected to, even though use-generated noise is the number one issue of concern identified by the neighborhood. As has been stated in previous hearings, compliance with noise regulations is not routinely monitored and enforced by the City and, therefore, is not by itself sufficient to protect homes from excessive disturbance from game and event-related noise.

40 nighttime games with no limits on noise is lot. Would you want that across the street from your home?

Any conditional use approval should specify the following:

1. The maximum number of nighttime games and events that can take place on Edgewood's athletic field,
2. Measurable levels of light and amplified sound that nearby residences may be subjected to during such games and events, including the methods by which the impacts will be measured, and

3. How compliance will be monitored and enforced, including the consequences for violations.

Rather than trying to come up with appropriate and detailed conditions at the Council hearing, please just uphold the Plan Commission's decision. Deny Edgewood's appeal and, as the Plan Commission recommended, encourage Edgewood to work with its neighbors on a compromise solution and return to the Plan Commission with an amended conditional use application that is responsive to both its needs and those of the neighborhood.

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood field lights proposal appeal
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:58:03 PM

From: Susan Wolf <wolfsusan5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood field lights proposal appeal

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To the City of Madison Common Council

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 request that this letter be uploaded to Legistarn#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. 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. 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 all adjoining neighborhoods as well as environmental quality and enjoyment of Lake Wingra.

Sincerely, John and Susan Wolf

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Susan Will Wolf
1921 Madison St.
Madison, WI USA 53711
email: wolfsusan5@gmail.com

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Legistar #60646
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:41:23 PM

From: Rachel Lander <rlander42@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:38:38 PM
To: All Alders; Stouder, Heather; Mayor
Subject: Legistar #60646

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I am writing this email to share my position that I oppose allowing Edgewood to install lights and amplified sound. I hope that the Common Council upholds the Plan Commission's decision to deny the lighting permit. Edgewood's request would alter our neighborhood and quality of life -- the very reasons I chose to live in this neighborhood.

Please upload this letter/email to Legistar #60646.

I live at 2310 West Lawn Avenue, just one or two blocks from the Edgewood field.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Rachel Lander

2310 West Lawn Avenue

rlander42@gmail.com

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Vote to deny Edgewood's appeal of Plan Commission action on conditional use request for 2219 Monroe Street, Legistar ID 60001.
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:33:39 PM

From: David S. Liebl <david.liebl@wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:29:17 PM
To: Bidar, Shiva; All Alders; Mayor
Cc: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Vote to deny Edgewood's appeal of Plan Commission action on conditional use request for 2219 Monroe Street, Legistar ID 60001.

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Dear Shiva;

I am writing to express continued opposition to the proposed sports stadium improvements at Edgewood College. I urge you to vote to deny Edgewood's Appeal of Plan Commission action on Conditional Use request for 2219 Monroe Street, Legistar ID 60001.

For many years I worked with the Friends of Lake Wingra, the UW-Arboretum and the City of Madison to reduce the impact of urban outdoor lighting on Lake Wingra and the surrounding natural areas. Edgewood College has long been the single greatest source of light pollution to Lake Wingra. Adding a sports stadium with lighting will further degrade the experience of lake users and the local environment caused by Edgewood. Specifically:

- 1) As a user of Vilas Park, Wingra Park and Lake Wingra, the lighting and accompanying nighttime activity described in the conditional use application will prevent the enjoyment of the dark and quiet recreation now provided at these locations. This includes, amateur astronomy, canoeing, and the appreciation of the natural environment around Lake Wingra.
- 2) The proposed stadium lighting will raise ambient nighttime light levels along the Lake Wingra shoreline adjacent to Edgewood College. Although this was not calculated by MUSCO, the examples of similar installed lighting on the UW-Campus clearly have this impact. There is abundant scientific literature describing the detrimental effects on natural communities from disruption of circadian rhythms and predator-prey relationships caused by artificial lighting.
- 3) We support the objections of the residents of the Dudgeon-Monroe and Vilas Neighborhoods who will suffer the impact of the proposed conditional use, including the loss of dusk and the night on their properties when the proposed lighting is operational, and loss of peace, quiet and the enjoyment of the use of their properties when the proposed lights are in use.

David Liebl
2809 Sylvan Ave.

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David Liebl
david.liebl@wisc.edu

November 30, 2020

From:

Barbara Erlenborn, 2316 West Lawn Avenue, 1 block north of Monroe Street, 2 blocks from Edgewood Campus.

I am an Edgewood College graduate

I am a parent of 2016 Edgewood, high school student

TO: Honorable Mayor, Satya-Rhodes Conway; Madison Common Council; Madison Alders

Your Planning Commission was correct. Please uphold its May 2020 decision and **vote against** granting a conditional use permit for lights at the Edgewood/Goodman Athletic complex.

1. Noise levels. The May 2020 Planning Commission asked that Edgewood work to alleviate noise levels for the neighborhood. This abatement is not included in the current request for conditional use.

2. Number of non-practice games: Planning Commission requested that Edgewood and the neighbors arrive at a compromise for number of lighted non-practice games. The number of non-practice games has not been agreed upon. Edgewood is still requesting 30-40 lighted night time events until 10-11 PM at night. This is detrimental to the health and safety of the neighbors.

3. Time is on everyone's side. COVID will probably delay any Spring athletic events, so folks can and should negotiate.

Compromise is possible and must be achieved before any conditional uses are allowed. SEND EVERYONE BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

Respectfully,

Barbara Erlenborn

2316 West Lawn Avenue, Madison, WI

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Corywood, Julie](#)
Cc: [Dietz, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to Edgewood plan
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:12:13 PM

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

From: Tom Nordberg <tomnordberg@juno.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Bhanu Shiva <sbhanu@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalder@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Opposition to Edgewood plan

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Hi Shiva,

I would like to register my opposition to Edgewood's plan.

Would you please register my opposition to Agenda item #4, File #60646, "EHS Appeal of ID #60001".

I believe the neighborhood is better as it is, without adding extra night lights and amplified sound noise.

Thank you,

Tom Nordberg
2628 Van Hise Avenue
Madison, WI 53705

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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision on Edgewood's lighting application #60646 Vote NO
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:09:54 PM

From: Ted Thieme <mynamested@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 11:12 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision on Edgewood's lighting application #60646 Vote NO

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I am writing to ask that you uphold the Plan Commission's 7-1 decision on Edgewood's application for lights on their athletic field.

I strongly agree that the application does not meet the standards that state "The uses, values, and enjoyment of the other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner".

I believe that allowing lights (and the night games, noise, increased traffic that will come with them) will have a substantial negative impact on the neighborhood and nearby parks and Lake Wingra.

Edgewood may argue that they have tried to compromise with the neighbors on this issue. What compromise? The neighbors have already given them 80 day games and got nothing in return. As a matter of fact we gave up a Master plan that had been negotiated in good faith.

There are no night games now, so Edgewood's claim it has compromised by demanding 40 games would be like me asking the City of Madison to give me \$1,000,000.00 for nothing in return, just because I want the money, and then saying after five meetings I'll take only half a million dollars. If this is how compromise works in Madison, let me know. I'll put in my first request for a million bucks!

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion.
Respectfully,

Ted Thieme
2121 Adams St.
Madison, WI

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood's stadium proposal
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:09:38 PM

From: john bayley <redgreenjohn666@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood's stadium proposal

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Monday, Nov. 30, 2020

Dear Alder Tag Evers:

I am writing in opposition to Edgewood's stadium proposal. I have a garden plot at Eagle Heights Community Gardens. There are small athletic fields located on the other side of Picnic Point from our gardens. The distance is the equivalent of several city blocks. We hear everything from those athletic fields: Crowd noise, loudspeakers and piped music. The noise has to penetrate a dense woods to get to the gardens and it does!

The Edgewood Stadium would be a game changer for our neighborhood, Wingra Park, the UW Arboretum and Vilas Park. The noise, lights and traffic would have an extreme negative impact. Edgewood's "compromise" is only an expansion of their previous plans. I live at 717 Chapman St. so I am far enough away from Edgewood so that the Stadium would only be an annoyance at my home but I enjoy the park spaces that would be terribly spoiled and I pity neighbors who live right adjacent to Edgewood.

Sincerely,
John Bayley

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: 2020-12-01 Common Council Meeting, Item 4, Legistar #60646
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:04:53 PM

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From: Fraser Gurd <fgurd@inxpress.net>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 11:57 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: 2020-12-01 Common Council Meeting, Item 4, Legistar #60646

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Kindly upload this letter to Legistar #60646 - Thanks

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Re:
Agenda item 4
Madison Common Council Meeting
2020-12-01

Dear Members of the City of Madison Common Council:

I oppose the lights proposed for the Edgewood High School athletic field.

Lights will bring greatly increased evening noise.

I am at the other end of the neighborhood, 1/2 block off Regent Street, and have forty-two years of positive and negative experience with noise where I live. I do not think it appropriate to permit new, frequent, and excessive noise which would adversely affect neighbors' use and enjoyment of their dwellings. This proposal did not meet the standards for Plan Commission approval and I respectfully ask that you not approve the appeal of the Plan Commission's decision.

Thank you,

Fraser Gurd
1526 Jefferson Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53711

Marie Trest
Monroe St resident



Homes on Monroe St

Properties less than 100 ft from field and fully exposed

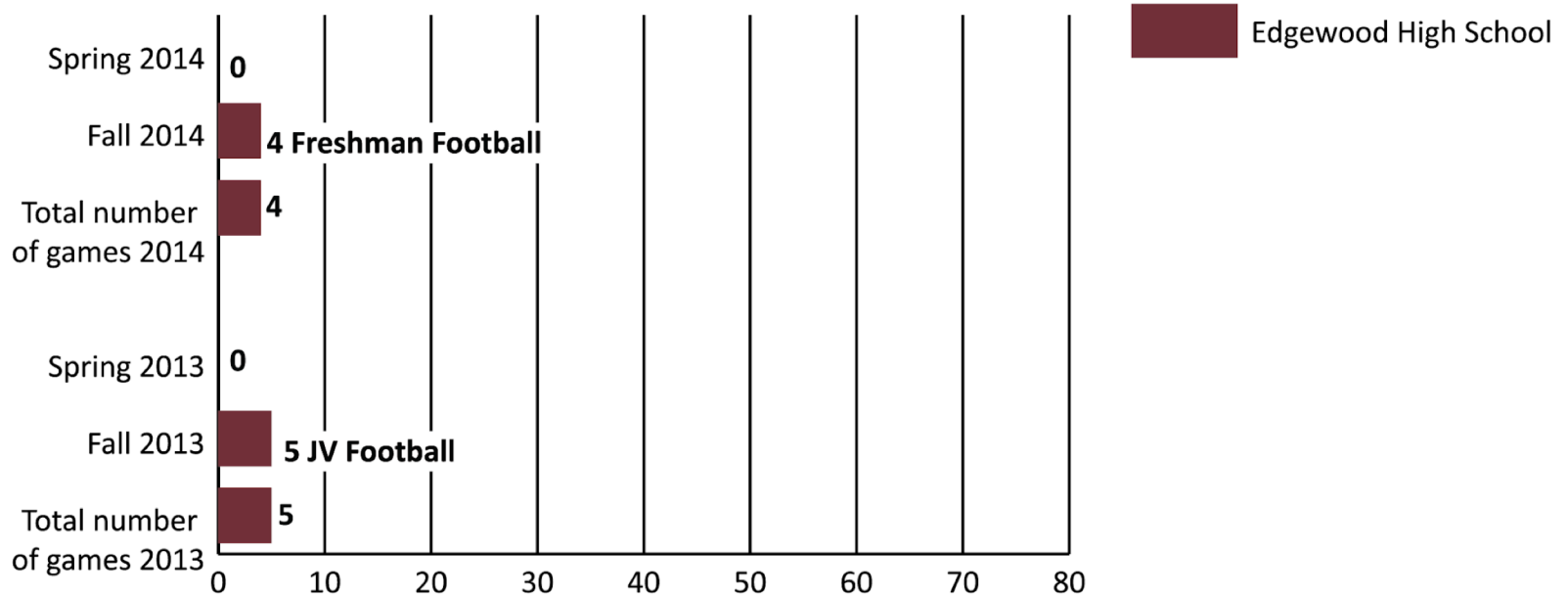




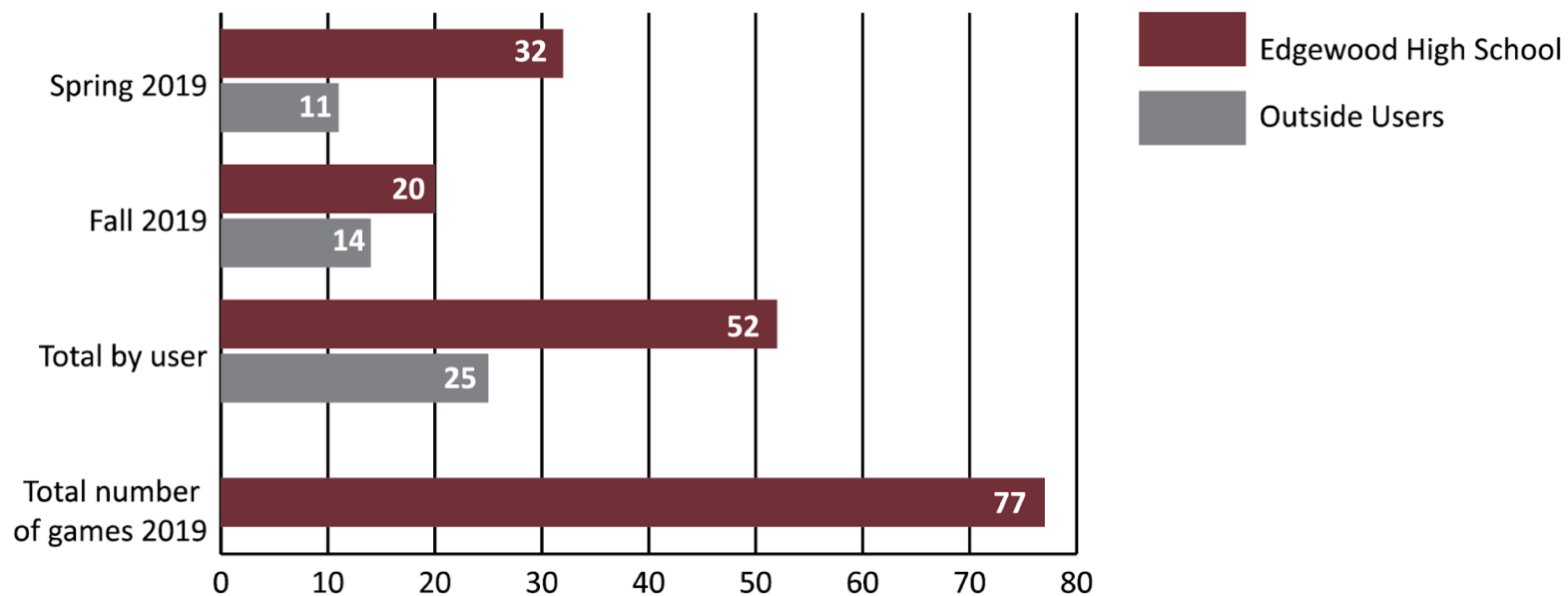
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Games on Edgewood High School practice field, before surface update

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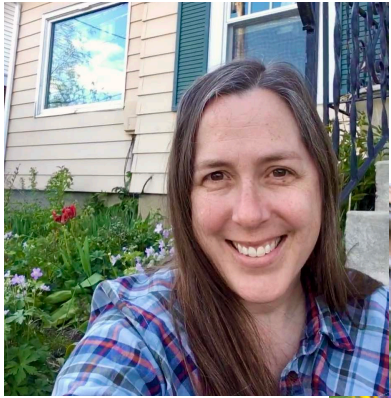
View of lights from
Monroe St homes



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



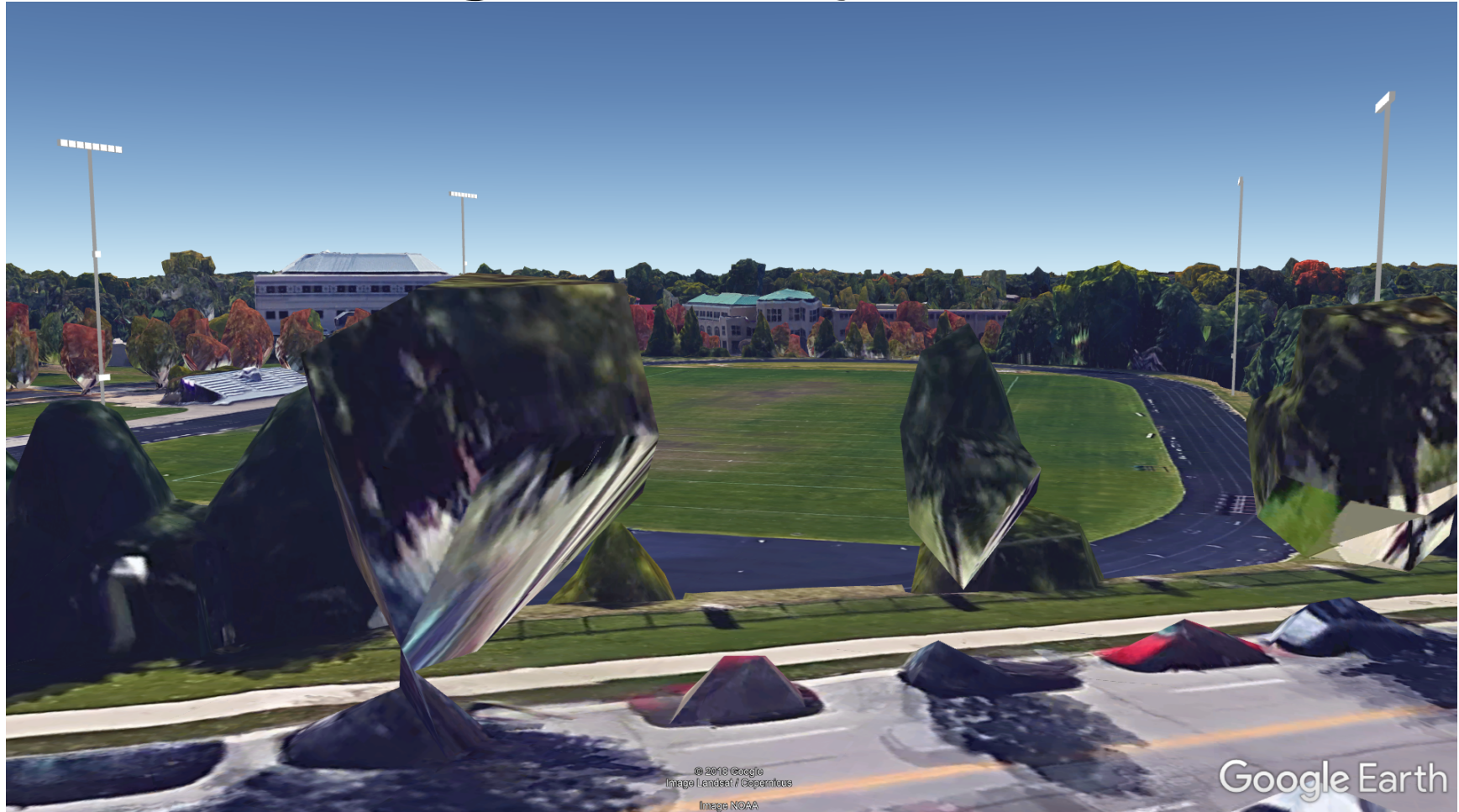
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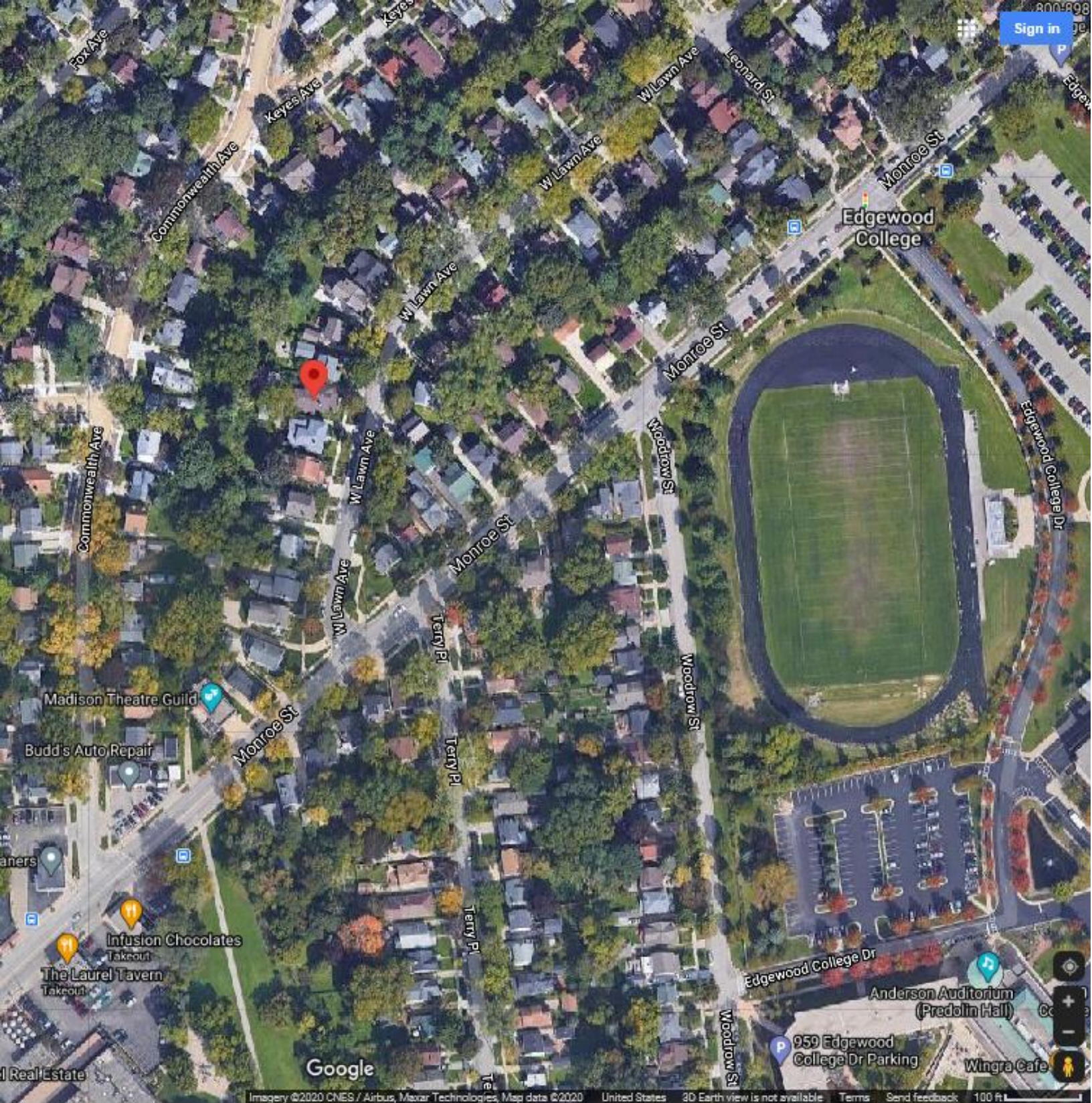




My view

My view modeled with lights that would glare in my windows





Look at how close the Edgewood Athletic field is to this densely populated adjacent neighborhood.

How will adding Athletic field lights not violate the following?

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.**



letter

1 message

PAUL W TERRY <pwterry@wisc.edu>
To: pwterry837@gmail.com <pwterry837@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 30, 2020 at 10:43 AM

We are writing for the second time this year to express our strong opposition to the renewed efforts by Edgewood to install stadium lights, institute a sports season with 25 regular night games, an unspecified number of postseason games, and unlimited lighted nighttime practices. These activities and other intrusions that will inevitably follow will degrade neighborhood life, peace, and well being. This letter speaks to the effects of the lighting proposal currently under consideration, but it should not be forgotten that other additions have been contemplated as Edgewood upgrades, and could benefit from a slippery slope in the municipal approval process should the present proposal be granted.

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

This area is not just a residential neighborhood. It is home to Lake Wingra, an extraordinary natural resource for an urban area the size of Madison, with its largely untouched, natural shoreline. This is a treasure for all of Madison and an urban rarity that would be negatively impacted by the glare of stadium lights and the jarring thunderous banality of sports events for all to hear and see as far as Wingra's south shore and the Arboretum.

We believe it is very much in the best interests of the neighborhood, the city at large, and the City's tax base to safeguard these natural assets and quality of life in a viable and iconic neighborhood and a natural area that draws enthusiasts and users from far and wide. We fail to see how the benefits secured by a glaring, noisy stadium come anywhere near to offsetting the negatives.

We note that the proposal, despite claiming to be a compromise with the neighborhood, expands the number of games from earlier proposals that were staunchly opposed by the neighborhood. We also note that plans for the lighting appear to allow upward shining fixtures that will violate Madison dark-sky standards and obliterate what little is left of a night sky in this part of the city.

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

Sincerely,

Paul and Gloria Terry

837 Terry Place

Madison

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 10:46:05 AM

From: Elizabeth White <eawhitester@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Albouras, Christian <district20@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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Hello Alder Albouras,

I'm writing to ask you to vote no on Edgewood's lighting application. The community surrounding Edgewood High School will be substantially impacted 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 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,
Elizabeth White
1802 Cameron Drive

Please upload my letter to Legistar #60646

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: Monday, November 30, 2020 10:38:56 AM

From: Katie Ginder-Vogel <katiegv@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; 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,

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

Edgewood is already permitted to play unlimited day games on their state-of-the-art practice field, which is nicer and newer than any of the public high schools' fields. Unlimited night games would be disruptive to the community and destructive to the environment. The uses, values and enjoyment of the community surrounding Edgewood High School will be substantially impaired and diminished by the bright lights, loud noise, and traffic that accompany competitive night games.

Thank you so much,
Kathleen Ginder-Vogel

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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Writing in opposition of file #60646
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 10:38:40 AM

From: Bob Dankert <bob@madisonreef.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Albouras, Christian <district20@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Writing in opposition of file #60646

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Alder Albouras,

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving and enjoyed some time with your family.

I am writing you today as a member of district 20 to express my opposition to file #60646 "Appeal of Plan Commission action on Conditional Use request for 2219 Monroe Street, Legistar ID 60001"

I've been following this case for the past several years and feel that the Plan Commission made a good decision previously and am concerned by the efforts of Edgewood to pressure the community to overturn it. It especially concerns me how they are trying to make this into a religious issue when I feel it is clearly not the case. I've read Edgewood's new proposal and this is not a compromise not a compromise, but rather the same thing they've been demanding over and over again for years.

Thanks for your consideration,

Bob Dankert
6614 Piping Rock Road

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: AGENDA ITEM #4 Edgewood appeal of Plan Commission decision
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 10:38:27 AM

From: Capital Time Health <shawnd7777@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: AGENDA ITEM #4 Edgewood appeal of Plan Commission decision

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Hi Heather,

I just sent this but want to be sure that it is uploaded to Legistar #60646.

Thank you,

Shawn Doherty

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

From: shawnd7777@aol.com
To: allalders@cityofmadison.com <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; hstouder@cityofmadison.com <hstouder@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Mon, Nov 30, 2020 10:33 am
Subject: AGENDA ITEM #4 Edgewood appeal of Plan Commission decision

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to ask that you deny Edgewood High School's repeal of the 7-1 Plan Commission vote denying its application for field lighting.

I am writing to you as a 20 year resident of the Vilas Park neighborhood (I live across the street from the Edgewood campus) and these are my personal views, not necessarily those of the Vilas Neighborhood Association or the Vilas liaison group to Edgewood, the latter of which I am one of three members.

I believe there are plenty of reasons that a new football stadium with field lights and amplified sound are inappropriate for this historic neighborhood, with homes less than 100 feet from the proposed stadium and some of Madison's most beloved natural and recreational areas, including Lake Wingra, Park and Pleasure Drive, Vilas Park, and the Arboretum, within shouting (or amplified sound) distance. So does the Plan Commission, which as you know found Edgewood's application does 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."

However, a "no" vote from the City Council is necessary, in my opinion, not just because of the

inappropriateness of the proposed use itself, but because of the manner in which it has been aggressively pursued. Having formerly reported on city politics for the Capital Times, from my perspective nothing less than the integrity and independence of Madison's city zoning and government processes are at stake.

A powerful and politically connected private institution should not get what it wants by using a religious persecution lawsuit against the city to toss out a Master Plan it had negotiated over years with neighbors (which did not allow for any games at all on Edgewood's athletic field) and to now threaten a second lawsuit because it still faces the obstacle of regulations and codes enacted to protect the quality of life and citizens of this city.

It shouldn't get what it wants by stomping its feet and whining that other local schools host unlimited games at their stadiums. In fact two out of Madison's four main public high schools have no stadiums, and the other two have facilities in neighborhoods that are zoned differently. (Edgewood has also compared itself to Camp Randall; leaving aside the tremendous differences in numbers of students served by UW Madison and Edgewood High, I'd note that out of consideration to the neighborhood there are only three night games a year at Camp Randall.)

Nor should it get by with its spin that many meetings with neighbors are evidence it has compromised. Quite the contrary. These years of meetings are evidence that it has refused to budge. In fact, Edgewood's most recent demand for 40 night games is actually an increase over the 18-26 night games Edgewood cited in 2017, when it launched its scorched earth campaign for a stadium for its Crusaders football team. (Edgewood will try to spin this number as a compromise based on the 48-64 number it tossed into its lighting application, but a survey of all numbers it had previously discussed suggest that was simply the starting point of a shrewd negotiator.)

The neighborhood, on the other hand, has given up a Master Plan along with the years of valuable negotiated agreements it contained (most of which had nothing to do with the athletic field). It offered an olive branch and accepted day games even before it had to, and the Master Plan was repealed; as a result, neighbors now live with the noise and disturbances of up to 80 day games a year.

And in our most recent talks these past few months, talks I now fear Edgewood simply viewed as a PR move, we proposed a solid path towards compromise, building on a idea suggested by Alder Marsha Rummel at last May's Plan Commission: that noise of existing day games be measured and used as a baseline so we have solid, reliable data (currently Edgewood has none, just hypotheticals in a flawed study) and a plan for mitigation (currently Edgewood has none, just some brochures about a fencing product intended more for muffling noise from equipment like transformers than for stadiums.)

This is a reasonable, fair approach that will keep ALL of us at the table and would make it easier for both sides to live with the outcome, no matter what it is.

Please stand up for the tax-paying citizens who own neighboring properties, for the tens of thousands of people who use and enjoy nearby public lands, and for the city's process itself. Vote "no" on Edgewood's effort to repeal the Plan Commission's 7-1 decision.

Thank you,

Shawn Doherty
2121 Adams St.

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: Monday, November 30, 2020 9:31:34 AM

From: Daniel Grabois <dgrabois@wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 8:37 AM
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,

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

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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose EHS appeal; file 60646
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 9:23:04 AM
Attachments: [Edgewood High School athletic field competitive use 2019.pdf](#)

From: Marie Trest <mttrest@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 8:57 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Oppose EHS appeal; file 60646

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Dear Members of the Common Council,

I respectfully ask that you vote against Edgewood High School's appeal of the Plan Commission's May 2020 decision regarding lighting to allow night games and practices. Allowing lights and expanded usage and noise would substantially impair the use and enjoyment of surrounding properties. The close proximity of the field to residential property make it incompatible for further evening activity.

I would like to discuss the history of the current situation and to describe our family's experience.

When we purchased our home over a decade ago, the field was grassy and relatively quiet with small practices and a few JV games. We checked the permitted land uses surrounding what would become our property and learned it was a practice field. Edgewood defined the use as for practices and PE in their Master Plan. There was no reason for us to expect that a full-blown stadium would be on the table a few years later.

Our property is 95 ft from the track with exposure like this:



Everything changed in 2015 with the field surface upgrade. When the City Zoning Administrator and Alder approved the update to the field surface in 2015, it was with the understanding that the use would continue as a practice field under the Master Plan. The surrounding community never had the opportunity to weigh in on a changed use or to ask for conditions.

Edgewood High School President Mike Elliott said, to gain approval for the surface update, “We’re between two neighborhood associations. They have been vehemently opposed to us having lights or playing games here,” he said. “We’re really building this to be able to give our athletes the practice facilities that provide the best surfaces possible and to expand the amount of outdoor practices we can hold especially in the spring. That is our focal point.” [Coach] Zwettler said the football team will continue to play home games at Breitenbach Stadium at Middleton High School, and the Crusaders boys and girls soccer teams will play home games at the Reddan Soccer Complex in Verona.” ([WSJ](#), June 2015). Everyone took Elliott at his word, even as we later learned the Crusaders laid the conduit under the field at that time to be able to install lights for night-time use.

After the 2015 surface change, neighbors immediately experienced a significant change in use of the field, both in terms of the number of events beyond practices, from 4 in 2014 increasing

to 77 in 2019, with a corresponding increase in the related noise and disruptiveness.

When my husband deployed to Afghanistan in 2018, we tried to find ways to connect across the distance and the time zones - as it turns out, great preparation for connecting during a pandemic. One day he met us at 3:30am, his time, for dinner over video chat. A soccer game was taking place on the field, which became so loud, with the windows closed, that we could no longer have a conversation in the dining room at the back of our house.

I gave up on our rare family dinner and filmed this video:

<https://youtu.be/v6Igzhcy-zg>

This was filmed with no zoom, from an open bedroom window as would typically be the case in spring, summer, and fall. Before filming, I took sound measurements. Crowd noise was above 70 dB throughout the cheering with peaks above 80 dB inside our home. Subsequent measurements during games had crowd noise at 85 dB. These measurements are consistent with the predictions of the two professional sound studies that have been performed.

Please note the increase in sound at 0:31 when the goal is scored; impulse noise, considered particularly harmful by the World Health Organization, has been particularly disruptive to surrounding properties with the games played on the field. Even practices are audible in surrounding homes with impulse noises including repeated whistles and group cheering. The scoreboard has a stationary amplified siren-type sound that is used at short intervals during events, penetrating our living room and bedrooms. All of these sounds exceed Madison's noise ordinance limits as well as WHO recommendations (see attached *Edgewood High School competitive use 2019.pdf* for examples).

In 2019, the City Zoning Administrator found that the Master Plan limited field use to practices and education, and the Zoning Board of Appeals affirmed that games could not be played without a Master Plan amendment. Nonetheless, Edgewood's usage increased in 2019, with additional non-Edgewood users practicing and playing games on the field. Rather than submitting an amendment and going through the legal process, Edgewood allowed 77 games to be played including outside users like UW-Whitewater and Iowa, colleges that have nothing to do with Edgewood.

The subsequent repeal of the Master Plan resulted in Edgewood having the upgraded field with no conditions. The only limitation now is darkness before dawn and after dusk.

With the pandemic in 2020, and outdoor gathering restrictions issued by PHMDC, the use has returned to practices, and the noise levels have dropped to the pre-2015 levels. The reduced noise has been such a relief both inside and outside our home.

The increased frequency of game events on the Edgewood High School practice field before the pandemic negatively impacted the livability of our property, whether working or doing schoolwork, gardening, relaxing on our back porch, watching a movie, or sharing a meal; the noise interrupts and disrupts. Neighbors with younger children or who work night-shifts report disrupted sleep – a harm that would be expanded with lights.

Edgewood set up temporary lights on the field on April 24, 2020. This was likely a violation of MGO 10.085(3)(2). An image from our residential property follows; though Edgewood repeatedly claims there is screening around their field, this is simply not true. There is no buffer to light or sound between houses on Monroe St and the field:



From the field it looked like this; please note how close the Woodrow St house is to the field, and again, there is no screen here between Woodrow St and the field:



photo from Edgewood High School Facebook page

Even if conditions are suggested for lights, Edgewood has not followed City zoning and other ordinances in the past, nor has the City enforced them. Given Edgewood's specific history of non-compliance, and the fact that conduit for lights was installed even as Edgewood said they had no intention of adding lights, there is a lack of trust in this situation.

On a personal note, it is disappointing and frustrating that Edgewood refuses to acknowledge the disruption they have caused and the additional harm that would result from lighted field use. My family was delighted when we bought our house, as many family members attended Edgewood High School and Edgewood College; my mother is an alumna of both institutions. I remember walking the natural areas as a little girl with my great aunt who was one of the sisters who taught there. I was raised in a home with a commitment to social justice and service, values my husband and I strive to uphold and instill in our daughter. What my family and I expected from Edgewood was truth and compassion for the surrounding community. The values I was raised with have been betrayed by a beloved institution.

For the past several years the neighborhood has met with Edgewood to discuss the issues. The neighborhood association proposed a mechanism, suggested by the Plan Commission, to measure sound, to understand the impacts from quantitative measurements, and to research methods to mitigate those impacts. Edgewood refuses and demands lights now.

We do not know how expansive Edgewood will allow day use of the field to become under the new conditions without the Master Plan since the pandemic began before the spring season. If Edgewood plans to move the majority of its own games to night, who will be using the field during the day? This summer the UW Badger football team was using the field for practice, for one example. Post-pandemic seasons should be monitored, and sound measured for impact, before allowing further expansion of use.

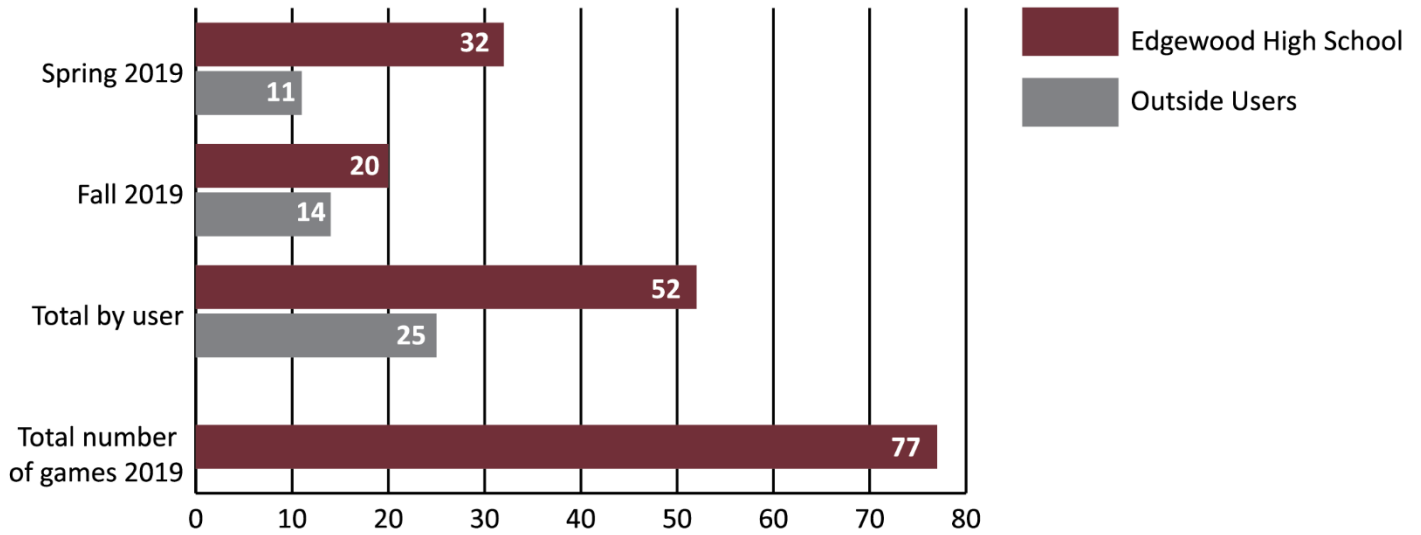
The “compromise” Edgewood proposes includes more games and use than the one put forth in 2017. The Plan Commission found that this application does not meet the conditional use standard that *“The uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner.”* Edgewood has not provided substantial evidence that the lights and resulting sound from this application meet that standard. The decision of the Plan Commission should stand.

I have written a long letter and appreciate your attention to this issue. Maybe take another look at the video from my window and listen to the noise. If you live on a two-lane road in a residential neighborhood, picture that across the street from your house as you try to enjoy the evening and nighttime hours.

Please, preserve the livability and value of the residential neighborhood surrounding Edgewood, and oppose the appeal and do not permit expansion of stadium use into the night.

Sincerely,
Marie Trest
Dennis Trest
Monroe St

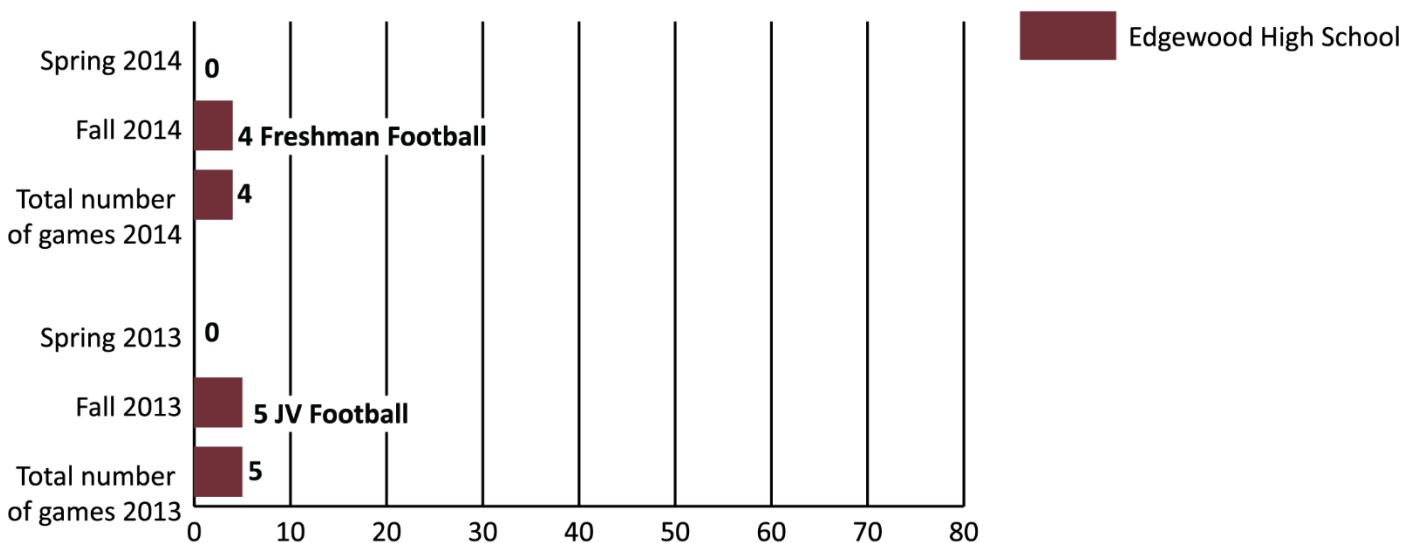
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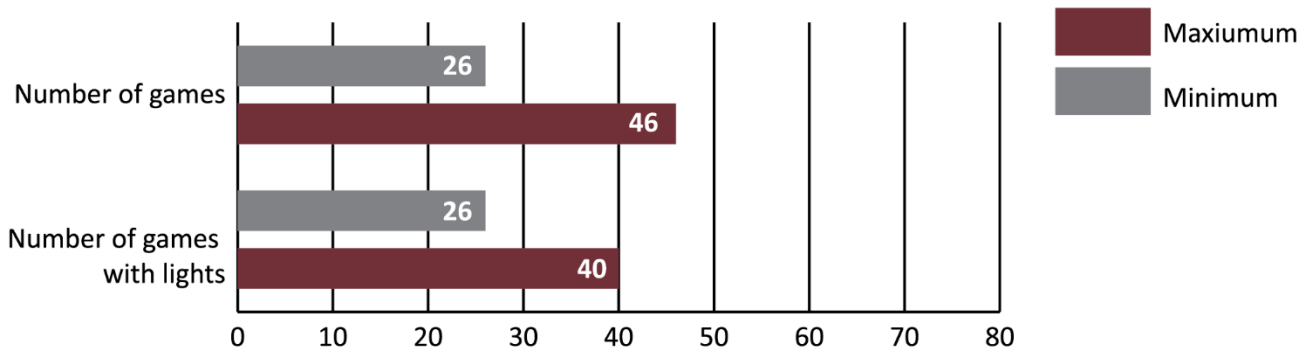
Data from BadgerConference.org



Number of games proposed by Edgewood High School in 2018

Master Plan amendment presentation

Edgewood's Goodman Athletic Complex Presentation, October 2018



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22		30 April 2019	JV Lacrosse, boys	
23		3 May 2019	Varsity Soccer, girls	
24	11	5 May 2019	Middle School Track Meet, coed	pistol 73dB at house
25		6 May 2019	Varsity Lacrosse, boys	
26		6 May 2019	JV Lacrosse, boys	
27		7 May 2019	Track Meet, coed	
28		11 May 2019	JV Lacrosse, boys	
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35		23 May 2019	Varsity Soccer, girls	amplified sound 66-70dB at house
36		29 May 2019	Varsity Lacrosse, girls	
37		30 May 2019	Varsity Soccer, girls	
38		30 May 2019	Lacrosse, boys	
39		1 June 2019	Varsity Soccer, girls	
40		1 June 2019	Lacrosse, girls	
41		5 June 2019	Varsity Lacrosse, girls	
42		6 June 2019	Varsity Soccer, girls	amplified sound 66-70dB at house
43		8 June 2019	Varsity Soccer, girls	crowd noise over 74dB with peaks at 84 dB at house
<i>Summer 2019 use</i>				
		26-27 June 2019	Commercial Football Camp: Jeff Trickey Quarterback Camps	
ε	^	Fall 2019	sport	example noise levels
44		22 August 2019	JV-2 Football, boys	
45		30 August 2019	Varsity Soccer, boys	
46		5 September 2019	Varsity Soccer, boys	
47		7 September 2019	Varsity Soccer, boys	
48		8 September 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	
49		8 September 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	whistles 71dB at house
50		8 September 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	
51		12 September 2019	JV-2 Football, boys	
52		15 September 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	
53	12	15 September 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	Sun Prairie vs Verona
54	13	15 September 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	Deforest vs Oregon
55		19 September 2019	JV-2 Football, boys	
		23 September 2019	"powderpuff" event	6:30-6:47 am crowd noise peaks over 80dB inside bedroom
		24 September 2019	"powderpuff" game	6:49 am crowd noise 82 db, whistles over 70dB inside bedroom
56		27 September 2019	Varsity Soccer, boys	

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

Non-Edgewood High School use identified in bold typeface

ε column indicates total game count

^ column indicates non-Edgewood High School game count

ε	^	<i>Fall 2019, cont.</i>	<i>sport</i>	
57	14	29 September 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	Sun Prairie vs Oregon
58		29 September 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	
59	15	29 September 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	Verona vs DeForest
60		3 October 2019	JV-2 Football, boys	
61		6 October 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	
62	16	6 October 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	Oregon vs Verona
63	17	6 October 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	DeForest vs Sun Prairie
64	18	13 October 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	Verona vs DeForest
65		13 October 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	
66	19	13 October 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	Oregon vs Sun Prairie
67		17 October 2019	JV-2 Football, boys	
68		20 October 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	
69	20	20 October 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	DeForest vs Oregon
70	21	20 October 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	Verona vs Sun Prairie
71		24 October 2019	Varsity Soccer, boys	
72	22	26 October 2019	Flag Football, coed	Madison Area Independent Sports League tournament
73		27 October 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	
74		27 October 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	
75	23	27 October 2019	Flag Football, coed	Madison Area Independent Sports League tournament
76	24	3 November 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	Oregon, Verona, and other teams
77	25	3 November 2019	Club Lacrosse, boys	Oregon, Janesville, Verona and other teams

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To whom it may concern:

I live at 2234 West Lawn Avenue with my husband and our four children (ages 3, 7, 13, and 16), about a block away from the Edgewood campus.

I am extremely concerned about Edgewood's request to install lights on its field. Although I am sympathetic to Edgewood students' desire for home games, unfortunately the field is too close to homes and Lake Wingra for the kind of light and sound use that Edgewood is proposing. This is why other local high schools, like West High, don't play night games at home either.

For me personally, the idea of trying to put my 3 year old and 7 year old to bed during evening games with lights and sound is beyond stressful. I have no problem with a reasonable number of events taking place during the day but the evening is a time for rest and quiet. I struggle to digest Edgewood's latest proposal, given that I am learning about it at the end of a holiday weekend and it was apparently produced with zero engagement with the community, but based on the frequency and intensity of nighttime use it does not appear to address the concerns the neighborhood has expressed over and over again - in fact it seems like Edgewood is proposing even more events than before?

If Edgewood's proposal were just for a 5-6 home football games, as many appear to think it is, and Edgewood could be trusted to stick to that commitment, that would be a different matter. Our family could certainly accept occasional special events like that. But Edgewood's intended use is much more far-reaching and would have much deeper consequences for local families. It is therefore totally inappropriate for the community. Moreover, the disingenuous way that Edgewood has conducted itself during this process - for example, pushing this at the end of a holiday weekend when many local residents haven't checked their emails, and misrepresenting so many important facts at each stage - indicates that Edgewood cannot be trusted to act reasonably. If a compromise can be reached, it needs to involve clearly-specified limits on light and sound and clear consequences for violations of light and sound ordinances. This proposal does none of that.

In short, Edgewood is attempting to seize a public good (darkness and quiet) and destroy it for its own private use and financial gain. We live in a residential neighborhood. Kids at West High don't have a stadium either, for the exact same reasons that a stadium is not appropriate for Edgewood. Please: I am begging you to stick up for Madison residents and stop Edgewood from harming the public good for private gain.

Thank you,
Jessica Weeks
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