

Message: Edgewood High School - Goodman Athletic Complex

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From Matthew Palm Date Monday, December 31, 2018 10:49 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Edgewood High School - Goodman Athletic Complex

Tim Parks,

I am writing as a Madison resident 53705 and Edgewood High School alumni, and asking for you to please vote YES in support of the upgrades to EHS Goodman Athletic Complex. Edgewood High School was a pivotal part of making me the individual I am today, and the upgrades to the athletic facilities would only positively impact both the students and the community of Madison.

Sincerely,
Matt Palm

Message: Support Edgewood Stadium

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From Brenda Baker Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 7:02 AM

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

Cc michael.elliott@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Support Edgewood Stadium

Hello Ms. Stouder, Mr. Parks, and Mr. Arntsen,

I am writing to express my support for the Edgewood College stadium expansion. I live in the Vilas neighborhood near Bear Mound Park, and am impacted greatly by the UW football stadium, and all of its uses throughout the year. I see this activity as an asset to the neighborhood, not a detriment, and fully support Edgewood's proposal to expand their stadium. As a mother of a West High athlete, I wish that there was more athletic activity at the West campus too, not less. Our community should be doing everything in our power to support healthy activities for our young people, which includes providing safe places for them to participate in sports at or in close proximity to their schools. This should not be at odds with urban living. I am confident Edgewood and the neighborhood can come to a solution that provides Edgewood with the resources their athletic program needs, while also recognizing the needs of those neighbors in closer proximity who have legitimate concerns.

While I do not live on Woodrow or in close proximity to the proposed stadium expansion myself, I am an ardent supporter of Edgewood College and high school, and believe they have been decent neighbors, bringing vitality, and energy to our neighborhood.

Despite the fact that those opposing the stadium claim that my home would be impacted by the noise of a new stadium, I say bring it on! I love being able to hear the Badger game from inside my house. It's a daily reminder that I live in an active, vibrant, sports minded community. Obviously, the proposed stadium will pale in comparison to the neighborhood impact of the Badger stadium, but this stadium can and should be viewed as a neighborhood asset, rather than a huge inconvenience and community tragedy.

Please continue to support Edgewood's goal to provide a higher quality sports venue on their own property.

Thanks for your consideration,

Brenda Baker

Sent from my iPhone

Message: Fwd: Edgewood

Fwd: Edgewood

From Paul Beckett Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 8:09 AM

To Parks, Timothy;Stouder, Heather;fieldsrac@gmail.com

Cc

Subject Fwd: Edgewood

Dear Mr. Parks and Ms. Stouder,

I wanted you to see the letter I have emailed to Alder Arntsen. If the tone seems a little strong, I apologize. But I think the idea I hit upon -- a pushback of the issue to allow an elected Alder to work with all the stakeholders and groups involved in a more deliberate and consultative manner -- is a really good idea. If such a contentious issue is pushed through this month on the basis of the recommendation of an appointed Acting Alder, I think it will poison Edgewood's neighborhood relations for a long time. --Paul Beckett

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

From: **Paul Beckett** <beckettpa@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Dec 31, 2018 at 3:24 PM

Subject: Edgewood

To: Sara Eskrich <district13@cityofmadison.com>

Dear Alder Arntsen,

I thought you did a great job as Acting Alder. Until your handling of the Edgewood stadium proposal (which in your latest update you bury at the bottom and phrase as "athletic field alterations").

In particular, it is so wrong to balance off Dudgeon neighborhood with Vilas as though their relation to Dudgeon-Monroe (where I live) as equal. In exposure, and relation to Edgewood they are not at all equal.

Now that I learn that there is a powerful economic motivation that has not been acknowledged (an income stream from field rental to OTHER organizations) I'm really angry. In fact, if I'm correct about this latter point, I'm disgusted.

I know that you had them promise to limit usage for the first five years. Let's see: are you going to enforce that? And, once the facilities are built, at considerable expense, are you really telling me they are not going to expand usage? Especially if their enrollments and tuition income is down?

I'm sure the reality is that it's a done deal, and that I, nor any of us, can do a thing about it.

But, futile as it may be, I really would ask you to recuse yourself, as a temporary Alder, and have the Plan and Council decisions postponed until there is an elected Alder who can consult properly with constituents, get all the stakeholders concerned into meaningful and friendly dialogue, and facilitate a decision which will be better in the long run for all concerned (including Edgewood). That is the way we've handled

many other issues in the past and it has worked well.

If the deal is slammed through by an unelected, short-term Acting Alder, it will lack legitimacy.

I'll be grateful if you will forward this to the full Council and the Mayor.

Sincerely,

Paul Beckett
2533 Gregory Street

Message: Edgewood stadium

Edgewood stadium

From Paul Mueller Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 10:44 AM

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

Cc

Subject Edgewood stadium

Hello Alder Arntsen

I'm writing in opposition to Edgewood's new stadium plan. I live at 1911 Adams St, Madison Wisconsin 53711 and am not in favor of Edgewood's continuous growth. More parking, more trash, more lights and noise. The neighborhood agreed to a practice field, not a money-making venue.

Please enforce the original agreed to master plan while this proposal wines through our decision making process. I would also suggest waiting to finalize this issue until this spring's alder election is completed Thank you. Paul Mueller

Sent from my iPhone

Message: No to Edgewood's Stadium

No to Edgewood's Stadium

From yvette jones Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 11:24 AM

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

Cc

Subject No to Edgewood's Stadium

As a 35-year resident of West Lawn Avenue I am alarmed by the proposed stadium. The noise, lighting and traffic will impact this neighborhood negatively. We deserve a quiet, residential neighborhood and shouldn't be subjected to Edgewood's continued demands for expansion.

Thank you

Yvette Jones

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Yvette Jones



Message: Edgewood master plan: public hearing

Edgewood master plan: public hearing

From Michael Oliva Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 11:58 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood master plan: public hearing

Hello Mr Parks,

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

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

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

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

2.) The number of events described by Edgewood at the large Fall public neighborhood information meeting varied between 8 and 24 at different times, but I understand Edgewood is requesting an amendment allowing as many as 40 events. Clearly Edgewood gave the participants at the meeting false information. Since Edgewood is already in violation of their previous master plan that included improvements to the sports facility for "a practice field" that is now being used for competitive sports events, can the City trust Edgewood to limit the number of future events?

3.) Though Edgewood held a large public neighborhood information meeting this Fall at which the majority of neighborhood speakers opposed various aspects of their proposal, Edgewood appears to have ignored those comments and refused any compromise. The publicity items Edgewood has been sending out regarding the stadium provide the impression that Edgewood always works with the neighborhood in their decisions.

As a U.W. engineering faculty member I have measured sound levels, been involved in research regarding the impacts of sound, have published research results, and have acted as an engineering consultant on the impact of construction sound on the U.W. Hospital and research facilities. From that work I am very familiar with the impact of sound on humans as well as primates and rodents. Citing average sound levels, rather than peaks, is a completely unprofessional and misleading conduct in Edgewood's description of the stadium's impact.

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

Michael Oliva
2446 Commonwealth Ave.
Madison

Message: Edgewood Stadium

Edgewood Stadium

From Leif Mogensen Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 1:22 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood Stadium

Dear Mr Parks,

Please support the Edgewood stadium project. We need more development in the city.

Sincerely,
Leif Mogensen
1912 Adams St

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® E

Message: Opposition to Amendment of Edgewood's Master Plan

Opposition to Amendment of Edgewood's Master Plan

From Pat Williams Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 1:25 PM

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

Cc

Subject Opposition to Amendment of Edgewood's Master Plan

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

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

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

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

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

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

Patricia Williams
1916 Keyes Ave
Madison, WI 53711

Sent from my iPad

Message: Edgewood Stadium

Edgewood Stadium

From Tracy Simonson Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 1:57 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood Stadium

Mr. Parks:

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

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

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

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

Tracy and Martin Simonson

715 Edgewood Ave

Message: Edgewood stadium

Edgewood stadium

From kathy gerhardt Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 4:40 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood stadium

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

Message: Edgewood Stadium proposals

□ Edgewood Stadium proposals

From Lynn Keller Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 4:42 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood Stadium proposals

Dear City Planner Tim Parks:

Below you will find the letter I recently sent to the Planning Commission; I am forwarding it in case this was not sent to you. I wanted to be sure you received this expression of strong opposition to the outdoor stadium proposed for Edgewood High School written by someone who lives just a few blocks from that campus. My life would be significantly affected by the erection and use of this stadium. Thanks for your attention.

Sincerely,
Lynn Keller

Dear Members of the City Plan Commission:

I write to register my strong opposition to the proposed Edgewood Stadium and to Interim Alder Allen Arntsen's "compromise" proposal. While I appreciate the desire for compromise, if this stadium is built, there is no guarantee that Edgewood won't soon be pushing for more games at night, and there will be no recourse if the surrounding neighborhood finds that the noise, the lights, or the traffic are problematic; the city has no ordinances for the noise and light pollution stadiums generate. Edgewood assured us a few years ago that they would not ask for a stadium. They did not remain true to their word. We have no reason therefore to trust that they won't be demanding more games soon.

As for the proposal itself, it serves the interest of Edgewood High School, but not the interests of the neighborhood or the city of Madison. Edgewood High School has fewer than 500 students, of which only slightly over a quarter live in the 53711 zip code (a zip code that extends into Fitchburg). Even fewer play football— a sport coming under increasing scrutiny because of the danger posed by concussions. The bottom line here is that Edgewood High School does not function as a neighborhood school.

Our neighborhood high school, West High, that genuinely serves this area has more than four times as many students enrolled (2,111 students) and yet they, like most urban high schools, manage without a local stadium. This is entirely appropriate, given the density of housing closely surrounding the school.

Edgewood is particularly close to its residential neighbors, so that a stadium will have significant impact. I myself live in the 2000 block of Jefferson, only 2 blocks from the campus, and I am distraught thinking of the noise that will disturb my gardening, my evenings in the back yard with friends or by myself. The noise, the traffic, the trash, the drunken people wandering into my yard from games at Camp Randall are plenty for me to deal with already; we don't need more (and much more intense) noise and traffic and trash for the sake of a few very privileged high school students. I have lived in this historic neighborhood for thirty years, and it's a treasure for Madison: beautiful, serene, filled with

birds because of its proximity to the UW Arboretum and Vilas Park. With the zoo on one side, and lively Monroe Street on the other, this desirable neighborhood is one of those that makes Madison an attractive city for people to move to and invest in. Its serenity would be destroyed by this stadium and the quality of life here significantly diminished. My house is my nest egg, and I fear that property values will be negatively affected. (If so, the city would begin to lose tax revenue— this neighborhood has stunningly high taxes.) Let Edgewood use the money they have available to build a stadium do so in a significantly less densely settled place in the suburbs, combining forces with a suburban school.

Although it has been reported that the Vilas Neighborhood Association supports this development, I want it to be very clear to all involved in this decision that support for building a stadium is anything but unanimous in this neighborhood. I was unable to attend the Vilas Neighborhood Association meeting at which the vote was taken on the stadium, but my understanding is that even though the significant majority of those attending spoke against the stadium, those on the board who voted nonetheless did so unanimously in favor of the stadium. The board should represent their constituents, yet they failed to do so. (In consequence, a large number of residents showed up at the next meeting and voted out the president of the board, among others.) In the single block of Jefferson Street where I live, I know of at least ten residents of voting age who are opposed to having the stadium built. Please do not believe that the vote of the VNA board is a vote of the neighborhood, where there is in fact strong opposition.

Once a stadium like this is built, it can't be unbuilt and its impact can't be undone. Its construction is not in the interests of the residents of the neighborhood, of those who use Wingra Park or enjoy the recreational resources of Lake Wingra, or of the many city residents who regularly stroll along the Park and Pleasure Drive behind Edgewood. This is a very weighty decision. I urge you not to allow the interests of one small private high school to outweigh the interests of the residents of the neighborhood and of the city of Madison.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Lynn Keller
2005 Jefferson Street

Message: Edgewood Stadium

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From Allen W. Clark Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 5:19 PM

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

Cc

Subject Edgewood Stadium

Engineering Survey.pdf (1414 Kb)

Heather Stouder, Tim Parks, & Allen Arntsen,

At last we have real data about the consequences of the proposed Edgewood stadium.

Living in the 2500 block of Gregory, we were not initially that concerned, for ourselves, about the noise pollution from the proposed stadium. NOW WE ARE! As you can see from **the attached**, we will be adversely affected, let alone the retched direct neighbors to the stadium.

Our initial concern was about parking pollution. That very much remains. During home Badger games, our block of Gregory Street is jammed from end to end. The fans from those cars park for free and use the bike path to walk to Camp Randall.

The bland assertion by the Edgewood administration that they will have adequate parking is nonsense. Do you imagine that parking will be free? Who is kidding whom? Instead, their fans will use our street and other neighborhood streets for free parking.

This stadium is not acceptable. It is a violation of previous agreements between Edgewood and the adjacent neighborhoods. You must deny Edgewood permission for this stadium.

Respectfully,
Allen & Ann Clark
2525 Gregory Street

Protect your neighborhood!

You may have received a mailing from Edgewood High School, trying to convince you that their proposed stadium will have a minimal impact on the neighborhood

Edgewood High School has misrepresented many facts about their proposal – they are not telling the truth to you or to the city.



- Noise levels would regularly exceed 80 dBA for homes on Woodrow, Monroe, Terry, and West Lawn
- Noise levels would occasionally exceed 90 dBA for events near to the stadium's proposed 1000-seat capacity
- These noise levels would be experienced inside people's homes with windows open
- Even with windows shut, noise levels would be so loud as to interfere with conversation
- These noise levels are comparable to being 50 ft from a chainsaw, lawnmower, or tractor-trailer at highway speeds
- Noise levels exceeding 70 dB would affect large areas of the DMNA, Vilas, and Regent neighborhoods
- These noise levels would be loud enough to interfere with spoken conversation and disrupt sleep
- The sky glow from the stadium lights would impact everywhere on this map

The time to act is now!

Public Comments Due: January 4

Write or email your opposition to:

Heather Stouder (Planning Division Director)
hstouder@cityofmadison.com

Tim Parks (City Planner)
tparks@cityofmadison.com

Allen Arntsen (District 13 Interim Alder)
district13@cityofmadison.com

and speak up for your neighborhood in person
at the Planning Commission meeting:

Public Hearing: January 14

City County Building
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 201
(attendees will be allowed 3 min testimony)

Speak up or be drowned out!

Local
Postal Customer

Edgewood High School has gone to great lengths to mislead the community

Don't be fooled! If this stadium is built, there is no going back!

Concerned Engineers in the Edgewood Neighborhood
P.O. Box 45595
Madison, WI
53744

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Edgewood High School claims “technological improvements” mean their stadium won’t impact neighborhood. Don’t fall for it!

Claim: “Sound levels [would be] around 60 dB at adjoining streets”

Fact: Noise levels of 69 dBA have **already** been measured at the front door of a neighboring home during a JV game on the practice field with only around 50 fans in attendance and no PA or band. Therefore, simple physics predicts noise levels of about 80 dBA for a crowd of 500. Sound measurements taken during a game at Waunakee with a sub-1000 crowd showed noise levels of 87 decibels. Noise levels will **exceed 80 decibels inside people’s homes on Woodrow, Monroe, Terry, and West Lawn.**

The conditions in Edgewood’s formal proposal to the city set **no** limit on noise levels that they may create. If approved, this proposal would revise Edgewood’s zoning to give them *carte blanche* to generate any level of noise that they please, with no recourse from neighbors or the city.

Claim: “Sound levels will meet or exceed all applicable city standards”

Fact: The city’s noise regulation prohibits the generation of noise that causes levels **in excess of 65 dBA in neighboring residentially-zoned properties.** Edgewood is **already** violating this and neighbors have complained repeatedly about excessive noise. Edgewood talks about “complying”, while they are really **asking to be exempted from the city’s noise ordinance** – if they were to get this, then “The provisions of [the city’s noise ordinance] shall not apply to... events for which a permit or license is required and obtained”. This would both make their current violations legal and allow them to further increase their noise levels.

Claim: “Our new lighting technology prevents sky glow”

Fact: There have been no major recent advances in lighting technology that reduce sky glow, and it is widely recognized that sky glow is impossible to eliminate. The City of Madison has had a dark-sky ordinance since 1993, and any stadium lighting installed since then has complied with it – you can look at any lighted stadium in the area and see what it would be like. The sky glow from Breitenbach Stadium at Middleton High School can be seen from 1.5 miles away – at that distance the glow appears brighter than nearby streetlights. Is that what we want over Lake Wingra and the arboretum?

Claim: “[Our lighting] meets/exceeds City lighting requirements”

Fact: The city only has specific design requirements for lighting in “parking facilities and outdoor merchandising areas”, with only two “General Requirements” that apply to other outdoor lighting. One sets standards for outdoor lighting fixtures with output over 1,000 lumens, which is “equivalent to a single 70-Watt incandescent bulb”, and is completely inadequate for regulating the 4.5 million lumens of stadium light that Edgewood is proposing to install – this would be “equivalent to 315,000 Watts of incandescent light bulbs”. The other sets a limit for “light trespass” that is thousands of times brighter than natural nighttime light levels. Even if they were to comply with that limit, they would be destroying the darkness of the night sky for a large radius around their property.

Claim: “Edgewood is committed to adhering to [limits on use] and all of the agreed-upon restrictions will be fully enforceable by the City of Madison”

Fact: Edgewood has been routinely violating the legal zoning of their property since immediately after their Campus/Institutional Master Plan was approved. They have been using an area that is formally zoned for “team practices” and “physical education classes” to conduct varsity games as well as renting it to outside customers. The zoning language was not an oversight – it was an agreement negotiated between Edgewood, surrounding neighborhoods, and the city, and has the force of law. Edgewood is aware that their current use is non-conforming, but it has been an on-going issue that has had a negative impact on the neighborhood, subjecting neighbors to noise levels in violation of city regulations. On November 20, the city’s building inspection division issued a letter informing Edgewood that they would be receiving a formal notice of violation for this non-conforming activity unless their master plan was amended.

Edgewood High School has shown blatant disregard for city zoning law and agreements that they’ve made with the city and the surrounding neighborhoods. How can neighbors trust anything that Edgewood claims when they so flagrantly break the law already?

Claim: “It’s only 5/18/26/27/40 nights a year!”

Fact: Edgewood’s formal amendment requests that lights be permitted for up to 40 games per year, plus unlimited practices. They are setting no conditions or limits on the number of games or outside events at which amplified audio would be permitted. The “compromise” proposed by the alder appointed for our district by the city would limit the use of lights to five football games, but still allow Edgewood unlimited use of amplified audio at other times, and permanently allow Edgewood to continue what they are currently getting away with by violating their zoning.

Claim: “Edgewood hosted neighborhood listening sessions to share our ideas and gather feedback. Those sessions helped identify... areas that we have specifically addressed as we move through the process”.

Fact: This is half-true. They did host neighborhood meetings and issued various press releases and other documents, but have done nothing to actually address the core neighborhood concerns about stadium lights, amplified sound, and crowd noise. The process has been characterized by Edgewood telling us their intentions, neighbors expressing their concerns and objections, and Edgewood dismissing those concerns as overblown or irrelevant and saying that they’re going to do it anyway. This does not demonstrate “a commitment to positive neighborhood relations” – it is demonstrative of an attitude of entitlement that has generated an enormous amount of discord and distrust in the neighborhood.

In a 2015 Wisconsin State Journal article, Edgewood High School President Mike Elliott was quoted as saying that their project to resurface the practice field ‘has received the support of area neighborhood groups that have balked in the past at the idea of turning the facility into a competition site for Edgewood’s many athletic programs’, and acknowledging that “We’re between two neighborhood associations. They have been **vehemently opposed** to us having lights or playing games here. We’re really building this to be able to give our athletes the practice facilities that provide the best surfaces possible and to expand the amount of outdoor practices we can hold especially in the spring.”

Message: EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

From Sue and Mike Elliott Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 5:55 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject EHS Goodman Athletic Complex


Mr. Tim Parks,

I feel athletics is a very important part of high school life. I am in support of the upgrades to the Goodman Athletic Complex at Edgewood High School. I am hoping you are also. Please vote yes for these changes to be made.

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Elliott
4600 University Ave. #311
Madison, WI 53705

Message: info@edgewoodhs.org

 info@edgewoodhs.org

From Sue and Mike Elliott Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 6:06 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject info@edgewoodhs.org

Tim,

Please use common sense and fairness, offering Edgewood the same rights as the other city high schools by approving the Amendment to the Master Plan.

Thank you,

Michael Elliott
4600 University Ave. #311
Madison, WI 53705

Message: Edgewood

Edgewood

From Kelly Ryan Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 7:47 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood

Please support and vote yes for the upgrades to Edgewood football fields.

The kids and the community deserve this!

Thanks,
Kelly Ryan

Message: EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

From Bryce Ternus Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 9:24 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

Greetings Tim Park,

I am contacting you to ask for your support in the Edgewood High School Goodman Athletic Complex. I graduated in 2017 and always dreamed of playing a football game on my own field. Unfortunately, I was never able to and had to play all of my home games on the Middleton High School field. It was so demoralizing to play our "home" games on Middleton's field as we never were able to produce the same amount of school spirit like our rival schools of Stoughton or Monona Grove. It took a toll on all the athletes and made it difficult for our supporters to make it to the game. The Goodman Athletic Complex will be very beneficial for the many future generations of students at Edgewood High School as it will finally give our athletes a sense of pride to play at home. This complex will not only be used for football, but also soccer, track, cross country, and lacrosse. Please take this in to serious consideration and make my dream of playing a real home football game possible for the future generations of athletes.

Thank You,

Bryce Ternus

Message: No Stadium Please!

No Stadium Please!

From Lisa Burdulis Date Tuesday, January 1, 2019 9:46 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject No Stadium Please!

My husband and I vote no stadium please.
Thank you, Lisa Burdulis and Steve Sadoff

Message: FW: Letter from Josh Gettle regarding Edgewood stadium proposal

FW: Letter from Josh Gettle regarding Edgewood stadium proposal
From Stouder, Heather Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:43 AM
To Parks, Timothy
Cc
Subject FW: Letter from Josh Gettle regarding Edgewood stadium proposal
 Letter to Madison planning board - Josh Gettle.pdf (295 Kb)

From: jcg186@charter.net [mailto:jcg186@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 9:21 PM
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Cc: 'josh.nappravnik@gmail.com' ; 'josh.nappravnik@gmail.com' ; 'fieldsrac@gmail.com' ; Baldeh, Samba ; Arntsen, Allen ; Soglin, Paul
Subject: Letter from Josh Gettle regarding Edgewood stadium proposal

Madison Planning Board,

Please see my attached letter regarding the Edgewood's Stadium Proposal - Happy to discuss.

Thank you

Josh Gettle
2356 West Lawn Ave
Madison WI 53711

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Message: My opposition to the Edgewood stadium proposal

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From john bayley Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 11:06 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject My opposition to the Edgewood stadium proposal

Dear Tim Parks,

I want you to know that I strongly oppose Edgewood's proposed stadium. I believe they are fully aware of the negative impact the stadium would have on the neighborhood including the parks and the Arboretum. I am sure they also anticipated our neighborhood's bitter opposition to their plan.

I am flabbergasted that Edgewood leadership is choosing to poison the school's relationship with the neighborhood with such an absurd proposal.

Sincerely,

John Bayley

717 Chapman St.

After twenty-seven years as a homeowner at 702 Leonard Street, I retired from my position as Professor at UW-Madison School of Music in the summer of 2016, sold my home on the corner of Leonard Street and West Lawn, and moved to New York to be closer to family.

Since that summer, I have continued my artistic relationship and friendships in Madison, and return monthly to play in the Madison Symphony and produce a summer classical chamber music festival, the Bach Dancing and Dynamite Society. Madison has never been far from my thoughts, and I have followed the questions over the new potential Edgewood stadium with alacrity.

When Edgewood High School decided to move its main entrance to the corner of Leonard Street and Monroe Street, there was never any thought (on Edgewood's part) about how it would affect the neighbors on Leonard Street, but only about the new light and how the entrance would enhance the Edgewood campus. With my neighbors on Leonard Street and beyond, we entered a heated battle with the city, and with Edgewood, to close Leonard Street and turn our street into a cul de sac, so that people would not be revving their engines at 7:00 AM right outside our front doors. After a struggle of almost two years, we succeeded in our quest and have preserved Leonard Street as a quiet residential street. The neighbors all heaved a huge sigh of relief.

A bit of historical perspective: My kids learned how to ride their bikes on the Edgewood track on Monroe Street, and until it was a locked, gated, and fenced-in track, the community appreciated and enjoyed it in an informal way. Over the past years, since the greatly-enhanced track was installed, I have been woken on countless mornings at 6:30 AM (sometimes earlier), with screaming, bullhorns, and roaring crowds. And this is all without a

stadium and lights¹ This has been greatly disruptive, and contributed to the overall mayhem that Monroe Street has become, with ever-denser apartment building, lack of parking and traffic.

Although I am no longer a full time citizen of Madison or a homeowner at 702 Leonard Street, I can say with some authority that I believe it would be a terrible, terrible mistake to allow Edgewood to once again run roughshod over the neighborhood, to continue to alter their sworn master plan, and to forever alter the character of the neighborhood we have loved for so long. It is a well-documented fact that neighborhood children do not even attend Edgewood, and it has long been known as a haven for wealthy students from the far regions of Madison metropolitan area.

Once it's done, it will never be undone. For once, let the developers take a back seat to the legitimate neighborhood concerns, which are legitimate and numerous. It's an abhorrent idea to build a stadium on Monroe Street on the Edgewood campus, and will lead to many other "deviations" from their "master plan" down the road. Edgewood has shown its hand, and it's a self-serving, money-grubbing, and thoughtless grab.

Please consider carefully. So much hangs in the balance.
Sincerely yours,
Stephanie Jutt

Message: Edgewood Stadium Support

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From Jeff Huebner Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 10:26 PM

To Arntsen, Allen

Cc Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy

Subject Edgewood Stadium Support

Dear Mr Arntsen and City of Madison Planning Department:

We're writing to express our support for the Edgewood High School stadium expansion plans. We acknowledge our neighbors' valid concerns, but we know many of our neighbors are supportive of the stadium or neutral, on this issue. The opposition has received more press and made their voices heard with their signs, website, and campaign. We've been heartened to see some more supportive letters to the editor recently in the press.

We know Edgewood to be a wonderful neighbor and vital presence in this neighborhood. We have two kids who are elementary school aged, and likely will attend West High, but we know and appreciate that Edgewood has supported other schools and groups using their facilities. We acknowledge their efforts to mitigate noise and light from the new stadium, and we appreciate that the compromise solution being discussed would limit the number of nights per year that it would be used.

We live in Vilas and experience heavy traffic related to the zoo and Badgers football games. When we moved here from Seattle, we did not realize the impact this growing traffic (especially the zoo) would have in the neighborhood, but we treasure these Madison institutions that enrich our neighborhood, city, and economy. We chose to live in an urban neighborhood, and a high school sports facility certainly seems to be a reasonable part of that fabric. We also are grateful for whatever our city and community can do to expand opportunities for teamwork, sports, and physical fitness.

We wish the energy and resources put into this campaign and debate could be focused on other issues that need attention to continue to make Madison a vibrant community, with an attention to equity. Affordable housing, hunger, and disparities in education and health all would benefit from the same vibrant debates in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your work on this issue and for helping make Madison a great city.

Sincerely,

Jeff Huebner and Christine Kirsch
1418 Drake St

Message: Edgewood Stadium Comments

Edgewood Stadium Comments

From Matt Stoner Fehsenfeld Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 9:47 PM

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

Cc

Subject Edgewood Stadium Comments

Hi,

My name is Matt Stoner Fehsenfeld and my wife and I own a house on Terry Place. We are writing to you to express our strong opposition to Edgewood's proposed plan to build a stadium.

We live on the East side of Terry Place at 815 and already experience noise from the existing "practice," especially during weekend events when we are in our back yard with our two young kids. While the current levels of noise are not significantly intrusive, the prospect of that noise being much louder, more frequent and in the evenings as well as the day time, is very concerning. Also, I worry evening games would prevent us from having our windows open in the summer, especially with two young kids who go to bed early.

We chose to purchase a house on a dead end street three years ago in part because it is so quiet and peaceful. We regularly eat dinner on our back deck together as a family in the evening to unwind and connect during the warmer months on our back deck. Stadium noise would significantly harm our ability to enjoy this sort of back yard activity and affect our quality of life negatively.

I am also concerned that Edgewood is not planning any additional parking for this new stadium. Our street is completely full of student cars every day there is school at Edgewood and so their claim that their current capacity for parking is sufficient to cover this additional demand does not ring true.

Lastly, I have significant concern about Edgewood's commitment to operating in good faith to respect any limitations on the number or type of events they are allowed to host if a stadium is built. They already host outside groups for games on a regular basis on what is supposed to be a practice field, some of which bring in their own amplified sound systems which we can hear at our house. Barring the creation of a new enforcement mechanism, what would keep Edgewood from once again agreeing to a set of use conditions on the new construction and then violating them once it was complete.

In summary, we as a family are strongly opposed to allowing Edgewood to modify their zoning/master plan and granting them exception to city noise ordinances. We feel that it would hurt our family's quality of life, potentially lower our property value and place too great a burden on our neighborhood with questionable or no offsetting benefit.

Thank you for your consideration,
Matt and Clare Stoner Fehsenfeld
815 Terry Place

Message: Edgewood athletic field

Edgewood athletic field

From Powless Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 8:01 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Edgewood athletic field

Mr. Parks-

I am writing to ask for your support of the Edgewood athletic field improvements. This project's impact on the surrounding neighborhood will be extremely minimal thanks to expanded on-campus parking, state of the art LED lighting, and bleacher-focused speakers. It has the potential to bring new foot traffic to the many local restaurants and businesses which are within blocks of the school.

Thank you for your time and positive consideration of this issue.

-Jason Powless

Sent from my iPhone

Message: Vote YES! Support EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

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From Liz Wolter Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 7:59 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Vote YES! Support EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

Dear Mr. Parks,

As I have asked Mayor Soglin, I ask that you support EHS in the approval of their Goodman Athletic Complex upgrades.

We have three sons who are presently or have graduated from Edgewood High School. I work in Madison for UW Health Urgent Care for 11.5 years. We dine in Madison, spend our money in Madison, support Madison parks and gardens. We supported the local business on Monroe Street even and especially when the Monroe Street construction made it more difficult for us to do so. We own a business on Lake Kegonsa that brings more tourism dollars to Madison.

Edgewood High School students provide an amazing amount of service hours each and every year to the Madison community--asking nothing in return. Edgewood HS is a gem in Madison! We are very proud to a part of the Edgewood HS family.

Your support of the Goodman Athletic Complex upgrade is very important! This improvement will benefit ALL EHS students, the local community and the Madison community.

I ask that we can count on your support. Please vote yes!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wolter

1878 Sheryl Lane

Stoughton WI 53589

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Wolter Family

wolterfamily@gmail.com

Message: Edgewood Stadium

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From Mary Howick Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 6:47 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood Stadium

I find it interesting and disturbing that Madison -a city that prides itself on strong neighborhoods - is apparently not listening to the people of the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood when it comes to the proposed new stadium at Edgewood. The neighborhood association has issued a stance of strongly opposed to the stadium. Not compromise, not "let the kids play", but opposed.

Drive around the neighborhood and yard signs in opposition are everywhere despite many being removed and vandalized. The majority of people in the neighborhood are against it. Keep the neighborhood strong and honor it by having the necessary and deciding voice on what happens in the neighborhood.

Mary Howick
605 Edgewood Ave
Madison

Message: Edgewood Stadium

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From Doug Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 6:38 PM

To Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva;Arntsen, Allen;Stouder, Heather;Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood Stadium

I am a resident of District 5 (Rowley Avenue). I am writing in opposition to the proposed stadium expansion at Edgewood High School. After having studied the matter and listened to the stances of the projects opponents and proponents, I have found the position of Edgewood High School to have likely misrepresented the extent of impact not only on the immediate neighborhood, but in adjacent areas as well. I am deeply concerned over the long-term impacts on the entirety of the Dudgeon-Monroe, Vilas and Regent neighborhoods. I find the Edgewood position to disingenuous; if this stadium is built, I have no doubt it's use will expand well beyond what is currently represented. Please keep in mind this is a residential neighborhood where people move for the quality of life, the impact will affect literally thousands of residents who didn't bargain for these changes.

Douglas Raubal

1826 Rowley Ave, Madison, WI 53726

Message: Edgewood High School Stadium Renovations

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From Erin Tomlinson Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 5:45 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School Stadium Renovations

Dear Mr. Parks,

I hope that you will do the right thing and support the upgrades at the existing Edgewood High School stadium. Edgewood has always been a good neighbor and a benefit to society. They have pursued the lights the right way and played by the rules. The kids deserve to play on a home field at their school. Light it up and let them play. Thank you.
Erin Tomlinson

Message: Upgrades to EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

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From Erin & Tom Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 5:28 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Upgrades to EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

Dear Mr. Parks,

I am writing in support of the upgrades to EHS Goodman Athletic Complex. This is an important improvement for students and to make sure Edgewood is up to speed with other schools. Please consider voting yes.

Best,

Erin Dawson

9714 Red Sky Dr

Middleton, WI 53562

Message: Edgewood stadium

Edgewood stadium

From James MacDonald Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 5:11 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood stadium

Tim Parks

I live at the corner of Edgewood and Vilas Avenues and have lived at this location for 75 years. The new stadium will be within 2000 feet of my house .

I am opposed to the building of the new stadium at Edgewood. I object to the noise but I will suffer less from the noise than the parking pressure and the dramatic increase in auto traffic. The lights from the stadium will have a major negative impact on the night time use of Vilas Park, Lake Wingra, and the UW arboretum. The effects of this new stadium will reduce the calm neighborliness of this area and negate the very reason we chose to live here. As a former member of the Madison Park Commission, I strongly object to the building of this new stadium

Betty N MacDonald

Message: Comment on Edgewood Proposal—Opposition

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From Gail Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 5:02 PM

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

Cc

Subject Comment on Edgewood Proposal—Opposition

I've lived at 2265 Fox Avenue for 44 years, and in my view Edgewood has ordinarily been a good and participating part of the area, both in relations with the neighborhood associations and in principle. It now seems to have abandoned such principle and practices. It's hard to understand how Edgewood can persist in such an inflated plan and such belligerent response to neighborhood concerns, including concerns for Lake Wingra.

Gail Glasser

Sent from my iPhone

Message: EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

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From peggy gierhart Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 4:46 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

Dear Mr. Parks,

As a past alum, current golf coach and EHS parent, I am writing with strong support for Edgewood High School to go ahead with the full upgrades to the EHS Goodman Athletic Complex.

I believe strongly that this is well deserved for the students and families of EHS after proving to be great neighbors in the past.

I think this would be a benefit for the community as well.

EHS will definitely respect the neighbors with sound and light issues and would feel gratitude for the support of the community.

As a coach, I know personally how hard it is to schedule events without a home field. I know this would relieve some of the scheduling problems across not only our conference but with the public schools in the Madison district as well.

There are many stadiums around Madison who have residential homes nearby and they have reached a compromise. After all, this is a neighborhood with Camp Randall stadium right down the road. Its a busy area in the city. Personally I would be thankful to have Edgewood with its great history and its massive green space amongst all the new construction being built in the area.

I think we need to provide healthy activities for our youth and this a historically traditional and positive way to do it. We should be encouraging the teenagers to support their school games. It is good for schools, families, and community.

The field has already been renovated and supported in 2015 by many in the community and many charitable organizations. The Goodman name itself says it all.

The Goodman Foundation has supported this field and that is a huge compliment from such an amazing and charitable community supported foundation

As E.G. Schramka, Executive director of the Goodman Foundation said about building the field in 2015, it would be a "community-wide venue that will serve all of Madison, from children to seniors, through games, camps, and other activities".

I think this quote from Steve Morrison in a Madison.com article says it all, "It is very clear how the Goodmans felt about the community. It was very clear they viewed this community as their extended family," said Morrison, "and for them, family members always took care of family members."

Please consider voting in favor of these upgrades.

I would hope the community would continue to support this project because in the big picture, it's the right thing to do.

Thank you for your time,

Peggy Gierhart

EHS Girls Golf
Head Coach

Message: EHS stadium

EHS stadium

From Ann Marie Palmisano Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 4:09 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject EHS stadium

Dear Mr. Parks:

I am writing in support of the ESH Stadium enhancement. I write as a former faculty member and administrator, as well as a former resident of the neighborhood. I am a now frequent visitor to Madison and often stay on Monroe Street.

First of all, after living in the area and visiting it for over 40 plus years, I would never consider Monroe Street a quiet residential neighborhood. It is a main thoroughfare through Madison and has a mixed venue of residential, retail, restaurants, bars, schools, parks, bike paths and finally at the end of the street: Camp Randall. It is an alive, exciting neighborhood not a quiet pastoral area.

Secondly, the Edgewood Schools have been there since the 1880's, before any of the present residents. Most people who move into areas on main streets and/or across from a school with a lot of property or a continually growing and developing educational community would know that it is not a going to be quiet at all times. I have a hard time with the argument of ruining "our peace and quiet". It is Monroe Street and Camp Randall is down the street and the Vilas Zoo/Park (with all of its traffic) is around the corner. This is a growing, alive and vibrant city and area.

Now for the school's desire for a stadium. As a very long time educator on the secondary level; and a former administrator; having a stadium for the school's sports program located on your very own property is every school's desire. After all these years, this can now become a reality for this school. AND WHY NOT? They have done their homework. They have studied all the complaints and concerns and have responded after study in a very professional and competent manner taking everything mentioned into consideration.

The Edgewood Schools have been good neighborhoods and have brought life and value to this community. They have been stellar educators and very good neighbors and leaders in the community. Madison is known for its support of education and educational opportunities and all the values and benefits that come with strong educational institutions. EDGEWOOD has been part of that fabric. It has provided strong leaders and community members to Madison for a long time. Now is the time to support Edgewood High School and especially the students, the young people, the future of Madison. It is time to support the Edgewood community who have worked hard for their school and the community. To be able to play on one's own home field is so important in so many ways. It is also such a savings in so many ways.....not only in dollars saved the school, but in transportation and traffic concerns. Also it promotes great safety and security when playing at home....for players and supporters.....fewer people moving around and tighter supervision. Weigh these values.

Let us support EHS and young people and their adult teachers, coaches and mentors/parents. This stadium is for the sake of young people, who are our future.

Thank you for listening,
Ann Marie Palmisano

Message: Edgewood Facilities Plan

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From Nate Elias Home Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 3:30 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Edgewood Facilities Plan

Mr. Parks –

I am writing to request your support for the improvements and agreement for the Edgewood High School athletic facilities. I have a student at Edgewood, and I find the undue influence a small minority of neighbors is having on doing what is right for the students and neighborhood is troubling.

I am a Madison native and went to high school at LaFollette High School before LaFollette had its own football fields and had to play all games away at another stadium. Since that time, LaFollette has built the current athletic facilities, and arguably there has been no adverse impact to the neighborhood and actually it has become a source of pride to have the local high school have its own facilities, as well as has contributed to a.) safety as high school students are not having to travel significantly longer distances to another field to attend games, and b.) the local economy by keeping spectators close to the community rather than traveling to another neighborhood for meals, entertainment, etc. before and after the games.

The Monroe Street business district was decimated by the construction, and at the very least, why wouldn't we want families, students, spectators staying close to Edgewood for games and events rather than drive to another part of town?

While it seems there is a very well organized and vocal minority in the neighborhood who have done a good job muddying the waters, they are a MINORITY and most Edgewood neighborhood residents would welcome the environment and energy of high school sporting events taking place at Edgewood.

Please consider supporting the plan.

Thank you.

- Nate Elias

Message: Edgewood

Edgewood

From Brad Smith Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 3:20 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Edgewood

Mr. Parks,

I am sending this in support of Edgewood High School and ask you to vote yes to the upgrades being proposed to the athletic field.

Thanks,

Brad Smith, M.D.

3076 Yarmouth Greenway

Fitchburg, WI 53711

Message: Edgewood stadium

Edgewood stadium

From Jeanette F Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 2:25 PM

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

Cc

Subject Edgewood stadium

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed stadium at Edgewood. The neighborhood would be poorly impacted by the stadium, and in my opinion, a neighborhood is much more important than any sports program. Edgewood has proved itself a poor neighbor winter after winter by clearing their parking lots of ice and snow while neglecting their sidewalks. I can't believe they'd be any better at following through on the promises they've made to the neighborhood regarding the stadium.

Thanks for listening.

Jeanette Froehle

Message: Yay! Edgewood High School field updates

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From H Lynn Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 2:14 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Yay! Edgewood High School field updates

Hi,

...just a quick (well, not really) note to voice my support for updates to be made for Goodman field at Edgewood High School. The school has always been respectful of the surrounding community and neighborhood (I think back to when they would host Edgefest every fall). I do think it is important for kids to support one another in sporting events and it builds school cohesiveness. Kids need to get off of their electronic devices and learn how to socialize and enjoy one another's company. Updating the field would allow Edgewood to open up a place for students to be with one another. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Heidi (Nass) Eckstein

Message: Edgewood High School Goodman Athletic Complex

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From J Tretow-Schmitz Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 2:01 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School Goodman Athletic Complex

Hello, Mr. Parks.

I write to ask you to support the Goodman Athletic Complex which has been proposed on the Edgewood High School campus. Despite some opposing voices, I believe the development would be great for the school, the neighborhood and our city!

Please encourage the Plan Commission to support this development. I believe Edgewood has tried very hard to be a good neighbor in the design and function of this proposed facility, and deserves the opportunity to add it to its campus.

Thank you,

Jean Tretow-Schmitz
502 Glenway St
Madison WI 53711

Jean Tretow-Schmitz

Message: Edgewood stadium

Edgewood stadium

From Dave Borski Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 1:24 PM

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

Cc

Subject Edgewood stadium

I live at 1628 Jefferson Street and I am in favor of the Edgewood stadium.

I have recently received a hysterical piece of propaganda in the mail from the “no New stadium” folks.

It is laden with false information and meant to frighten people.

Sure, there will be more noise and congestion, but I think it just adds to the vibrancy of the neighborhood.

Living 2 blocks from Camp Randall, I have never been unable to carry on a conversation because of stadium noise. It is just bunk.

Pretty soon they will be saying that it is negatively affecting the animals in the zoo.

Let Edgewood have the stadium.

Perhaps some neighborhood activities could happen there.

Janice Busse Borski

Sent from my iPad

Message: Opposed to new Edgewood stadium

Opposed to new Edgewood stadium

From Jen Roth Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 1:07 PM

To Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy

Cc Arntsen, Allen

Subject Opposed to new Edgewood stadium

I add my voice to the chorus expressing opposition to the proposed new Edgewood High School stadium. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Through various public platforms — including articles and letters in the WSJ, the “nonewstadium” web site, the DMNA position paper — the negative impacts of the project have been effectively articulated:

* Amplified sound, as well as crowd noise, will disturb the peace of neighborhood residents and visitors enjoying the beautiful Wingra lake, park and paths;

* Light pollution will affect every creature (human and non-human) in the vicinity, including across the lake;

* Traffic to and from the games will clog Monroe Street; drivers wanting to avoid waits and fees at Edgewood lots will take spaces on side streets.

Another impact is aesthetic: the tall poles supporting the light fixtures will be an eyesore, not only during night games, but at all times.

Stadium sound, lighting and crowds will surely also impact other activities at Edgewood — music and theatre events, lectures, library study.

I don't believe that EHS has adequately addressed these concerns, nor made a winning argument for the necessity of a new stadium. Take for instance the issue of commuting to games. If the majority of EHS students do not actually live near the school, as I understand is the case, they will have to drive to the school for games. How is this an improvement over the status quo, where they have to commute to a stadium elsewhere?

To significantly and permanently alter the quality of life of a community and environment is a serious matter, as all stakeholders agree. But if this decision were put to a vote, it seems to me that priority should be given to those most directly and routinely affected — nearby residents and businesses, and those who spend time at Wingra park and lake.

And what about the Wingra wildlife? Too bad they can't have a say in the debate.

Thanks for reading my comments.

Jen Roth
Madison, WI

Sent from my iPhone

Message: Edgewood High School stadium

Edgewood High School stadium

From Barb Sanford Date Wednesday, January 2, 2019 1:06 PM

To

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School stadium

TO: Madison Plan Commission members

FROM: Barb Sanford, 1211 Garfield St

As a past president of the Vilas Neighborhood Association and longtime Madison resident, I am deeply concerned about Edgewood High School's proposal to build an athletic stadium on the Edgewood campus and urge you to vote against this proposal at your upcoming meeting. My specific concerns are as follows.

- The proposed project does not conform to the Monroe Street Commercial District Plan and master plan agreed upon by Edgewood.
- The excessive noise and light levels at athletic events will negatively impact the residents on neighboring streets, the nearby Park and Pleasure Drive, the Arboretum and Lake Wingra.
- The increased traffic resulting from these events will negatively impact Monroe Street and the adjacent neighborhoods.
- Edgewood High School is a private institution that does not contribute to the city's tax base. Nor do a majority of its students reside in the adjacent Vilas, Dudgeon Monroe or Regent neighborhoods.

I feel that the Vilas Neighborhood Association Council's vote in favor of this project did not take into account its members' widespread opposition to it and thus did not properly represent its membership. Likewise, Alder Arntsen's positive vote did not reflect the will of his constituents.

Through the years, our neighborhood association has worked closely with Edgewood in ensuring that its campus plan is acceptable to both the school and neighborhood. The relationship has been a good one. It is only now that I feel that their proposal exceeds acceptable guidelines and is injurious to the quality of life in our neighborhood and city.

I trust that you will take citizens' views into account and vote against this proposal. Thank you for the good work you do on our behalf.

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