

Message: FW: NO NEW STADIUM!

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From Stouder, Heather Date Monday, October 29, 2018 8:06 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc Tucker, Matthew

Subject FW: NO NEW STADIUM!

Tim-

Please save for the file on the Edgewood proposal. Thanks!

Heather

From: Steve A

Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2018 9:28 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: NO NEW STADIUM!

To whom it may concern:

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

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

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

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

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

Please oppose this proposed stadium.

Sincerely,

Steve Almasi MD MS

Message: FW: Opposed to Edgewood High School stadium

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From: Sue Ellingson

Sent: Saturday, October 27, 2018 5:11 PM

To: Stouder, Heather ; Arntsen, Allen

Subject: Opposed to Edgewood High School stadium

To the Madison Plan Commission and Alder Arntsen:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Susan Ellingson

1922 Vilas Ave, Madison, WI 53711

sue.ellingson@icloud.com



Message: FW: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

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From Stouder, Heather Date Tuesday, October 30, 2018 12:09 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc Firchow, Kevin; Tucker, Matthew

Subject FW: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

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Please save for the Edgewood file. Thank you!

Heather

From: Kelly DiNardo

Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 11:46 AM

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

Cc: johnpaulfielder@gmail.com

Subject: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

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

It seems as if it would be in the best interest of the students in terms of safety and growing their community. Also, both the high school and the college play a role in our larger community and this creates more opportunities for us all to come together.

Lastly, the concerns about noise seem strange to us as our neighborhood is also near Camp Randall and no one seems to mind the noise from band practice and UW games.

Best,

Kelly DiNardo

Message: FW: Letter to Plan Commission re: Neighborhood Opposition to Edgewood Stadium Proposal

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From Stouder, Heather Date Thursday, November 1, 2018 8:04 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc Firchow, Kevin; Tucker, Matthew

Subject FW: Letter to Plan Commission re: Neighborhood Opposition to Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Plan Commission Letter 103118.docx (33 Kb)

Tim-

Please save for the PC file. Thanks!

From: Tag Evers

Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 12:43 PM

To: ken.opin@gmail.com

Cc: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Letter to Plan Commission re: Neighborhood Opposition to Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Dear Chairman Opin,

Please see the attached letter indicating our opposition to the proposed construction of a stadium on the site of Edgewood's athletic field.

We look forward to discussing our concerns with you, Plan Commission, and city staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tag Evers

2329 Keyes Ave.

Madison, WI 53711


c/o No New Stadium

From:

No New Stadium

To:

Ken Opin, Chair

Plan Commission

City of Madison

cc:

Heather Stouder, Director

City of Madison Planning Division

October 31, 2018

Dear Chairman Opin:

We are a grassroots group of concerned citizens that formed after the public meeting held at Edgewood High School on October 17, 2018. We strongly oppose Edgewood's recently unveiled plan to turn its new athletic field into a stadium with 1,200 seats, 80-foot high-mount night lighting and an amplified sound system. We respectfully request that you circulate this letter to the members of the Plan Commission prior to the November 5, 2018 meeting.

Under the existing Campus Master Plan, approved in 2015, Edgewood built a \$1.5 million outdoor athletic field. At that time, the neighborhood was led to believe the field would be used *for practices only*, and would *not* include lights or a sound system. Edgewood High School president Mike Elliott declared in the *Wisconsin State Journal* (6/15/2015), that neighborhood associations have been "opposed to us having lights or playing games here. We're ... building this to be able to give our athletes the practice facilities that provide the best surfaces possible."

Three years later, Edgewood has changed course and now plans to add a stadium to the practice field. They propose to host night events for football, soccer, lacrosse, track and field, and numerous other unlit sporting events during the day and early evening that would use amplified sound. This is a *significant* change in use of a *significant* part of their campus, which will have a *significant* impact on the neighborhood.

A Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association survey in April 2017 showed two-thirds of respondents were opposed. Recently, David Hoffert, president of DMNA, stated that since the 2017 survey, "the rough breakdown of two-thirds opposed and one-third in support has [not] significantly changed" (*Capital Times*, 10/16/18).

Edgewood claims that neighbors would be largely unaffected because it has a technological fix for the livability problems of bright lights and noise pollution. We believe these claims are unproven. For example, data gathered by Ethan Brodsky, a Dudgeon-Monroe resident who has a PhD in Electrical & Computer Engineering, at a Waunakee High School football game, call into question the low decibel figures and mitigated light-spill claimed by Edgewood's vendor. However good the technology, if this stadium is built, there will be additional noise, light and traffic, and increased use over time.

The Campus Institutional Zoning District ordinance Statement of Purpose (sec. 28.097 (1)(c), MGO), says that Campus Master Plans should "balance the ability of major institutions to change ... with the need to protect the livability and vitality of adjacent neighborhoods." There are two criteria listed in the CI Zoning Standards for Master Plan Approval by the Common Council (sec. 29.097 (6)(a) & (b), MGO). The first is that "the Plan shall serve the public interest as well as the interest of the institution developing the plan." The public interest in reasonable peace and quiet currently cherished by nearby residents would not be served by a continuous series of events punctuated by a play-by-play announcer, pep bands, and crowd noise. This would profoundly change the neighborhood's essential fabric as a quiet, friendly residential community. The impact to the adjacent neighborhoods will be decidedly negative, with spillover effects on recreational use of Lake Wingra, traffic issues on Monroe Street and neighboring streets, and a tragic breach in relations between Edgewood and its neighbors.

The second CI zoning criterion is "the Plan shall be consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and adopted neighborhood, corridor or special area plans adjacent to campus boundaries." The Edgewood proposal is inconsistent with the Monroe Street Commercial District Plan, adopted by the City on March 3, 2007. One of the stated Commercial District Plan goals is "to preserve and enhance the residential character of the neighborhood around the commercial districts" (p.9). With respect to Edgewood specifically, the Plan states that "Edgewood . . . is an important presence on Monroe Street. . . . [It] will be critical for any future plan to carefully coordinate with surrounding neighborhood and land uses to avoid any negative impacts" (p.43).

Moreover, to the extent that a Conditional Use Permit may be required, such a major amendment could not be approved

under sec. 28.183(6)(a)3., MGO, because the “uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established” *will* “be substantially impaired or diminished” in a very foreseeable manner. Even if not directly applicable, this standard provides helpful guidance as to what is in the public interest as related to substantial alterations of a CI zoning district Master Plan.

When Edgewood’s request to amend its Campus Master Plan in order to build this stadium comes before the Plan Commission, we will be asking the commission to hold Edgewood to current standards (both those we have referenced and others), reject the request, and protect the adjacent residential neighborhoods.

As stated in the city’s Comprehensive Plan, “Neighborhoods are the basic building block of the city“ (p. 46). We have provided this early communication to let you know how strongly we feel about this, and how committed we are to protecting the quality of life of our community.

Sincerely,

Signed:

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16. Arne Alanen, 1910 West Lawn Ave, Madison, WI 53711
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29. Melissa Vaughan, 2245 Keyes Ave, Madison, WI 53711
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41. Adam Malacek, 2320 West Lawn Ave, Madison, WI 53711
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43. James Schey, 878 Woodrow St, Madison, WI 53711
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57. Jeff S. Held, 2301 Keyes Ave, Madison, WI 53711
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59. Merija Eisen, 2339 Keyes Ave, Madison, WI 53711
60. Tag Evers, 2329 Keyes Ave, Madison, WI 53711
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67. Laura Schwendinger, 2325 Keyes Ave, Madison, WI 53711
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69. Sheila Vanderwood, 2352 Commonwealth Ave, Madison, WI 53711
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72. Dennis Trest, 2310 Monroe St, Madison WI 53711
73. Alta A. Johnson, 2264 Monroe St, Madison WI 53711
74. Timothy D. Johnson, 2264 Monroe St, Madison WI 53711
75. Pam Cramer, 2318 Monroe St, Madison WI 53711
76. Ron Cramer, 2318 Monroe St, Madison WI 53711
77. Jacob Notbohm, 2314 Monroe St, Madison WI 53711
78. Nicole Broekema, 2314 Monroe St, Madison WI 53711
79. Mary Lou Nord, 2332 Monroe St, Madison WI 53711
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89. Scott Wilson, 613 Sheldon St, Madison WI 53711
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110. Tricia Smith, 850 Terry Place, Madison, WI 53711
111. Mike Smith, 850 Terry Place, Madison, WI 53711
112. Karl Knauf, 833 Terry Place, Madison, WI 53711
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114. Angel McClarey, 857 Terry Place, Madison, WI 53711
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143. Bob McChesney, 2118 West Lawn Ave, Madison, WI 53711
144. Linda Gordon, 2121 West Lawn Ave, Madison, WI 53711
145. Allen Hunter, 2121 West Lawn Ave, Madison, WI 53711
146. Marcia Standiford, 2122 West Lawn Ave, Madison, WI 53711
147. Ken Ferencek, 2122 West Lawn Ave, Madison, WI 53711
148. Susan Gevelber, 2138 West Lawn Ave, Madison, WI 53711
149. John Kalfayan, 2343 West Lawn Ave, Madison, WI 53711
150. Mike Kanel, 2824 Gregory St, Madison, WI 53711
151. Steve Glass, 1306 Seminole Highway, Madison, WI 53711
152. Yael Gen, 860 Woodrow St., Madison, WI 53711
153. Jeffrey Jerred, 860 Woodrow St., Madison, WI 53711
154. Teresa Nyholt, 812 Woodrow St., Madison, WI 53711
155. Bob Meyer, 812 Woodrow St., Madison, WI 53711
156. Marc Gartler, 820 Woodrow St., Madison, WI 53711
157. Christine Gartler, 820 Woodrow St., Madison, WI 53711
158. David Zimmerman, 2138 West Lawn, Madison, WI 53711

Message: Fw: Vote NO on Edgewood Stadium Proposal

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From Stouder, Heather Date Friday, November 2, 2018 7:34 PM
To Parks, Timothy
Cc
Subject Fw: Vote NO on Edgewood Stadium Proposal
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Please add to the Edgewood file. Thank you!
Heather

From: Karen Sack
Sent: Friday, November 2, 2018 7:18:16 PM
To: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Vote NO on Edgewood Stadium Proposal

To Plan Commission, care of Heather Stouder:

We urge the Plan Commission to vote NO on the Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal. We are concerned about the adverse impact of noise and parking congestion on the surrounding neighborhoods. We have lived at this address for 46 years.

Sincerely, Robert and Karen Sack
1115 Van Buren Street

be shared by all who treasure access to nature in Madison's public spaces. Environmental impact is also a concern. Local wildlife, such as the great horned owls that nest along Woodrow Street or the Park and Pleasure Drive, may also be affected.

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Best,
Rachel Fields, Vice President of the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association
on behalf of DMNA

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To: Ken Opin, Tim Parks, Matt Tucker, Heather Stouder, Samba Baldeh

From: Rachel Fields, Vice President, Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association

11.16.18

Dear all:

The Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association is writing to express our adamant opposition to an amendment to the Master Plan to allow Edgewood High School to construct a stadium with lights, amplified sound and expanded seating on their property.

Unlike usual city development that creates infill, prevents urban sprawl and increases the city tax base, this amendment benefits a private institution with nearly half its student population outside the Madison city limits, without adding significant benefit to the city as a whole.

DMNA has a long history of working with Edgewood and accommodating Edgewood's need for growth and development. Since 2001, DMNA has supported 16 development projects for the high school, college and primary school. We have weighed each proposal in terms of its benefit to Edgewood and impact on the greater community, and have largely opted to support Edgewood.

In this case, the negative impact on our neighborhood is too great for us to support the proposed

development. DMNA has paid careful attention to residents' comments about the athletic field, and we have concluded that recent upgrades to the field surface have already led to levels of noise and frequency of usage that are disruptive to local residents. Larger crowds, lighting, and amplified sound would all increase that level of disruption.

For several years leading up to Campus Master Plan approval in 2014, we worked with the City and Edgewood College, Edgewood High School and Edgewood Campus School on a Master Plan that would govern Edgewood's development for the next 10 years. At that time, we agreed to a joint vision of how Edgewood would function in the neighborhood: as a cherished academic institution that participates in neighborhood life while respecting the proximity of local homes to its campus. Based on long standing neighborhood concerns about the athletic field, it is highly unlikely that DMNA would have supported the Master Plan had it included lights or amplified sound on the athletic field.

The Campus Master Plan (in Section 3.8, *Open Space Plan*) describes the site of the proposed amendment as the "Athletic field owned by Edgewood High School. Used for team practices, physical education classes." Since the Master Plan was approved in 2014, Edgewood has upgraded the athletic field surface, and, consequently, usage for competition rather than practice and physical education has increased. With this increase has come greater noise from crowds, whistles, athletes, and a scoreboard. DMNA residences more than a block away from the field now find current levels of noise to be disruptive, and noise is audible from Wingra Park and the surface of Lake Wingra.

More broadly, in a survey of 212 distinct Dudgeon Monroe households in April 2017, 67.8 percent of respondents said the neighborhood would be harmed by a new stadium and 61.7 percent said they would personally be harmed. In October 2018, of 139 DMNA residents who commented publicly about the proposal or contacted our zoning subcommittee, more than 80 percent are opposed to Edgewood's updated proposal. For the majority of residents, the core of their concern is not about one part of Edgewood's proposal, but about the proposal as a whole and its impact on neighborhood quality of life. Given the impact of lights, crowd noise and amplified sound on nearby Lake Wingra, this concern should be shared by all who treasure access to nature in Madison's public spaces. Environmental impact is also a concern. Local wildlife, such as the great horned owls that nest along Woodrow Street or the Park and Pleasure Drive, may also be affected.

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Message: Request to build playing field At Edgewood

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From Marianne Ewig Date Saturday, November 17, 2018 8:23 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Request to build playing field At Edgewood

I was at the Nelson Institute forum on climate change in Madison Wednesday evening. Madison is attempting to address and plan for the changes here.

Then, I read the above proposal. I live in the Greenbush neighborhood, near Lake Wingra.

This proposal will increase run off into Lake Wingra, into an already overfilled lake as it will remove more soil, etc.

I believe this proposal should go through a review process with the staff responsible for responding to our local climate changes.

Thank you.

Marianne Ewig
711 South Orchard St
53715

Message: Current field use at Edgewood High School

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From Marie Trest Date Monday, November 26, 2018 7:54 AM

To Parks, Timothy;mtucker@cityofmdison.com

Cc fieldsrac@gmail.com;Arntsen, Allen

Subject Current field use at Edgewood High School

Current field use at Edgewood High School

Marie Trest
2310 Monroe St
Madison, WI 53711

Tim Parks, Planning Division
Matt Tucker, Zoning Administrator

November 25, 2018

Dear Mr. Parks and Mr. Tucker,

I am writing as a Monroe St homeowner with property overlooking and within 100 ft of the Edgewood High School practice track and field. The purpose of my communication is to demonstrate the conditions residents have been experiencing since 2016 and to learn how near neighbors can report problems.

Homeowners surrounding the proposed stadium do not oppose it because we fear what conditions might be like; we object to the stadium because we know what a stadium would mean, having already experienced disruption in our homes and properties during games and practices held on the field since the 2015 improvements.

As one example, this video was filmed Oct. 25, 2018 at 5:23pm, 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 using the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Sound Level Meter app on my iPhone. While I understand this is not a professional study, the app has operated within +/- 2 dB of a calibrated sound meter, so readings provide a reasonable estimate of noise. Crowd noise was above 70 dB throughout the cheering with peaks above 80 dB *in our home*. They were using amplified sound to announce players; however, the amplified sound is almost completely eclipsed by the crowd noise. I did not take sound measurements at the loudest parts, since I was filming. Please note the increase in sound at 0:31 when the goal is scored; this is what has been so disruptive about the games played on the field.

<https://youtu.be/v6lgzhcy-zg>

This event disrupted our family's evening. My husband was up at 3:30am in Afghanistan to 'join' us via video chat for a rare family dinner. By 5:15pm Madison-time, the noise in our home with the windows closed was so distracting that we gave up on having a family conversation. The increased frequency of game events on the Edgewood High School practice field have so negatively impacted the livability of our property, whether gardening, relaxing on our back porch, watching a movie, or sharing a meal, that we had considered moving even before the stadium proposal was formally submitted.

Technological fixes cannot mitigate crowd noise; allowing Edgewood High School to increase the capacity of the stands to 1000 and to expand their hours of field use by installing 80 ft high mount lighting would create a burden on the surrounding neighborhood and further harm our ability to enjoy our properties. Even practices, proposed until 7pm with lights any day, are audible in surrounding homes with repeated whistles and group cheering. The scoreboard has an amplified siren-type sound that is often used at short intervals during events, penetrating our living room and bedrooms.

Now that the athletic field is zoned for practices and physical education classes, many neighbors have been reporting ongoing problems to our alder, the DMNA liaison committee, City of Madison Police, Edgewood, and by direct communication with users on the field. Issues have included excessive noise with events such as inter-school JV football, soccer, and lacrosse games as well as track meets and amplified music at practices in addition to expanded hours of use from 6am to even after 10pm with individuals getting on to the field. Only recently did I learn that none of these complaints were shared with City zoning staff. Now that I understand we should have been reporting to a City of Madison zoning staff member, I will certainly do so going forward.

I would appreciate your response to the following, for future situations:

1. What are allowable hours of use for the athletic field now? What would they be with a stadium? Monroe St. construction could not begin before 7am or continue into the evening. Can practices or games do so? What would Edgewood High School's restrictions on use of the lights be?
2. What are allowable types of usage? Are inter-school games allowed? Will non-Edgewood High School practices and events be allowed?
3. What are allowable types of sound equipment? Amplified music? Siren score board? Repeated whistles? How may they be used? There were a couple days of a marching band leader blowing a whistle continuously for 90 minutes (video example available) until we said we were calling the police.
4. To whom should we report violations in the future? To what number and in what timeframe (e.g. call as the violation occurs or document and contact the next business day)?

I appreciate your time and assistance. The proposed stadium is simply incompatible with the proximity of residential property, and I hope the city will reject the amendment to Edgewood's campus master plan and enforce current zoning requirements.

Sincerely,

Marie Trest

CC:

Alder Arntsen

Rachel Fields, DMNA vice president

Message: FW: Comments on proposed Edgewood Master Plan Amendment for consideration

FW: Comments on proposed Edgewood Master Plan Amendment for consideration

From Stouder, Heather Date Tuesday, November 27, 2018 2:38 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Comments on proposed Edgewood Master Plan Amendment for consideration

Tim-

[Please add to the file for PC. Thanks!](#)

[Heather](#)

From: Katie Ginder-Vogel [mailto:katiegv@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 2:31 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Cc: Arntsen, Allen

Subject: Comments on proposed Edgewood Master Plan Amendment for consideration

Dear Heather and Allen,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read comments on Edgewood's proposal to amend its Master Plan to build a stadium with lights and sound.

I'd like to express my opposition to the amendment, for the following four specific reasons:

1) As the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association's statement of opposition stated, DMNA, which represents 1500 households, has supported 17 Edgewood projects, but I agree with DMNA's assessment that this particular project would harm the neighborhood's character, quality of life, and traffic patterns.

This neighborhood already struggles to absorb Edgewood's parking needs and traffic, since the majority of their students don't live in the neighborhood, and the impact of thousands of cars traveling down Monroe or Gregory Streets for one of the 40+ proposed events at the stadium will bring traffic to a standstill, also endangering pedestrians and bicyclists from the neighborhood, many of whom work at or attend neighborhood PUBLIC schools.

2) This is not a project that benefits everyone. It will benefit Edgewood, a PRIVATE school that is not required to serve all people in the community or the state. I have a fundamental problem with a project that 80% of survey respondents oppose going forward when it benefits a private religious institution.

3) Stadium supporters have expressed frustration that Edgewood students travel to school football games, but our neighborhood PUBLIC high school, West High School, which serves ALL children in the community, has the same issue. Most (over 70%) Edgewood students live outside the neighborhood, so they're already going to be driving to events, no matter where the stadium is located.

4) There WILL BE an negative environmental impact from this project: more cars on the road in the neighborhood, car pollution, sound pollution, and light pollution. That WILL impact nearby wildlife and also make our treasured neighborhood open space, Vilas Park, Lake Wingra, the Arboretum, and Wingra Park, noisy and bright. This could cause biodiversity to diminish and specifically negatively impact bats and Great Horned Owls. I have a serious problem with an institution that does not need a stadium making money off something that negatively impacts the wildlife in my neighborhood, which we as a society should prioritize and protect, and which our neighborhood does indeed value,

treasure, and fight for.

Thank you for reviewing my comments.

Best,
Katie Ginder-Vogel

Message: FW: Edgewood stadium proposal

FW: Edgewood stadium proposal

From Stouder, Heather Date Tuesday, November 27, 2018 2:38 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood stadium proposal

Tim-

Please add to the file for PC. Thanks!

Heather

From: Jeff Carroll [mailto:jtcarroll48@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 2:18 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Cc: Arntsen, Allen

Subject: Fwd: Edgewood stadium proposal

For the planning commission meeting. Thank you.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeff Carroll <jtcarroll48@gmail.com>

Date: November 6, 2018 at 12:42:49 PM CST

To: president@dmna.org, josh.nappravnik@gmail.com, Allen Arntsen <district13@cityofmadison.com>, sestark@wisc.edu

Subject: Edgewood stadium proposal

Hello David Hoffert, DMNA Council members and alder Allen Arntsen,

We have lived at 2540 Gregory St. since 1994. We lived at 2922 Gregory St. from 1982-91. I was the co-chair of the DMNA Transportation committee in the late 1990s for two years. I am currently a block captain.

Edgewood is not our neighborhood high school. Of its 487 students, only 24% live in the 53711 zip code. A much smaller percentage of that number live close enough to be negatively affected by 40+ evening's of lights and sound emanating from the proposed stadium upgrade.

West HS is our neighborhood high school. When my son played soccer for West HS from 2004-8, Mansfield Stadium was our "home stadium". Being on the campus of our rival Memorial HS, Mansfield stadium was not a true "home stadium". Yet our boys survived and thrived despite not having a true "home stadium", as Edgewood claims they need. Perhaps it helped our boys to be resilient, an important learning tool needed for a successful life.

When Edgefest occurred every September the rock 'n' roll music could be very loudly heard in our backyard 4 blocks away. I can only imagine how loud it would be for homeowners living across the street from the stadium. But that was once a year and an event that many DMNA neighborhood people enjoyed - so the unpleasantness of high decibels was tolerable for one night.

We live in a neighborhood that for a city environment has incredible natural resources. I believe there are

studies which show that loud music and lights on a frequent basis would affect the wildlife on Lake Wingra and the Arboretum. Why take that risk?

After four years of negotiating with DMNA, which ended in 2015, Edgewood is already trying to amend the master plan. If this proposal goes through now in a modified form, I have no doubt Edgewood will be back in another four years to modify it again - to get what they are asking for now.

That seems to be the way things work nowadays - developers are constantly seeking variances to established zoning laws. Once they have the lights and sound system, Edgewood may want to host more events, perhaps concerts during the summer as a moneymaker. Once the hardware is in their stadium it can't be undone. Edgewood may say they have to justify their investment by hosting more moneymaking events.

Setting "conditions" to place limits on hours and number of events sounds like a nice concept, but is it realistic that it will be enforced? Seems like a slippery slope - and an ongoing neighborhood battle using limited police resources for decibel complaints.

My wife Maggi Christianson and I strongly oppose the Edgewood stadium proposal. Please do not vote to continue the discussions with Edgewood. This proposal should be permanently rejected now.

Thank you,

Jeff Carroll
2540 Gregory Street, 53711

Message: FW: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

FW: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

From Stouder, Heather Date Tuesday, November 27, 2018 2:47 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Tim-

Please add to the file for PC. Thanks!

Heather

From: Ray Robey [mailto:ray.robey@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 2:44 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Ms. Stouder,

Please put my wife and I down in full support for Edgewood's proposal for expanded facilities & use of their stadium.

We live on the lower end of West Lawn Avenue, (2355), and while we would not be affected by the lights, we can assure you that we are well within range to hear the cheering crowds and have absolutely no problem with it. We have no expectations that the noise, crowds, parking, etc. will be any worse than for UW football games, which we also tolerate with a smile!

I must admit that we have been at a loss to understand some of the comments we have been reading....didn't our neighbors notice the high school off Monroe Street when they chose to purchase their homes? What did they think was going to happen on the sports field? I can appreciate that XX years ago the Edgewood administration might have given their best estimate of plans for the stadium but plans are allowed to change! Especially after all this time.

Anyway, we think that Edgewood students should be allowed to experience a home sports field just like any other high school and we look forward to attending some of their games ourselves.

Thanks,
Ray & Debi Robey

Message: FW: No New Edgewood Stadium

FW: No New Edgewood Stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Tuesday, November 27, 2018 3:55 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: No New Edgewood Stadium

Tim-

Please add to the file for PC. Thanks!

Heather

From: Jason Cassidy [mailto:cassidy.jw@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 3:54 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Cc: Arntsen, Allen

Subject: Fwd: No New Edgewood Stadium

Hello,

Sending this on to you per Alder Arntsen's recent update directing comments on upcoming projects to you and copying him (below is my comment re: Edgewood Development).

In short, as a resident of the neighborhood I opposed the change, below is more information on why.

Thanks,

Jason

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

From: **Jason Cassidy** <cassidy.jw@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Nov 19, 2018 at 9:17 AM

Subject: No New Edgewood Stadium

To: Eskrich, Sara <district13@cityofmadison.com>

Alder Arntsen,

I live in District 13 and I am writing to you this morning to let you know that I think you should actively oppose Edgewood College's proposals for a new stadium.

Edgewood is an inseparable part of our neighborhood and I appreciate them as a neighbor. Our babysitter of 3 years is a student there and we also enjoy the campus and up to this point their development has been responsible.

However, the way that they have gone about this project was underhanded and dishonest from the beginning. There was clearly a calculated plan of deception regarding the long term plans for the field when the turf and other improvements were made. If a neighbor breaches trust that's a sad thing and we need to show them they need to build that trust back up.

Simply put, No New Stadium.

Thank you for your time, and enjoy your day,

Jason Cassidy



602 Sheldon St, Madison, WI 53711

Message: FW: Edgewood Masterplan Revisions - Friends of Lake Wingra

FW: Edgewood Masterplan Revisions - Friends of Lake Wingra

From Stouder, Heather Date Thursday, November 29, 2018 2:55 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood Masterplan Revisions - Friends of Lake Wingra

2018-11-29 FoLW re Edgewood.pdf (326 Kb)

FYI-

Please add to the PC file. Thanks!

Heather

From: Ben Yahr

Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 2:08 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood Masterplan Revisions - Friends of Lake Wingra

Hello Heather-

Attached is a brief letter highlighting some concerns that Friends of Lake Wingra has about the proposed revisions to Edgewood High School's masterplan- and subsequent proposed improvements.

As you may be aware, Friends of Lake Wingra is dedicated to protecting the character of Lake Wingra- which is extremely unique amongst the Madison lakes, and urban lakes in general.

Thus, we feel that additional quantitative study of light and sound impacts of the proposed lights and PA system are necessary.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss this further, have a nice afternoon,

Ben

Ms. Stouder- 2018-11-29 via email

Friends of Lake Wingra is writing to express our concern with Edgewood High School's plan to add lighting and sound (PA) to their sports stadium.

Lake Wingra is a refuge within the City, and is known for its quiet, peaceful atmosphere- which provides

immense value to the City, and is enjoyed by people using the Lake as well as surrounding parks and roadways. Any proposed development within view of Lake Wingra has the potential to disrupt this valuable character. We are working to protect the character of the Lake through various means, including collaborating with lakeshore land owners (such as the Arboretum, City of Madison Parks Department, and Edgewood College), other groups such as Wingra Boats and the Friends of the Park and Pleasure Drive; and through policy changes with the Planning Department and Mayors Office.

We request that any proposed lighting at Edgewood High School's stadium be screened from Lake Wingra. As such- on the surface of Lake Wingra- **light from the stadium shall not be visible at any time** (measured as 0.0 foot candles from the surface of Lake Wingra, the Edgewood College Boardwalk, Vilas Park, and Wingra Park).

We also request that amplified sound from Edgewood High School's stadium be projected at a volume that is **not audible on Lake Wingra or surrounding parks at any time** (measured as 0.0 decibels from the surface of Lake Wingra, the Edgewood College Boardwalk, Vilas Park, and Wingra Park).

We are also concerned about potential impacts to wildlife from proposed lights or sound systems. A preliminary literature review and discussions with UW Madison staff and the Audubon Society were inconclusive as to the potential impacts- which are likely localized to the Lake Wingra ecosystem.

We recognize that it may be difficult to assess light and sound impacts outside of the proposed stadium footprint, and to quantify wildlife impacts with the existing design work that Edgewood High School has completed. **Thus, it may be necessary to complete additional studies to quantify these impacts.** The additional studies may be akin to the character of an Environmental Impact Statement which will document proposed improvements, their impacts, and alternative or mitigation options.

Thank you for your consideration-

Ben Yahr - Chairman of the Board of Directors, Friends of Lake Wingra

Message: Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

From Angel McClarey Date Friday, November 30, 2018 5:14 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Dear Mr. Parks,

My husband and I have been residents in the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood for 18 years. Our first home was across the street from the Edgewood High School's athletic field. We lived there for almost 4 years before moving to our current location on Terry Place.

Back then, Edgewood had their annual festival. We didn't mind it. In fact, we embraced it. It was one weekend a year. The festival was a fundraiser for the high school and it brought the community and the neighbors together. We supported it.

A few years ago, Edgewood received funding to build the current athletic field. We supported it. However, the current stadium proposal is different. We have many concerns and we OPPOSE the current proposal. Here are the reasons, not in any specific orders.

- 1) The stadium with increased games and numbers of attendants will significantly increase the already congested Monroe Street.
- 2) The proposed AV and light system will have negative impacts on wild lives in our area. There are owls, ducks and other birds that nest along the Woodrow, Terry Place and the road behind Edgewood campus.
- 3) The proposed lighting and AV system will forever change the feels and landscape of our neighborhood. If the estimated intensity and reach of the lights and sound are wrong, there's no going back.
- 4) Neighbors are already dealing with current noises from day time games and practices. With a new stadium, we are asked to deal with noises from additional games (day and nights) for many more games.
- 5) Edgewood's argument of improving school spirit by having a campus based home stadium is not valid in our opinion. Both East and West High Schools do not have their campus based home stadiums, their school spirit was not

impacted. There are other ways of improving school spirits besides sports.

The neighborhood supported the improvement of the new athletic field a few year ago. The current proposal/amendment feels like a bait and switch to us.

We hope you will vote NO on this proposal.

Thank you.

Angel and Phil McClarey

857 Terry Place

Madison, WI

Message: Edgewood High School Stadium proposal reflection from an alum

Edgewood High School Stadium proposal reflection from an alum

From Rachel Landgraf Date Sunday, December 2, 2018 12:08 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School Stadium proposal reflection from an alum

EdgewoodHSSStadium_AlumPerspective_RachelLandgraf.pdf (30 Kb)

Hi Tim,

I hope all is well!

My name is Rachel Landgraf and I was born and raised in Madison. I proudly attended high school at Edgewood and really was able to grow and learn as a teenager/young adult by attending that school and participate in athletic activities.

Attached in this email is a letter I wrote regarding my thoughts on the stadium proposal my high school is working hard to get passed and gain approval from its community.

I encourage you to read the letter and would love to answer any questions you have about the school, my time there, etc.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this email and letter.

Have a great rest of the day!

Best,

- Rachel Landgraf



Dear Tim,

My name is Rachel Landgraf, a young woman who currently lives in Chicago, but was proudly born and raised in Madison, Wisconsin. My parents and two of my three siblings still live in Madison. Our family home sits in the middle of the 2100 block of West Lawn Ave.

I remember the day we moved the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood from Westmorland. It was freezing cold, we just had a huge snowstorm, I was in fifth grade and I was not happy about it.

Yet, looking back on the move now, I will say it was me being a stubborn fifth grader that was resistant and weary of change that played the biggest role in my feelings toward the move.

Let's just say since, I am so thankful my parents made that investment to move their family to a neighborhood thriving with growth, multiple families on our block, my Nana who lived down the street, Camp Randall close by and our schools in walking distance.

Growing up by Camp Randall, the energy and anticipation of game day brought us neighborhood kids together to organize bake sales for fans, make signs, sell parking, find a cheap ticket and enjoy the overall atmosphere.

When I began high school at Edgewood, I couldn't wait to actually BE the student-athlete just like the Badgers I so looked up to and still aspired to be. I was going to be part of a team, travel to other schools, power through difficult practices, take part in activities outside of my sport(s) with my team and more. This of course was done on a much smaller scale considering it was Edgewood, but still, the team atmosphere of sports is universal, whether it's a school of 600, 6,000 or 60,000 plus.

Today, it absolutely concerns me and makes me incredibly sad that many people are fighting this stadium proposal. The biggest reason it makes me sad is because I'm thinking of the students at Edgewood who deserve to play with their teams on a home field they are proud to compete on and share with their community.

Edgewood is invested in the city and its neighborhood...it already holds Farmers markets, opens the track for public use, allows public school teams to practice, works with Edgewood College to share the space and more. We want to work with the community and neighborhood to make it the best it can be.

These games would not even come close to attracting the crowds, sights and sounds that other schools in the area do. However, it will attract a hard-working crowd of people who display dedication, compassion and pride for the people around them...just like other schools in the area do too. That's what sporting events and events that COME from a sporting facility do.

I hope you take the time to attend an Edgewood event. I encourage you to meet the fans, families and the students who deserve to have our support in creating an atmosphere for growth on and off the field.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts.

A proud Edgewood High School alum,

Rachel Landgraf (class of 2011)

Rlandgraf10@gmail.com



Message: FW: Proposed stadium at Edgewood

□ FW: Proposed stadium at Edgewood

From Stouder, Heather Date Monday, December 3, 2018 9:35 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Proposed stadium at Edgewood

Tim-

Please add to the Edgewood file for PC. Thanks!

Heather

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

From: Zellers, Ledell

Sent: Monday, December 03, 2018 9:17 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Fw: Proposed stadium at Edgewood

Please see below.

Alder Ledell Zellers
[REDACTED]

To subscribe to District 2 updates go to: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district2/>

From: Ronnie Hess

Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 8:17 AM

To: Zellers, Ledell

Subject: Re: Proposed stadium at Edgewood

Of course! R

> On Dec 3, 2018, at 6:36 AM, Zellers, Ledell wrote:

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> Hi Ronnie,

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> Thanks for reaching out and for your kind words. Is it ok with you to share your email with other members of the Plan Commission?

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> Best,

> Ledell

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> Alder Ledell Zellers
> [REDACTED]

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> From: Ronnie Hess

> Sent: Sunday, December 2, 2018 12:21 PM

> To: Zellers, Ledell

> Cc: Ledell Zellers

> Subject: Proposed stadium at Edgewood

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> Dear Ledell,

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> Sorry you are leaving the Council but fully understand your thinking that it's time for you to do something else. Whatever it is, it will be

important.

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> I write also to let you know I am very much opposed to Edgewood's proposed expansion of the athletic field into a 1,000 plus stadium. A few reasons why:

> 1. environmental degradation — there is no buffer as there is in the Regent Neighborhood for, in this case, light and noise pollution so close to Lake Wingra and the Park and Pleasure Drive, as well as Wingra Park.

> 2. quality of life — people moved to this neighborhood not in the knowledge there was a stadium, unlike in the RNA. It is a quiet, predominantly family neighborhood. The numbers of events planned by Edgewood (40, as I understand) would be deleterious to the quality of life in the neighborhood.

> 3. disingenuousness (perhaps even duplicity) on the part of Edgewood — its relationship with Dudgeon Monroe has been fine up until now, and Edgewood has in the past supported the D-M's neighborhood plan.

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> In my book this has nothing to do with better alumni relations and team spirit but is all about the money.

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> Wishing you joy this holiday season, and Happy Hannukah.

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> R

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Message: Edgewood Expansion

Edgewood Expansion

From Ben Sidran Date Monday, December 3, 2018 4:20 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc Soglin, Paul

Subject Edgewood Expansion

Dear Tim.

As a long term resident of the Vilas Neighborhood, I too am against the expansion of the Edgewood athletic field to include construction of 1,000 stadium seats, lighting, and other associated improvements. I can't imagine why there is a pressing need for this — we're talking high school football here after all — and I see clearly the many drawbacks and potential pitfalls of going forward with this plan.

Please put me down in the NO column.

Thank you,

Ben Sidran

Message: Edgewood High School

Edgewood High School

From Sarah and Jeff Date Tuesday, December 4, 2018 9:59 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School

Good Morning Mr. Parks,

I hope this note finds you well.

I am writing in support of the long proposed Stadium for the Edgewood High School. I have two students attending Edgewood.

Having a modern stadium for the students and the community will have a very positive effect on the campus, students and neighborhood. I understand the added noise and traffic can be a hassle, but with the only busy events being 5 home football games per year, and a number of lesser attended events I think the risk to the neighborhood is low. I have attended many events at Breese Stevens Field as well as Middleton High School, both similarly located in residential neighborhoods, and have found the effect on the local community to be negligible. In fact, I know of many local residents who have attended events even without a student at the participating schools to enjoy the atmosphere and energy that high school athletics provide.

I believe that the school is totally committed to installing state of the art technology to limit light and noise effects, as well as providing any traffic and crowd control to limit any inconvenience to the neighbors. Secondly, the local businesses will certainly benefit from the attendees before and after events, a nice boost after the long Monroe street construction project.

I would appreciate your support of this much needed and long debated project.

Sincerely,

Jeff Masciopinto

Message: Edgewood Lights - Support For The Project

Edgewood Lights - Support For The Project

From Steven Krantz Date Tuesday, December 4, 2018 11:35 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood Lights - Support For The Project

Tim,

I would like to email you on my support for the Edgewood project. I live at 1715 Adams Street in Vilas and am in SUPPORT of the project. This is a net positive project for the neighborhood and the City of Madison.

Edgewood has followed the process and meets or exceeds every City of Madison regulation. There is no reason this should not be allowed. Edgewood has also made modifications to what they originally wanted based on feedback from the neighborhood and trying to be good neighbors.

Please do what most of us know is right – just a few vocal minority that do not want the enhancements.

Steven Krantz

Vice President


Princeton Group Sports

www.princetongroupsports.com

Message: Edgewood Amendment

Edgewood Amendment

From Mark Landgraf Date Tuesday, December 4, 2018 1:22 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood Amendment

Tim,

Mark Landgraf here. We support the submittal from Edgewood High School regarding the planned use of the athletic fields. We respectfully request that you and planning staff do as well. The design and use procedures have been carefully thought out. We live one block from the fields on the 2100 block of West Lawn. We have no problem with the intended use. It will be good for the entire community.

Thanks for all your hard work.

Mark Landgraf
2130 West Lawn Ave
Madison, WI. 53711

Message: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

□ Edgewood Stadium Proposal

From Michael Kepler Date Tuesday, December 4, 2018 1:09 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood Stadium Proposal

Mr. Parks,

I do not intend to attend the Planning Commission hearing on the proposed Edgewood Campus Stadium, but would like my remarks contained in the legislative history when the matter is considered.

I would like to register my opposition to the Edgewood Stadium proposal. My reasons are that the near West side neighborhood is very compact with lots of houses, traffic, and noise. The houses are close together, there is not a lot of parking and we already suffer from too much noise. A new stadium would impact the neighbors, increase the traffic and the noise. We already hear the Badger football game announcements and we hear the Badger band practicing on the fields on the West side of the Natatorium. Our neighborhood already suffers from lots of traffic with the heavily used Monroe St. corridor.

Edgewood is proposing to host at least 40 evening/night games in the proposed stadium built to host 1,200 people. The congestion that would occur would be overwhelming to a neighborhood that already is impacted because of the proximity to Camp Randall. The noise and lights would be terrible. Madison West does not have such a stadium and neither does Madison East. Madison West and East students and staff travel to games throughout the Madison area. If Edgewood builds a stadium, should then West build a stadium on the fields to the west of the high school? Or, should East build a stadium on fields off of Packers Drive? Edgewood does very well at sports and the school seems to be very successful in its current status. Nothing should change.

Madison West and Madison East play their home games away from their campuses. Edgewood has done that in the past and should do it in the future.

Mike Kepler, 2249 Rugby Row, Madison, WI 53726 [REDACTED]

Message: Amendment to the EHS Goodman Sports Complex Master Plan

Amendment to the EHS Goodman Sports Complex Master Plan

From Donley Date Tuesday, December 4, 2018 2:08 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Amendment to the EHS Goodman Sports Complex Master Plan

I fully support the amendment to the Goodman Athletic Complex Master Plan allowing for infrastructure improvements allowing for night games/activities.

As an old athlete alumnus of Madison Memorial HS, I have always felt badly for our friends at a few other schools that truly could never experience a home field. I also have yet to experience a HS stadium night activity that has been anything other than a strong addition to positive vibe/culture in a neighborhood. I believe that the lighting and sound concerns for a few in the neighborhood have been painstakingly addressed, sparing little expense in the effort.

The work to get this accomplished will be paid off exponentially through the undeniably amped up experience of those participating in and those supporting the myriad community events that this completed project would make possible. Also, transporting a team and its supporters from its real home field to play on a faux home field has to be expensive not to mention an unnecessary increased risk.

Please help make this happen!

Brian Donley

Message: Fwd: EHS Football

Fwd: EHS Football

From Mary Beth Arnold Date Tuesday, December 4, 2018 6:52 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Fwd: EHS Football

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: mbarnold5502@gmail.com

Date: December 4, 2018 at 6:43:42 PM CST

To: tparks@cityofmadidon.com

Subject: EHS Football

Please "Let There Be Light" on a stadium long overdue!

Thank you.

Mary Beth Arnold

Sent from my iPad

Message: Edgewood High School Athletic Proposal

Edgewood High School Athletic Proposal

From Amy Poland Date Tuesday, December 4, 2018 7:40 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School Athletic Proposal

Dear Mr. Parks,

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

Thanks,
Amy Poland

Message: Edgewood

Edgewood

From Joe Boucher Date Tuesday, December 4, 2018 7:31 PM

To tparks@cityofmadison.com; Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood

Edgewood should be able to get the lights and sound system per its request. I have lived within a mile of Memorial High School for nearly 40 years. We can hear the sound system and see the lights. It is a terrific thing to have activity in the area. The Edgewood neighbors knew where they were living and the requests do not change the neighborhood but enhance it. Some of the statements opposing it are bordering on ridiculous. This is a city asset and the nearby neighbors should not control the decision but the whole city should.

Message: I support EHS field/stadium upgrades

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From Jennifer Klestinski Date Tuesday, December 4, 2018 9:34 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject I support EHS field/stadium upgrades

Hello Tim -

I am emailing you today to let you know that we fully support the Edgewood high school plan to update its athletic facilities/stadium. I'm a Madison native and Lafollette high school graduate, we are parents of an eighth grader and a fourth grader, my husband coached JV football in Green Bay and in Madison from 1999-2007, and we are current Madison residents. We live at 7335 Arctic Fox Dr., Madison, WI 53719.

Thank you for supporting Edgewood high school students.

Kind regards,
Jennifer and Kevin Klestinski

Sent from my iPhone

Message: Edgewood Lights and Sound System

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From Susan Boucher Date Wednesday, December 5, 2018 8:53 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood Lights and Sound System

Dear Commissioner Parks:

Edgewood High School should be able to get the lights and sound system as requested. I have lived within walking distance of Memorial H.S. for nearly 40 years. There are lights on the athletic fields and there are speakers. We occasionally hear the sounds from a game if we are outside at the time. We also live near the Parkcrest Swim pool and hear the loudspeakers on days in the summer when there are swim meets. This is positive community activity and we enjoy the fact that our youth are involved in such good activities. The neighbors who complain are being ridiculous. The Edgewood Campus is already located on a busy city street. The addition of lights and a sound system will have minimal impact...and the impact will only be at very limited times. I highly encourage the city to approve the request for lights and sound system.

Thank you,
Susan Boucher
A Concerned City Resident
6318 Landfall Dr
Madison, WI 53705

Message: Edgewood Goodman Athletic Complex Upgrade - Support

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From Steve Wendler Date Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:34 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood Goodman Athletic Complex Upgrade - Support

My name is Steve Wendler. I live in the City of Madison (53719) and have been a member of the Edgewood Community for over 10 years. I am in support of the proposed UPGRADES to the Goodman Athletic Complex.

In 2015 a 2nd Master Plan was approved by the neighborhood and the 3 schools who encompass Edgewood. The APPROVED plan included an amendment process to address changes that may arise, based on the needs of the individual school, during the 10 YEARS of the plan.

In 2017 Edgewood High School initiated this process and began to share initial details.

Multiple information and listening sessions were held to present the specifics of the project. They listened and made modifications to the plan BEFORE they submitted the amendment before you. They have followed the process of the Master Plan.

This project represents change. It will become part of the landscape of what makes the Monroe Street area, such a great place. It is a special area, but it is not a quite/sleepy residential neighborhood. It is a vibrant and continually-changing community with schools, parks, a lake, a zoo, restaurants, retail shops, places of worship and multiple types of housing. It offers many things to a wide variety of people, to both those who live in the neighborhood and to those who are drawn in by life's activities.

The Neighborhood, the Edgewood institutions, and the City agreed to a process to address this request. It has been followed and if this project is within the required standards of the city, it should be approved by the Plan Commission.

Regards,

Steve Wendler



Message: EHS sports field...

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From Karisa Trudgeon Date Wednesday, December 5, 2018 6:54 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject EHS sports field...

Dear Mr. Parks,

I am writing to express my support for Edgewood High School (EHS) to use their sports field for limited night use. EHS has compromised on playing home night games for nearly 100 years. They have paid to rent other facilities, forgone all home field advantages and driven/bused students all over Dane County. As a parent of 2 EHS student athletes, it is a safety concern to have 16-18 year-olds driving teammates to/from games and practices all over town because they can't play at their school. Given the new lighting and sound innovations there is finally an opportunity to allow night games with minimal impact to the neighbors.

I know the neighbors are good people who want what is best for their neighborhood just as the students, parents and faculty of Edgewood are good people who want to make sure their school continues to thrive and make a positive impact on our community. I am asking you to consider the students. Students who 95% go on to college and hopefully will want to return and become leaders of our great city. Students who performed 22,000+ service hours last year. Students who have earned a chance to play on their home field. Please do the right thing for generations of students to come and vote YES on this amendment.

Karisa Trudgeon, Madison, WI 53705

Message: Goodman Complex

Goodman Complex

From ashartlieb@tds.net Date Wednesday, December 5, 2018 9:55 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Goodman Complex

Dear Tim,

I am writing in support of the upgrades to the Goodman Athletic Complex at Edgewood High School. I believe that athletics are an important part of the high school community and the community at large. I remember the special feeling of competing on my home track and field. I would like to see this beautiful field that the Goodman brothers built be used to it's fullest capacity and this would mean moving forward with the upgrades proposed.

Thank you-

Amy Hartlieb

Message: EHS Goodman Athletic Field

EHS Goodman Athletic Field

From Hugh and Jenni Wabers Date Thursday, December 6, 2018 7:33 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject EHS Goodman Athletic Field

Dear Mr. Parks,

I would like to ask for your support for the upgrades to Edgewood High School's Goodman Athletic Field.

Thank you,

Hugh Wabers

Message: EHS Field Enhancements

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From Karie Krantz Date Thursday, December 6, 2018 1:47 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject EHS Field Enhancements

Dear Mr. Parks,

I am writing in SUPPORT of the proposed enhancements to the Edgewood High School athletic field and ask for you to join me - and MANY others - with your support. I believe EHS has gone above and beyond the city requirements as outlined in the master plan amendment process and done their very best to address neighbor concerns. I live in the Vilas neighborhood and believe these enhancements will not only benefit EHS, but the Monroe St business corridor and general neighborhood. The negative impact that is being blown way out of proportion will be minimal. It is in everyone's best interest that EHS continue to thrive and be part of this community. Development and change are good things and I see this as being nothing but positive!

Thank you for your time,
Karie Krantz

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Message: Support the Edgewood project!

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From Kevin Schmotzer Date Thursday, December 6, 2018 2:03 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Support the Edgewood project!

I urge you to support the proposed upgrades to Edgewood High School's Goodman Athletic Complex.

Thank you.

Kevin Schmotzer

4718 Ames St

Madison, WI 53711



Message: Please support the Edgewood stadium upgrade

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From Tracy Schmotzer Date Thursday, December 6, 2018 2:29 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Please support the Edgewood stadium upgrade

Hello

Please support the Edgewood stadium upgrades

Thank you

Tracy Schmotzer
4718 Ames Street
Madison 53711

Sent from my iPad