

January 4, 2018

To: Planning Commission, Alder Arntsen and Mayor Soglin

CITY OF MADISON

From: Teresa Nyholt

812 Woodrow Street

District 13 residents

Re: Edgewood Athletic Facility Expansion/Stadium Amendment to Master Plan

I write to you to ask that you oppose the further development of Edgewood High School's athletic facility. Although you may have already made up your mind, please consider what I have to say. I write in opposition in defense of my home. I live directly across from the athletic field, on Woodrow St. My husband and I bought the house 7 years ago with the understanding that this was already a settled issue and that Edgewood had agreed not to do this. So, we did not think we were signing up for this at the outset. We have never opposed Edgewood before on anything.

First and foremost, I want you to understand the effect that the already existing noise has on the neighbors who live here. The proximity of our homes means we can hear most activity that happens on the field in our homes. We can hear the grunting and yelling, the whistles and crowd noise. Of course, some of that is to be expected. But all the times that we would like to be in our yards, all the times that we have to have our windows open because we don't have central air in our 100 year old house we have sports noise. Even with the windows closed it can be quite loud. When we emerge in Spring to plant our gardens and enjoy being outside, we get to endure blaring music that we might not care for, any time practice is happening – even a few people. We are awakened early morning every year by the Powder Puff games. Naps and dinners include sports noise. Having stomach flu with sports noise was particularly awful. Every room in our home is pierced by this noise.

And now, with the new field came the score board. The sound of the score board sounds like an alarm. It is jarring. This sound is used to cut through all the other noise that is being created by the game and the audience so that every player and observer can hear it. The problem is that it does not stop at the boundaries of the field or of the property. It travels on, into our homes. Now, imagine it coming into your home. Every room. My work covers all 3 shifts and I have a child. I may be sleeping during the day, catching a nap, working from home, studying. A reasonable amount of peace in one's home is not a frivolous desire. It is a biological and

psychological need. Research shows that unwanted noise causes stress to people and ongoing stress that can't be controlled causes health problems.

To simplify the issue to its basic reality is this – peace in our homes is a need. That's why there are limits placed on noise where people live. Having a sound system and lights for home games and practices is not a need. It is not necessary for the school or the neighborhood. To put something that isn't necessary above the needs of others is called entitlement. The school believes it's entitled to this regardless of its consequences to the needs of others. Edgewood has put their students in the middle of this too, by telling them that they are entitled to this and that we are monsters for trying to stop it. I find this an egregiously wrong lesson to be teaching kids.

The neighbors of Edgewood who oppose the new proposals have been painted in several newspaper articles, Madison Magazine and on-line discussions as angry and unreasonable at the very least. But please consider this (as I mentioned to a neighbor on Nextdoor) – if your neighbor's runoff were flooding your basement and they refused to stop, you would be upset and asking for help too. Instead of being given thoughtful consideration, we are called “rich, white NIMBY's.” Considering I couldn't afford to send my son to Edgewood, that seems like a kettle/black rationalization. We are not simply ruffled because tea-time will be delayed. We are having our homes invaded and we will have no recourse once it is done. We won't be able to control the amplified or unamplified sound. There is also no guarantee that our home values won't be negatively affected. We are receiving anonymous harassment by mail. Our signs are being stolen from our yards to shut us up.

Edgewood put out a call to all their students' families, alumni and others. They have asked them to flood you with letters and to come to the meeting. I would like to point out that if an action is wrong, then having many people wanting to do it to them doesn't make it right.

Michael Elliot presented this new plan as having become feasible due to new technology. But there is no new technology that can control the crowd noise and it certainly won't make it less than the recent 80 decibels measured inside a neighbor's house this last Fall. It will lower the quality of life for people in the immediate vicinity immensely.

Thank you for reading my letter and for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Teresa Nyholt
812 Woodrow St.
Madison WI 53711

January 4, 2019

Dear Ms. Stouder,

Please consider this letter for the record at the January 14th Planning Commission meeting. I am unable to attend in person as I am currently deployed with the Wisconsin Army National Guard to Afghanistan. I would like to voice my opposition to Edgewood High School's proposal to amend their 2014 Master Plan and install lighting, sound, and additional seating to their practice field. This proposal has many facets that are important to the overall issue and deserve specific comments.

I am a resident of Monroe Street at the intersection with Edgewood College Drive. I moved into the neighborhood over eight years ago fully understanding that Edgewood is a neighbor. The Dudgeon- Monroe Neighborhood has a distinct character and enjoyment about it that my family loves, and we intend to spend many years here. The Edgewood Campus is part of that character and enjoyment, and I understand that as a neighbor and a business it has its own priorities and vision for the future. However, just like any other individual neighbor, Edgewood does not have the right to unilaterally alter the character of the neighborhood to the detriment of even a minority of others. The proposal constitutes such an alteration of character and directly impacts my ability to enjoy my property.

The Lighting proposed will be placed on towers approximately 80 ft in height. Those in themselves are a significant change to a predominantly single-family home neighborhood. During public listening sessions Musco representatives made clear use of the word "should" when describing the abilities of their product to reduce glare and minimize the impact on surrounding properties in this project. It must be taken into consideration that they are sales representatives, and it is their job to market and sell their product. I did look through their website which has extensive positive examples of their product. Broader internet search shows that not all their installations were as warmly received and athletic field lighting in general has caused controversy and ill will amongst neighbors across the country.

Concerned neighbors have monitored and recorded Edgewood athletic events that have been held, contrary to their master plan, at their practice field as well as a game at Waunakee High School contrary to their master plan, over the past school year. Edgewood High School President Michael Elliott encouraged residents to attend a Waunakee game to experience for themselves what their facility would be like. Citizen measurements have shown, and a professional sound study has affirmed, that a crowd noise at or below 60db at such an event as Edgewood has suggested is not feasible. Practice and competitive games already exceed this level even without amplified sound and small to modest attendance.

Several community members have spoken in favor of the facility. I can appreciate that community members see value in the prospect of attending a game there. Or two. Maybe more, if they wish. *Or not if they don't.* The residents adjacent to the field will not have that option. My yard is 95 ft from the track, 180 ft from the End zone. If the goal post were Camp Randall's, my yard would still be in the stands. I will have seats to every lacrosse, soccer, track & field, and football game and every other event they decide to host. Every. Single. One. Whether I want to or not. Whether I am at my window, on my couch, eating dinner, reading a book, or trying to sleep. The games and practices will practically be in my house. 35 or more times a year. I will not have the luxury of saying "not today" that my neighbors a few blocks away do. Everyone in the neighborhood has a voice that should be heard. But to this end I must say that those most affected have a significantly higher stake in the issue and should be given appropriate consideration.

As a homeowner I am concerned not only with the enjoyment of my property, but also its value. No one can reasonably argue that being in the vicinity of such a venue will not have a negative effect on property values. The properties adjacent to the practice field alone have a combined assessed value of around \$14 million. That is a significant tax base to impact for providing a venue that Edgewood High School has successfully managed decades without. The City of Madison stands to lose annual tax revenue from reduced home values in the neighborhood in addition to added maintenance expense from increased traffic on the surrounding streets as well as providing public services to events such as Police, Fire and Rescue, and code enforcement. The added infrastructure to Edgewood HS adds \$0 to assessment and \$0 tax revenue as it is tax exempt.

Opposition to this project does not deny students the opportunity to participate in athletic events. Edgewood HS student base predominantly commutes from outside the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. I do not state this negatively. It is a fact and there is nothing wrong with that. But it does mean that home games will involve travel regardless if they are played on the Monroe Street campus or at another Edgewood property. Edgewood is also not asking for the ability to host home games out of necessity. Discontinuing their partnership with Middleton High School was a unilateral decision on their part. Their students are not denied opportunity for lack of facilities as generations of alum can attest (people in my family included). I cannot understand how having a "home field" here vs there is worth alienating a good portion of the community as well as altering the neighborhood attributes they are so proud of "being a part of" and figure so prominently in their outreach.

The Alder for the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood has suggested that a compromise should be found. Living in an urban area where different people have competing interests certainly makes this a necessity. That is why the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood has worked with them and supported more than a dozen projects at the Edgewood Campus over the last two decades to include this athletic field. This practice field is a compromise, as acknowledged by Michael Elliot on June 15, 2015; "We're between two neighborhood associations. They have been vehemently opposed to us having lights or playing games here," he said. "We're really building this to be able to give our athletes the practice facilities that provide the best surfaces possible and to expand the amount of outdoor practices we can hold especially in the spring. That is our focal point." Asking the neighborhood to revisit the master plan at this time is, in my opinion, insulting to the decades of neighborhood good faith cooperation

My last point is a very personal one. In an opinion piece Madison radio personality Mitch Henck quoted Edgewood athletic director and longtime basketball coach Chris Zwettler; "It's no fun hosting parties at somebody else's house. It's our turf. Students go to school here 180 days a year. It's our home. There is pride in walking from your locker room to a field that says 'Edgewood.'" I disagree. You spend time there, you learn, you graduate, you move on. While we may have fond memories of High School, they are hopefully not the defining moments of our lives. As much affinity someone may have for their school, it is not a home. A school is a school, and a *home* is a home.

My family and I have lived in our Monroe Street home since May 2010. These eight and a half years are the longest amount of time that I have ever had the same address. Growing up my father was a career soldier and as such we frequently relocated. After High School I also entered the active army, served both overseas and in the United States, and later transferred to the Wisconsin Army National Guard in which I still serve 27 years later. I have worked hard and earned all the things that I am blessed to be able to provide my family, to include the place I can finally call our home. I write this letter to you from Afghanistan where I now serve protecting those things I feel are most important; my country, my family, and my *home*.

Sincerely,

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2310 Monroe Street
Madison, WI 53711

Message: FW: Edgewood High School stadium

FW: Edgewood High School stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:57 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood High School stadium

From: Barb Sanford [mailto:barbsanford@charter.net]

Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 1:06 PM

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.

Barbara Sanford Editorial LLC

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Message: FW: oppose Edgewood High School Stadium proposal

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:32 PM
To Parks, Timothy
Cc
Subject FW: oppose Edgewood High School Stadium proposal

From: Beth Harper [mailto:bethlikesbooks@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 1:12 PM
To: Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva
Cc: Stouder, Heather
Subject: oppose Edgewood High School Stadium proposal

Dear Alder Bidar,

I'm writing to ask that you vote against the proposal from Edgewood High School to upgrade its athletic complex.

I write as an Edgewood High School graduate, and a long-time resident of the Regent neighborhood. I grew up at 2105 Rowley Ave, and I've lived there as an adult for the last 12 years. I am especially concerned about the additional noise and light pollution this new stadium would generate. I am also concerned about the additional traffic. Growing up, I remember hearing the noise from Edgifest. So I believe that the noise from varsity games at Edgewood will, sometimes, travel to my home.

I am no stranger to stadium noise, lights, and traffic, living near Camp Randall most of my life. In my life I've lived on the 1800 block of Madison Street (for 4 years) and the 1700 block of Van Hise Avenue (for 7 years). But in moving to those locations, and back to Rowley Avenue, I've known what I was in for. I was prepared for the occasional disruptions.

Edgewood has expanded greatly in my lifetime. I believe it's worked hard in its previous expansions to accommodate the concerns of neighbors, and neighbors have accepted the changes pretty well. But I do believe these changes go a step too far. I have to admit, I don't think the cause (Edgewood HS's ability to host home football, soccer, and other sporting events) outweighs the likely disruption to the neighbors and to Lake Wingra.

Thanks for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,
Beth Harper
2105 Rowley Ave

Message: FW: Opposition to the Edgewood Stadium proposal

FW: Opposition to the Edgewood Stadium proposal
From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:30 PM
To Parks, Timothy
Cc
Subject FW: Opposition to the Edgewood Stadium proposal

From: A. Isenbarger [mailto:andreaisenbarger@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 3:26 PM

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

Subject: Opposition to the Edgewood Stadium proposal

Dear Plan Commission Members:

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration for the planning needs of the Madison community, specifically the Dudgeon-Monroe community as it relates to the stadium proposal made by Edgewood High School.

As homeowners living less than a block from the proposed stadium, we are strongly opposed to a stadium being built in this location, and our opposition matches those of our neighbors who also have been supportive of the 18 other expansion projects completed by Edgewood since 1992. This stadium proposal, however, is different. Our primary reason for opposing this stadium, also known as an 'athletic complex,' is that it is a project that would not be appropriate for any neighborhood with comparable urban density. We, as homeowners living on West Lawn Avenue, a street parallel to the proposal site, seek to preserve the quality of life and character in the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. Maintaining this balance of livability, as well as this level of a tax base, are in the best long-term development interests of a municipality such as Madison and in a neighborhood like the Dudgeon-Monroe community, as it exists.

This proposal would create a stadium to fulfill Edgewood's own student and alumni's wishes, the vast majority of whom do not live in the neighborhood or in Madison. This is not a development project that would further enhance the neighborhood or the city, nor the people who live in it. It is not a project that benefits everyone, or even most everyone. It would benefit a few at the cost of many.

For all of the reasons you have already heard, and for those stated here from a homeowner less than a block away, I urge the City Plan Commission to vote no on Edgewood's stadium proposal, both for the present good and for the future development of the neighborhood and of the City of Madison.

With appreciation,
Andrea Isenbarger
2224 West Lawn Ave.
Madison, WI 53711

Message: FW: Edgewood Objection...

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:34 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood Objection...

From: Judith Nienhauser [mailto:judith.nienhauser@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 11:53 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood Objection...

Dear Heather,

We are vehemently opposed to Edgewood High School's stadium expansion.

We moved to our home in 1973. The Edgewood Campus was an moral, ethical neighbor living in harmony with the neighborhood for many years.

Their current direction is heartbreaking and unethical. Edgewood remains in violation of the law in it's blatant disregard for city zoning laws.

We are very opposed to the renting of the stadium to outside customers/interests and the complications that such events bring to the area.

I would appreciate your kind attention in this matter.

With best regards,

Judith Nienhauser

602 Edgewood Avenue

Message: FW: Writing to express concern and opposition to the Edgewood High School stadium proposal

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:37 PM

To Parks, Timothy

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Subject FW: Writing to express concern and opposition to the Edgewood High School stadium proposal

From: Ann Duncan Kinsley [mailto:aeduncan98@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 9:25 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Writing to express concern and opposition to the Edgewood High School stadium proposal

Dear Ms. Stouder,

I am writing to express my concern and strong opposition to the proposed Edgewood High School stadium. I am resident of the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood (I reside on Fox Avenue) and would be directly impacted by the proposed stadium.

The proposed stadium -- particularly the frequency of events and accompanying sound disturbances and light pollution -- would be incredibly detrimental to the neighborhood and the natural environment of the Wingra Park area. The anticipated lighting levels which will exceed the City's lighting restrictions and resulting light pollution, an area which has been researched extensively and shown to disrupt ecosystems and have adverse health effects on both humans and animals, is particularly alarming. While I am sympathetic to the High School's desire to have night games and multiple amplified, lighted events per year, the costs to our larger Madison community as a whole in my opinion far exceed the benefit to this one population.

I ask you to please oppose the stadium proposal.

Thank you,
Ann

Message: FW: Opposing Edgewood Stadium plan

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:53 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Opposing Edgewood Stadium plan

From: Scott Spoolman [mailto:sspoolman@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 7:07 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

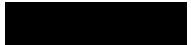
Subject: Opposing Edgewood Stadium plan

Dear Ms. Stouder,

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

Scott Spoolman

2317 West Lawn Ave.



sspoolman@gmail.com

Dear Editor:

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

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

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

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

requests for use by other institutions. Can Edgewood guarantee that we will not be seeing three or four events per week in the noisy stadium?

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

Message: FW: Comment for January 14 Plan Commission Meeting

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:41 PM
To Parks, Timothy
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Subject FW: Comment for January 14 Plan Commission Meeting

From: David Hoffert [mailto:hoffert.david@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 11:36 PM
To: Stouder, Heather ; Tucker, Matthew
Subject: Comment for January 14 Plan Commission Meeting

Hello Heather and Matt,

I hope you are both well. Could one of you please include the following letter in the packet for the 1/14 Plan meeting?
Thanks!

David

Dear Plan Commissioners:

I am writing to share my perspective on Edgewood High School's proposal to upgrade its athletic field with lights, amplified sound, and permanent seating. Though I am in the leadership of my neighborhood association, my thoughts below represent only me, as a resident of Monroe St who lives just two blocks east of the proposed site and as a candidate for Alder in the City Council District that includes Edgewood.

You have no doubt received many comments which assert that the proposed upgrades to Edgewood's athletic field are fundamentally incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood. I do not share that view. If anything, I expect it could be a lot of fun to be able to walk down to a football game with my son on a Friday evening and root for the "home team." Despite this, however, I am writing to encourage you to oppose Edgewood's proposal as currently formulated.

My reason is simple: the proposal before you does not reflect a meaningful negotiation between Edgewood and the neighborhood. No matter what one might think of the merits of a sports complex, there is no question that these upgrades would constitute a significant change in the neighborhood. Change is not always or even often a bad thing, but it does deserve to be handled carefully and thoughtfully, ideally earning buy-in from all parties.

Through my involvement in my neighborhood association, I reached out directly to Mike Elliott (the President of Edgewood High School) on multiple occasions over the course of many months asking to meet with him and discuss the proposal. One time I made a general offer to discuss the proposal; another time I asked for his thoughts on specific concerns (e.g. crowd noise), and yet another time I asked if he would follow-up on one specific idea that arose from a public meeting (getting third-party verification of the numbers he was presenting). When I asked for PowerPoint slides, I got a response within hours, but never once did he respond to any of those other messages. More recently, when we read in the Capital Times that he was "eager" to meet with us, we again reached out to him; to date, he has acknowledged that communication but not actually followed up in any way on our offer to meet. The result is that there was never any realistic mechanism for the neighborhood to ask for specific changes, make specific suggestions, or even just to better understand what was more and less important to Edgewood in this process.

In the absence of this kind of dialogue, Alder Arntsen has done an admirable job attempting to come up with a compromise on his own. While I appreciate his efforts, however, his proposal to make the upgrades but severely limit their use misses the point of why we compromise in situations like this. The purpose of compromise is not to give each side only some of what they want; rather, that is the necessary outcome of a process that promotes collaborative discovery of areas of common ground and diverging priorities. Without

that interactive process, we cannot know whether Alder Arntsen's compromise is the optimal one, or is even close to it.

Consider a few of the most contentious issues you are reading about elsewhere in this packet. Neighbors near and far are deeply concerned about the impact of crowd noise on the neighborhood. Would they prefer to limit the number of night games to five, as Alder Arntsen proposes, or would they rather allow Edgewood to host playoff games as well (which I presume Edgewood would like to be able to do) in exchange for a more direct investment by Edgewood in additional noise mitigation technologies? I honestly do not know the answer to this question, which is precisely the problem with Alder Arntsen's proposal.

Another common complaint has been that a private school like Edgewood doesn't deserve to have a home field when the local public high school doesn't have one. There is, of course, a way we could address that concern: what if Edgewood put in seating for 3000 (or whatever the number would work out to be) rather than 1000, and then entered into a joint use agreement with West High School? On the one hand, this would mean more night games and even larger crowds when the home team was a Division I school, but on the other hand the field would then truly be a benefit to all of the neighborhood's children and the concern about private vs. public schooling would be significantly undercut. Would that in fact be more palatable to the neighbors? Again, I simply don't know, because we haven't had a chance to have conversations like this in a genuinely collaborative, open-minded atmosphere.

A vote against the current proposal does not need to be an endorsement of the notion that an Edgewood sports complex is fundamentally incompatible with the neighborhood. Rather, a no vote could simply mean, "this proposal isn't ready for prime time yet; Edgewood, go back and take the lead on really negotiating meaningfully with the neighborhood on this, and we look forward to evaluating your revised proposal thereafter." In practice, a no vote would effectively mean another year of Edgewood having to schedule their "home" games haphazardly, which I completely believe causes genuine stress and hardship for both their students and administrators. But if the price of getting this right might be as little as *one* more year of that kind of hardship, I believe that is a price that even Edgewood should be willing to pay.

The alternatives--a vote to support the proposal outright, a vote to support the unvetted compromise proposal by Alder Arntsen, or even a vote to reject the proposal outright--would instead calcify the deep divisions within our community laid bare by this proposal. That is an outcome that would benefit no one. Obviously I cannot guarantee that I will be the next Alder for this District, but I can promise you that if I am, I will leverage my position to facilitate a better process with greater transparency and more open communication, and bear the burden of finding an appropriate resolution to this conflict. I would like to think that the other Alder candidates would do something similar.

As Plan Commissioners, you shoulder a tremendous amount of responsibility in our rapidly developing city, and I want to be sure to sincerely thank you for your service as I wrap up these thoughts. What you do is already a lot; we shouldn't be additionally asking you to come up with our compromises for us because the parties directly involved haven't figured out how to negotiate with each other yet. That is why I am encouraging you to send this one back down for further refinement, by voting against the proposal currently before you. I truly believe that that action on your part would serve to realign incentives on both sides. Then, perhaps, a better, more balanced proposal can end up being the one you seriously consider.

Sincerely,
David Hoffert
2006 Monroe St
District 13 Alder Candidate

Message: FW: Edgewood stadium proposal

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:38 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood stadium proposal

From: CARMEN M THOMPSON [mailto:cmthomps@wisc.edu]

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 7:52 AM

To: Stouder, Heather ; tiparks@cityofmadison.com; Arntsen, Allen

Subject: Edgewood stadium proposal

Good morning,

I live on Terry Place and am already annoyed by the noise that now comes from the athletic field that borders on Woodrow. I have lived here since 1979, and I am well aware of the nearby presence of the college and high school! Their sprawl has definitely increased over these years, and enough is enough. The instructive flyer of the Concerned Engineers in the Edgewood Neighborhood is taken very seriously by neighbors and is of great concern to us. Our property taxes are very high, and I do not believe we should absorb yet another avoidable Edgewood-related growth impact. Noise and light issues are big, but additionally, the traffic congestion increase in the neighborhood is a factor that would effect us, esp. since Monroe St. is already a very busy streets. We have already absorbed the increases in street parking from the college for 10 months of the year. Please, do not endorse this unnecessary stadium proposal to be approved. Thank you.

Message: FW: Stadium Proposal

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:53 PM

To Parks, Timothy

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Subject FW: Stadium Proposal

From: Mischa Wagner [mailto:wagnermischa@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 12:17 AM

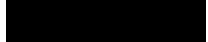
To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Stadium Proposal

Dear Miss Stouder,

I received a letter in the mail concerning a new stadium at the Edgewood Campus. If the information in the letter regarding noise levels and light pollution is true, then I would like to voice my opposition to the project.

You may contact me anytime.



Thank you for your time,
Sincerely

Mischa Wagner
3630 Cross St

Message: FW: Edgewood stadium

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:19 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood stadium

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

From: Lyric Bartholomay [<mailto:lyriccolleen@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 10:28 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood stadium

Dear Heather,

I am a resident of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood, and am very much opposed to the proposed Edgewood stadium expansion.

I would be grateful if you would make note of my opposition and thank you for hearing me out on this.

Best,

Lyric

Lyric Bartholomay
615 Gilmore Street

Message: FW: No on Edgewood Stadium

FW: No on Edgewood Stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:59 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: No on Edgewood Stadium

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

From: Henry Jasen [<mailto:hjasen@me.com>]

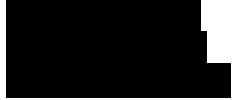
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 11:49 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: No on Edgewood Stadium

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

Henry Jasen
2105 Madison Street
Madison, WI 53711



hjasen@me.com

Message: FW: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:46 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

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

From: Jennifer Spence [<mailto:jenniferspence@mac.com>]

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 5:57 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Fwd: Edgewood Stadium Proposal

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> To: Heather Strouder - Planning Division Director

>> Hello Heather,

>> My husband and I live in the Vilas neighborhood and our daughter was a graduate of Edgewood High School back in 1998; and we believe that the students there have all they need to become educated adults without having to have a huge stadium. Many of the other larger high schools don't have a stadium and they seem to make due without one. While we support sports activities for students we do not think that the stadium is necessary, nor will it be a positive thing for the residents of the surrounding neighborhoods.

>> Our neighborhoods already have to deal with the traffic and parking issues along with the blaring music and commentary from Camp Randall. We have Badger pride, but there are some people who may not like football or the excessive traffic, parking issues, and noise that comes long with it. We also have to think of all the residents who happen to be tax payers for this area, and how that stadium will affect their property values when they are in the shadow and ear-shot of it.

>>> Thank you,
>>> Jennifer Spence

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Message: FW: opposition to Edgewood stadium

FW: opposition to Edgewood stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:25 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: opposition to Edgewood stadium

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

From: Julie Berggren [<mailto:julesberggren@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 4:50 PM

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

Subject: opposition to Edgewood stadium

Hello All,

I live on Edgewood Avenue and would like to make my opinion be known to you, that I am against the stadium. You've heard all the reasons and I agree with all of them, but items I feel I've heard less on are:

1. Neighbors that live on Monroe Street already have difficulty even getting into and out of their driveways (as do I) at certain times of day. The area is already so congested (livability).
2. The light pollution this would create would further obliterate any stars, not to say what it does to bats and water fowl on Lake Wingra.
3. The proximity to the arboretum and all the quiet and beauty-one of the reasons I live near by.
4. There are only 52 weeks in a year, they are proposing 40 events?!
5. Such a large stadium for such a small class?
6. All this controversy for ...football? How much longer are parents going to let their kids play football with the ever more horrifying affects of CTE? I know that's another can of worms, but really.
7. If the stadium existed, I would not purchase my house and I definitely wouldn't purchase on Monroe or Woodrow. I'm surely not alone.

The stadium would be a huge mistake and very disappointing.

Thank You,

Julie Berggren
710 Edgewood Avenue

Message: FW: Proposed Edgewood Stadium

 FW: Proposed Edgewood Stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:44 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Proposed Edgewood Stadium

From: Ken Opin [mailto:ken.opin@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 9:14 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Fwd: Proposed Edgewood Stadium

Begin forwarded message:

From: Amie Goldman <gunderman13@gmail.com>

Date: January 3, 2019 at 8:47:16 PM EST

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

Subject: Proposed Edgewood Stadium

Good evening,

I'm writing to register my opposition to the proposed Edgewood High School stadium. My family and I live on the corner of Edgewood Ave. and Madison Street. While the stadium won't likely have a material impact on us and our immediate neighbors from a light and noise perspective, I remained concerned that the stadium will have a significant negative impact on our neighbors who border the other end of the Edgewood campus. The burden that the additional traffic, noise and lighting will impose on these neighbors isn't outweighed by the benefit to the high school. Edgewood and West High school have been able to support their sports programs without having a stadium capable of hosting night games for many years. I understand that the current stadium used by Edgewood will not be feasible in the future, but don't believe that converting their existing practice field to a stadium is the only viable alternative.

I am also concerned that an environmental impact study has not been conducted. One of our favorite things is hearing the Owls calling to each other across the campus from our home. The Friends of Lake Wingra have raised questions about how the lighting and noise might impact resident and migratory birds in the vicinity of the stadium and I agree that this question should be given careful consideration before the plan moves forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amie Goldman
2121 Madison St.

Message: FW: My opposition to the Edgewood stadium proposal

FW: My opposition to the Edgewood stadium proposal
From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:54 PM
To Parks, Timothy
Cc
Subject FW: My opposition to the Edgewood stadium proposal

From: john bayley [mailto:redgreenjohn666@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 11:01 PM
To: Stouder, Heather
Subject: My opposition to the Edgewood stadium proposal

Dear Heather Stouder,

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.

Message: FW: Opposition to Edgewood HS stadium

FW: Opposition to Edgewood HS stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 5:01 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Opposition to Edgewood HS stadium

From: Alejandra Huneus [mailto:januka@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 8:15 AM

Subject: Opposition to Edgewood HS stadium

Greetings,

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

Please vote against this project.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Huneus, 2001 Jefferson St.

Message: FW: Edgewood stadium letter.docx

FW: Edgewood stadium letter.docx

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 5:01 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood stadium letter.docx

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

From: Ken Opin [<mailto:ken.opin@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, December 30, 2018 6:28 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood stadium letter.docx

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: Vote Yes!

Vote Yes!

From Mary Schmidt Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 3:58 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Vote Yes!

Hello,

I am writing you today to share with you my support for the EHS stadium updates. Please vote YES. Thanks

Mary Schmidt

Message: FW: Edgewood stadium proposal

FW: Edgewood stadium proposal

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:42 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood stadium proposal

From: Paul Terry [mailto:pwterry837@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 10:45 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood stadium proposal

Ms. Heather Stouder
Planning Division Director
City of Madison

Dear Ms. Stouder,

We are contacting you to express our strong opposition to the proposed new stadium on the Edgewood campus. We reside on Terry Place and eat our meals on a back porch during the months of spring, summer and fall. We are already able to hear individual voices from people using the Edgewood High School athletic field and experience the intrusion that represents. To have this amplified by the larger number of fans accommodated by the expanded facility, and with a sound system to boot, represents an unacceptable blow to freedom from noise that should characterize a residential area. We are likewise very concerned by the impacts of lighting in an area that already suffers from nighttime light pollution.

I remind you that Lake Wingra and its largely untouched, natural shoreline represent a treasure for Madison and an urban rarity that would also be negatively impacted by this new stadium.

We believe it is very much in the best interests of the neighborhood, the city at large, and the City's tax base to safeguard these natural assets and quality of life in a viable and iconic neighborhood and a natural area that draws enthusiasts and users from far and wide. We fail to see how the benefits secured by a noisy, glaring stadium come anywhere near to offsetting the negatives. Moreover, we see no reason why the city should rule in favor of Edgewood when the benefits would only accrue to a relatively small number of users who largely live elsewhere and who assuredly would be adamantly opposed were such a facility to be proposed near their backyards.

We note that the City of Madison has noise restrictions for residential neighborhoods that are marginally exceeded under present use of the athletic field and will be far exceeded by uses of the proposed stadium under the license sought by Edgewood High School. Given the documented adverse effects of noise on quality of life and long term health, it is alarming that Edgewood seeks not just this license but an arrangement that limits, if not forecloses, recourses for dealing these negative impacts in the future.

As residents of Terry Place for 30 years we have watched with dismay as Edgewood has obtained so many of the zoning variances and expansions it has sought, despite the negative impacts it has produced. We regularly deal with parked cars that clog our narrow, one-way street and block our driveways, despite assurances that this would never happen. The argument that Edgewood must get its way in the name of good relationships no longer hold sway because Edgewood has abused its relationship with the neighborhood. It is time for this to stop. Quality of life for residents, the

value of the properties in it, and the City's tax base are at stake.

Sincerely,

Paul and Gloria Terry
837 Terry Place
Madison

Message: FW: Opposition to proposed Edgewood athletic facility

FW: Opposition to proposed Edgewood athletic facility
From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:25 PM
To Parks, Timothy
Cc
Subject FW: Opposition to proposed Edgewood athletic facility

From: Tom Isenbarger [mailto:tomisenbarger@me.com]
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 4:37 PM
To: Stouder, Heather ; ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us; bacantrell@charter.net; jpolewski@charter.net; ken.opin@gmail.com; Zellers, Ledell ; melissaberger2@gmail.com; hiwayman@chorus.net; Carter, Sheri ; King, J Steven
Cc: Soglin, Paul ; Baldeh, Samba ; Arntsen, Allen
Subject: Opposition to proposed Edgewood athletic facility

Dear Plan Commission Members:

I write to oppose the proposed Edgewood project to allow expanded use of the athletic field as outlined in the Amended Edgewood Campus Master Plan submitted to the city.

I appreciate your consideration of the various viewpoints and arguments provided by both those that support and by those that oppose this project. I am sure you have been provided with numerous facts with respect to the present situation, comparative data based on facilities similar to the proposal, and predictions for how the proposal would affect the surrounding neighborhood.

I believe that these considerations indicate that the proposal should not be approved.

However, rather than reiterate arguments that others have presented noting the negative impact of the project, I would like to emphasize that you consider the behavior of the Edgewood community in the past and how it is indicative of how the Commission should view their present arguments and likely future actions.

Edgewood's current use of the present facility has included varsity and junior varsity athletic competitions, which contradicts the present use limitation of the facility for practices and physical education only. Based on this past and current behavior, there is no reason to believe that Edgewood would comply with any use limitations for the proposed facility if it were to be built. Accordingly, it is very difficult to predict the actual impact of the proposed facility on the neighborhood, which could largely exceed any predicted impact based on the formally proposed usage and proposed technological solutions for sound and light abatement. Once the facility is built, past actions indicate that Edgewood will do what it pleases regardless of any limitations to which it would agree formally.

In addition, several observations indicate that Edgewood does not act as a good neighbor in partnership with the surrounding neighborhood. In particular, the stealing of signs stating opposition to the project is indicative of the attitude of Edgewood individuals toward Edgewood's neighbors. And, the often irresponsible and dangerous driving by Edgewood students and parents on the surrounding streets indicates a lack of respect for those who live in the neighborhood. While this is an ongoing problem, we observed increased instances of students driving very fast down West Lawn Avenue during the Monroe Street reconstruction project. These

examples are indicative of the feelings that some within the Edgewood community have for their neighbors and public areas surrounding the campus.

These actions indicate that Edgewood acts in its own interest with little concern for the city and surrounding neighborhood. Accordingly, I would find arguments from Edgewood relating to proposed use limitations and concern for the neighborhood very difficult to believe.

Thank you,
Tom Isenbarger

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Tom Isenbarger JD PhD

Message: FW: Concerns about the proposed Edgewood stadium

FW: Concerns about the proposed Edgewood stadium
From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:28 PM
To Parks, Timothy
Cc
Subject FW: Concerns about the proposed Edgewood stadium

From: Mike Kanel [mailto:mckanel@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 4:14 PM
To: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Concerns about the proposed Edgewood stadium

Dear Ms. Stouder,

Before moving into the neighborhood those who would be most affected by the increase in sound, light and traffic were aware that living so close to Edgewood would at times cause them some disturbance. I think that this stadium would cause a significant and unfair increase in those disturbances.

I don't think the stadium would meet Edgewood's optimistic claims for light and noise levels. Would Edgewood consent to an agreement that would force them to meet their claims concerning light and noise? Possibly fines escalating to banning of the out of compliance events? Would future city leaders have the political will to oppose requests for more frequent or more disruptive events?

One of my children attended Edgewood for several years, there seems to be a strong school spirit without a stadium. My two children have attended West High School and again there seems to be a high level of school spirit and pride without having a stadium.

Thank you for you time.
Mike Kanel
2824 Gregory St,
Madison, WI 53711

Message: FW: Edgewood Campus Sports Facility

FW: Edgewood Campus Sports Facility

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:21 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood Campus Sports Facility

From: Michelle Horton [mailto:ma.horton6@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 8:12 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood Campus Sports Facility

Dear Heather,

Happy New Year and thanks for all you do for our city.

I am writing to express my support of what Edgewood is wanting to do with their sports facility including adding lights. I have lived in Madison my whole life and specifically on Rowley Ave. and currently on Hollister Ave. The facility will be good for the school and the Madison community. Living in close proximity to the UW football stadium, field house and Edgewood campus the activities that take place at these locations are good for the neighborhoods especially local businesses.

Thank you for considering my request of allowing Edgewood to move forward.

Michelle Horton
2212 Hollister Ave
Madison WI. 53726


Message: FW: Edgewood stadium

FW: Edgewood stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:55 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood stadium

From: James MacDonald [mailto:openingmyheart@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 5:09 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood stadium

Heather Stouder -

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: FW: EHS Athletic Facility

 FW: EHS Athletic Facility

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:24 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: EHS Athletic Facility

From: Zellers, Ledell

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 5:07 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Fw: EHS Athletic Facility

Alder Ledell Zellers


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From: Kathryn Johnson <tjkimj@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 12:34 PM

To: Zellers, Ledell

Subject: EHS Athletic Facility

We are writing in SUPPORT of the proposed Edgewood High School Athletic Facility.

In trying to educate ourselves on both sides of the issue, we feel that EHS should be able to build and use the proposed facility as they have proposed. We personally would be happy to have an opportunity to walk to a high school football game and/or other athletic event. We feel that it fits with the vibrancy and walkability of our urban neighborhood.

We feel that EHS has been a good neighbor to the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood. They have listened to our concerns and have made efforts to lessen the impact on neighbors. They have reduced the seating capacity, will limit music played over the PA system to the national anthem, and will limit night games to a possible 32 that will be finished by 8:30 pm and a possible eight that will be finished by 10:00 pm. This does not seem like an unreasonable request. There have obviously been concerns voiced by neighbors and it seems that EHS has done its best to alleviate sound, light and parking concerns. We feel that what EHS is proposing, after making accommodations for neighborhood feedback, is fair.

EHS has been a good neighbor and member of our community, now we feel it is our turn to do the same.

Sincerely,

Todd and Kate Johnson
645 Pickford Street
Madison WI 53711

PS In much of the literature distributed by stadium opponents, it states that “two-thirds” or “80%” of DMNA community survey respondents are opposed to the stadium improvements. We live in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood and have attended some of the information sessions on the proposed stadium. We have never received any type of survey to complete, either in person or through the mail. Just want to make you aware that we’re not sure how this data was collected, and consequently are unsure of its accuracy.

Message: FW: Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

FW: Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:44 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

From: Jacob Notbohm [mailto:jnotbohm@outlook.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 8:18 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

Dear Heather,

I own the property and live at 2314 Monroe St, which is across the street from the proposed Edgewood Stadium.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed stadium. My opposition is primarily due to crowd noise, which Edgewood has left unaddressed in its proposal. Edgewood's proposed plans will direct crowd noise directly at nearby residences, including mine.

Even the small crowd sizes in recent athletic events held at Edgewood's field have produced substantial noise levels that can be heard inside my home when windows are shut. The crowd noise has been far louder than the sound of traffic on Monroe St, and the crowd noise has become a frequent disruption.

Larger crowds and more frequent games will amplify these disruptions, which will substantially harm my family's quality of life. No doubt the same is true for the quality of life of my neighbors.

In comparison, the benefit Edgewood will gain by hosting athletic events on its campus is modest--without a stadium, Edgewood will still be able to play athletic events at other locations, just as other Madison high schools do.

The decrease in our quality of life substantially outweighs the modest benefit of Edgewood's preference to host athletic events on its campus.

Jacob Notbohm

Message: FW: NO to Edgewood Expansion

FW: NO to Edgewood Expansion

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:49 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: NO to Edgewood Expansion

From: Ken Opin [mailto:ken.opin@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 4:54 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Fwd: NO to Edgewood Expansion

Begin forwarded message:

From: Joan Nugent <jfnuge@gmail.com>

Date: January 3, 2019 at 4:18:27 PM EST

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

Cc: district13@cityofmadison.com

Subject: NO to Edgewood Expansion

As a neighbor in the Vilas Neighborhood for over 33 years, I am opposing the Edgewood Stadium athletic field expansion.

Edgewood is a private school surrounded by neighborhoods, Lake Wingra and Vilas Park.

It is naive to think that this area will not be affected by 80 foot lights, amplified sound, and seating for up to 1,000 people (adjusted down from 1,300 capacity).

Edgewood plans to rent out this stadium to make money. There is little regard for the quality of life of it's neighbors.

Edgewood wants to alter their 2014 Master Plan.

This plan was accepted by the neighborhoods but did not include the above additions.

If this is passed, it will set a precedent for altering the Master Plans of all neighborhoods.

The UW already has a large stadium in our area that causes increase noise, traffic and parking congestion/problems.

During UW football games we can sit in our living room with the windows and doors shut and still hear the announcing from the stadium.

There is already increased traffic that flows through Monroe and Regent street corridor, regardless of an event.

I encourage you to stand outside of your home and look across the street and your neighborhood. Then, imagine a stadium built like the one proposed by Edgewood within a 100 foot range of your home. A field that proposes over 40 games a year, many at night. Is this what you would want?

This is our home.

If this project goes forward, it will diminish the quality of life for many people.

Please vote no.

Thank you.

Joan Nugent

1521 Vilas Ave.

Message: FW: Edgewood High School Proposal

FW: Edgewood High School Proposal

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:57 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood High School Proposal

From: Rima Apple [mailto:rdapple@wisc.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 12:27 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood High School Proposal

Heather Strouder:

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

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Rima Apple

2013 Madison Street

Message: FW: No to Edgewood stadium

FW: No to Edgewood stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:16 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: No to Edgewood stadium

From: Becky Holmes [mailto:rmh2228@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 6, 2019 11:05 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: No to Edgewood stadium

Dear Ms. Stouder,

I'm writing to express my objection to the Edgewood High School stadium plan. I live on Hollister Ave., which would be only marginally affected; however I am more upset about the school's bad faith approach to the negotiations with the neighborhood. I also worry for my friends who live closer to the stadium. Their quality of life and their property values will surely suffer. Please oppose this plan. Thanks

Rebecca Holmes
2228 Hollister Ave.
Madison

Message: FW: No new Edgewood Stadium

FW: No new Edgewood Stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:18 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: No new Edgewood Stadium

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

Sent: Saturday, January 5, 2019 11:22 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Fwd: No new Edgewood Stadium

Fyi

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

From: Darcy Lee <darcylee1805@gmail.com>

Date: Jan 4, 2019 11:21 PM

Subject: No new Edgewood Stadium

To: bacantrell@charter.net

Cc:

I live at 2239 West lawn Ave, Madison WI 53711. I oppose the development of a new stadium.

I do not want increased car traffic, loud noises and light pollution caused by the stadium a block from my house.

I believe it will create an unsafe neighborhood for my young children due to the increased car and foot traffic.

The noise pollution, increased traffic, and light will be detrimental to the neighborhood and to the Lake Wingra natural environment.

Please vote no to the stadium.

Sincerely,
Darcy Lee

Message: FW: Edgewood stadium

FW: Edgewood stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:25 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood stadium

From: Zellers, Ledell

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 5:07 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Fw: Edgewood stadium

Alder Ledell Zellers


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From: Jeffrey Jerred <jcjerred@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 12:41 PM

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Jeffrey Jerred
860 Woodrow Street

Message: FW: No new stadium

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:31 PM

To Parks, Timothy

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Subject FW: No new stadium

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

From: mail Schmit [<mailto:maryellen.tim@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 3:06 PM

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Subject: No new stadium

I am writing to voice my opposition to the Edgewood High School proposal for a new stadium. I am both an alumnus of Edgewood High School and a resident in the Vilas neighborhood. I have read that “technological improvements” will minimally impact the neighborhood. I have also heard that Edgewood has used the previous Goodman Foundation grant money for field improvements that would benefit the community in the latest construction project. I believe Edgewood has misrepresented its intentions in the past and will do so again. I understand the latest proposal put forth is for a few football games only. This is obviously unsustainable and a way for Edgewood to obtain facilities that can be used to generate funds for private use in the not to distant future. Edgewood should be held to its agreed upon master plan.

Thank you for your concern,

Mary Ellen Schmit

Message: FW: Edgewood stadium

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:40 PM

To Parks, Timothy

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

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 7:45 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

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Message: FW: Edgewood HS Stadium

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:52 PM

To Parks, Timothy

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Subject FW: Edgewood HS Stadium

From: Steve Klaven [mailto:stevek098@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 8:21 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood HS Stadium

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

Message: FW: Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:36 PM

To Parks, Timothy

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From: Peter Kinsley [mailto:peterkinsley@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 9:38 AM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Dear Ms. Stouder,

I am writing to express my concern and strong opposition to the proposed Edgewood High School stadium. I am resident of the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood (I reside on Fox Avenue) and would be directly impacted by the proposed stadium.

The proposed stadium -- particularly the frequency of events and accompanying sound disturbances and light pollution -- would be incredibly detrimental to the neighborhood and the natural environment of the Wingra Park area. The anticipated lighting levels which will exceed the City's lighting restrictions and resulting light pollution, an area which has been researched extensively and shown to disrupt ecosystems and have adverse health effects on both humans and animals, is particularly alarming. While I am sympathetic to the High School's desire to have night games and multiple amplified, lighted events per year, the costs to our larger Madison community as a whole in my opinion far exceed the benefit to this one population.

I ask you to please oppose the stadium proposal.

Thank you,
Peter Kinsley
2137 Fox Avenue

Message: FW: EHS Athletic Facility

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:48 PM

To Parks, Timothy

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Subject FW: EHS Athletic Facility

From: Ken Opín [mailto:ken.opin@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 3:23 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Fwd: EHS Athletic Facility

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathryn Johnson <tjkjmj@sbcglobal.net>

Date: January 3, 2019 at 1:33:43 PM EST

To: ken.opin@gmail.com

Subject: EHS Athletic Facility

We are writing in SUPPORT of the proposed Edgewood High School Athletic Facility.

In trying to educate ourselves on both sides of the issue, we feel that EHS should be able to build and use the proposed facility as they have proposed. We personally would be happy to have an opportunity to walk to a high school football game and/or other athletic event. We feel that it fits with the vibrancy and walkability of our urban neighborhood.

We feel that EHS has been a good neighbor to the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood. They have listened to our concerns and have made efforts to lessen the impact on neighbors. They have reduced the seating capacity, will limit music played over the PA system to the national anthem, and will limit night games to a possible 32 that will be finished by 8:30 pm and a possible eight that will be finished by 10:00 pm. This does not seem like an unreasonable request. There have obviously been concerns voiced by neighbors and it seems that EHS has done its best to alleviate sound, light and parking concerns. We feel that what EHS is proposing, after making accommodations for neighborhood feedback, is fair.

EHS has been a good neighbor and member of our community, now we feel it is our turn to do the same.

Sincerely,

Todd and Kate Johnson
645 Pickford Street
Madison WI 53711

PS In much of the literature distributed by stadium opponents, it states that “two-thirds” or “80%” of DMNA community survey respondents are opposed to the stadium improvements. We live in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood and have attended some of the information sessions on the proposed stadium. We have never received any type of survey to complete, either in person or through the mail. Just want to make you aware that we’re not sure how this data was collected, and consequently are unsure of its accuracy.

Message: FW: Edgewood High School Stadium

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:19 PM

To Parks, Timothy

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

From: Shelley Caw [<mailto:ssavagecaw@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 10:19 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood High School Stadium

Dear Ms Stouder:

I am writing in support of the Edgewood High School stadium proposal. I live in the 2300 block of Monroe Street. While I understand my neighbors' concerns about noise/light/traffic issues related to the stadium expansion, I believe that those issues are all part and parcel of living on Monroe Street and in the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood. We already have significant traffic issues on Monroe Street during EHS and ECS opening and closing—or during any of the events at one of the Edgewood schools/college, including the neighborhood Farmer's Market hosted in the Edgewood parking lot. We already have significant neighborhood disruptions (noise/people/traffic) whenever UW has an event—especially during football season. Often marathons and runs-for-charity use a route that passes from Woodrow onto Monroe Street. From my house, I can hear athletic practices and games already occurring on the new field at EHS as well as outdoor events at Camp Randall and at West High School. Open lunch at West High School creates some negative issues for the neighborhood. Emergency vehicles drive full speed, lights and sirens blasting, 24 hours a day on Monroe Street. The new street lights on Monroe Street are so bright, I could read outside at night. With Monroe Street being a major east/west thoroughfare and the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood's close proximity to schools, businesses and parks, our neighborhood is busy and lively at all hours of the day, every day. Thus, I see no reason to single out and restrict Edgewood High School from expanding the use of their new field.

Thank you,

Michelle S. Caw
2340 Monroe Street

Message: FW: NO to Edgewood Expansion

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:46 PM

To Parks, Timothy

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Subject FW: NO to Edgewood Expansion

From: Ken Opin [mailto:ken.opin@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 4:54 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Fwd: NO to Edgewood Expansion

Begin forwarded message:

From: Joan Nugent <jfnuge@gmail.com>

Date: January 3, 2019 at 4:18:27 PM EST

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

Cc: district13@cityofmadison.com

Subject: NO to Edgewood Expansion

As a neighbor in the Vilas Neighborhood for over 33 years, I am opposing the Edgewood Stadium athletic field expansion.

Edgewood is a private school surrounded by neighborhoods, Lake Wingra and Vilas Park.

It is naive to think that this area will not be affected by 80 foot lights, amplified sound, and seating for up to 1,000 people (adjusted down from 1,300 capacity).

Edgewood plans to rent out this stadium to make money. There is little regard for the quality of life of it's neighbors.

Edgewood wants to alter their 2014 Master Plan.

This plan was accepted by the neighborhoods but did not include the above additions.

If this is passed, it will set a precedent for altering the Master Plans of all neighborhoods.

The UW already has a large stadium in our area that causes increase noise, traffic and parking congestion/problems.

During UW football games we can sit in our living room with the windows and doors shut and still hear the announcing from the stadium.

There is already increased traffic that flows through Monroe and Regent street corridor, regardless of an event.

I encourage you to stand outside of your home and look across the street and your neighborhood. Then, imagine a stadium built like the one proposed by Edgewood within a 100 foot range of your home. A field that proposes over 40 games a year, many at night. Is this what you would want?

This is our home.

If this project goes forward, it will diminish the quality of life for many people.

Please vote no.

Thank you.

Joan Nugent

1521 Vilas Ave.

Message: FW: edgewood stadium

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From Stouder, Heather Date Sunday, January 6, 2019 4:31 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: edgewood stadium

From: marcia diamond [mailto:mdiamond1339@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 2:37 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: edgewood stadium

Hi Heather (and all members of the Plan Commission)--

I am writing today to add my voice to the many who vehemently oppose granting an amendment to the campus master plan to allow Edgewood to construct a full-fledged stadium. I am a resident of Dudgeon-Monroe but am not directly "in the line of fire" for the noise and light pollution the stadium would present.

Nevertheless, I do very strongly feel that the stadium proposed is well beyond what might be a reasonable use in this very compact neighborhood area. It may be correct that property owners have a right to do what they wish with their property, but that right ends when it impinges on the ability of others to enjoy their own properties...and Edgewood's proposal definitely does alter things in very negative ways for a large portion of the neighborhood--especially for those living closest to campus.

Edgewood deserves some credit for moving toward some mitigation of the worst effects of the lights and the amplified sound system...but those efforts are insufficient. The biggest factor from where I sit is that there is nothing they can do about crowd noise--which will be aimed directly at neighboring homes and beyond into the neighborhood given the location of the stands. I know of no way for them to deal with crowd noise (which they simply ignore or gloss over with disingenuous statements about "average" decibel levels)...unless they were to build a fully enclosed and roofed over (with a non-retractable roof) stadium. Should they choose to do that, I would not oppose the idea, but anything short of that is simply not acceptable.

I am also unimpressed with our temporary alder's position offering a "compromise" which allows the stadium to be built, sound system and lights installed, and night games played....but just on a reduced frequency. This is not a compromise since it supports the building of the structure, and if ever there were a case of "if you build it, they will come" this seems to be it. If Edgewood is allowed to go forward, they will simply be lobbying for more and more extended use of the facility once they get to a new master plan (or before if council doesn't support and find a way to actually enforce limits).

You may recall that this is not a new controversy for the neighborhood though our alder apparently does not. Edgewood and the neighborhoods have discussed this before...with the result that the school was allowed to upgrade their old field to its current condition with the neighbors' somewhat reluctant blessing. THAT was the compromise on this whole issue---moving to a full stadium is beyond compromise. It is simply

acquiescing to whatever Edgewood wants and neighbors be damned. Please note that Edgewood has already been exceeding the uses designated as allowable for that improved field, and neighborhood disruption is already an issue because of it. And it should be noted that Edgewood has been less than honest about its intent and usage of the field from before that upgrade was agreed to---at which time they were saying they would NEVER be putting in lights/sound system while at the same time installing the underground utilities to allow them to do so. In my world, that's called lying.

Most of the negative commentary I've seen about neighborhood opposition has focused on name-calling and complaints that neighbors are just a bunch of NIMBY whiners. In my opinion, the history of interactions between the school and the neighborhood shows otherwise. Over the years, Edgewood has had many different building projects that impacted neighbors in a variety of ways, and this is the very FIRST time neighbors are simply saying no. To me, that smacks of a neighborhood that has bent over backwards to accommodate the wishes of the school...and has finally reached a project where that's no longer possible. That is NOT nimby--it's good public service. A stadium such as proposed would be inappropriate in ANY neighborhood--not just this one.

Please consider my concerns along with the actual evidence of what kinds of impact the stadium would have. I hope you will look beyond Edgewood's vague and misleading statements (p.r. firms do a good job on obscuring facts sometimes). Average decibel levels do not accurately reflect the amount of disruption due to noise. And focusing on the amplified sound system does not negate that crowd noise will be an even bigger issue. Even if there were a solution to the crowd noise issue, there are other concerns as about the impact on adjacent natural areas/parks/lakes that offer quiet respite to citizens and wildlife, as well. In my opinion, there are just too many negatives for the Edgewood proposal to go forward.

Please deny the request for amendment of the master plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marcia Diamond
663 Crandall St
Madison WI 53711