

Message: Fw: Edgewood Stadium proposal

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From Stouder, Heather Date Thursday, December 27, 2018 6:31 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Fw: Edgewood Stadium proposal

From: Ken Opin

Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2018 8:27:12 PM

To: Jim Oeth; Stouder, Heather

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jon standridge <jonstandridge66@gmail.com>

Date: December 26, 2018 at 5:26:12 PM CST

To: ken.opin@gmail.com, Mike Rewey <hiwayman@chorus.net>

Subject: Edgewood Stadium proposal

Ken Opin, Mike Rewey, Jim Oeth,

I am writing the three of you as members of the Plan Commission since you are the only members who I have actually met. Even though I currently serve on the Edgewood Liaison Team and have been the past president of the Vilas Neighborhood Association, the comments below are from me as an individual. I have served on the Edgewood/neighborhood Liaison committee off and on since it's inception. I have also worked on the Edgewood Master Planning team as a Vilas neighbor. During this time, the city has often held up the neighborhood/Edgewood interactions as the poster child for how sensitive development should happen. After the hard work of negotiation, neighborhood representatives have often spoken at Plan Commission meetings in support of various proposals. These success stories include: The central drive serving all three schools from Monroe St., Extra deep setbacks for dorm buildings, Agreement by Edgewood not to acquire single family residences in the neighborhood for student housing or office space, dark sky compliant light fixtures, storm water infiltration, sound mitigation of the air handling units on the Stream building, and underground parking in the Science building. The current auditorium addition and internal modifications to the high school received strong neighborhood support. All of these campus improvements took significant pushing from neighbors. I have not seen this type of negotiation success with the Stadium proposal.

I have been watching the Stadium improvement issue through both Master Planning processes where Lights and sound for the playing field were discussed but never put into the plan. At the Liaison meetings over the last year, the High School has carefully outlined their need for and enhanced stadium much in the same way it is outlined in their current application. I have participated in most of the discussions and the field trips to Waunakee to see LED lights in use. I have not seen support for the current proposal from neighbors at any of the Liaison meetings. After carefully listening to and considering the views of both Edgewood and the neighbors, I have reached the conclusion that the Lights, and amplified sound should not be installed. The negative impacts on neighborhood far outweigh the needs and advantages Edgewood High School has

outlined in the proposal.

Therefore, I urge you to reject the amendment to the Master Plan or any modification of the proposal that includes lights and amplified sound.

Please forward this to Jim Oeth as his email address is not listed on the Plan Commission site.

Jon Standridge



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From Ethington, Ruth Date Thursday, December 27, 2018 7:28 AM

To Parks, Timothy

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826 Woodrow St,

Madison 53711

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From: Ward Richter

Sent: Saturday, December 22, 2018 8:33 AM

To: Planning

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I for your consideration of these views.

Ward Richter

Sent from my iPhone

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From Stouder, Heather Date Thursday, December 27, 2018 12:30 PM

To Parks, Timothy

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From: Lynn Keller

Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2018 12:26 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood Stadium proposals

Dear Heather Stouder,

I would appreciate your sharing this letter with all the members of the City Plan Commission in advance of their next meeting. Thank you.

Best,
Lynn Keller

Dear Members of the City Plan Commission:

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

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

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

Edgewood is particularly close to its residential neighbors, so that a stadium will have significant impact. I myself live in the 2000 block of Jefferson, only 2 blocks from the campus, and I am distraught thinking of the noise that will disturb my gardening, my evenings in the back yard with friends or by myself. The noise, the traffic, the trash, the drunken people wandering into my yard from games at Camp Randall are plenty for me to deal with already; we don't need more noise and traffic and trash for the sake of a few very privileged high school students. I have lived in this historic neighborhood for thirty years, and it's a treasure for Madison: beautiful, serene, filled with birds because of its proximity to the UW Arboretum and Vilas Park. With the zoo on one side, and lively Monroe Street on the other, this desirable neighborhood is one of those that makes Madison an attractive city for people to move to and invest in. Its

serenity would be destroyed by this stadium and the quality of life here significantly diminished. My house is my nest egg, and I fear that property values will be negatively affected. (If so, the city would begin to lose tax revenue— this neighborhood has stunningly high taxes.) Let Edgewood use the money they have available to build a stadium do so in a significantly less densely settled place in the suburbs, combining forces with a suburban school.

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

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

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Lynn Keller
2005 Jefferson Street

Message: FW: Edgewood Expansion

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From Stouder, Heather Date Thursday, December 27, 2018 2:02 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood Expansion

From: Judy Sidran

Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2018 1:55 PM

To: Ken Opin

Cc: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Fwd: Edgewood Expansion

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ben Sidran <ben@bensidran.com>

Date: December 3, 2018 at 4:19:50 PM CST

To: tparks@cityofmadison.com

Cc: prsoglin@cityofmadison.com

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: Goodman Athletic Complex

Goodman Athletic Complex

From Sharon Brolin Date Thursday, December 27, 2018 2:12 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Goodman Athletic Complex

Dear Mr. Parks,

My family lives on Gregory Street, one block off Commonwealth. We used to live on Monroe Street, across from Woodrow St., and have lived in the neighborhood for over 22 years.

We support the proposed Goodman Athletic Complex for Edgewood High School and believe that Edgewood has acted responsibly in addressing potential parking issues as well as offering to buy the best sound and lighting equipment to keep disruption to a minimum for the neighbors.

While I understand the concerns of my neighbors, I think some of the reactions have been based on hyperbole and untruths which have led to irrational viewpoints. Here is a quote from a letter to the editor in yesterday's Capital Times: *"The thought of nonstop amplified sound and crowd noise that will not be able to be moderated terrifies me."*

"Non-stop"? For 25-40 events a year?

"Terrifies me"? Really?

There is an underlying, though seldom verbalized, sentiment that runs through the conversations on my neighborhood listserv. It is one of intolerance (from a supposedly progressive neighborhood) and anti-Edgewood bias. One neighbor wrote, regarding West High School not being included in the proposal that *"very few Edgewood families live in our neighborhood so they can pay for what we have to put up with by giving us free use."* So for some, it seems, noise and lights aren't the issue. They would gladly live with double the sound and lights if West were given free use of the field. Interesting.

Regarding the issue of the athletic complex causing environmental damage, it seems that a few games a year aren't going to cause any more damage than the overly amplified Jazz in the Park or the private 4th of July fireworks display in Wingra Park (both of which I enjoy very much from my house 4 blocks away.)

In short, it is not unreasonable to allow a high school to host high school activities, especially a high school that has been in the neighborhood for over 100 years, well before the neighbors purchased their homes.

Please act with reason and vote in favor of Edgewood's proposed Goodman Athletic Complex.

In gratitude for your service to our community,

Sharon Brolin

2502 Gregory St.
53711

Message: Edgewood High School Athletic Field

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From Leo Janus Date Thursday, December 27, 2018 3:40 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School Athletic Field

Dear Honorable Tim Parks,

Please support the upgrades to Edgewood HS Goodman Athletic Complex.

Thank You,

Leo Janus

Message: Edgewood High School Athletic Complex

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From Andy Brolin Date Thursday, December 27, 2018 5:43 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School Athletic Complex

Dear M. Parks:

I am writing to ask you to SUPPORT the upgrades to the Edgewood High School athletic complex.

My wife and family and I have been residents of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood for nearly 25 years. For six of those years we lived on Monroe Street, across the street from EHS. Today, we live 5 blocks from the school. Our 3 children have attended or are attending Edgewood.

I have given this matter a lot of thought. I support the proposed upgrades without reservation. It is my feeling that there are a large number of DMNA and RNA residents that also support the upgrades, in spite of what appears to be a preponderance of anti-upgrade letters to the editor, etc. We've been through this type of debate before, going back to whether or not to transform the railroad tracks to a bike path, then whether or not to add lights to the bike path, even whether or not to upgrade Monroe Street. In all cases, after all voice were heard, and after all options reviewed, a way was found to move ahead with each project with respect being paid to each side's wants and needs. Surely, a compromise can be worked out in this case too.

Edgewood is a strong and vibrant neighbor. I'm confident that once the upgrades have happened, and after a few years of activity, the neighborhood will say—just as we did for the bike path, the bike path lights, etc.—“What was all the fuss about?”

Finally, I encourage you to consider the positive impact that the upgraded athletic complex will have on the neighborhood businesses.

Please vote YES on the proposed upgrades.

Andy Brolin
DMNA Resident

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From Stouder, Heather Date Friday, December 28, 2018 6:55 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Fw: Edgewood stadium

From: Freddi Adelson

Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2018 7:47:53 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood stadium

Dear Ms. Stouder, Mr. Opin, and members of the City Planning Commission,

I write to strongly urge you to NOT support/vote NO on the Edgewood stadium proposal. A city block in a densely populated urban area is just not large enough for a tall stadium with lights and amplified sound. The 2 public city high school schools that have "home" stadiums (Memorial and Lafollette) are not directly surrounded by neighborhood houses. The other 2 city high schools (East and West) do not have "home" stadiums and students still participate actively in outdoor sports.

Houses on one block of Monroe Street and one block on Woodrow Street would face/look out at a stadium and would certainly be negatively impacted by the light and sound.

Thank you,
Freddi Adelson
1119 Waban Hill
Madison, WI 53711

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From: Eric

Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2018 9:02:04 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: I am against the proposed Edgewood Stadium


Heather Stouder,
Director
City of Madison Planning

As proposed, the stadium is a bad idea and I do not think it should not be approved. Our neighborhoods and the historic Park & Pleasure Drive adjacent the lake do not need to be disrupted with big night lights and a blaring PA system. The Edgewood proposal is bunch of calculated nonsense that shows the sound and lighting levels have minimal impact. The Edgewood leadership has not been truthful concerning the negative impact on adjacent Madison neighborhoods. The facts are that the measured sound level and lighting levels from the similar Waunakee Stadium are significantly above those documented in the Edgewood proposal. As a result Edgewood's neighbors will be significantly and frequently disturbed by the lights and noise from the stadium.

I'm all for growth, but we need to maintain and preserve our neighborhoods and not purposely give homeowners a reason to leave Madison. For example, 1st floor retail makes sense in the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood, but a manufacturing factory or large retail distribution center would not. The Goodman donation is wonderful, and there are many alternatives. A new sports stadium in an appropriate location would be great. Edgewood should follow the Golden Rule and not just plop a stadium in their neighbor's living rooms.

Regards,
Eric

Eric Brodsky
1119 Waban Hill
Madison, WI
Elb2000@pobox.com



Message: FW: Edgewood Athletics Field Proposed Improvements

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From Ethington, Ruth Date Friday, December 28, 2018 7:55 AM
To Parks, Timothy
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From: Dave Arnold
Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2018 3:38 PM
To: Planning
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Please think of the greater good of the community as you move forward in considering this amendment. We cannot have a small group of immediate neighbors who are acting very selfishly to block an otherwise tremendous opportunity for the greater community of Madison. Edgewood has always been a great community partner. It's time for Madison to step up and reciprocate.

Sincerely,

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From: dj sweeney

Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2018 3:15 PM

To: Planning

Subject: Edgewood

Let the kids play under lights

Daniel J Sweeney
Madison Appraisal
2861 Index Rd
Fitchburg, WI 53713


djsweeneyrei@gmail.com

From: Micki <missmickip@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 1:45 PM

To: info@edgewoodhs.org; Zellers, Ledell

Subject: Edgewood High School

Good Afternoon and Happy New Year. I am a constituent on North Butler St. and ask that you support the upgrades Edgewood High School is asking to do to it's field. It's an important part of high school and alumni life to have home games at home. It's part of the community and the neighbors living in that area are very aware of the school's presence and should support it.

Thank you.

Micki Poelleritzer



From: Bryce Ternus <reporting@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 9:05 PM
To: Zellers, Ledell
Subject: EHS Goodman Athletic Field

General Information

Name: Bryce Ternus
Address: 210 Langdon St
City: Madison
State: WI
ZIP: 53703
Phone:
Work Phone:
Email:
Should we contact you?: No

Message:

I am contacting you today to ask for your support in the EHS Goodman Athletic Complex. I am a recent graduate 2017 from Edgewood High School and participated in football, hockey, and track. Unfortunately, I was never able to truly have a home game as I played all of my "home" football games at Middleton High School. It was demoralizing to play on another teams home field and our school was never able to produce the same amount of spirit we saw at schools like Stoughton or Monona Grove. I ask you that you please support the new complex our school has proposed as it will be very beneficial for the many future generations to attend Edgewood High School.

Recipient:
Ledell Zellers

From: bolz1@aol.com <bolz1@aol.com>

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

To: hstouder@cityofmadison.com; Arntsen, Allen <district13@cityofmadison.com>; Parks, Timothy <TParks@cityofmadison.com>; planning@cityofmadison.com:district17@cityofmadison.com; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; arosin@dermatology.wisc.edu

Subject: Opposed to Edgewood Stadium

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

From: Terrence Wall <terrence@twallenterprises.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 29, 2018 6:48 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood

Dear Plan Commission:

I support Edgewood's request. Please vote in favor.

Sincerely,

Terrence R. Wall, Class of 1983

From: David Moen <dmoen0628@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 31, 2018 7:25 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood HS Goodman Complex

Madison Planning Committee Members,

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully
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Madison 53711

Proposed Stadium, Edgewood High School

Plan Commission, c/o Heather Stouder,
hstouder@cityofmadison.com

Marie Trest
2310 Monroe St
Madison, WI 53711

January 3, 2019

Dear Members of the Plan Commission,

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 share with you the conditions residents have been experiencing from the practice field and to oppose any expansion of the facility due to the harm it causes to the livability of neighboring properties.

These are views from our home. Note that there is no buffer whatsoever between many homes and the field - contrary to Edgewood's claims of trees blocking light and sound.



Bedroom view



Living area views

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 linked below 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* with the existing conditions. 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/v6lqzhcy-zg>

This event disrupted our family's evening. My husband was up at 3:30am in Afghanistan, where he is currently deployed, 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 and converting our much-loved home into a rental property 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, with no daytime limits of use, 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.

While the athletic field is zoned for practices and physical education classes, many neighbors have been reporting ongoing problems caused by other, unapproved, uses 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, Varsity and JV 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 appreciate your time reading my concerns as a property owner. The proposed stadium is simply incompatible with the proximity of residential property and would create an unreasonable burden and harm to neighbors. A stadium is not a necessity at this location, Edgewood has other options. I hope the city will reject the amendment to Edgewood's campus master plan and enforce current zoning agreements.

Sincerely,
Marie Trest

From: Maria Rattunde <maria.rattunde@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, January 04, 2019 3:04 PM

To: Soglin, Paul <PRSoglin@cityofmadison.com>; Arntsen, Allen <district13@cityofmadison.com>;

Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; Baldeh, Samba <district17@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Fields, Debbie <DFields@cityofmadison.com>; Obeng, Kwasi <KObeng@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: File #: 53954 - Amend the Campus-Institutional (CI) District Master Plan – 2219 Monroe Street and 829-1000 Edgewood College Drive

Dear Mayor Soglin and the Madison City and Common Council,

By now you have received multiple emails in multiple formats about Edgewood High School's (EHS) request to amend the Master Plan for a new stadium.

Please consider my letter to be one to support your decision to vote NO.

From my perspective, this boils down to the following questions:

1. What type of neighborhood does Madison want Monroe Street to be?

Monroe Street has been a darling of the city of Madison (Vote **NO** to keep it that way).

2. Is the city willing to reduce its tax base and provide more police services?

- YES to EHS means conversion of multiple single family homes into rental units and a decrease in value of neighboring properties.
- Increased police force to support parking/traffic/neighborhood disruptions.
 - Theft, noise, and harassment have already increased as a result of field usage and activity associated with this process.

Additional considerations:

- I was raised in Madison, I went to EHS and have been a neighbor since 1991; I have supported Edgewood with past multiple compromises.
- I am appalled by the deceit of EHS and I do not feel that they should be rewarded again.
 - I understand there is a Goodman board member that is also on Edgewood's Board. A (disconnect) wonderfully generous Jewish community foundation gave money to a private Catholic High school for athletic events that does not support the city/community?
 - Although Vilas neighborhood association initially voted for EHS, the December meeting voted those Vilas/EHS board members out, Vilas now says NO.
 - EHS built this field outside of the Master plan with the intentions of creating a space they could rent out as a form of fund raising. They chose to give up the Edgefest we supported. EHS has proven itself to be a bad neighbor.

- Student populations are dropping, knowledge on sports concussions has increased, and fewer students are choosing to engage in football (EHS is not known for its sports). How can we support EHS when East and West have proven they can succeed without a stadium next door to their schools? This will not increase the student population.
- The proposal is a monstrosity that will impact the neighborhood quality.
 - 4 80' light poles (30 Candle), expanded seating (1200 fans), concessions, and an amplified sound system of min 60 db (actual sound study proves otherwise), with anticipated max of 40 evening games per year (this does not include day games/rentals).
 - EHS says the technology is available but this is false; **noise/light cancellation technology does not exist.**

Please note, in the spring of 2017, the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association conducted a survey and found that 67.8% of the neighborhood residents who responded felt a stadium would be a detriment. Similarly, 2 of every 3 letters Alder Sara Eskrich received were in opposition. I encourage you to review the impact this will have on the city and vote NO on this proposal.

Other letters to you will cover the history of what has happened with the planning process. I ask that you take the time to consider their information. The impact of a stadium in a beautiful residential district adds no value to the city of Madison, but will negatively impact it.

Please vote NO so you do not entangle yourselves in a highly questionable and deceitful process. I want what is right for Madison.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Maria Rattunde
838 Woodrow St.
Madison, WI 53711

Message: Fw: Edgewood stadium

Fw: Edgewood stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Friday, December 28, 2018 6:55 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Fw: Edgewood stadium

From: Freddi Adelson

Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2018 7:47:53 PM

To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: Edgewood stadium

Dear Ms. Stouder, Mr. Opin, and members of the City Planning Commission,

I write to strongly urge you to NOT support/vote NO on the Edgewood stadium proposal. A city block in a densely populated urban area is just not large enough for a tall stadium with lights and amplified sound. The 2 public city high school schools that have "home" stadiums (Memorial and Lafollette) are not directly surrounded by neighborhood houses. The other 2 city high schools (East and West) do not have "home" stadiums and students still participate actively in outdoor sports.

Houses on one block of Monroe Street and one block on Woodrow Street would face/look out at a stadium and would certainly be negatively impacted by the light and sound.

Thank you,
Freddi Adelson
1119 Waban Hill
Madison, WI 53711

Message: Fw: I am against the proposed Edgewood Stadium

Fw: I am against the proposed Edgewood Stadium

From Stouder, Heather Date Friday, December 28, 2018 7:26 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Fw: I am against the proposed Edgewood Stadium

From: Eric

Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2018 9:02:04 PM

To: Stouder, Heather


Subject: I am against the proposed Edgewood Stadium

Heather Stouder,
Director
City of Madison Planning

As proposed, the stadium is a bad idea and I do not think it should not be approved. Our neighborhoods and the historic Park & Pleasure Drive adjacent the lake do not need to be disrupted with big night lights and a blaring PA system. The Edgewood proposal is bunch of calculated nonsense that shows the sound and lighting levels have minimal impact. The Edgewood leadership has not been truthful concerning the negative impact on adjacent Madison neighborhoods. The facts are that the measured sound level and lighting levels from the similar Waunakee Stadium are significantly above those documented in the Edgewood proposal. As a result Edgewood's neighbors will be significantly and frequently disturbed by the lights and noise from the stadium.

I'm all for growth, but we need to maintain and preserve our neighborhoods and not purposely give homeowners a reason to leave Madison. For example, 1st floor retail makes sense in the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood, but a manufacturing factory or large retail distribution center would not. The Goodman donation is wonderful, and there are many alternatives. A new sports stadium in an appropriate location would be great. Edgewood should follow the Golden Rule and not just plop a stadium in their neighbor's living rooms.

Regards,
Eric

Eric Brodsky
1119 Waban Hill
Madison, WI
Elb2000@pobox.com


Message: FW: Edgewood Athletics Field Proposed Improvements

FW: Edgewood Athletics Field Proposed Improvements
From Ethington, Ruth Date Friday, December 28, 2018 7:55 AM
To Parks, Timothy
Cc
Subject FW: Edgewood Athletics Field Proposed Improvements

From: Dave Arnold
Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2018 3:38 PM
To: Planning
Subject: Edgewood Athletics Field Proposed Improvements

Dear Plan Commissioners,

I am in complete support of the Edgewood high school amendment to add permanent stands, lights and a PA system to the existing Stadium on Monroe Street at the Edgewood high school campus. The experience the young students will have in the near future to be able to play sports on their very own home field will be invaluable. There is nothing quite like team sports and the pride of location and identity to help a young person form themselves for success in their future.

Please think of the greater good of the community as you move forward in considering this amendment. We cannot have a small group of immediate neighbors who are acting very selfishly to block an otherwise tremendous opportunity for the greater community of Madison. Edgewood has always been a great community partner. It's time for Madison to step up and reciprocate.

Sincerely,

Dave Arnold

Message: FW: Edgewood

FW: Edgewood

From Ethington, Ruth Date Friday, December 28, 2018 7:55 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood

From: dj sweeney

Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2018 3:15 PM

To: Planning

Subject: Edgewood

Let the kids play under lights

Daniel J Sweeney
Madison Appraisal
2861 Index Rd
Fitchburg, WI 53713

djsweeneyrei@gmail.com

Message: Please Support the Edgewood Stadium

Please Support the Edgewood Stadium

From Meghan Ross Date Friday, December 28, 2018 6:07 PM

To Parks, Timothy;info@edgewoodhs.org

Cc

Subject Please Support the Edgewood Stadium

Dear Mr. Parks,

Let me begin by saying thank you for your service to the Madison community. As a native Madisonian, I am very grateful for the work that you and your colleagues do each day to make Madison such a wonderful place to call home. I have seen this city evolve and grow over the years and appreciate how we have managed to maintain the city's integrity while also ushering in development and expansion projects that have helped us embrace growth and change. In fact, one might say that it is by being open to growth and change, that we are honoring our city's rich history of forward-thinkers.

I am writing to ask you to support another expansion project, the Edgewood High School Stadium. I am an alumnus of Edgewood High School and Edgewood College. In addition, I have served for many years on the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association. I have always been as proud to be a part of the Edgewood family as I have been to be a member of the Monroe Street neighborhood. Unfortunately, that has recently changed due to the discriminatory and extremist attitudes that I have seen displayed by my neighbors towards my alma mater. I know that DMNA recently communicated a unanimous position against the stadium with the city, however this was quite an inaccurate portrayal of the neighborhood's voice. Unfortunately, the association is still desperately in need of voices from the Edgewood community (alumni and faculty/staff that live in the area) as well as apartment dwellers, who now make up a significant portion of our demographic in the neighborhood. Many members of the "old guard" of the neighborhood make it quite apparent to newcomers that neither have a place at the table, deterring fellow neighbors who might bring a more diverse background that better reflects the demographics of our neighborhood from participating in meetings and committees. I have been gravely disappointed in the words and actions of this subset of the association and felt compelled to share this disconnect between the association and the population it serves to help give you a better picture of how the neighborhood, as a whole, truly feels about this stadium. Despite what the very loud voices of opposition might want outsiders to think, there is actually quite a bit of support in the neighborhood of the stadium. The unfortunate truth of the matter is that years of dismissive and often discriminatory attitudes of a few neighbors have all but squelched the voices of those that support change.

In regards to reasons to support the stadium, I wanted to summarize just a few that I believe will have a positive impact on both Edgewood and the community. I ask you to consider them as you craft your final decision on the matter. Please consider the increased revenue that will return to Madison by allowing Edgewood to finally play home games in our city (on their home field) rather than having to trek into the likes of Middleton and Verona. Players, coaches, families, and other members of the crowd are currently spending their money on meals, fuel, etc. in other cities on Edgewood game days. This revenue can and should be circulating in Madison rather than in surrounding towns and cities.

Please also consider the positive impact that this will have on the students. When students feel at home on their school grounds, they inevitably have a more positive high school experience, which, statistically, leads to better community engagement in adulthood. The reverberating impact that this could have on our community is difficult to measure now, but easy to imagine. Doing what we can today to cultivate future engagement in the community tomorrow is a very wise investment and one from which we will all benefit.

And finally, please consider the precedent that this sets for the future. The neighborhood has been historically caustic to growth and change. If the stadium project were to be halted because of this, it sets a dangerous precedent to businesses and residents looking to rent commercial space or rent or purchase homes in the area that we, as a community, are neither welcoming nor forward-thinking. This does not cultivate an environment that promotes long-term growth and

will, eventually, have a negative impact on what is now a thriving community.

In closing, please consider supporting the stadium in the coming weeks as you have supported other projects that promote forward motion in the city. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Meghan Ross

Message: Edgewood High School Athletic Field

Edgewood High School Athletic Field

From Tom Martinelli Date Saturday, December 29, 2018 1:26 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Edgewood High School Athletic Field

Dear Mr. Parks,

I am writing to you in regard to the upcoming vote on lights and a sound system for the Edgewood High School (EHS) athletic field, I hope that you consider approval of this request by Edgewood.

Wisconsin Governor Washburn gifted the land of the Edgewood Campus to the Dominican Sisters in 1881. The Dominican Sisters and the Administrators that they have chosen for each campus school throughout the years, have been good stewards of this historic land that lies next to Lake Wingra. There have been many changes to the campus over the years in order to meet the needs of students. The history of changes to the campus also include many changes that were made to accommodate the neighborhood. To name a few: the main entrance for the College was changed to Monroe Street rather than Woodrow Street, a parking ramp was built, landscaping was done to block the high school field from Woodrow Street, more parking was added to the high school lot, storm water management was included in previous improvements.

There has been a football/athletic field on the Edgewood site since the early 1930's. To assume that there will be no more improvements to this campus is unrealistic. Neighbors that bought houses next to a large campus and on a busy Monroe Street were aware of this site when they chose to purchase their home.

We have lived across the street from an MMSD school for 38 years. There is traffic during certain times and lots of children of all ages using the open field, day and night. I see this as a "positive"- that the city of Madison provides this kind of space for use by the children of our community. Improving the EHS field to be used by the students of Edgewood and all of the students from schools that they will be playing, is also a "positive" for our community. If there is to be a compromise on this plan, it is imperative that girls' sports teams, as well as boys' sports teams, are included in this decision.

I am hoping that the Planning Commission and the City Council will see through the politics of this divisive argument and vote yes for the improvement of the Edgewood plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Ann Martinelli
admart110@gmail.com

Message: Please support the completion of Edgewood HS's community resource

Please support the completion of Edgewood HS's community resource

From Dinean Thelen Date Saturday, December 29, 2018 4:20 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Please support the completion of Edgewood HS's community resource

Mr. Parks,

My fourth freshman boy started at Edgewood HS this year, and I am writing to ask your support of the amendments for completion of the athletic field to the high school's master plan. All four of our boys have participated in football, and starting with our oldest who was a freshman in 2013, we have been apprised of and following the conversations between EHS administrators and surrounding neighbors. As parents, it has been a challenge to be patient, at times, when we have been told by the school president, year after year, "We are meeting with the neighborhood committees. We are listening to their concerns, and are working to address them. We are hoping to upgrade the existing field to one that players can actually play on...lights so they can actually host games..."

All along, it has been clear that listening to and addressing neighbors' concerns has been a top priority for the school's administrators. The revisions to the plan address the concerns stated by the neighbors.

Please know that we are a family who lives in Westmorland, has students at Edgewood, and support this continuation of making Edgewood's athletic field usable to all athletes and community members, whether football, soccer, lacrosse players, tracksters, or walkers - for games, practices, and exercise/recreation. I hope that you will support the development of this resource, the Edgewood playing field, being brought to fruition as well. Edgewood's field is a resource that is currently enhancing the good of all the community, both the schools' and nearwest Madison, and I believe firmly that it will continue to do so.

Dinean Thelen
4213 Saint Clair St.
Madison, 53711
dineant@gmail.com

Message: EHS Stadium

 EHS Stadium

From Tom and Jenny Sheahan Date Saturday, December 29, 2018 4:24 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject EHS Stadium

Dear Tim Parks/City Plan Commission:

My name is Jenny Sheahan and I am writing to you regarding the Goodman stadium issue at Edgewood High School. My husband and I have a son who has graduated from Edgewood, a senior currently at Edgewood and an 8th grader who will be attending Edgewood next year. We thought long and hard about our decision to send our kids to Edgewood as we both grew up in Madison and attended public schools all of our lives. For various reasons, attending Edgewood was the right choice for our kids.

Our sons have played sports at Edgewood all four years so we have attended various sporting events over those years that utilized the Goodman field. What an amazing field and a beautiful gift to the school. It is very much appreciated and used close to the fullest potential - - with the exception of hosting home varsity sports in the evening.

We feel it is a shame that the field is not used for Edgewood home varsity events held in the evening. It is a great field with so much more potential. By amending the master plan Edgewood would be able to share this gem with so many other schools that play our teams. And what a relief it would be for the Athletic Directors from these other schools for us to have the facilities to accommodate additional/rescheduled games at our discretion instead of at the mercy of other schools based on limited availability for their already over scheduled fields. These days finding a field that is available for sports, especially during bad weather spells, can be somewhat tricky and having an artificial turf field is such a great asset to the sporting community. Why not use the field to the best of its ability?

In addition, there are safety reasons for using this field for varsity games. The field is located at the high school so students could remain on sight for their home games. Currently students drive themselves, and classmates, to the in city limits fields which puts a lot of young drivers on the road. This can increase the risk of accidents or injury to the players and others, especially if weather conditions are poor. In addition, Edgewood has a large parking lot right on sight which keeps players, students and fans for both schools safe when parking. It is much more difficult for young high school students and even parents to feel safe parking alone on a dark side road at other stadiums that do not have parking lots available.

I understand that there are a few homeowners who have concerns with this change. Change is almost always uncomfortable for people but that does not mean it is always bad. Change can be wonderful and bring a lot of good to the community. For example, I am sure the area businesses would greatly appreciate the opportunity for increased business due to spectators choosing the Monroe Street area for dining or shopping, especially after the hardship they had to endure this past year with the construction on Monroe Street.

In addition, it is a school located in a neighborhood just like many other schools. This school that has been located there for many years and it has been a good neighbor in the neighborhood. A school brings with it so many positives for a neighborhood but of course there can be some inconveniences at time which the neighbors who choose to live there should expect. Edgewood has spent many hours and dollars planning a field that will have the least amount of negative impact as possible on the neighbors. This effort and consideration by Edgewood should be rewarded and not penalized.

I hope that the city can see the many advantages and benefits that can come from the upgraded stadium and

not be held prisoner to the vocal voices of a few neighbors in the minority in Madison who cannot see the greater good for the community. It is my understanding that athletic directors, city leaders and other families who do not even have children at Edgewood are all in favor of this and find it difficult to understand why it is such a difficult process to approve.

Please remember when you are making your decision that these are really good kids looking for some fun activities at their home turf. The total school population is approximately 500 kids who are held to high standards on and off the field. Edgewood plays mostly smaller schools in sports so the number at each home game will not be nearly as large as at public school games. In addition, because our conference is not local most of the other team fans leave immediately following the game as they must drive home so there is little loitering or milling around after the game.

Please do not be the obstacle that prevents Edgewood from enjoying a beautiful gift to their school and the community from the added benefits of a small high school stadium. Please do the right thing for the kids, the school and the community.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration!

Jenny Sheahan

Parent of an EHS alum, a current student and a future student

1506 Red Tail Dr, Verona, WI 53593 (mailing address only) – Madison Resident on West Side

Message: Goodman Athletic Complex at Edgewood High School

Goodman Athletic Complex at Edgewood High School
From Harry Haney Date Sunday, December 30, 2018 8:39 AM
To Parks, Timothy
Cc info@edgewoodhs.org
Subject Goodman Athletic Complex at Edgewood High School
Mr. Parks


As a parent of a current Edgewood senior, I am asking for your support for the Goodman Athletic Complex at Edgewood High School because I believe the modifications are in the best interest of not only the Edgewood community, but the neighborhood, and the city of Madison.

Key points to consider:

- The school has taken every precaution to ensure that there are no deleterious effects on the community with regard to traffic, noise or light, and has promised to invest in state of the art technology for sound and lighting to mitigate any concerns.
- This is a small school with an enrollment one quarter the size of Madison West – it is unlikely that traffic or event parking will pose an issue for the neighborhood.
- Hosting limited home games in the evening not only benefits Edgewood but it also would ease burdens on other regional schools by adding capacity for such events.
- All Conference athletic directors have written letters of recommendation for Edgewood's request.
- The cost of the complex will be borne entirely by the Edgewood community via gifts.

This is a reasonable request that should be granted. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Harry J Haney
Hjhaney63@gmail.com
Sun Prairie, WI


Message: Edgewood stadium/Goodman Complex

Edgewood stadium/Goodman Complex

From amy caulum Date Sunday, December 30, 2018 1:11 PM

To Parks, Timothy;Edgewood High School

Cc

Subject Edgewood stadium/Goodman Complex

Mr. Parks:

I am writing to ask that you please vote "yes" to proposed changes to the Goodman Athletic Complex. Thank you for your time.

Amy Caulum

Message: EHS Goodman Athletic Field Upgrades

EHS Goodman Athletic Field Upgrades

From Jim Ternus Date Sunday, December 30, 2018 7:37 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject EHS Goodman Athletic Field Upgrades

Mr Parks,

I am a parent of a current student and graduate of Edgewood High School. I am writing you to solicit support for the upgrades at the Goodman Athletic Field. The upgrades will benefit the school and participation of young athletes is very important in their development physically, mentally and emotionally.

The field is more than a place for football. My son graduated and did not have a chance to utilize the facilities at Edgewood due to the lack of an adequate athletic complex. This facility will provide a place to play for both Edgewood and community sporting events.

Vote YES to let the kids play,

Jim Ternus

Message: EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

From Ann Palm Date Sunday, December 30, 2018 8:49 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject EHS Goodman Athletic Complex

Tim Parks,

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

Sincerely,
Ann Palm

Message: Vote YES & SUPPORT the Edgewood upgrades

Vote YES & SUPPORT the Edgewood upgrades

From Scott Hughes Date Monday, December 31, 2018 10:38 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Vote YES & SUPPORT the Edgewood upgrades

I am writing to express my support for Edgewood High School's athletic field plans. I believe the student athletes of Edgewood High School deserve the right to play home games with a true home field advantage.

Edgewood representatives have been working on a balanced proposal for field use and recently presented it to the City of Madison Plan Commission. I believe Edgewood has been thoughtful in their approach. They have made numerous alterations to their field design, to demonstrate ongoing desire of being a good community neighbor. They have selected state of the art lighting, to illuminate the field not the neighborhood. They are committed to using a low decibel public address system to mitigate noise. They will alleviate traffic disruptions by adopting the Madison Traffic Department's recommendation of no side street entry to games. Their recently renovated parking lot can accommodate home and away guests. And, they have reduced the proposed seating capacity to 1,000 guests.

We recently moved back to Madison seeking a place where values neighborhood activities bring citizens together. In my opinion, Edgewood has done everything possible to make this a positive experience for students and the neighborhood. I urge the City Plan Commission to support Edgewood's proposal. Let the kids play home games.

Sincerely,

Scott Hughes
4301 Yuma Drive
Madison, WI 53711

Message: Opposed to new Edgewood stadium

Opposed to new Edgewood stadium

From John W Date Monday, December 31, 2018 12:34 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Opposed to new Edgewood stadium

Dear Mr. Parks:

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

John & Susan Wolf
1921 Madison Street
Madison, WI 53711

Message: In Support of Edgewood Stadium

In Support of Edgewood Stadium

From Patrick Bauch Date Monday, December 31, 2018 1:43 PM

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

Cc

Subject In Support of Edgewood Stadium

I am a resident of the 1600 block of Jefferson Street, near Edgewood High School. I strongly support the students of Edgewood, in the hopes of further developing their stadium. I believe many of my neighbors are being wildly selfish and narrow minded, as well as greatly exaggerating the disruption that would be caused by further field development. Schools are the most important places in our community, we want our students to be engaged and involved in their schools. Athletics are a crucial part of that community fabric and maturation we want for our kids. Let the kids play, sports are fun. It is hard to stomach the selfishness of someone who is unwilling to bend or compromise in anyway in order to allow kids to have fun and important life experiences. My neighbors want to live in a bustling corridor of the city, but expect Edgewood to never improve this valuable piece of land? They want to be close to everything, but expect to never be bothered? Even in support of students? How many of these opponents to the stadium regularly enjoy the large green space Edgewood keeps open on the other side of campus, or the great paths along the lake? I went to public schools, taught at a public school, and plan to send my kids to public schools. However, I am always in support of kids having fun, and adults doing everything in our power to make kids feel valued and to incentivize them being involved in their school's programs.

Let the kids play.

Thank you for your time.

Pat Bauch

Message: Opposing Edgewood stadium

Opposing Edgewood stadium

From Susan Paskewitz Date Monday, December 31, 2018 2:48 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Opposing Edgewood stadium

Hi Tim

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

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

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

Susan Paskewitz

Message: Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

From Sally Lehner Date Monday, December 31, 2018 3:52 PM

To Stouder, Heather;Parks, Timothy

Cc Arntsen, Allen

Subject Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Vilas Neighborhood resident, I am writing to ask that you oppose the Edgewood Stadium Proposal.

I believe the benefit from having the stadium is outweighed by the health impacts on the surrounding neighborhood families due to the light and noise pollution from the proposed stadium.

Further, it is my understanding that if the noise and light levels exceed projections, there is little or no recourse. This is especially concerning because Edgewood is already violating and showing blatant disregard for currently applicable zoning laws.

Sincerely,
Sally Lehner

Message: Edgewood High School stadium

Edgewood High School stadium

From Vilas Brooks Date Monday, December 31, 2018 5:15 PM

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

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School stadium

Dear Ms Stouder, Mr Parks and Mr Arntsen,

As residents of the Vilas Neighborhood, our family has been ambivalent about the proposed stadium up until now.

However, we recently received a mailer from the "Concerned Engineers in the Edgewood Neighborhood," which makes some disturbing allegations. According to this document, Edgewood already exceeds legal noise levels, has a history of ignoring city ordinances and laws, and has misrepresented its lighting and noise plans.

If these allegations are true, we would like to register our strong disapproval towards the building of the stadium either according to their own plans or to those proposed by Alder Arntsen.

Sincerely.

Rakesh Sarda
Amanda Kenny
2008 Vilas Ave
Madison, WI 53711

Message: Edgewood stadium

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From Susan Davidson Date Monday, December 31, 2018 6:15 PM

To Parks, Timothy

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Dear Planner Parks,

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

We strongly request that you oppose this proposal.

Thank you for your attention to this,

Sincerely,

Susan and Richie Davidson

Message: Edgewood Stadium

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From Jennifer Greenwald Date Monday, December 31, 2018 9:54 PM

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

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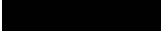
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Hello and Happy New Year,

I am writing to urge you to oppose the stadium at Edgewood. My biggest concern is the impact of the lights on the Arb and L. Wingra. We should be aiming for minimal impact on our local environment - not this. Additionally, I believe the noise would interfere with our quality of life. We can already hear games at Camp Randall. Surely, we would hear more from Edgewood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Greenwald
617 Sprague Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53711


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