

From: Jeff Reinke <jsreinke@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 9:12 PM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Rummel, Marsha <district6@cityofmadison.com>; Jeff Reinke <jsreinke@yahoo.com>; Karen M. Banaszak <kbsaffron11@gmail.com>

Subject: October 11 meeting, Item 80226.

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Dear Commissioners and Alder Rummel,

We hope you are all doing well.

My wife, Karen Banaszak, and I, Jeff Reinke, are in strong opposition to Big Top having an increase in concerts at Breese Stevens Field.

They should actually have fewer concerts there.

We have lived for 40 years two blocks from Breese Steven Field.

Concerts bring so much mayhem to our community. The noise; the traffic; the parking on the streets issues; the rowdiness and noise

of patrons arriving at the concerts and leaving the concerts; the litter; the unending assault on the lives of those of us who live near the Field during concert days.

So many un-needed and unnecessary problems.

Why doesn't Big Top hold concerts at Warner Park? Plenty of parking. Lots of room. Many fewer people living near Warner Park.

Seems ideal. A way to save so many headaches, complaints, and discussions.

Karen and I will not be able to attend your meeting on the 11th, due to a previously planned engagement. We were able to make the

meeting last year. Our feelings, thoughts and convictions were the same then as they are now. Having concerts at Breese Stevens Field

are definitely the wrong events at the wrong venue.

Thank you all very much for your time and consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Jeff Reinke and Karen Banaszak

From: Sandra Roach <roach.sandy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 8, 2023 12:37 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Big Top Request for more Concert Nights.

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To whom it may concern,

I live in the Tenny Lapham neighborhood and I oppose more concert nights at Bree Steve's field. 7 concerts a year is as much as the neighborhood can take. The noise and traffic impact on surrounding residents is already a huge issue. Also, Big Top has not acted in good faith the way they issued a recent survey on the request having issued the request for survey very late and not giving us a chance to reply Strongly Disagree or add comment. They also did not ask our TLNA on the topic. Therefore they are demonstrating their insincerity with respect to the neighborhood opinions and their priority of putting profits over people. Please don't grant any additional concert nights.

Sandy Froeschner
1225 Elizabeth st
Madison, wi, 53703

From: kate knudson <kathryn.knudson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 8, 2023 2:09 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Big Top request for additional concerts at Breese Stevens

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Hello,

I live on E Johnson, two blocks from Breese Stevens. I understand Big Top has asked for additional concerts to be held. I am opposed to this request. Event nights at Breese, whether concerts or soccer games, are loud and disruptive to the neighborhood. Additional concerts would not add any positive impacts to the neighborhood but exacerbate parking problems and street noise. I recommend denying this request.

Thanks,
Kate

From: Tim Patterson <timpattersonmusic@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 8, 2023 2:31 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Oppose Big Top Events request for more concerts

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Hello Parks Commission,

Though it was not an option on the their survey, our family STRONGLY OPPOSES Big Top Events' request for additional concerts. These concerts negatively impact our neighborhood. This is pure corporate greed. Enough. No more concerts. Do not cave to their demands no matter what biased spin they put on their data.

Sincerely,
Tim Patterson
North Baldwin Street

From: Kim Schmitgen <kschmitgen@charter.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 8, 2023 2:40 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Big Top Productions

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Dear Parks Commission,

My husband Randy Schmitgen and I are voicing our concern for Big Top's request to add additional concerts for 2024.

The noise level is already out of control with the sound system. I have invited Rangers to our home to hear what we have to listen to for hours at a time. Not one has taken us up on that request. Our windows shake. We can hear the concert and games with our windows and doors closed. When outside we can not have a conversation sitting next to each other. Some neighbor's just choose to leave for the night!!

People that attend park over our driveways and other illegals ways. When asked not to it will turn into a confrontation. Also, I do not get paid by big top for cleaning up the trash attendees leave behind in our neighborhood.

We do not want more concerts. We want Big Top to respect that this is a place people live.

Sincerely, Kim and Randy Schmitgen
1034 E Dayton St

From: Rymii Kaio <rymii.kaio@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 8, 2023 6:01 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Parks Commission meeting on 10/11, agenda item #28, 80226

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My name is Ryminhild Kaio and I reside at 822 E Washington Ave, Madison, WI 53703. I am disappointed that the commission has recommended approval of 5 additional concerts by Big

Top events at Breeze Field. These concerts create many problems for neighbors in TNLA that live by Breeze field. The loud noise of the musicians, parking issues, and drunkenness by people after the concerts are all challenging for those of us who live close by. I ask that you do not recommend approval of this request.

Respectfully,

Ryminhild Kaio

From: Jessica Becker <bikerbecker@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 9:58 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Seven concerts is enough

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I took the survey sent by Breese Stevens and didn't feel like it was designed by a survey professional - really the questions were fishing for positive responses and left no real opportunity for gauging support for adding additional concerts. That seemed pretty crappy and makes me less interested in supporting the ask for more concerts. Will the responses really be used by the city to determine the next contract? That's nuts!

I personally feel that 7 is plenty and there is a balance that is about to be tipped. Right now the neighborhood is liveable. Keep the balance. Don't go overboard. Keep things in check with a standard. Twelve in 2024. How many next time?

Thank you,
Jessica Becker

From: Mark Scalf <scalforama@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 10:27 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: No increase in concerts for Breese Stevens, please

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Hi,
I feel that the seven concerts for Breese Stevens is enough for one year. The neighborhood becomes crowded, loud and more dangerous during concerts. Keep the neighborhood livable and stay with the planned seven concerts per year. Twelve is too many.

thanks, Mark Scalf 1143 E. Dayton St.

From: Ellen Hansen <ej67hansen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 10:35 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Breese Stevens Field Concerts

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Good morning,

I'm a Tenney-Lapham resident and I would like to see the number of concerts staged at Breese Stevens Field maintained at 7 and not increased. I value the presence of this venue in my neighborhood, but the disturbances created by these loud and crowded events need to be kept in check for the near neighbors. Thanks.

From: David Staple <dwstaple@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 8:54 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: 80226 - Additional Concerts at Breese

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I would like to express my opposition to increasing the number of concerts allowed to be held by Big Top at Breese Stevens Field. I live at 1236 Sherman Ave., six or so blocks from Breese Stevens. I am an enthusiastic supporter of the changes that have come to the city and our neighborhood since Big Top has been holding events at Breese Stevens. I attend sporting events, concerts, and other community events there. Even when I don't attend an event, I like the energy that it brings to the downtown community. That said, everyone doesn't feel the same as I do. Folks that live a bit closer to the stadium suffer greater impacts from parking issues, noise, and the extra volume of people coming through the neighborhood. There is no way to please everyone, but it seems like a balance must be struck. For many, it feels like too much is going on there already. While I like having events at Breese Stevens, and I know many of my friends and neighbors do as well, I have never heard anyone lament that there isn't enough going on there. I believe that those that enjoy events there would still be satisfied by keeping the number of concerts at the previous level. Keeping it at that level would also demonstrate to those that feel the effects for Breese Stevens the most that their voices are being heard as well. Please find a balance here and do not expand the number of concerts allowed. Thank you.

Best,
David Staple

From: Andrew Keeley Yonda <andrewkeeleyyonda@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 9:21 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>; Rummel, Marsha <district6@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Oct. 11 Meeting agenda item no. 28: Big Top requesting more Breese concerts

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To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to Big Top's request for additional concerts at Breese Stevens in 2024.

My 4-year-old daughter goes to bed at 7:30 every night. Weeknights and weekends, she goes to bed at the same time, and, as kids do, she always gets up early. When there are concerts at Breese Stevens, she can't go to sleep until 9:30 or 10:00 at night. She lays in bed and says "Daddy, what's that noise? Why can't I fall asleep?" She feels scared and frustrated, and there's nothing I can do for her. I lay with her while our whole house vibrates with the bass from the concert.

The next day, she's exhausted, and has a bad day, and the rest of her family have a bad day as a result, too. Seven times per year like this is hard on us, but we deal with it in the name of having a thriving neighborhood.

Let's keep the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood family friendly. Keep the Big Top contract at 7 concerts.

I also wanted to point out two things:

1. Big Top sent out a survey to some neighborhood residents, the results of which should be ignored, due to the facts that the survey was sent out less than a week before this meeting, and the possible multiple choice answers were skewed to be favorable to Big Top. Very strange!
2. I would hate for the parks commission to use noise complaints as a metric to measure the disturbance these concerts cause to residents. I long ago stopped phoning in complaints when it became clear that nothing more was going to be done to limit the volume. It would be an exercise in futility to call in a noise complaint for a concert which has a contractual right to be incredibly loud. That doesn't mean I am okay with 5 additional concerts next year. It just means that once the contract is signed, my voice is no longer going to be heard.

Sincerely,
Andrew Keeley Yonda
945 E. Dayton St.

From: Ross Milton <rmilton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 9:23 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Additional Concerts at Breese Stevens

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Dear Park Commissioners,

Between the men's soccer team, possible women's soccer team, and concerts, It is clear that events at Breese Stevens are a success and able to turn a profit. Yet, The city charges more to rent the Olin Pavilion than they charge Big Top for Breese Stevens.

Given its success, the extremely low rent that Big Top pays the city for this venue in a prime location in our city is no longer appropriate. Of course the city must adhere to the existing contract, but we should not even be *discussing* gifting Big Top more concerts without a re-evaluation of the contract and increase in the rent.

I do not support additional concerts under the current arrangement -- they are clearly greatly detrimental to many local residents. If Big Top wants more concerts, they should be offering to pay the city more for them. It's totally bizarre that the amount of their fee is not a greater part of this discussion. They are making money -- some of that should be due to the city.

Lastly, the survey sent around was a total embarrassment. Please completely disregard its results. It is what I would call a "push poll." It primed respondents with a couple positive facts about the concerts without any balance whatsoever.

Sincerely,
Ross Milton
T-L Resident

From: Patty Prime <pprime@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 9:29 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Additional Breeze Stevens concerts

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To the Parks Commission,

I oppose the additional concerts that Big Top proposes for Breese Stevens. Five additional concerts, and on school nights, is well over a 50 per cent increase. The neighborhood is happy to have the concerts, but they do incur a substantial impact as concert goers drive around seeking parking, blocking driveways, and leaving trash.

Please deny the request for additional concerts.
Patty Prime
432 Sidney St.

From: Ben Udell <benjaminudell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 9:46 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Breese Stevens Field Concerts Change - Support

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Hello

If it's not too late I'd like to register my support in favor of increasing the concerts to 12. While the community has expressed concern over noise, parking, and behaviors, my perception is that the net benefit to the community is very positive. I live a half block away on the 800 block of E Mifflin and am literally in the middle of all of this. Yes, concerts can be an inconvenience. A vibrant community like ours has many events I personally don't like or see no value in, but I still welcome them. Not only do these concerts enliven our community, they bring paying customers to all the great businesses in community.

I'd also like to share that I think Big Top has done a great job of communicating and policing events. Safety is really one of my biggest concerns, and that's been handled really well. While the inconveniences shared are often real, we have plenty of opportunities to prepare and work through these with planning our parking and schedules.

Please vote yes in expanding their ability to host 12 concerts per year.

Thanks
Ben Udell
817 E Mifflin St

From: ROBERT R THOMAS <rrthomas@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 10:29 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Concerts at Breese Stevens

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Plus do not increase the number of concerts at Breese Stevens
The noise is very hard for young families in the neighborhood.
Thanks
Bob
949 East Johnson

From: Yoav Shapira <yoavs@yoavshapira.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 4:57 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support for more Breese Field concerts

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Dear Commission,

I am writing in support of Big Top's request for additional concerts in Breese Field.

We live at 1634 Sherman Ave and have enjoyed those events, including with our children when relevant. They are well-organized and add to the neighborhood's appeal.

Being close to downtown and its events are part of why we bought a home here. We recognize this is troublesome to some residents who live close to the field, and we respect that, but we've found it great and want more events, please.

Thanks,

Yoav Shapira
1634 Sherman Ave
Madison, WI 53704