

Message: Edgewood stadium opposition

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From Lisa Goldman Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 11:06 AM

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

Cc

Subject Edgewood stadium opposition

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

Please be advised that I live in the Regent Neighborhood, 2121 Commonwealth Ave, and am opposed to lights and sound at Edgewood and certainly opposed to 40 evenings of activities at the field with lights and sound. Frankly, it's not necessary at all as there are many venues available for high school games in existing locations. Moreover, with varsity start times at 7 p.m. there is no reason for Edgewood to have those games in our neighborhood. Kids on varsity teams with 7 p.m. games leave school on game days, go home, and then drive to the game site for warm-ups at 6 p.m. (having had 2 kids go through this process already, I am very familiar with this routine). Since most Edgewood families do not live in the neighborhood it really doesn't matter to where they drive for their home games. In some circumstances the home field may be closer to their homes if it is not at Edgewood. So, the only rationales for having games at Edgewood is to save the rental costs, to increase rental revenues from other groups, and to have a field at their school, none of which are compelling reasons to diminish the property values in our neighborhood, increase noise pollution, light pollution, and traffic in our neighborhood. The school has managed just fine without a home field for decades.

Edgewood's request is particularly insulting to me as it doesn't include an offer to West to use it as their home field too for free in perpetuity. Obviously, it makes no sense in theory to have 2 high school home fields in the neighborhood and Camp Randall. If you follow Edgewood's rationale, then you would work to provide another stadium for West High for the same reasons Edgewood articulates are compelling for its stadium. But, most would agree that the creation of 2 high school stadiums in the neighborhood with lights and sound is overkill. Edgewood asserts its request is important and necessary. Yet, it does not acknowledge West High would have the same need and importance for such a stadium. And, Edgewood does not even offer West High free use in perpetuity of its stadium as a concession to the neighborhoods affected by their plan. If they were a good neighbor and really thought every high school should have a home field in the neighborhood of their school then wouldn't Edgewood offer WHS free use forever? But, Edgewood isn't making any such offer. Why not? Because, at the end of the day, it's all about Edgewood: it's school; it's kids; it's revenue. It has nothing to do with our neighborhood excepting the need to coax our consent. As stated previously, I do not consent. I oppose their plan to add lights, sounds, and night games.

Respectfully,

Lisa C. Goldman

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Message: No New Stadium

No New Stadium

From Aj Johnson Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 11:08 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject No New Stadium

Dear Mr. Parks-

I am writing in opposition to the Edgewood stadium proposal. Denying this proposal is in the best interest of the neighborhood, city and the environment. This neighborhood is a very unique and historic part of the city, and we should do everything that we can do to preserve the desirability of living in this neighborhood. Please take the long view and protect our neighborhood!

Thank you,
Alta Johnson
2264 Monroe St, Madison, WI 53711

I have thought a sufficient measure of civilization is the influence of good women.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Message: Fwd: Edgewood Stadium

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From: jheilizer@aim.com Date: Thursday, January 3, 2019 11:23 AM

To: Allen.Arntsen.district.13@cityofmadison.com; Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy

Cc:

Subject: Fwd: Edgewood Stadium

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

From: jheilizer

To: hstouder ; district13

Sent: Thu, Jan 3, 2019 11:18 am

Subject: Edgewood Stadium

I strongly object to the building of this facility based on the significant negative impact this will have on our surrounding community. See comments by Harry Harrison.
Judith Heilizer.

Message: Edgewood stadium plan

Edgewood stadium plan

From Tom Merfeld Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 11:38 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Edgewood stadium plan

Mr. Parks

I support the EHS plan and ask you to do the same.

In reality, the burden on the neighborhood is modest. Monroe Street is already a busy thoroughfare and the additional commotion under the plan would not add substantially to it. It seems that EHS has taken adequate steps to minimize the impact.

On the other hand, the enhanced student experience is significant. That much is obvious.

I don't find it odd at all that a school-based stadium would be located in a neighborhood. It seems natural, indeed.

Edgewood serves the community in many ways. This is a way for the school to thrive and serve more energetically.

Best regards

Tom

Message: FW: Edgewood High School

FW: Edgewood High School

From Firchow, Kevin Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 11:54 AM

To Ethington, Ruth;Parks, Timothy;Cleveland, Julie

Cc

Subject FW: Edgewood High School

For Legistar and PC files.

From: Zellers, Ledell

Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2019 5:16 PM

To: Stouder, Heather ; Firchow, Kevin

Subject: Fw: Edgewood High School

Alder Ledell Zellers


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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


Message: FW: EHS Goodman Athletic Field

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From Firchow, Kevin Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 11:53 AM

To Ethington, Ruth;Parks, Timothy;Cleveland, Julie

Cc

Subject FW: EHS Goodman Athletic Field

FYI. For Legistar and PC materials.

From: Zellers, Ledell

Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2019 5:01 PM

To: Stouder, Heather ; Firchow, Kevin

Subject: Fw: EHS Goodman Athletic Field

Alder Ledell Zellers


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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

Message: Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium

Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium

From Julie Whitaker Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 12:54 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium

Dear Mr. Parks,

I am writing as a concerned neighbor who lives near Edgewood High School. Although our family would not be as affected as some others who are much closer, we are within a zone that would be impacted by excessive noise, light and traffic from the proposed expansion of the Edgewood Stadium.

I feel that the PR people from the school have not acted in good faith, giving us partial and inaccurate information about the impact of the proposed stadium.

The neighborhood has very little to gain from this stadium, as the school draws much of its students population from outside our neighborhood. There is a great deal of biking and walking that happens in this area, and the safety and enjoyment that we currently are afforded would be disrupted by an increase in traffic for games (by the need for students and their families to drive to games) and made worse by noise and light pollution.

I do not feel that this kind of negative impact is worthwhile for the sole person of expanding opportunities for high school football. This may be outside the scope of the conversation , but, it deserves to be said: in an era where high school football is on the decline due to heightened awareness of long term damage to young people from repeated head injuries, I do not think it's a good investment of resources. .

Thank you taking the time to read this and for your consideration.

Julie Whitaker
2417 Fox Avenue

Message: Modifications to the Goodman Complex at Edgewood High School.

Modifications to the Goodman Complex at Edgewood High School.

From Elizabeth Kluesner Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 1:50 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Modifications to the Goodman Complex at Edgewood High School.

Dear Mr. Parks.

As residents of the City of Madison, we urge you to approve the modifications being proposed by Edgewood High School to allow the existing Goodman Sports Complex to be used for evening sporting and community activities.

We urge this approval without amendment.

We know that Edgewood has made significant accommodations to their design to satisfy the concerns of the surrounding neighborhood. It is now time to move forward to support the kids throughout the Dane County region who will use this facility in the heart of Madison.

We have lived near other high school football facilities in the past and the games were always over by 9:30 and were not disruptive or noticeable to us as residents and this was without the lighting and speaker system modifications that Edgewood has made at the request of the surrounding neighborhood associations.

We look forward to your support of this terrific project and expect that you will consider the benefits this project brings for the entire City.

Sincerely,

Dave and Elizabeth Kluesner
30 Kingswood Circle
Madison, WI. 53593

Sent from my iPhone

Message: just want to register my opposition to the Edgewood Stadium Amplification proposal

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From Dave Long Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 1:51 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject just want to register my opposition to the Edgewood Stadium Amplification proposal

I have concerns about the noise impact on the neighborhood and adjacent natural areas. Moreover, I am disappointed to see Edgewood producing and disseminating a lot of misleading information about the impacts and the need for expansion. I would appreciate it if the Parks Department would take these concerns seriously and register it's opposition to the proposal.

Sincerely,

David Long

2417 Fox Ave, Madison, WI 53711

Message: Amendment to Edgewood 10 year plan

Amendment to Edgewood 10 year plan

From charkt@charter.net Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 1:54 PM

To Stouder, Heather; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen; 'charkt@charter.net'

Cc

Subject Amendment to Edgewood 10 year plan

I do not think the City should approve the proposed amendment as it does not meet the approval standards. The proposal will be detrimental to public health, safety and welfare. It will also substantially impair and diminish the uses, values and enjoyment of other properties in the neighborhood for which purposes already are established. It also is not in accord with the Monroe St District Plan. Let me elaborate.

Public health includes less stress which can be caused by noise - you have information on that which unless the City has other means to verify, I believe the data provided by Edgewood are not correct projections

Safety includes the ability to traverse ones neighborhood. The increased traffic and parking issues will diminish that.

General welfare includes the concept of viable neighborhoods and trust among neighbors. That will be lost in this case if approved. In the past we had a very good working relationship.

Uses, values and enjoyment of property is not just about tax and sale dollars. Wingra lake is a city wide resource and the dark sky is also critical beyond ones yard.

Monroe Street Plan was to ensure appropriate redevelopment in such a way that keeps Monroe St special. If built this would change the character in a way that is not a complementary use.

New structures do not solve all problems. Inadequate efforts have been made to seek alternatives in time and places to support the proposed activities. Like the movie - if built they will come so let's rethink a better solution. It would be difficult for the City to enforce number of events, noise and light levels.

While some students may benefit (hopefully without head injuries) the immediate and larger community will not if this amendment goes forth.

Thank You for your consideration

Char Thompson

Message: Opposed to Edgewood Stadium

Opposed to Edgewood Stadium

From bolz1@aol.com Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 7:20 AM

To hstouder@cityofmadison.com;Arntsen, Allen;Parks,
Timothy;planning@cityofmadison.com;district17@cityofmadison.com;Mayor;arosin@dermatology.wisc.edu

Cc

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 608-630-0970 if you have any questions.

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

Message: Yes new stadium

Yes new stadium

From Tim stick Szczykutowicz Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 7:14 AM

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

Cc

Subject Yes new stadium


Dear city officials and elected representative,

I'm writing this email to express my support of the new stadium for Edgewood High School.

Edgewood staff were very nice to me when I contacted them about their open track policy, a policy UW-Madison and many local schools do not have. The current track complex is a community asset which will only improve with these proposed changes.

The arguments against this plan that involve "physics" are laughable (I'm a PhD physicist on faculty in the UW Department of Radiology). Please have an expert (perhaps a sound recording expert) provide advice if arguments are going to be made similar to those in the mailing titled "Protect Your Neighborhood".

-tim szczykutowicz

Tim Szczykutowicz, Ph.D


Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Message: New Stadium

New Stadium

From Mischa Wagner Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 12:18 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject New Stadium

Dear Mr Parks,

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: NO to Edgewood Expansion

NO to Edgewood Expansion

From Joan Nugent Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 3:19 PM

To Andrew J. Statz;Bradley A. Cantrell;James E. Polewski;Jason S. Hagenow;Ken Opin;Zellers, Ledell;Melissa M. Berger;Michael W. Rewey;Carter, Sheri;King, J Steven;Parks, Timothy;Stouder, Heather

Cc Arntsen, Allen

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: thoughts on Edgewood controversy

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From Jan O'Neill Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 3:25 PM

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

Cc

Subject thoughts on Edgewood controversy

Hello,

I am unable to attend the Jan. 14 public hearing, so am writing to you instead.

I am a longtime resident of the DMNA neighborhood (23 years), living on Fox Ave. While our home isn't directly impacted by the proposed Edgewood stadium, from what I've read of the original proposal and of the numerous critical comments, including those from engineers in our neighborhood, it looks like the expansion will have a significant impact on noise, sky glow and traffic.

While I understand Edgewood's business reasons for expansion -- they have been steadily losing enrollment over the years and developing their property to attract students probably makes sense from a strategic sense -- the longterm impact on the neighborhood is not something that can be ignored. I think, however, this is an opportunity for both sides to step back and evaluate our **interests vs. positions** so that a better solution can be found. For example, if Edgewood's viability as a campus is dependent on more student enrollment, then what else could they do to ensure more students? (Of course, they would need to admit this is the case -- internal staff knows this to be true but it's not being talked about publicly.) If noise and light are the biggest issues, what could Edgewood do to protect the neighborhood (e.g., a covered stadium, limit # of night games, no sound system, etc.). If the interest is to serve student athletes and their families, as stated in the proposal, why not develop another space (e.g., near Wright School on Fish Hatchery) and then open it to other schools to use as well, and make some revenue in that way? Just some initial thoughts here.

There are some wonderful conflict resolution facilitators in town and I think this situation would be a perfect opportunity to practice civil discourse and disagreement differently. I hope that as leaders caught in the middle, you'll perhaps consider a "third path." As it stands now, the blood is so bad between the neighborhood and Edgewood, while we could use Edgewood for a public meeting I'm leading for another organization, I'm looking for other space because I'm not sure people will come. Finding a win-win is essential if we're to heal this close neighborhood relationship!

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter shaping our neighborhood infrastructure and dynamic.

Jan O'Neill

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Make it a great day!

Jan O'Neill


Message: Edgewood High School

□ Edgewood High School

From Foti, Brenda Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 3:39 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School

Good Afternoon,

I am emailing you to ask for your support in upgrading Edgewood High School's athletic field. As we all know, Edgewood High School was built long before any houses were and to think that progress would not happen is ridiculous. For a neighborhood to fight a school that they chose to move by is irrational. I grew up across the street from a school and when my parents no longer wanted to be near the school and its activities, they moved. These "anti-stadium" people have been so vocal and out of line that they are literally bullying the families and businesses that are in support of the improvements. Edgewood has jumped through every hoop that they have been given and they have done it with integrity which is a lot more than anyone can say about the neighbors. All these people have shown is that there is no rationalizing with irrational people. So please, help Edgewood in supporting their students and vote yes to the stadium.

Thank you!

--

Brenda J. Foti

Director of the Learning Resource Center

Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart

2219 Monroe St., Madison WI 53711


edgewoodhs.org | facebook.com/EdgewoodHS

Message: Support for Edgewood stadium amendment to master plan.

Support for Edgewood stadium amendment to master plan.

From hoefer4@charter.net Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 4:12 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Support for Edgewood stadium amendment to master plan.

Dear Tim Parks
Madison Planning Commission

We are writing this letter with enthusiastic support of Edgewood High School's amendment to its 2014 master plan to provide for creation of a "stadium" on the already existing sports field with bleachers and allow for night games to be played there.

We believe this athletic facility will be an asset not only to Edgewood, but to the Madison community. It will provide recreation for increasingly sedentary youth, an a true "home" field to be proud of, and an an economic infusion to the terrific businesses along Monroe Street.

The concerns of neighborhood are valid, but upon investigation overwrought. We believe that Edgewood High School has legitimately addressed the noise and lighting concerns and these will not be intrusive. The environmental concerns are simply unfounded with the urban activity already taking place, and at a much closer distance to Lake Wingra. This includes: lights, noise and traffic related to the zoo (which has a Christmas light show much closer than Edgewood), ambulance and even helicopter activity at St. Mary's Hospital (also much closer to the lake). The traffic concerns will be no greater than athletic activities already taking place at Edgewood campus.

Also, Edgewood high school has been a great neighbor. They allow parking on Badger game days on their campus. Imagine the neighborhood inconvenience if Badger fans parked in the neighborhood. They provide space for the neighborhood farmers market. They allow for walking and other recreation by the neighborhood on campus. The neighborhood should consider Edgewood an asset and the new stadium will be as well.

We no longer reside in Madison, but now live in Fitchburg. Our children attend Edgewood High School because we work in Madison and prefer to send them to school there. The argument that most of the kids that attend Edgewood are not from Madison, so there should be no stadium is misleading. Most of the parents of students work in Madison, generate economic activity through work or commerce and tax revenue. This is further support that the athletic facility would not only serve Madison, but the greater Dane County region and generate additional economic activity.

I would add that many parents feel that our children will be safer at a campus stadium as opposed to traveling to multiple locations throughout the city and county.

In summary, we support Edgewood High School's amendment for a stadium. It will generate economic activity and will be a landmark for all of Madison and Dane County. The neighborhood's opposition is acknowledged, but overblown with hint of bias.

We hope that you can support this project.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely;

Message: VILAS NEIGHBORS DO NOT SUPPORT THE EDGEWOOD STADIUM

□ VILAS NEIGHBORS DO NOT SUPPORT THE EDGEWOOD STADIUM

From DAN R ANDERSON Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 4:31 PM

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

Cc

Subject VILAS NEIGHBORS DO NOT SUPPORT THE EDGEWOOD STADIUM

I am a Vilas neighbor since 1974.

I oppose the construction of the of Edgewood Stadium.

Since many others will elaborate on reasons for the opposition (e.g.,noise, lights, disruption, violation of trust of the 2014 Master plan, adverse environmental impact),

I will offer insight on how the Vilas Neighborhood Association (VNA) happened to endorse the Edgewood Stadium.

I will argue that while, technically the VNA endorsed the Stadium, the Vilas neighbors are strongly opposed to the Stadium.

At the November 28, 2018 meeting of the VNA, where a vote was to be taken on the Stadium, The President of the VNA said that the VNA Council desired to be neutral of the Stadium. The President said that Dugeon Monroe Neighborhood Association asked the VNA to vote. The VNA bylaws call for only the Council member to vote. After discussion, the 19 neighbors of the Vilas neighborhood (attending but not on the Council) called for a straw vote with results, 16 opposed, 3 to support, and 0 to be neutral. The Council then voted 5 to support, 2 to be neutral and 0 opposed.

The neighbors argued that the voting Council members should have voted neutral to honor their original intent. The President acted rudely, disrespectful, and argumentative with the the neighbors. It appeared that the Council had already made up their minds prior to the meeting.

At the next VNA meeting on December 19, 2018, election of four of the Council members was held. Around 70 neighbors attended, and voted to replace the President and another Council member, both of whom had supported the Stadium. Two of the Council members who voted neutral retained their seats. It was obvious to all in attendance that the Vilas neighbors were overwhelmingly opposed to the Stadium.

To conclude, these two meetings provide evidence that the Vilas neighborhood strongly opposes the Stadium, despite the technical VNA Council vote to support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dan R. Anderson
1521 Vilas Ave.
Madison, WI 53711

Message: support the stadium

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From Scott Webb Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 5:47 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject support the stadium

Hi Tim,

I live on Commonwealth Avenue, fairly close to the stadium. This neighborhood has always had an extremely vocal minority making odd demands and taking strenuous opposition to commonplace ideas such as lights on the bike path and now high school football games on Friday nights.

I know it's not easy - nobody knows it better than their neighbors - but please ignore them and let these kids play their football games if they want.

Good golly.

Scott Webb and family

2216 Commonwealth Avenue

Madison

Message: Edgewood Opposition

Edgewood Opposition

From Emily Bugg Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 6:33 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood Opposition

Hello,

I'm writing to speak out against the Edgewood Stadium, for the reasons of light pollution and noise levels. It's my special concern that lake wingra and the arboretum will have sky glow and forever be changed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Emily Bugg

Message: Opposed to the Edgewood High School stadium

Opposed to the Edgewood High School stadium

From Scott Prater Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 7:27 PM

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

Cc

Subject Opposed to the Edgewood High School stadium

Hello,

I am a homeowner in the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood. I live at 2426 Commonwealth Ave. I reside a few blocks away from the Edgewood campus.

I oppose the amendment that would allow Edgewood High School to build a new stadium. I am not convinced that their proposed changes would 1) be observed, or 2) have as little impact as they claim. Nor am I convinced that any violations of city ordinances would be punished severely enough to serve as a deterrent, or that there would be any way to enforce the low levels of noise, light, and traffic that they promise, once the stadium is built and in active use.

In short, I see the new stadium as a foot in the door; once built and in use, there are few, if any, guarantees that they would keep the promises they have made to the local community regarding minimizing impact. Even if their stadium does initially keep a low profile, there is nowhere to go but up and out. Given past experience with Edgewood and the neighborhood, any promises made today will most likely fade in the next few years, as they seek to constantly tweak and amend their plans and promises to erode the few brakes that are in place against further expansion, all in the name of "compromise".

The neighborhood has resoundingly opposed the stadium on multiple occasions in the past; I see no reason to support it this time around. One of the great charms of this neighborhood is that it is primarily a residential one, with small businesses that fit the profile of area. I'd like to keep it this way. Please vote no to approve their new amendment.

thank you,

Scott Prater

Message: Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

From Jacob Notbohm Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 8:14 PM

To hstounder@cityofmadison.com; Parks, Timothy; Arntsen, Allen

Cc

Subject Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

Dear Heather, Tim, and Allen

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: No new Edgewood stadium

No new Edgewood stadium

From Allison Malecek Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 9:45 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject No new Edgewood stadium

Dear Tim Parks,

I live about one block from Edgewood High School and I am very concerned about the impact of their current **stadium** proposal.

I have a toddler and a large part of our decision to live in this neighborhood included that it is quiet and safe. I am concerned that the addition of a PA system to the **stadium** and increased crowds will significantly increase the noise in the neighborhood. This could disrupt my child's ability to sleep at night (her bedtime is 7pm). I recognize that Edgewood is currently proposing to use the **stadium** for their sporting events, but I am concerned that an upgraded/full service **stadium** would allow the opportunity to host events beyond these sporting events resulting in frequent disruption to the neighborhood.

Of note, other urban high schools in the area (e.g. West High School) also do not have a campus-based home **stadium**. Edgewood has managed for decades by sharing **stadium** facilities with other schools. I believe urban schools can provide an excellent education and student experience without a campus-based home **stadium**.

I urge you to oppose the Edgewood High School **stadium** proposal.

Thank you,
Allison Malecek
2320 West Lawn Ave.

Message: Support for Edgewood High School athletic field upgrades

Support for Edgewood High School athletic field upgrades

From Karen Burkhartzmeyer Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 10:15 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Support for Edgewood High School athletic field upgrades

Hello Tim,

We are writing to encourage the City Plan Commission to approve Edgewood High School's request to upgrade its athletic field. Our twin daughters are juniors at EHS, so naturally we support the long-term growth of the school. However, we also feel it is vital for any city that strives to grow long-term, that wishes to sustain a healthy economy and a rich culture, to support the improvement, by both public and private entities, of existing infrastructure within the community.

Edgewood's athletic field has been part of the school for decades, though it had fallen into disrepair over time. An October 15, 2018 article in the *Wisconsin State Journal* stated, "Before 2015, Edgewood's grass field was hard and shoddy, and its asphalt with rubberized coating track was so worn that the school didn't allow people to run on it due to the dangers of cracks and holes." Since 2015, Edgewood has been taking significant steps to reverse this decline and the next logical advance to modernize the field is adding lights and a sound system. While these infrastructure improvements will of course benefit Edgewood students and families, we see these efforts as also contributing to the overall strength and vibrancy of the city. This is exactly what we as a community should encourage and expect from those who are stewards of infrastructure. Keep it strong. We ask that the Plan Commission as well work toward this goal and support Edgewood's request.

Sincerely,
John and Karen Burkhartzmeyer
5636 Nutone Street
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Message: Oppose Edgewood stadium

Oppose Edgewood stadium

From Kristin Branch Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 10:20 PM

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

Cc

Subject Oppose Edgewood stadium

I am concerned about the noise and it's impact on our neighborhood - both for the people and the wildlife (lake Wingra, aboretium, etc).

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Kristin Branch

2810 Gregory St

Message: Edgewood Stadium

□ Edgewood Stadium

From John Norsetter Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 10:35 PM

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

Cc Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva

Subject Edgewood Stadium

Dear Ms. Strouder, Mr. Parks, and Alder Arntsen,

As members of the Regent Neighborhood Association, and myself a lifelong resident of Madison's near west side-Keyes Ave., Virginia Terrace, Vista Road, Kendall Ave., and now Rugby Row for 44+ years, we oppose the Edgewood Stadium proposal. Even back in the Edgefest days, noise from that event was noticeable and unwelcome.

It feels like Edgewood has been either disingenuous, the most likely explanation, or was doing poor planning when the track was renovated, acknowledging that the neighborhood was then strongly opposed to a stadium, and now saying new technology of which they were unaware makes it, or should make it, acceptable. Furthermore, the notion that Edgewood is *entitled* to have an on-campus stadium to help build school spirit is absurd. I graduated from West High School in 1963. None of the Madison high schools that existed then had an on-campus stadium, and the two that remain, West and East, still don't.

The assertion that this won't disrupt the neighborhood, including the tranquility of the Lake Wingra/UW Arboretum area is, I think, simply not accurate.

Edgewood has "moved the goalposts", acknowledging in 2015 that the neighbors didn't want a stadium, and at that time asserting that Edgewood just wanted an upgraded practice facility. They have routinely violated the noise ordinance, even without a stadium. This whole scenario reminds me of the old adage "give 'em an inch and they'll take a mile." Keeping in mind the goal of maintaining the character of the neighborhood, we hope this stadium, for the benefit of an entitled private school, does not become a reality.

Regards,
John and Rhonda Norsetter

Sent from my iPhone.

Message: Opposition to Edgewood stadium

Opposition to Edgewood stadium

From Paul Terry Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 10:43 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Opposition to Edgewood stadium

Mr. Tim Parks

Planning Division Director

City of Madison

Dear Mr. Parks,

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 holds 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: EHS Goodman Complex Upgrade

EHS Goodman Complex Upgrade

From Andrew Wenborne Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 10:55 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject EHS Goodman Complex Upgrade

Dear Mr. Parks -

As an Edgewood High School Alumni and current parent of an EHS student, we are writing to you to show our support of the proposed EHS Goodman Athletic Complex. We think this is a great idea for the EHS community to be afforded the opportunity to host athletic events. Not only would it enhance the HS experience for the EHS student population, we feel it would also benefit local businesses in the area. We do not see this as a negative for the community.

EHS administration and community stand by the core values of school: Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community, and Partnership. These values shape the culture at EHS and therefore act as guiding philosophy which the school operates.

The explanation of the values is provided below.

Truth: that which conforms to reality or fact; we study and pray to discover truth

Compassion: mercy and empathy with another's condition; we recognize the intrinsic dignity and interdependence of all creation

Justice: behavior that recognizes the rights and responsibilities of all God's creation; we interact with others with integrity

Community: the nurturing of relationships that enhance the well being of persons and the earths; we value cooperation

Partnership: the recognition of a shared call to actions of justice and love; we foster unity and practice participative decision-making

The planning of this complex has taken into consideration the aforementioned values. It has taken feedback from the community and incorporated that feedback into the planning effort. The school intends and desires to be a good member of the community.

As an alumni of the HS, I can remember the conversations about the desire to see home games played on campus. I am sure that this sentiment has not changed in the years since I attended EHS.

This upgrade would also considerably reduce the transportation of student athletes to and from athletic fields throughout the Madison area as well as minimize City of Madison resources for maintaining these parks due their additional use by the high school. Therefore, we ask that you seriously consider approving the proposal before you to implement the EHS Goodman Athletic Complex Upgrades

Sincerely

Andrew and Michelle Wenborne

Message: EHS Goodman Athletic Complex upgrade

EHS Goodman Athletic Complex upgrade

From Matthew Wolter Date Thursday, January 3, 2019 10:59 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject EHS Goodman Athletic Complex upgrade

Dear Mr. Parks,

Please vote yes to the proposed upgrades for Edgewood High Schools' Goodman Athletic Complex. As an alumni of the school, it would mean a lot if the Crusaders are able to host football games on true home turf

Thank you

-Matthew Wolter
Class of 2012

Message: info@edgewoodhs.org

□ info@edgewoodhs.org

From Bernie and Joan A Date Friday, January 4, 2019 12:18 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject info@edgewoodhs.org

Dear Tim Parks: **City Plan Commission,**

I'm writing to you in support of the Edgewood high school Goodman Athletic Complex Expansion. I am a resident of Madison (53717) and live very close to Memorial High School. In the town that I grew up in, high school athletics were supported and encouraged by the community. Young and old would attend Friday night games to support the youth.

The community rallied around the kids and encouraged their activities. I am a social worker and my husband is a police officer, we both work in Madison. Everyday we work with troubled youth and help with interventions to improve things for them and their families. What better way than through sports? Kids learn team work, discipline, leadership, and comradery. Why is this not being supported? When I see an event at Memorial HS I welcome the lights and noise.

These events show me that youth are participating in productive activities. Please show your support for our youth and the high school athletic expansion by voting **yes to the upgrades**. Please support this expansion so that the students of Edgewood can experience the same support and sense of community that the public schools of Madison have. The recent news about the upgrades to Breese Stevens Stadium are very similar and not once have I heard a complaint about this expansion. In fact, all I have heard has been positive for the city and neighborhood. The neighbors in this part of downtown seem to be welcoming the new Soccer team and the expansion of games. Please provide Edgewood High School with this same experience. Never have I, nor any of my Memorial neighbors complained about sporting events being held at the high school during the day or evening. Let us give the Edgewood students that same sense of being included and having a HOME FIELD.

Thank you, Joan Albright, Wexford Neighborhood, Madison WI 53717

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Message: Edgewood High School Stadium Plan

Edgewood High School Stadium Plan

From sritc45154@aol.com Date Friday, January 4, 2019 6:58 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Edgewood High School Stadium Plan

Dear Mr. Parks,

As parents of a football player we ask you to please foster the EHS plan for the proposed stadium. We believe this will only make our Edgewood community tighter. We also feel there is a strong safety factor to having the games on a home field instead of several stadiums around the city. This benefits the players, as well as the student body.

Thank you for your consideration.

Scott and Laura Ritchie
3717 Lance Lane
Madison, WI. 53718

Sent from my iPhone

Message: Edgewood Stadium

Edgewood Stadium

From maria villaescusa Date Friday, January 4, 2019 9:10 AM

To Stouder, Heather;Parks, Timothy;district13@citymadison.com

Cc

Subject Edgewood Stadium

Hi all,

I wanted to voice my opposition to the Edgewood High School stadium; my main concern would be noise pollution.

When we bought our property as far as we were concern a master plan was already approved and we were happy enough with the current set up.

We have two toddlers, two and a four year old; if you have kids you know it is hard enough for kids to sleep even in the best circumstances without adding noises that might wake them up. It doesn't matter how high tech the sound system is if your going to have people walking, screaming, cheering etc (all very much normal during a game) and car traffic. We actually enjoy UW games when they are on, but they are far and between, here your talking up to 42 games a year, that's almost once a week.

I am disappointed how this has panned out, I don't feel Edgewood has been that kind to their neighbors regarding this, I have no issue with Edgewood, I just feel this could have been approach differently and a bit more tactful.

And lastly, some points made on the pro side, about this being an asset to the community are pretty much rubbish, I have gone to their track field and its always locked (they have always said the community is open to use it, not once I have been able to get in) I don't see this being any different and currently isn't more than half of the students not even part of the Madison district? Not sure how their opinions overweigh the opinions of people who actually do live in the area.

Anyway, those are my concerns and I do appreciate them being taken into account when a decision is made.

Thanks for your time and let me know if you have any queries.

Regards,

Maria Villaescusa

2252 Monroe st.

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

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

From Ann Duncan Kinsley Date Friday, January 4, 2019 9:26 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

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

Dear Mr. Parks,

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 Kinsley
2317 Fox Avenue

Message: opposition to Edgewood Stadium

opposition to Edgewood Stadium

From David Gulisano Date Friday, January 4, 2019 9:31 AM

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

Cc

Subject opposition to Edgewood Stadium

Dear Heather, Allen and Tim,

I am writing to you to express opposition regarding the changes that Edgewood High School has proposed in regards to their stadium. As a resident of the neighborhood, I am very concerned about the impact that these changes would have on the parking/traffic, pedestrian safety, noise levels, property values, and wildlife/environment in close proximity of the stadium. The formal amendment submitted by Edgewood requests that lights be permitted for up to 40 games per year, but sets no conditions or limits on the number of games or outside events for use; forty plus events with traffic, noise and lights will have a very meaningful impact on the safety, environment, and livability of this neighborhood. Having just survived a year of construction detours through our neighborhood, the residents of this area keenly understand what increased traffic looks like and the impact it has on our quality of life and the safety impact it has on our families. Parking is already a routine challenge in this area on a typical day between the parking for West High, Edgewood, and the use of Camp Randall in the fall -- it is hard to envision where more parking will get pushed for vehicles associated with FORTY PLUS more events. Furthermore, several Madison environmental groups have expressed their concern regarding the impact this could have on the nearby environment of Lake Wingra and the Arboretum; our family shares this concern. Quite frankly, I am shocked and disgusted that a private school's desire to have fancier sports facilities (this is not a NEED but a WANT) should outweigh the significant potential negative impact that these facilities will have on thousands of families and the surrounding environment. Nothing I have heard proposed by Edgewood so far sufficiently addresses my concerns in these areas, therefore I remain opposed to Edgewood's proposed stadium changes.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns,

Rebecca Minsley

431 Virginia Terrace

Message: Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

From Peter Kinsley Date Friday, January 4, 2019 9:40 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Opposition to Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal

Dear Mr. Parks,

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: my opposition to Edgewood's stadium proposal

my opposition to Edgewood's stadium proposal

From Matthew Turner Date Friday, January 4, 2019 9:39 AM

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

Cc

Subject my opposition to Edgewood's stadium proposal

Dear Ms Stouder, Mr. Parks and Mr Arntsen,

I am writing to express my opposition to Edgewood's proposed lighting and loudspeaker improvements at its sports field located at the intersection of Woodrow and Monroe Streets. I write as a local resident (890 Woodrow St) and the father of a Edgewood High School graduate who played varsity soccer there. I also write as someone who has not generally followed my more outspoken neighbors about prior Edgewood expansion plans -- recognizing the need for any school to have the possibility to expand and update its facilities. I also recognize that some of the current dynamic has been shaped by the history of distrust between neighbors and Edgewood with blame for this deterioration shared both sides.

All this said, I have to say that I strongly oppose the current proposal. I will not speak of light and sound levels. I am sure you have heard a lot on this. Instead, I will raise two primary reasons for my opposition:

1. From the perspective of the city of Madison, the benefits of the stadium to the school do not exceed the costs borne by the broader neighborhood. As a former parent of an Edgewood student, I would say that the stadium is as much about pleasing Edgewood alumni boosters with deep pockets who are preoccupied with the Edgewood sports dynasty and thus the recruitment of student athletes to their school. While a stadium will help with this recruitment, it will not provide measurable benefits to the vast majority of Edgewood students. I would have to say that statements, editorials, and letters in local media by these boosters painting local residents as elites with little concern for the needs of Madison students maddening. I don't have the data but if you compare the incomes of residents closest to the stadium along Monroe and Woodrow Streets with the incomes of Edgewood parents (many living outside of Madison), the income disparity would be strongly tilted toward Edgewood families. Finally, while sports is an important part of a high school student's experience, the obsession of Edgewood toward stadium improvements suggests that this is more about making an investment to obtain greater donations from its alumni boosters than about the educational experience of their students.

2. On this proposal by Edgewood (not others), I have grown to feel that Edgewood is not negotiating in good faith. I know that this has been raised before but we have seen a succession of "incremental" proposals for improvements to the stadium with each one presented by Edgewood as "this is all they need" only to see several years later an additional proposal. Moreover, we have experienced violations of prior understandings of stadium use by Edgewood. Given this history, I have grown to not trust that Edgewood, given its need to recoup its investment, would abide by a restricted number of night-time events.

Edgewood argues that the stadium is necessary for student recruitment while at the same time arguing to local neighbors that attendance at these events will be minimal. I urge you to push Edgewood to clarify its recruitment needs and how the stadium will significantly increase recruitment of non student-athletes who make-up the majority of their student body. I also urge you to think of ways to better hold Edgewood to an agreement that is more lasting rather than have all parties revisit these issues every 3 years or so. In my mind, the almost constant set of expansion proposals coming out of the Edgewood campus (high school, college, grade school), is what has contributed significantly to neighbor distrust and knew-jerk resistance.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Message: Edgewood Athletic Field

Edgewood Athletic Field

From Charles Olson Date Friday, January 4, 2019 9:43 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject Edgewood Athletic Field

Good Morning Mr Parks --

My current "mailing address" is Verona but my home is in the City of Madison, and as such, I am a tax payer of Madison. I have been a life-long resident of Madison and lived in a home just 2 blocks from Edgewood HS for 23 years and actively assisted my parents to continue to live in that same home for 46 years 2116 Fox Ave. Thus, I am intimately familiar with the Monroe-Dudgeon and Vilas park neighborhoods. Among the benefits living in that neighborhood, I also had to hear the UW band practice daily, I had to hear our windows rattle as trains passed through our back yard in the afternoon, I watched as our street filled with cars every morning as UW faculty/students parked to start their trek to the UW campus, and I experienced all of the things that come with living near Camp Randall on UW football Saturday. It all was an innate part of the experience of living in that area and oh what great years those were !!! And as a testament to how attractive this all was, my parent's home was sold for a king's ransom just a few years ago.

With such a strong history and understanding of what it is like to be part of the Monroe-Dudgeon community, I really think that allowing Edgewood HS to utilize lights & sound to enhance the athletic experience of so many students will have nothing but a positive effect on both the High School and surrounding community. I cannot imagine a scenario where the proposed amended plan will represent a disruption to the area. Monroe St is now a busy, vibrant area with that has grown exponentially in those 46 years with so many new businesses, rental units, bike traffic, and old houses being renovated. Monroe St is a gateway for thousands of commuters in and out of Madison and of course is the main corridor to Camp Randall Stadium. The addition of advanced technology lighting and sound to this field will just weave into the fabric of the area and the evening visitors to the athletic events at Edgewood will discover the wonderful businesses of Monroe St and return to explore and enjoy all the area has to offer. My siblings and I split our HS experiences between Edgewood and West High School to take advantage of both great institutions. With the exception of tennis, we could not play daytime outdoor sports at West, much less evening sports, because the parcel of land that West HS occupies is woefully too small to accommodate a real track, baseball, or football facility. However, Edgewood has the space and by very thoughtfully and thoroughly addressing logistic concerns has set the stage to model how to implement state-of-the-art lighting and sound on an athletic facility located in a residential neighborhood. This project will do nothing but complement the busy, vibrant area that I fondly remember and plan to continue to enjoy for so many years to come.

I strongly urge you to approve and vote "yes" to the upgrades that Edgewood HS has proposed. Thanks for your serious consideration.

Regards,
Charlie Olson



Message: Letter of Support for Edgewood High School Goodman

□ Letter of Support for Edgewood High School Goodman
From Kenneth Nwankwo Date Friday, January 4, 2019 10:11 AM
To Parks, Timothy
Cc Edgewood High School
Subject Letter of Support for Edgewood High School Goodman

Hello Mr. Parks

My name is Kenneth Nwankwo. I live in the city of Madison and currently work for the State of Wisconsin as a Quality Operations Engineer. I am writing to express my very strong support for Edgewood High School's athletic field plan. I believe the student athletes of Edgewood High School have earned the right to play home games - at home; right at Edgewood High School.


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 disruption 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.

In my opinion, Edgewood has done everything possible to make this a positive experience for students and the neighborhood. I urge you and the City Plan Commission to support Edgewood's proposal and vote yes for the upgrade. Please, let the kids play home games.

Sincerely,

Kenneth N. Nwankwo
Kenneth N. Nwankwo, P.E.
5126 Hazelcrest Drive
Madison, WI 53704

Message: Edgewood High School stadium

 Edgewood High School stadium

From Justin Vandenbroucke Date Friday, January 4, 2019 11:42 AM

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

Cc

Subject Edgewood High School stadium

To:

Allen Arntsen, Alder

Tim Parks, City Planner

Heather Stouder, Planning Division Director

Dear Allen, Tim, and Heather,

I am a resident of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood writing to oppose the ordinance exemption that Edgewood High School is seeking to upgrade their playing field to a stadium with bright lights and amplified sound.

I am concerned about the impact it will have on neighbors and on wildlife in the natural areas surrounding Edgewood, including those at Lake Wingra, the Southwest Path, Wingra Park, and Vilas Park, all of which are very close to Edgewood.

These natural areas are treasures of our city and must be protected from increased noise and light pollution.

As I understand it (this occurred before I moved to the neighborhood five years ago), the school sought such a stadium already about a decade ago, and reached a compromise with the neighbors and the City to complete the field upgrade that was just recently completed. Edgewood then turned their back on that compromise and sought additional expansions before that upgrade was even complete.

I am also frustrated by how the debate has been framed as if the opposition is led by wealthy NIMBY homeowners. The reality is exactly the opposite: Edgewood is a wealthy, expensive private school predominantly serving students from outside the neighborhood, not a public school that serves the neighborhood or the City, and we are neighborhood taxpayers. The public schools in MMSD that we support with our tax dollars are not seeking such exemptions, and two of our prominent public high schools (East and West) also play "home games" at other locations and are not seeking special exceptions to City policy which has been written for good reason. Edgewood meanwhile benefits heavily from its non-profit status and pays zero property tax on its large lakefront property. With this substantial tax break, I believe the City and the taxpayers are already supporting the school and its privileged students more than is appropriate. If the City were to provide an exemption for this private school over the voices of the city's resident taxpayers, while our own public schools are not seeking such exemptions, it would be a clear injustice.

In addition to these direct concerns, I am more generally opposed to supporting with public concessions a private school that encourages young athletes to be "Crusaders", as their official team name does. This is an incredibly tone deaf name to maintain well into the 21st century, but apparently it is consistent with Edgewood's attitude toward others surrounding it in the world.

Supporting a school and an athletic complex that raises young "Crusaders" is not consistent with the values of our neighborhood or of our City.

Thank you for considering the needs and wishes of the neighborhood and city residents, constituents, and taxpayers in

this important decision.

Sincerely,

Justin Vandebroucke

3206 Gregory St

javanden@gmail.com

Message: Edgewood High School athletic complex

Edgewood High School athletic complex

From Iglar, Chris J Date Friday, January 4, 2019 11:44 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Edgewood High School athletic complex

Hello Mr. Parks,

I am writing to voice my support of the Edgewood High School Goodman Athletic Complex.

I have one child who graduated from Edgewood, one child currently enrolled there, and one who will attend Edgewood in a few years. Over the past few years, my children have had to travel around the city and out to Redden Park in Verona countless times to attend games and practices, instead of right next door to the school. This additional travel is a burden and makes me nervous as a parent. Having a more operational facility adjacent to the school simply makes sense.

Please vote YES for the upgrades at Edgewood High School.

Thank you.

Chris Iglar

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Message: Edgewood High School Lights

Edgewood High School Lights

From Anne Rodriguez Date Friday, January 4, 2019 11:45 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Edgewood High School Lights

Dear Mr. Parks

We are writing in support of Edgewood High School and their goal to enable them to play night activities on their home field. My family is a three generation part of the Edgewood community. We live one block from Camp Randall stadium and we embrace the environment that comes with its proximity. We firmly believe in the tradition of neighborhood schools and the positive environment that comes from all activities related to student life. We believe that Edgewood has gone above and beyond to address the needs of the neighborhood as it relates to the strict ordinances within the community. We ask that you be part of the projects approval and that the decision be based on the projects passing of the ordinances in place and not based on opposition for the sake of opposition. Please support this project, the Edgewood community and the good that can come to the surrounding neighborhood including area businesses. This email was also sent to our Alder. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Victor and Anne Rodriguez
211 Lathrop Street
Madison, WI 53726

Message: SUPPORT Edgewood Field Improvements

SUPPORT Edgewood Field Improvements

From Schmitz & Co Date Friday, January 4, 2019 11:49 AM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc

Subject SUPPORT Edgewood Field Improvements

Tim:

Please vote FOR the proposed improvements to the Edgewood outdoor sports field! This is a valuable addition to the students, community, and city. Thank you.

John Schmitz

*John Schmitz and
Jean Tretow-Schmitz*

*502 Glenway St
Madison WI 53711*



jjschmitz7@gmail.com

Message: Edgewood High School Lights

Edgewood High School Lights

From Anne Rodriguez Date Friday, January 4, 2019 12:02 PM

To Parks, Timothy

Cc info@edgewoodhs.org

Subject Edgewood High School Lights

Dear Mr. Parks

I am writing in support of the Edgewood High School lights. I live in University Heights and embrace the activities that go with living in a school community. I attended Edgewood High School, my five children attended and now my grand children. It would be nice to see this project go through. I believe that Edgewood is a vital part of the community and the neighborhood it resides in.

Thank you for your support.

Patricia Hackworthy
2136 Van Hise Avenue
Madison, WI 53726

Message: Please do not approve Edgewood High School Lighting and Sound

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From R CoCle Date Friday, January 4, 2019 12:10 PM

To Parks, Timothy

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Subject Please do not approve Edgewood High School Lighting and Sound

Dear Mr Parks,

I am writing to discourage you from approving the proposal for lighting and sound for the Edgewood High School stadium. The sound levels would be extreme for nearby streets (Woodrow, Monroe, Terry and West Lawn) and in some cases surrounding streets. Light pollution would also be an issue. I attended the listening session that was held at Edgewood last fall and was not convinced the benefit of the field to the Edgewood students should supersede the quality of life for Edgewood's neighbors. The information presented by a sound engineer in the neighborhood indicated that the sound and light disturbance would be considerable. As a private school the benefit to a small number of students is not great enough to disadvantage neighbors. If this were a public school the ability to use the facilities by a broader population might tip the balance in favor of the lighting and sound. Finally, I do not trust Edgewood's statements on the limits of use (number of night time games, no musical events etc) as they have shown that they have misrepresented their intent from the original scope /planning presented when the stadium was improved a few years ago. If they are allowed to proceed will the city cite them for exceeding the City's noise ordinance? If they are allowed to proceed this will certainly be the next issue.

As full disclosure I did have a child attend Edgewood at one time so I am supportive of them in many ways, but not in this case.

Thank you