

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
Date: Sunday, January 10, 2021 1:57:00 PM

From: Jane Albert <jalbert4410@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 9, 2021 11:49:01 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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To the Common Council,

The uses, values and enjoyment of my residence will be substantially impaired and diminished by the bright lights, loud noise and traffic that accompany competitive night games. Edgewood is already permitted to play unlimited day games. Unlimited night games would be disruptive to the entire community and destructive to the environment.

Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision and vote NO on Edgewood's application for stadium lights.
Thank you,

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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Edgewood Stadium
Date: Sunday, January 10, 2021 1:56:24 PM

From: Meg Lamm <meglamm@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 9, 2021 3:02:25 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Cc: Stouder, Heather; All Alders; Meg Lamm
Subject: Edgewood Stadium

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Dear Alder Evers and all the Alders,

I am writing to express my opposition to allowing Edgewood College to have night lighting and amplified sound on their playing field. The lights and noise of night games would greatly disturb the neighbors of Edgewood - especially those living across the street from the new stadium and also those further away in the surrounding neighborhoods, like us. Night football games are extremely loud. I urge you to uphold the Plan Commission's decision to deny the lighting permit.

We bought our house on Jefferson Street near Edgewood Avenue (near the other end of the Edgewood campus) in 2017. It was a wreck (it hadn't been lived in for a number of years and was falling apart) but what attracted us was its location - the peace and quiet of the neighborhood, combined with its walkability and convenience. We'd hate to lose that feeling of peace and quiet. When I think about our neighbors living on the other side of the Edgewood campus, right across the street from the new stadium, the impact of having lights, amplified sound and night games seems even more dire.

There doesn't seem to be much, if any, benefit to the greater community in allowing Edgewood to have lighting and night games, and there are significant downsides. Vilas Park, Wingra Park, and the Park and Pleasure Drive are all such peaceful areas along the Lake Wingra. We'd hate to lose that feeling of peace in these shared natural treasures, as well as of course in our own back yard and house.

Thank you for taking this perspective into account, and for your service to Madison.

Sincerely,

Meg Lamm
Vilas Neighborhood
2117 Jefferson St

Meg Lamm
meglamm@gmail.com

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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
Date: Sunday, January 10, 2021 1:56:45 PM

From: J Newman <jpnewm@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 9, 2021 12:09:09 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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My address is 2313 West Lawn Avenue. From our home we have direct view and sound from the Edgewood stadium affecting both the main floor and our upstairs bedroom. I find it distressing that Edgewood has put so much effort into ramming their proposal through rather than working with neighbors to achieve a more agreeable solution.

Please uphold the Plan Commission's decision and vote NO on Edgewood's application for stadium lights.

Thank you,
Joseph Newman

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To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fw: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 6:43:49 AM

From: Bill Rattunde <bill.rattunde@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 6:08:12 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Stouder, Heather; Maria Rattunde
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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To the Common Council,

January 10, 2021

Letter to Madison Common Council &
Mayor Rhodes-Conway

allalders@cityofmadison.com

Please upload these comments to [Legistar #60646](#).

Please deny the Appeal of Plan Commission action on Conditional Use request for 2219 Monroe Street, Legistar ID 60001 regarding Edgewood Stadium Lighting.

As residents living across Woodrow Street from the south end-zone; I and my family are directly impacted by this proposal.

Edgewood's wish to add stadium lighting has been rejected since the Master Plan (now rescinded) process began in 1996 because it is a physical improvement that would allow a fundamentally incompatible use in our neighborhood.

Permitting lighting for night games will extend the significant disruption we have experienced from Edgewood's games (pre COVID19) into an evening of agony.

Uncontrollable crowd and game (play-by-play, whistles, sirens, etc.) noise is the primary stressor that has always been cited as the key factor. This has been documented by Edgewood's own and the neighborhoods sound consultants.

We are nearing retirement and had hoped to age-in-place, which we may no

longer see as feasible. This change-in-use will also negatively affect our largest asset (our assessment has already flattened). Who will compensate us for this "taking" of the value, use and enjoyment of our property? Edgewood or the permit issuer? We are but one household, however the values and the quality of life of the surrounding neighborhoods are at stake.

This proposal does not meet the Standards required and is an illegal taking. The fact that Edgewood is asking for a phased-in approach to night games: 30 games the first season, then 40 the following year, does nothing to mitigate our loss, and is merely offering the proverbial "slow boil" of the neighborhood.

Please deny the Appeal of Plan Commission action on Conditional Use request for 2219 Monroe Street.

Respectfully,

William C. & Maria A.L. Rattunde
838 Woodrow Street
Madison, WI 53711
bill.rattunde@gmail.com
(c.) 608-347-4708

Please upload my letter to Legistar #60646

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to Edgewood application for lighting
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 12:08:59 PM

From: Ann Rivlin <amfrivlin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 11:22 AM
To: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Opposition to Edgewood application for lighting

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Dear Alder Evers, Members of the Common Council, Mayor Rhodes-Conway, and Director Stouder,

I am a resident of the Vilas neighborhood, and I am writing to ask you to uphold the Plan Commission's rejection of the application by Edgewood High School to install lights on their athletic field. I will make three points in this letter: (1) the lights will substantially diminish the enjoyment of other property in the area; (2) this stadium is unique compared to the locations of other high school stadiums in Madison; and (3) Edgewood's actions regarding the stadium demonstrate its administration cannot be trusted to comply with rules or respond to complaints, and the city will not take actions to enforce its rules.

First, I live on Garfield Street, and I frequently enjoy Vilas Park and the Park and Pleasure Drive. I hope that my home is far enough away from Edgewood to not be directly affected by the lights in my home (though, based on the experiences of neighbors of stadiums with similar lights in other parts of the country, sky glow may be a problem), but the park and the Park and Pleasure Drive absolutely will be. Having lights installed in Edgewood's stadium will substantially reduce the enjoyment of at least parts of Vilas Park and the Park and Pleasure Drive as it will be affected by lighting and noise from night games. In addition, I believe that allowing Edgewood to install lights at their stadium will be excessively disruptive to the community around Edgewood and significantly and negatively affect the quality of life of my neighbors—particularly those whose properties are across the street from the stadium and in the neighboring blocks.

Second, I have explored the neighborhoods that surround existing high school stadiums that have lights in Madison—those by Memorial High School and by LaFollette High School. Neither of these neighborhoods resemble that of Vilas or Dungeon Monroe. Memorial has very few residences near the stadium—most of the stadium is surrounded by Memorial, a middle school, and a multi-lane road. The LaFollette stadium is surrounded by both the school and a golf course. These stadiums are located at a greater distance from residences; the layout of the stadiums at these high schools that have lighted stadiums do not resemble the layout at Edgewood. Edgewood is uniquely located close to residences.

Third, Edgewood has, since at least 2015, been deceptive about its intentions regarding the stadium. At the time of the refurbishment of the field, Edgewood president Mike Elliot stated in a newspaper article that there would not be lights or sound at the field. However, the refurbishment of the field included laying the wiring for lights and sound installation. Edgewood also declared that it had to play home games at its field because Middleton had ended the contract that allowed Edgewood to play on Middleton's fields. This was not accurate; according to public records requests made of the Middleton School District, Edgewood was the party that ended the contract. These dishonest statements turned into actions by Edgewood that violate city ordinances—playing over 70 games last season despite city officials informing Edgewood that it was in violation of its zoning. It is clear from this history that Edgewood has little regard for honesty or complying with city rules when it comes to the stadium. Compounding this troubling history, is the City of Madison's unwillingness or inability to stop Edgewood from violating its prior zoning requirements. If there are complaints about the lights or noise from night games, its prior behavior leads me to believe that Edgewood will not care. Further, and even more troubling, the City of Madison will be unable or unwilling to act to protect its residents. This would be a frankly horrible precedent for Madison.

I appreciate your attention to my letter, and I again urge you to reject the conditional use permit application by Edgewood

High School.

For administrative purposes, please upload this letter to Legistar 60646.

Respectfully,

Ann Rivlin
Garfield Street

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood Lights/Sound
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 1:24:26 PM

From: Billy Larimore <billy.larimore@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 1:23 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood Lights/Sound

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Hello,

I am writing to let you know that I oppose the upgrades that EHS is asking for. We live about 6-7 blocks away right off of Monroe St. We enjoy the serenity of the neighborhood and Lake Wingra. Walking in the Arboretum or enjoying walks around the lake would be greatly impacted by the light and noise, but also a 1200 stand stadium will certainly take a toll on the local businesses by parking on game nights.

Thank you,

Billy Larimore
725 Chapman St.

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Subject: FW: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 1:24:08 PM

From: Billy Larimore <billy.larimore@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 1:23 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: 1/19/21 EHS Stadium NOT meet conditional use standards/ PLEASE support Madison urban Neighborhoods #60646
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 6:56:08 PM

From: Eileen Hornberger Thompson <eileenlittleredt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 6:55 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: 1/19/21 EHS Stadium NOT meet conditional use standards/ PLEASE support Madison urban Neighborhoods #60646

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From: Eileen Hornberger Thompson <eileenlittleredt@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 11, 2021 at 12:37 PM
Subject: 1/19/21 EHS Stadium NOT meet conditional use standards/ PLEASE support Madison urban Neighborhoods
To: Tag Evers <district13@cityofmadison.com>, <heatherstouder@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: <allalders@cityofmadison.com>, <mayor@cityofmadison.com>

Edgewood High School does **NOT** meet conditional use standards #60646

1. **Please support the Neighborhood Residents** from the many long-term implications and effects - Lights, noise, neighborhood impingement of parties - trash, yelling, nighttime raucous, urinating -where the few make problems in surrounding neighborhoods. **Do you want these surrounding houses as "neighborhood homes" owned by families or as rental properties?**

2. There will be **more problems from High School students/ attendees on Game nights** in the neighborhoods similar to occurrences from Edgewood College students and UW Madison students on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturday nights, football games, and warmer days - raucous everywhere?

It doesn't matter that these may be High School students

My children, who have attended West High School graduating in 2015 and 2019, have informed me:

"Mom – just because students attend a Religious affiliated high school doesn't mean they don't drink, smoke, and take drugs."... " At football games , the students from Edgewood H.S. PARTY as much and maybe more than public school students, whether the game is at night or mid-day"

3. The **lights will brighten** every nearby neighbors **interior rooms** and exterior house in the nearby blocks. The **sounds** will extend into my area of Vilas neighborhood (next to Bear Mound Park, seven blocks from Edgewood H.S. track/ stadium).

4. You may think Edgewood High school is just adding lights. However, Edgewood High school is going to develop this track and field into a **full- blown stadium**. The High School and Catholic diocese will schedule use as much as possible to make money. They are hurting for enrollment and hence of funding to make money.

5. Edgewood H.S. stadium **sets a precedence for a stadium in the Regent neighborhood**. Madison West Athletic Booster Association (MWABA) currently has similar plans to build a track and eventual full stadium complex.

6. Again - Do you want these **surrounding neighborhood houses as homes owned by families or rental houses**? I want my neighborhood to remain a neighborhood.

I live **five blocks** from University of Wisconsin Camp Randall and **seven blocks** from Edgewood HS track / stadium. I previously had families as neighbors who owned their house. In the 27 years of home ownership in Vilas neighborhood, more and more houses are being purchased and converted to rental properties and rented by students or student families. I now have a rental property next to me, and several more nearby around the block. Until a recent sale, a previous neighbor owner also used the house as an AirBnB.

What is the big deal about Rentals? or AirBnB's? **These are not neighbors**. Many students and temporary renters **do not respect this is a neighborhood** everyday of the week.

The Weekend parties on front lawns have increased particularly on weekdays and weekends whether there is a football game in Camp Randall or not. As more activities have occurred at Camp Randall – so has stadium traffic and daytime and nighttime noise. I do not want this to get worse with another stadium creating **more HAVOC from Edgewood HS on a more daily basis**.

I enjoy the quietness of the evenings weekdays and weekends when it happens. I want other families to call this their neighborhood and raise their children here.

Eileen Hornberger Thompson / Vilas NA member and Vilas NA Bear Mound park representative

311 Campbell Street, Madison

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 11:44:42 AM

From: Fiona McTavish <fiona.mctavish@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 11:38 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Uphold the Plan Commission's decision, Vote NO on Edgewood's lighting application #60646

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I'm guessing that the city is getting as tired of meetings about Edgewood as I am of writing letters!

Once again I find myself writing a letter opposing Edgewood's desire to put lights and amplified sound on their PRACTICE field. I have been involved in this opposition for 20 years. The city agreed with the neighborhood 20 years ago and has done so every time Edgewood has brought back this same proposal. I am tired of having to write letters and I am tired of Edgewood wasting the time of the various city boards by trying to force a square peg into a round whole. A stadium with amplified sound and lights is inappropriate in the neighborhood. It will substantially impact the use, values and enjoyment of the neighborhood.

The first house I ever bought was on Woodrow St. I bought it because I loved the neighborhood, having lake Wingra practically in my backyard and because of the Park and Pleasure drive. It brought the best of the city and nature together. And there was a sense of community. Unfortunately Edgewood's insistence on trying to put in lights and a sound system on the PRACTICE field is disrupting the very thing that makes the neighborhood one of the gems of the city. Allowing Edgewood to add lights and sound will permanently change the very nature of the neighborhood. No longer will one be able to walk down the park and pleasure drive on a Friday evening and enjoy the sounds of nature after a long week at work. No longer will one be able to rent a canoe and glide across lake Wingra enjoying the peaceful quiet of the lake - rather, there will be amplified sound from the announcer at a Saturday soccer or lacrosse game wafting across the water. These are just a couple of examples of what will be lost if the city allows Edgewood to bully it's way into getting what they want regardless of what is best for the tax paying citizens who live in the neighborhood. For their entire existence - Edgewood has continued to build a competitive sports program without having to have a stadium in the middle of a prime residential neighborhood. The tax paying neighbors should not have to bear the burden of Edgewood's desire (not need) for lights and sound. Please don't allow their threat of a lawsuit make you put Edgewood before the neighborhood. The neighborhood has clearly stated that they don't want this and how it will impact their quality of life, along with their property value. Please stand up for the neighborhood. Enough is enough. Please save our quality of life.

Sincerely,

Fiona McTavish
2628 Arbor Dr
Madison, WI 53711

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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Please deny Edgewood's request
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 12:33:12 PM
Attachments: [New Stadium objection Jan 2021.docx](#)

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

From: RICHARD O FRIDAY <rofriday@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 12:24 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Parks, Timothy <TParks@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Please deny Edgewood's request

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Please include this presentation to uphold the Plan Commission's decision to deny Edgewood High School's lighting application #60646

Thank you,

Richard Friday
1050 Woodrow st
Madison, Wi. 53711

My name is Richard Friday. We have lived at 1050 Woodrow St. across the street from Edgewood for over 40 years. I'm asking you to turn down Edgewood High School's request for stadium lighting as well as future requests for amplified sound because their application does not satisfy the conditional use standards of the city. It would degrade the quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood and diminish property values of those who live nearby.

The Edgewood schools already intrude upon the neighborhood with noise and light pollution, traffic and parking issues. These have escalated significantly over the past several years and are getting worse. It is transforming the neighborhood. Some people have already moved because of it.

Last winter the Mayor, City Council, and the City Attorney threw the neighborhood under the bus when they allowed Edgewood to exit their Master Plan agreement. They did it in spite of overwhelming opposition from the DMNA, Vilas Neighborhood association, Greenbush Neighborhood Association, the Alder and the recommendation of the Plan Commission. There was also intense opposition from close neighbors who formed the "No New Stadium" group and obtained legal council. The decision to let Edgewood out of their agreement, perhaps because of the religious discrimination threatened lawsuit, was outrageous. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH !!! Just say "NO".

Edgewood High School is a tax exempt, private commuter school. About three fourths of their students come from outside of the neighborhood. They drive in from Fitchburg, Verona, Middleton, Shorewood, Maple Bluff and points beyond. When combined with college traffic and Monroe St. commuters as well as insufficient parking, the neighborhood is already stretched. They refuse to engage in a meaningful dialogue with the neighbors and the alder. . Widely misunderstood to be just six nights of high school football games the actual plan approaches an event every-other-night, a level of use obviously incompatible with residential neighborhoods. They are also not compatible with the city's guidelines for development. Do the right thing. Turn down their request

Edgewood's lighting request ignores the issue of noise A sound engineer working for Edgewood College in 2010-11 measured the ambient sound level of a typical summer evening on Woodrow Street rimming the west side of campus. It was around 43 decibels which is about the level of hum your refrigerator makes. Other measurements while games were actually in session in October 2019 taken inside houses across the street from the field *with windows open* found the decibel level to be 84. That's what a diesel truck going 40 mph 50 feet away from you sounds like. Residents could not converse with each other in their living rooms. Add to the above mix a sportscaster wanting to be heard over the crowd, a

pep band or canned music or two of those at the same time. Evening plans would be put on hold or completely upset every time there I a game. You can get back to your normal life after 10 p.m

We are the owners of the properties at 938,1050 and 1054 Woodrow St. They are about 300 yards from the athletic field. Our residence is 1050 Woodrow St. and the adjacent properties are rental houses. This year's tax assessment is more than \$66,000.. This is more than all of the tax exempt Edgewood schools combined. In addition, Edgewood schools also own several rental properties on adjacent streets which are removed from the city tax rolls. This puts additional burdens on the rest of the citizens. Your approval of this burgeoning sports marketing venue will decrease all adjacent property values and will result in lawsuits to reduced property taxes on adjacent properties.

Please deny the proposal. It does not meet city standards. It is an incompatible use for the location.

Thank you,

Richard Friday

1050 Woodrow St

Madison, Wi. 53711

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Important additional note re hearing for Edgewood stadium
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 1:54:17 PM

From: rand valentine <j.rand.valentine@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 1:46 PM
To: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Important additional note re hearing for Edgewood stadium

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Hello. I have already submitted a note against allowing Edgewood to install lights and amplified sound to their practice field and to then be allowed to hold night games, but there is one very important point I overlooked in my note, namely that at the hearing all of those presenting testimony should be asked where they live, and whether they live in the area that would be directly environmentally impacted by the changes proposed by Edgewood. It doesn't seem right to me that someone living in Sun Prairie or Middleton should be given the same consideration as someone living on Woodrow. Thank you.

Rand Valentine
2901 Monroe Street
Madison, WI 53711