

From: [Jim Albrecht](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 6:04:31 PM

Planning Commission,

I strongly encourage the Commission to support the lighting application put forth by Edgewood High School. As a parent of an Edgewood alumnus/football player I can relay personally that my son always felt like not playing on campus took away from the family feel of Friday nights. The Edgewood community has been more than forthcoming with listening sessions and being open with neighborhood groups.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jim Albrecht

From: [Peter Anderson](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Support Edgewood lights
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 4:10:19 PM

Dear Madison Plan Commission,

I'm not affiliated with Edgewood high school. My children have not gone there nor will they.
I'm not even Catholic.

Nevertheless, I fully support allowing Edgewood High School to have lights on their athletic facility. What kind of high school can't have night games? Edgewood should be allowed to do what every other high school in Madison does.

I have lived 2 blocks from Monona Grove HS for 25 years. Before that, I lived 2 doors down from their football field for 8 years. I can say that night football games and lights are just NOT a problem. And I'm not a football fan. But honestly, even that close, you can barely notice they're having a game. Why not let them do it?

Please support lights on the Edgewood athletic commission before the Plan Commission.

Thanks!

Pete Anderson
4120 Jerome St.
Madison, WI 53716

From: [Karen Arkebauer](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 7:17:06 AM

I support the lighting application for the Edgewood High School Athletic Field.

Regards,

Karen K. Arkebauer

RockinJK@gmail.com

From: [Stephanie Barth](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School Outdoor Lighting
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 2:48:50 PM

I am asking for your support to install outdoor lighting at Edgewood High School. We are in full support and encourage you to continue to shepherd this ordinance through the Plan Commission and the Common Council. We have had children graduate from both Edgewood HS and James Madison Memorial High School and we currently have a daughter on the Track and Field team at Edgewood. We fully support all athletic events hosted on the campus of Edgewood schools. We have seen first hand the positive impact sports and athletics can have our children. Edgewood has acted in good faith. Let the kids play on their field.

Scott Barth
9205 Eaglewood Drive
Madison, WI 53593

From: [Kaitlyn Barth](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Lights
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 4:56:09 PM

I am asking for your support to install outdoor lighting at Edgewood High School. I am in full support and encourage you to continue to shepherd this ordinance through the Plan Commission and the Common Council. I graduated from Edgewood HS and currently have a sister on the Track and Field team at Edgewood. We fully support all athletic events hosted on the campus of Edgewood schools. We have seen first hand the positive impact sports and athletics can have on children. Edgewood has acted in good faith. Let the kids play on their field.

Kaitlyn Barth
Edgewood High School 2019 graduate
University of Nebraska Swim and Dive 2023

From: [Joe Boucher](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School request for lights
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:01:29 PM

We are in support of this request. This is only fair given what the public high schools are able to do.

Joe and Susan Boucher
6318 Landfall Dr, Madison, WI 53705

From: [Matt Braun](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood"s athletic field!
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 5:18:20 PM

Thank you in advance for the City of Madison support of EHS lights.

Matt Braun
608.444.5737

From: mbraun105@gmail.com
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School 's Request for Lighting Permit
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 8:18:40 PM

Please support Edgewood in their request for the lighting permit. Please enable the students at Edgewood to sponsor home sporting events. They can achieve this dream with your support. Thank you in advance for that support.

Sincerely,
Mary Pat Braun

Sent from my iPad

From: [Thomas Browne](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 2:56:44 PM

Greetings,

I am writing to support the application of Edgewood High School to be approved to install lights for use in athletic competition. As a parent of students that have, currently, and will attend Edgewood, the ability to have full use of the athletic complex is very important to mitigate travel issues with practice and game competition, and will allow Edgewood to be on a level standard with other schools. This is a very big deal for students and alumni of the school. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tom and Debra Browne

From: [JUDY A CARY](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Support Lighting for Edgewood High School
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 5:31:43 PM

Plan Commission:

I encourage you to support the lighting application for the Edgewood High School Athletic field. Activities before 10PM are so important for high school students especially activities with families and friends.

Edgewood High School is a beautiful Madison treasure on Monroe Street.

Judith Cary

4817 Holiday Dr

Madison, WI 53711

608-273-0482

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood Stadium
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 9:41:58 AM

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

From: s clapp <bluegreenhavas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood Stadium

I live in the Monroe Dudgeon Neighborhood and am very opposed to the new stadium at Edgewood. I understand that there's movement toward installing new lights. For the sake of our neighborhood as well as night sky preservation, halt this action!

Sincerely,
Susan Clapp

Sent from my iPad

From: [bryan/molly cooper](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Athletic Field Lights Support
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:37:27 PM

Hello Plan Commissioner/s,

I am a resident in the Regent neighborhood and have a daughter attending Edgewood High School (EHS). I am in full support for the EHS athletic field lights. Edgewood has been a wonderful neighbor to our community providing; alternative education options, arts/cultural events, allowing space for the Monroe Street Farmers Market, and access to the wonderful Wingra waterfront. We need to support them in this initiative, encourage positive growth and development and foster this wonderful relationship.

Thank you,

Molly Cooper
418 Hillington Way
206.795.1804 (mobile)

From: [Joe Docter](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School Lighting Application
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 7:20:53 PM

Please approve Edgewood HS's lighting application!
Our current situation certainly shows the importance of having a community for support.
My personal experience has been one where I have not found a better community than Edgewood and sporting events are a great way to bring people together.
Please allow the kids to have a great childhood experience.

Thanks for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Joe

From: [Bryan C. Esch](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Cc: [Bryan C. Esch](#)
Subject: Edgewood Support
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:18:26 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

I strongly urge you to support the proposed lighting improvements at Edgewood High School which will permit Edgewood to play night games at its home field. EHS is an important member of the community and its faculty, staff, and students practice, on a daily basis, the Dominican Values of Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership, through service to others. Edgewood has respected the City process, listened and made significant concessions to address legitimate concerns raised by its neighbors.

This project is very important to Edgewood's long-term survival and the safety of its students who currently have to travel long distances by car to play "home" games. Any impact from the project will be minimal and Edgewood has designed it to be scaled appropriately. Edgewood has been in this location for over 100 hundred years and it is not surprising that a high school should have its own athletic facilities. It is not fair for a small group of vocal residents to act as a veto for a project that will benefit so many. It is also hypocritical for these same residents to object on an environmental protection basis when they own or rent houses, drive cars and live their lives in the center of City on a major thoroughfare less than a mile from Camp Randall.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to provide any additional information that you may find useful.

Bryan Esch

Bryan C. Esch

Partner & Executive Committee Member

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From: [Nicholas Fahrney](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Support for Edgewood High School's Request For Goodman Athletic Field Lighting
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:53:46 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you to express my support of Edgewood High School in their application to add lighting to the Goodman Athletic Complex. I am an alumni of Edgewood High School (Class of '12) and played for Edgewood's Varsity Football program. During my time at Edgewood, I played in our 'home' games at Middleton's Breitenbach stadium. While this arrangement was manageable, playing off-site for our 'home' games did create logistical issues for both the school administrators and the players, such as myself. Additionally, as I was playing on a field with a large Cardinal and a scoreboard with an off-theme, magnetic strip reading "Edgewood" above the 'home' team's score, there was always a slight disconnect to my feeling like the 'home' team. As I was not playing on our school's campus, in some ways it did not feel as though I was playing for the school I was so proud to represent.

When I first heard Edgewood would be constructing a field on which Home games could be played, for football and many other sports, I was truly moved. Not only did I feel this new stadium could help make Home games an easier, and safer affair for my fellow Crusaders, but I could only imagine the Pride that future students would feel, playing under its lights.

For these, and many other reasons, I fully support Edgewood High School in their application for lighting the Goodman Athletic Complex, and hope that, in the future, I will be able to cheer on the Crusaders from our Home, under the lights.

Thank you,

Nicholas Fahrney

From: [Mary Leigh Flynn](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:27:43 PM

I am emailing in support of Edgewood's athletic field. Please allow them to put up the lights for the kids.

Thank you!

Mary Leigh Flynn

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: May 11 Edgewood Stadium Lighting
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 9:42:19 AM

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

From: Jeff Ford <fordjrf@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 9:21 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: May 11 Edgewood Stadium Lighting

I have written in the past regarding my opposition to the Edgewood stadium plan and I am opposed to the lighting plan coming up on May 11.

Edgewood has been extremely deceptive in terms of how they have handled this issue and their threatened suit on the grounds of religious discrimination (as if JC gave a shit about football) would be ridiculous in any sane discussion. I suspect they will be asking for a lot and assuming the council will compromise. Please resist that urge and (it pains me to quote Nancy Reagan even if it's on a different issue) Just Say No. Do not negotiate.

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Natalie Frisch](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Lights for Edgewood Athletics
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 9:30:55 PM

Planned commission,

I encourage you to support the lights for Edgewood High School athletics. These students deserve the same opportunity to play sports on their home field like every other high school in the state of Wisconsin.

From: [Lily Frisch](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Lights for Edgewood athletics
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 9:31:13 PM

Planned Commission, I encourage you to support the lights for Edgewood high school athletics. They deserve to have the same opportunity as every other high school in Wisconsin.

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Please Vote NO on Edgewood High School's application for stadium lights #60001
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:24:55 PM

From: Katie Ginder-Vogel <katie@gee-vee.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Please Vote NO on Edgewood High School's application for stadium lights #60001

Dear Plan Commission,

Thank you for all the challenging work you do to make Madison a wonderful place to live. I am writing to ask you to please vote NO on Edgewood High School's application for stadium lights.

- The uses, values and enjoyment of my residence and neighborhood would be substantially impaired and diminished by the bright lights, loud noise, and traffic that would accompany competitive night games.
- Likewise, the environmental impact on the Lake Wingra ecosystem and UW-Madison arboretum of bright lights and loud noise at night, where there has been none, would be very negative.
- Edgewood is already permitted to play unlimited day games. Unlimited night games would be disruptive to the entire community and destructive to the environment.
- The thought of Edgewood getting lights and sound for evening events, when the neighborhood PUBLIC schools, which serve ALL students, don't have them, is just depressing.

Please vote NO on Edgewood's application for stadium lights.

Thank you,
Kathleen Ginder-Vogel
Sheldon Street, Madison 53711

From: [Grabins](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Lighting proposal
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 10:58:01 PM
Importance: High

I am writing this letter in support of the approval of Edgewood's lighting proposal. A lot of planning went into the design and it would be one of the premier fields in the city of Madison. The state of the art proposal is a beautiful plan and would add value to the surrounding area. The addition of the lights would be less impact on the neighborhood than the UW stadium 6 blocks away. I just can not believe how the city can deprive these students from home games at their own field. I have travelled to the city field where the team was forced to play their home football games and had to walk blocks with a bad knee due to the gross lack of handicap parking there. Again I am in support of the addition of these lights and the architects plan for this beautiful stadium

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Garry Grabins
Edgewood supporter

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood Conditional Use Permit for lights
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:34:55 AM

From: David Gulisano <dgulisano@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 11:06 PM

To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Edgewood Conditional Use Permit for lights

Dear Planning Commission members, Common Council members, and Mayor Rhodes-Conway,

We are writing to you to express opposition regarding the Conditional Use Permit application Edgewood High School wants passed in order to put lights in their stadium. A year ago, many Madison residents and groups voiced their concerns regarding the plans Edgewood High School had to expand the use of their stadium to include more games, including night time use with lights and amplified sound. As residents of the neighborhood, we were very worried 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 conditional use permit Edgewood now seeks- a year later, DESPITE previous strong opposition by many Madison residents, neighbors, and groups including environmental groups alarmed about the environmental impact on nearby Lake Wingra and the UW Arboretum - raises the same problems that Edgewood's previous stadium expansion attempts raised...while potentially standing to be even MORE negatively impactful than what Edgewood requested one year ago, since Edgewood's repealed Master Plan no longer limits the school to restrict the number of games played on their field, nor how late lights would stay on, nor limits in the school's use of amplified sound, nor limits whether the school can rent out their facilities for others to use.

What was true a year ago still stands true now: an increased number of Edgewood stadium events with traffic, noise and lights will have a very meaningful impact on the safety, environment, and livability of this neighborhood. Having recently survived a year of Monroe Street 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 even more events (and no limits to how many) at the Edgewood stadium. Several Madison environmental groups have expressed their concern regarding the impact this could have on the nearby environment of Lake Wingra and the Arboretum, and our family shares this concern.

Quite frankly, we are 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...not to mention that their timing of trying to *AGAIN* get what they want while so many others in this city and in our world are distracted by dire health and financial concerns seems at best in poor taste, or at worst rather opportunistic. Nothing we have heard proposed by Edgewood so far sufficiently addresses our family's concerns in these areas, therefore we remain opposed to Edgewood's proposed Conditional Use Permit to install stadium lights.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our concerns,
Rebecca Minsley and David Gulisano
431 Virginia Terrace

From: [Larry Haas](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Cc: [Larry Haas](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School "Lights"
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:54:28 PM

I am writing in support of allowing Edgewood High School to erect lights on their (Football) Field in order to provide light for men's and women's School activities such as Football, Track, Baseball/Softball, LaCrosse and all athletic events sponsored by EHS.

EHS has been a very understanding and giving neighbor over all these years. It's time to allow them to use their own field for their students. They have earned that right.

Larry Haas
EHS Class of 1975

From: [Haas, Lisa](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:04:23 PM

Dear members of the City of Madison Plan Commission,

Please support Edgewood High School's application to install lighting on their property so that they can host night sports events at their own school.

Neighbors come and go, but Edgewood High School has been a valued institution on Monroe Street for 150 years, and hopefully will continue to stand long into the future. They are good neighbors and will be respectful in their use of the lighting.

Thank you.

Lisa Haas Edgewood High School Class of 1978

Administrative Assistant

Our Lady Queen of Peace

401 S. Owen Drive | Madison, Wisconsin 53711

(608) 231-4608



From: [Michelle HACKWORTHY](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood lights
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 4:10:04 PM

Please support the lights!
Michelle and James Hackworthy

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mandy Hampton](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 8:43:50 PM

As an alumni of Edgewood I would have loved to have had home games on our own campus. Traveling to Memorial's field always felt like we were a visiting team. The proposed lighting is able to be directed right at the field with very little spillover, and the games would end at a reasonable hour to appease the neighbors. Let hundreds of high school students have the same experience that every other school is allowed to have.

Thanks,
Mandy

From: [Liz Heinrichs](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Support EHS lighting plan
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:29:39 PM

We are writing to ask for your support of Edgewood High School's athletic field lighting application. As a 3-generation Edgewood family, we strongly support the mission of the school and its right to use its property in the service of its student body. Since 1881, Edgewood has existed in that location. All neighbors in that area knowingly purchased homes near a school. Edgewood should have the same rights as any other high school in Madison and should be treated fairly. They are proposing a lighting system that goes above and beyond what is required. It is time to settle this issue once and for all and allow Edgewood to use its campus for the benefit of its students.

Thank you,
Liz & Terry Heinrichs
5509 Trempealeau Trail
Madison, WI 53705
ltheinz@sbcglobal.net

From: [Ellen Hughes](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Lighting for Edgewood High School
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:26:13 PM

Good afternoon –

I am writing to express my support for the lighting application submitted by Edgewood High School to the Plan Commission to allow the school to install lights on its athletic field.

As you know, Edgewood is an important part of the Madison community, and it has been committed to working with its neighbors and the City to achieve the ability to host games on its home field. The addition of lighting would allow Edgewood to do this and have the same rights as other Madison schools. Further, the proposed lighting exceeds city requirements for glow, glare and spill, again demonstrating Edgewood's commitment.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Ellen and Joel Hughes
701 Rodefild Way
Madison, WI 53718

From: [Jane Imholte](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: EHS Lighting for football field
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 5:09:57 PM

Hi!

Please support Edgewood HS on the lighting of their football field request!

Thank you!

Jane Imholte

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kristine Jaeger](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood stadium lights
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 7:24:10 PM

Hello,

I am writing in support of the proposal to allow Edgewood to install the lighting system for them to be able to fully use the field. The lighting system proposed is a top of the line system, better than any Madison public school lighting system that has been allowed to be installed. I am on the Plan Commission for the village of Maple Bluff and understand how difficult this decision is when you have members of the community talking louder, making it difficult for the supporters to be heard. Please take a moment to consider the issue at hand, these are kids trying to play on their own high school field. It is a more than reasonable request.

Thank you,

Kristine Jaeger

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Kristine Jaeger
Realtor - Sprinkman Real Estate
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Kristine@sprinkmanrealestate.com



I love and appreciate referrals!

From: [Koblenski, Natalie](#)
To: [Furman, Keith](#); [Parks, Timothy](#); [Bottari, Mary](#); [Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.](#); [Orrantia, Leslie](#); [McLay, Cameron](#); [Crawley, Katie](#)
Subject: In support of adding lighting to Edgewood High School
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 5:20:15 PM

Greetings,

I am writing on behalf of my students at Edgewood High School, to respectfully ask that you stand with Edgewood High School in support of our lighting application for our Athletic Field.

Edgewood has gone above and beyond to research products that will offer our students a nighttime home athletic experience, which is what public schools in the area are able to provide, while still acting in consideration of our neighbors. We believe that our students should have the same rights to participate in evening home athletic events as students in the public high school system.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Respectfully yours,
Natalie Koblenski

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Natalie Koblenski
(she/her/hers)
English Department Chair
Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart
2219 Monroe Street
Madison, WI 53711
Email: natalie.koblenski@edgewoodhs.org

From: [Kristin Kopish](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: EHS lighting application
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 2:52:05 PM

Hello,

I am writing to express my support of the lighting application for the Edgewood High School Athletic Field. As an EHS graduate and current area resident I feel this is extremely important for the school.

Thank you,

Kristin (Kopish) Stevenson MD

EHS alum '06

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Support the lights at EHS. Vote yes on #60001.
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:35:05 AM

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

From: Ella Kory <ellakory@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 10:23 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support the lights at EHS. Vote yes on #60001.

To the Plan Commission:

Edgewood deserves home games. The neighbors live down the street from camp Randall and are used to dealing with noise. A Catholic high school football game will impact them in any way.

Please vote yes on stadium lights for Edgewood's field.

Thank you,
Ella

From: [Sherry Krol](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Lighting Application
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:08:04 PM

I am sending this email in support of the lighting application for Edgewood HS. I support the fair and equal treatment of our students, those who teach, coach and mentor those students, and the families that support them.

Edgewood HS is an asset to our community. It's a selling point for those moving to our area looking for educational options. Edgewood has a distinguished list of successful, hard working alumni doing great work in our community and around the world. Let's not turn Edgewood HS into a third rate school that parents overlook when making their educational decisions. We should be proud of what we have to offer in our area and be competitive with other cities. Not moving forward with this lighting application would be a travesty.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

S. A. Krol

From: [Dave Merrick](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: In FAVOR of Edgewood HS Lights
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:10:02 PM

Hello,

I want to share that I support the lights going up at Edgewood HS. Edgewood is a great asset to Madison.

Thanks, Dave

*David J Merrick
466 South Segoe Road
Madison, WI 53711*

Cell: 608-212-2142

From: [Molly Meriggioli](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Support for Edgewood Lighting
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 8:17:17 AM

Hello,

I would like to express my support of the lighting application. This is fair and equitable, and the Edgewood community deserves to be treated as so.

Thanks,
Molly Meriggioli
Edgewood Alum

From: [Kara Mulligan](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Letter of Support
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:19:33 PM

Dear Mr. Parks and the entire Plan Commission,

I am writing you to express my support of the proposed upgrades to the Edgewood High School Goodman Athletic Complex. All students, whether attendees of a public or private school, deserve to have *true* home field

advantage without the stress and logistical gymnastics of playing games at sub-optimal times based on the stadium/field schedule of the home school that they are playing on. Edgewood has done a magnificent job of responding to the neighborhood's multitude of concerns, adjusting light, sound and traffic concerns to name a few. The legal process was followed, and the proposal was submitted to the Plan Commission. The time is now for this long overdue stadium to be built in earnest. I hope by sending my support you understand the breadth of community backing.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions and thank you for your time.

Kara Mulligan

From: [Adrienne Norton](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 4:40:09 AM

Dear Alders and Planning Commission,

Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field at the May 11, 2020, meeting. My son is a sophomore at Edgewood High School and he loves playing soccer on their division 3 team. Please afford us the same opportunity to use our field at night, as all other campuses in our category are provided. We very much enjoy attending games at this field and would welcome the opportunity to do so at night.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Norton
6605 Gettysburg Dr
Madison, WI 53705
Alderman Furman's district

From: [Deb Palm](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood lights
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 6:30:10 PM

Please Support lights for the Edgewood football field. Thank you very much we really appreciate your support. Deb Palm
Sent from my iPhone

From: [tim.prince](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support Edgewood High School's lighting application
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:25:53 PM

Dear Plan Commission,

I am writing to urge you to support and approve Edgewood High School's request for a lighting permit to add lights to its athletic field. I offer this urging as a Madison resident and as the President of the Westside Lacrosse Club.

Edgewood has been an important support to our program that serves boys and girls, age 6 through 18 who live on the Westside of Madison. Lights on the field would allow our annual number of roughly 160 players more access to field time in the spring when public fields are often too wet to use and the sun sets too early to allow sufficient time for all the demands on field space.

The lights make sense and would have light impacts consistent with or better than other already-lighted public fields. We are a community who support sports, active kids and the benefits of team sports and competition. These lights can enhance those opportunities for many without significant negative impact.

Please support their application and allow the lighting of the field.

Respectfully,

Tim Prince

202 Acadia Drive, Madison, WI 53717

President, Westside Lacrosse Club

<https://westsidelacrosseclub.teamsnapsites.com/>

From: [Patrice Qualey](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School Lighting Application
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 4:18:58 PM

Hello! I'm reaching out to you to express my concern over the biased treatment that Edgewood High School has received in its effort to host home games, and ask you to vote in favor of the Edgewood High School lighting application. I'm not sure if you enjoyed the camaraderie of high school sports games, but I did. I was raised in a rural Wisconsin community where people understood the importance of high school athletics, and would never have complained about after-school and evening practices and competitions. It was a wonderful bonding experience for both the student athlete and the community. Not only that, but these athletic competitions shape many of our future leaders. Please allow these students to have the same experience as other high school students in the Madison area. Edgewood has a beautiful facility which needs just a bit of updating to provide teams and fans with a great experience. It is not asking for more, just the same as others. I ask you to support these young men and women during their high school athletic career.

Thank you for your attention to this email,
Patrice Qualey
614 Apollo Way
Madison, WI 53718

From: Tom Richardson
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood lights
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 9:13:25 PM

By means of this email we're asking for the city's support of athletic field lights for Edgewood.

Tom and Barbara Richardson
1918 Adams St
Madison, Wi 53711

Sent from my iPhone

From: [BARBARA Z RICHARDSON](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Lights
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 9:36:15 PM

Dear Planning Commission,

I am in favor of Edgewood installing lights. I was born and raised in the neighborhood and live next to my mom who is still in the family home. We love this neighborhood! I remember when it was filled with large catholic families (we were the small lutheran family with 4 children). We had games of spud, ghost in the grave yard, pompom and many more games every night. When I hear people saying this is a "quiet" neighborhood, I think to myself they haven't lived here very long. I remember when Woodrow connected to Edgewood Drive and it was a busier street. I remember Edgefest being the highlight of the year. I remember the 4th of July fireworks down at Vilas park. The point I'm trying to make is, it has never been a quiet neighborhood. We live in a city. I'm not saying there isn't a time a place for quiet, what I am saying is there is a time and place for living. These kids have an opportunity to create a home field! Not drive somewhere else for a "home" game. You've heard all the arguments, please keep this in perspective. The size of the school, the actual times of year this would happen, when the lights would come on and the duration.

Thanks for your attention.
Sincerely,

Barbara Richardson
1918 Adams Street
Madison, WI 53711

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood High School Lighting
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:25:44 PM

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

From: Judy Siegert <jsiegert08@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood High School Lighting

We support the lighting application for Edgewood High School. We feel the students at Edgewood should have fair and equal treatment. The school has been there a long time and Edgewood has taken all the necessary steps to minimize the impact on the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Marv and Judy Siegert

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Monica Simpson](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Support for Football field lights
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 4:02:22 PM

Good afternoon!

I am writing to express my sincere support of the Edgewood High School football field lights.

While I am an eastsider and my kids won't likely go there (Go Lancers,) this time of distance learning has reinforced that each school is its own family. It is so great to be able to dress in the locker rooms and go out onto the HOME field. Other schools get this. The neighborhood in question has a lot of people that pay good money for a quiet, eclectic neighborhood... but Edgewood is also part of that neighborhood. Kids go to that school from all over Madison, but the majority do live close by. It is literally their home. Other schools have football lights that affect their surrounding neighborhood but the difference is they were put in before the term 'light pollution' was coined by the upper class families. Perhaps they feel entitled to seclusion but the fact is they are in a city. Other schools, and houses surrounding, have football lights. The football games are really a place of bonding for every 'strata' in a school. I worked at Edgewood High years ago and remember the families that came in that were NOT affluent. I remember one football player who was paralyzed in a car accident. The team rallied around him, every game he attended in his wheelchair. My point is Edgewood is a family, the school is a family, a unit. They serve a diverse community of kids who are raised to support their community as adults. The public schools had lights long before the fancy neighborhoods sprang up and residents just live with 'light pollution.' But those who go to the games feel the camaraderie of the Lancers of Monona Grove. I think Edgewood High School should get the same consideration.

Sincerely,
Monica Simpson

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He loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy. When not accepted by others, even by yourself sometimes - He is the one who always accepts you. My children, you don't have to be different for Jesus to love you. Only believe you are precious to Him. - Mother Teresa

From: [DAVID A. STALOWSKI](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Do Great Works
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 6:06:45 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I'm a life-long resident of Madison and graduate of Edgewood High School. Can you please find it in your kind heart to let Edgewood have their lights? It would be a great thing for Madison and your tenure.

God Bless,

Dave Stalowski

From: [ERIC TEDUITS](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Lights
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:38:50 PM

Please do what is fair, approve Edgewood's lighting application!
Thanks, Eric teDuits

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Rebecca Thompson](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Field - Let the Lights, Youth and Community Shine!
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:53:10 PM

Dear Planning Commission,

Thank you for your attention to the request from Edgewood High School to add lights to their respective ball field. Our son Abraham is finishing his freshman year at the school and travels each day, when in session, to Edgewood from New Glarus. He is very dedicated to sports and enjoys all of his activities including football and lacrosse which are played on the home field.

In my work with the state's Chronic Disease Prevention Program, I can share that obesity rates for both children and adults throughout Wisconsin and in Dane County continue to be in unhealthy ranges and that we need to find ways to make active opportunities for kids the easy opportunities so that our negative obesity trends do not continue to rise. Without major changes, their generation's life span is not expected to be as long as the life span of our current generation of adults. The adding of lights to the field will help to keep the kids moving but most importantly too will help to remove unnecessary barriers related to the time, cost and risks with more road travel for school activities. Abraham is already on the road almost 7 hours a week related to school travel and does not need additional time running to yet another event or activity that should be able to occur at his school.

I appreciate the dedication and patience from the mayor, the planning commission and all of the other people that have gone into Edgewood's request for ball field improvements. We have been connected with the school since 2011 and they have always worked to be respectful of the neighborhood, students' and community's needs and I know that the school would work to integrate the lights in a manner that would be physically appealing and not be a significant barrier or hindrance to community living in the neighborhood. We would actually love to see and celebrate the neighbors at the evening games and to have them help cheer our Abraham on - the football team, I think, will especially need this extra support!

Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration focused on the installation of something that has many opportunities for positive outcomes including related benefits for a variety of members and especially for our youth who do not always have a voice or say in the design of systems that impact them. Please let me know if you have further questions and I wish everyone involved continued good health and safety this year.

Rebecca

Rebecca R. Thompson, CPA, CFRE, MPH
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From: [Linda](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Lights please!
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:17:31 PM

I am writing to express my wishes that you support Edgewood High School in their efforts to install lighting on their athletic field. I am a voting adult in your district and I believe this the the fair and correct decision. A few loud and strongly opinionated neighbors should not prevent a school that has been in that location over a hundred years from using their facilities.

The Monroe St. neighbors choose to live near a school and should expect school activities to take place there including sporting events. Also, we are only talking about a few home night football games per year... 4-5 at most. As you are well aware, Edgewood's small size and well behaved crowds are nothing like the games at Mansfield or LaFollette. The lights they are hoping to install are low-emitting lights that will not shine brightly on anyone's house or yard...and games will be done by 10pm. Also, the parking is sufficient for fans, so the neighborhood streets will be minimally affected. (Nothing like Badger football games which take place down the road many more times per year and at much higher impact to the neighborhood.) Please do the right thing and let Edgewood install lights!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [THOMAS G TIERNEY](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 4:32:54 PM

To Planning Commission,

I request that you vote to allow Edgewood to be allowed to install lights on their athletic field.

This is allowing a high school to do what high schools do - this is not a use outside of what they should be allowed to do on their own property.

I believe that the positions of the neighbors is way overstated and I hope you have the courage to admit that and vote for the lights.

Tom Tierney

Edgewood Neighbor

1010 Harrison St.

Madison

Thomas G. Tierney
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Madison, WI 53711
608-577-8260
ttierney@wisc.edu

From: [CT Tierney](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please give Edgewood their lights!
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 8:37:36 AM

CT
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Karisa Trudgeon](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Approve lights for Edgewood.
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 7:58:35 PM

I am writing in strong support of lights for Edgewood's athletic field. Please approve the lights and finally give Edgewood HS equal rights as every other high school in Madison. The time is now. Let's show that Madison, WI is a city that is inclusive and just.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Hugh and Jenni Wabers](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Support for Edgewood Lighting Proposal
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:34:08 PM

Good Afternoon

I would like to ask for your support for the Edgewood lighting application.

The work done on the lighting plan is sensitive to the community and environment, and will provide Edgewood with the final steps to allow games to take place in fall.

Please help bring this home. And thank you for all you do for our community.

Jennifer Wabers
4625 Gregg Rd, Madison, WI 53705

From: [Patrick Wall](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Athletic Field Lighting
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 6:15:14 PM

Dear City of Madison Plan Commission,

I am writing to express my **strong support** for the lighting application made my Edgewood High School for its athletic field. My family and I have lived on Adams Street practically next door to the Edgewood campus for over 25 years. Edgewood is a wonderful neighbor and deserves our support. The additional planned use of the athletic field will be far less intrusive than the noise from Camp Randall and all the activities at Vilas Park and the zoo.

Please approve Edgewood's application.

Patrick Wall
1102 Lincoln St (corner of Lincoln & Adams)
Formerly resided at 2106 Adams St.
patrick.wall@areditions.com
608.445.1957

From: [Watters, Joshua](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Lights/Athletic Field
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 6:47:40 PM

Hello,

Edgewood High School is a great community with many great people. They have worked hard to communicate with neighboring communities in an effort to allow their students to play on their own field. As an Edgewood Alum, there is no doubt in my mind that this community would continue to respect the surrounding neighborhoods. I grew up less than a mile away, as did many of my classmates. In my eyes, there is no realistic reason to prohibit the Crusaders from using their own Athletic complex. Edgewood has always cooperated and compromised with the surrounding community, and this should be reciprocated moving forward.

Thanks,
Josh Watters
Edgewood High School Class of 2020

From: [Dave Weimert](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:03:32 PM

Please allow me to express my support for the Edgewood lighting and improvements to their athletic facilities. Edgewood provides critical support to the community, reducing the taxpayer burden for education. Edgewood needs the appropriate facilities to attract students and continue the numerous benefits.

Dave Weimert
901 Darien Drive
Madison WI

Sent from my iPad

From: [Linda Weimert](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Athletic Field
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 4:06:31 PM

Please vote yes for the lighting installation for Edgewood High School. Please treat Edgewood the same as other High Schools in the area without prejudice due to the religious affiliation. You represent all in your city not only those sending children to public school.

*Thank you,
Linda Weimert*

From: [Mary](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Lighting application
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:40:19 PM

Dear city of Madison and Mayor,

We wish to express our strong support of Edgewood High School's lighting application.

The institution is a gem in Madison and has always been a good neighbor,

Thank you,

Mary

Mary W. Yeager

Mary W. Yeager

maryy@wallfamilyenterprise.com

Home Office: (608) 244-5107

Cell: (608) 220-3679

From: [Matt Yontz](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 7:03:47 AM

Good morning,

I hope you all make the right decision and go forward with the lighting of Edgewood's athletic field. We have been very understanding of the neighbors and fulfilled almost every request that they have put forward.

The lights will be angled down towards the field, none of the lights will be hitting the neighbors houses and the games will be done before 10 PM.

I find the arguments that the neighbors are contradicting, considering that Camp Randall is right down the street and produces much more noise and has many more lights than we do.

Thank you for understanding.

My best,

Matt yontz

'14 Alum

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Matt Younkle](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: in support of the Edgewood lighting application
Date: Monday, May 04, 2020 5:19:11 PM

Hi Mr. Parks,

I'm emailing you in support of the Edgewood lighting application. I live in the Regent neighborhood. Edgewood has been a terrific neighbor over the years. The campus and the activities it facilitates are an overall asset to our community. The proposed lighting system addresses all rational concerns, and occasional evening use of a high school athletic facility is a reasonable request.

Kind regards,
Matt

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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood High School
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 10:04:56 AM

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

From: Mary Lou Nord <mary.lou.nord44@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood High School

Dear Ms Stouder

My name is Mary Lou Nord. I live at 2332 Monroe Street, "kitty Korner" across Monroe Street from Edgewood High's Athletic Field. I oppose allowing Edgewood to install lights and amplified sound on their field. Doing so would change the quality of life in this immediate neighborhood permanently. It would allow one part of the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood to dominate all other parts. Our homes are very close to the field and would suffer the consequences of this action.

When Edgewood has used amplified sound for some of the day games on the field, the sound entered my living room and took over the space. It is not a minor change. With permanent lights and amplified sound, the individual homes would be unwillingly part of the night games.

I am a retired elementary teacher in the neighborhood. I taught many of the students who attended Edgewood High School and am a supporter of the Edgewood community. But not in this endeavor.

Please do not allow this request of Edgewood High School to pass the Plan Commission. It is a game of Dominoes for Edgewood and would run all the way to a new stadium.

Thanks you.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Nord
2332 Monroe Street

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Lights - Edgewood Field
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 10:06:20 AM

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

From: Fiona McTavish <fiona.mctavish@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>; Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: tagevers@gmail.com
Subject: Lights - Edgewood Field

The first house I ever bought was on Woodrow St. I bought it because I loved the neighborhood, having lake Wingra practically in our 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 athletic 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 to 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. Please stand up for the neighborhood and save our quality of life.

Sincerely,

Fiona McTavish
2628 Arbor Dr
Madison, WI 53711

From: ashartlieb@tds.net
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School lights
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 10:45:26 AM

Members of the Plan Commission,

I am writing to ask for your support of Edgewood High School and their application for field lights. Just a couple of weeks ago high schools from around the country turned on their athletic field lights to honor the athletes who have missed out on their seasons due to the pandemic. I am hopeful Edgewood can have an equal opportunity to fully participate in all athletic events with the installation of lights.

Thank you-
Amy Hartlieb

From: [Jim Imhoff](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 9:28:38 AM

To: Madison Common Council and Member of the City of Madison Planning Commission.

I know that you have all been given the information from Edgewood High School as to the reasons to support this issue.

Approving this request will essentially put over 25 years of inequality and unfairness behind us in the way Edgewood High School has been treated. We need to move on!

Please support Edgewood's request.

Thank you sincerely!

JIM IMHOFF
2124 Waunona Way
Madison, WI 53713

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From: [Karrie Julian](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 11:13:43 AM

We are in full support of the lighting efforts at Edgewood.

From: [maura.macdonald](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please approve the lights at EHS
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 11:29:18 AM

Please be advised I live at 2309 Hollister Avenue.

I wish to have the lights APPROVED for Edgewood so that all practices and games can be accommodated onsite.

From: [Dennis McKinley](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Lights for Edgewood HS's athletic field
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 10:32:20 AM

Dear Plan Commission,

I strongly urge to to please support Edgewood High School's plan to light its athletic field. Considerable research has been done to provide lighting that does not flood into the neighborhood - that's why the tall lighting poles are necessary, so the light goes vertical rather than horizontal. Thank you.

Dennis McKinley
3730 Frosted Leaf Dr.
Madison, WI 53719-6245
608-497-0143
dennismckinley45@gmail.com

From: [Sue Richards](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Lights
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 9:10:57 AM

Dear Commission,

Thank you in advance for voting in favor of moving forward with the lights for the Edgewood football field. This is an opportunity not only for the students but the neighborhood to feel the thrill of Friday night under the lights!

Having grown up next to a high school, and experiencing those wonderful celebration events I know that the neighbors surrounding EHS will realize how wonderful it is.

Thank you for all that you do.

Susan M. Richards

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From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood Stadium
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 12:01:20 PM

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

From: Jim Roseberry <jim.roseberry@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 10:44 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood Stadium

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Conditional Use Permit being sought by Edgewood. As a neighbor I object to this approach to solving the problem of lights and sound from events at the stadium. It ignores our concerns as well as circumventing a more democratic means of settling our differences.

Thank you.

Jim Roseberry
2220 West Lawn Ave.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Vote NO on lighting up the night sky #60001
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 12:01:10 PM

From: Tricia Smith <triciabarbet@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Vote NO on lighting up the night sky #60001

To the Plan Commission,

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 vote NO on Edgewood's application for stadium lights.

I live on Terry Pl , one street over from Edgewood College. and while I am concerned about the impact on my neighborhood, I am most concerned about the environmental impact to Lake Wingra and the Arboretum both of which are resources to be cherished and protected.
Thank you,

Tricia Smith

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: File #60001: Opposition to Edgewood High School's Proposed Installation of LED Lights
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 12:01:32 PM

From: Margie Teeters <smteeters@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 10:10 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: 'Margie Teeters' <smteeters@verizon.net>
Subject: File #60001: Opposition to Edgewood High School's Proposed Installation of LED Lights

I am an alumna of Edgewood High School. Edgewood has contributed greatly to my life. But their current threat to the beautiful, historic neighborhood in the Dudgeon-Monroe and Vilas areas and Lake Wingra watershed is very troubling.

I am opposed to the construction of a stadium, sound system, 80-foot lights, and seating for 1,000+ people with the proposed rentals to outside groups. In the past, Edgewood has built architecturally beautiful and sustainable buildings, and preserved the environment through careful collaboration with neighbors. I would be proud to live across the street from Edgewood as it is. I would not want to live across from a stadium with increasing noise from crowds, amplified sound systems, traffic, and sky glow of LED lights.

I know alumni who are reluctant to come forward publicly and express their opposition because of harassment and intimidation tactics such as threatening postcards and theft of signs posted in the neighborhood opposing the stadium. Edgewood alumni have been urged to support the stadium. But all alumni do not support every decision that Edgewood makes. What has happened to Edgewood's values of community, justice, and partnership?

Let the kids play night games—but not in a residential neighborhood.

Margaret (Margie) Teeters

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Noise Impact of Edgewood Conditional Use Permit Request
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:19:58 PM
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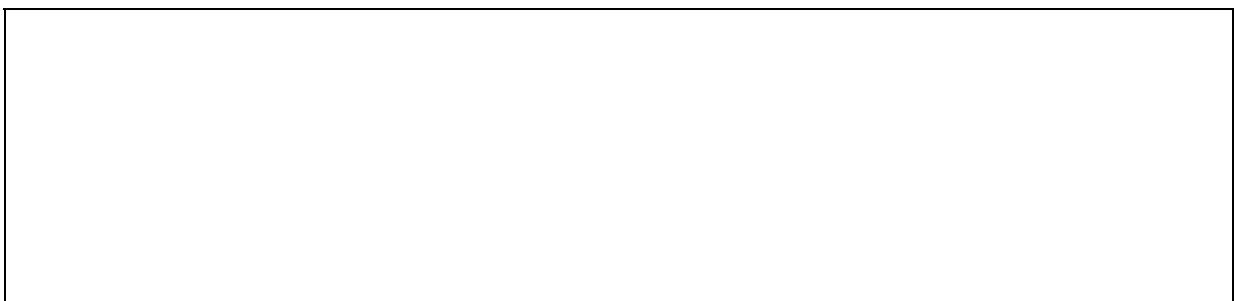
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Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Noise Impact of Edgewood Conditional Use Permit Request

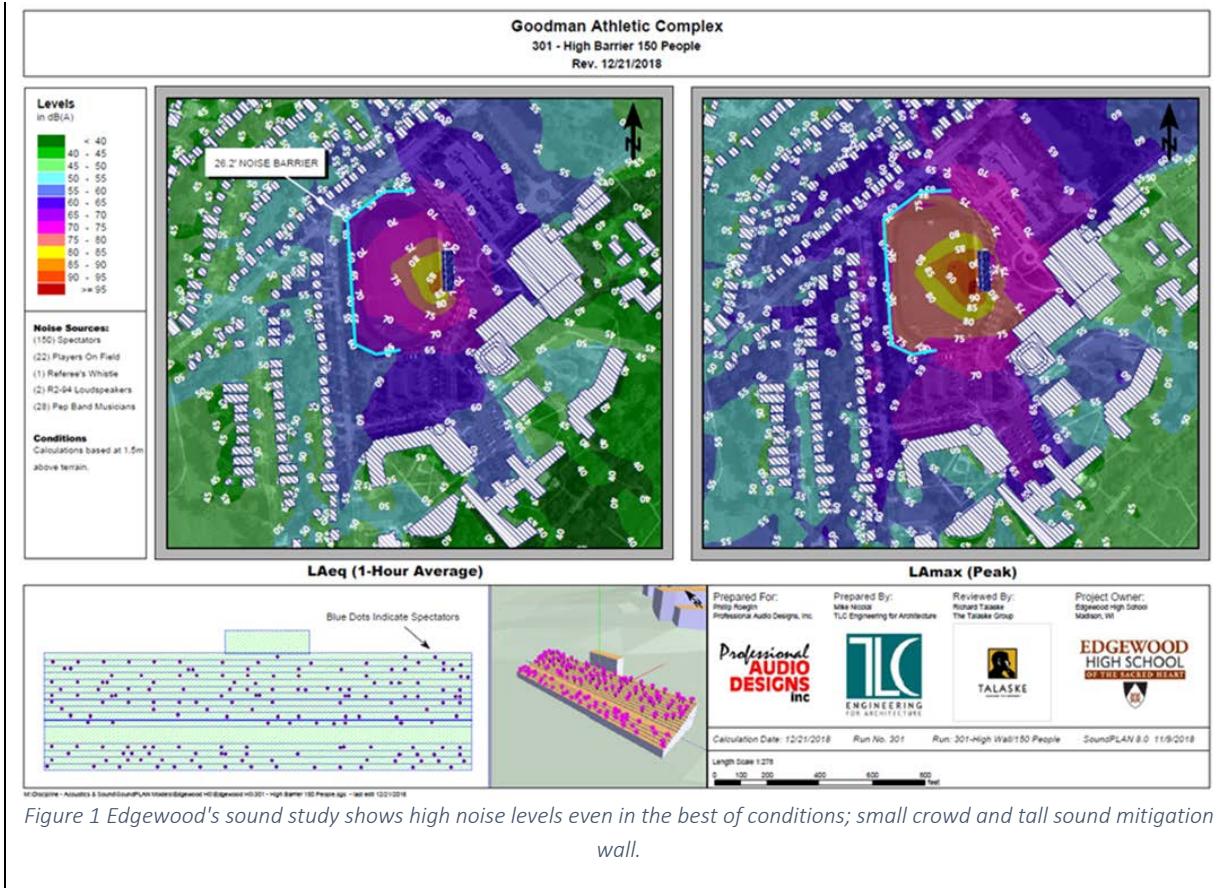
Plan Commissioners:

It is clear that there is “substantial evidence” of harm if the request for lighting is approved for the Edgewood athletic field. The harm is caused by the extension of noise into the nighttime hours, enabled by the requested lighting. The World Health Organization has quantified the harm caused by nighttime noise levels. And the noise levels have been quantitatively predicted by Edgewood and verified by measurements.

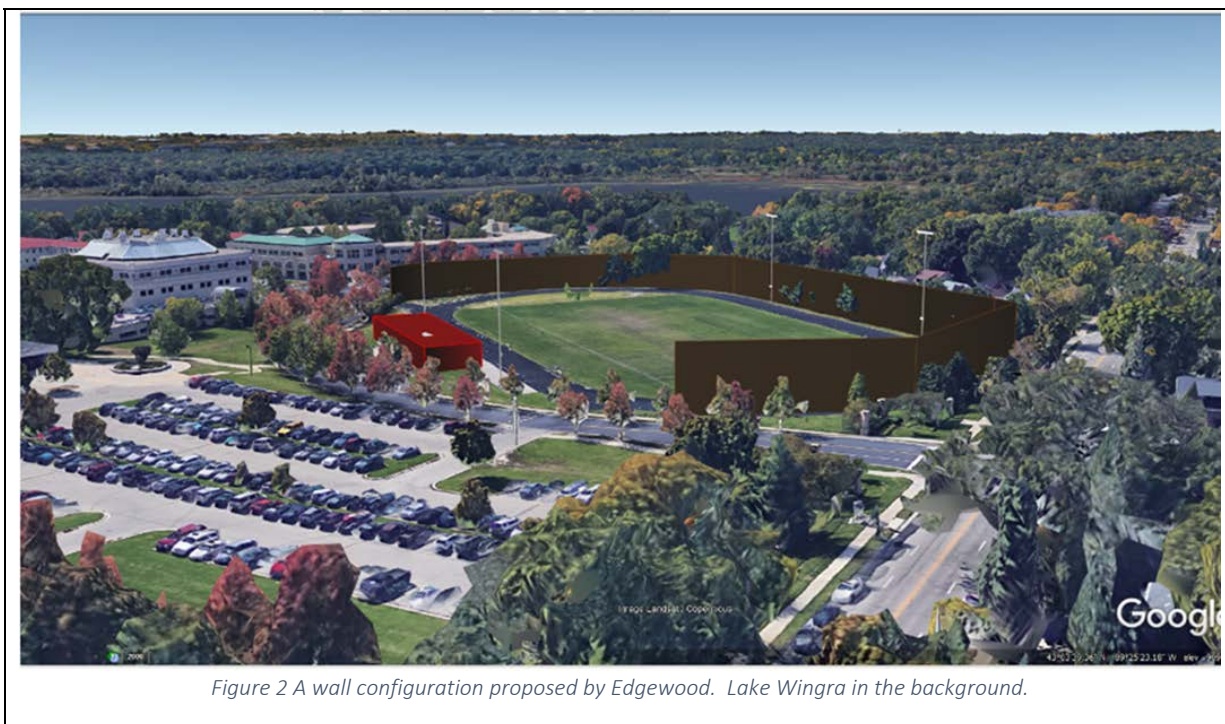
Late in 2018 Edgewood commissioned a sound study to bolster their claims that approval of expanded use of the athletic field would do little or no harm. When the study was completed, it did just the opposite. [Edgewood’s own study](#) proved there would be substantial harm!

As damaging as the study was for Edgewood’s case, for some inexplicable reason, the study prepared by TALASKE and TLC Engineering, was entered into the public record for the 26 Feb 2019 PC meeting ([Legistar 53954](#)). Shortly after this, Edgewood stopped pursuing their request to amend their Master Plan, and filed an RLUIPA lawsuit. Consequently, the Edgewood sound study was never publicly presented, but here is important information from that study. The “sound map” of the Edgewood campus below shows, graphically, one of the important conclusions of the report; with a 26-foot sound barrier and a small crowd of 150 people, noise would exceed city standard for stationary noise.





It is true that the stationary noise standard MGO 24.08 does not restrict this type of noise source, but the city has adopted 24.08 for a reason; the health and welfare of its citizens. The World Health Organization has quantified the harm cause by nighttime noise, a summary is in Table 1.



Below are references to excerpts from [**NIGHT NOISE GUIDELINES FOR EUROPE**](#), a report by the World Health Organization. In the report the WHO explains setting levels at 40 dBA at night, outdoors as “Acceptable”.

From the Abstract of the report: “Considering the scientific evidence on the thresholds of night noise exposure indicated by Lnight-outside as defined in the Environmental Noise Directive (2002/49/EC), an Lnight-outside of 40 dB should be the target of the night noise guideline (NNG) to protect the public, including the most vulnerable groups such as children, the chronically ill and the elderly.”

Table 1 World Health Organization Summary of health effects of nighttime noise, from the Executive Summary, Table 3

Average night noise level over a year	Health effects observed in the population
Lnight-outside	
Up to 30 dBA	Although individual sensitivities and circumstances may differ, it appears that up to this level no substantial biological effects are observed. Lnight-outside of 30 dB is equivalent to the no observed effect level (NOEL) for night noise.
30 to 40 dBA	A number of effects on sleep are observed from this range: body movements, awakening, self-reported sleep disturbance, arousals. The intensity of the effect depends on the nature of the source and the number of events. Vulnerable groups (for example children, the chronically ill and the elderly) are more susceptible. However, even in the worst cases the effects seem modest. Lnight-outside of 40 dB is equivalent to the lowest observed adverse effect level (LOAEL) for night noise.
40 to 55 dBA	Adverse health effects are observed among the exposed population. Many people have to adapt their lives to cope with the noise at night. Vulnerable groups are more severely affected.
Above 55 dBA	The situation is considered increasingly dangerous for public health. Adverse health effects occur frequently, a sizeable proportion of the population is highly annoyed and sleep-disturbed. There is evidence that the risk of cardiovascular disease increases

The 184 page WHO guideline goes on to explain the physiological effects of chronic exposure to excessive nighttime noise.

In summary, the potential harm has been clearly and quantitatively predicted. I believe that Edgewood Schools themselves, has shown substantial evidence of harm to the livability, health and welfare of the community. Consequently, the Plan Commission should deny the Edgewood Schools request for lights for their athletic field.

Bradley R. Boyce
938 Woodrow St.
Madison, WI 5311

Technical details and discussion of the noise issue:

[Legistar 53954](#)

[Edgewood High School Noise Study 01-04-19.pdf](#)

[Jan 4 2019 Edgewood Stadium Noise Assessment Opponents.pdf](#)

NIGHT NOISE GUIDELINES FOR EUROPE by the World Health Organization

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Vote NO on lighting up the night sky #60001
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:39:02 PM

From: Eric <elb2000@pobox.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Vote NO on lighting up the night sky #60001

To the Plan Commission,

Please vote NO on Edgewood's application for stadium lights.

I oppose adding fielding lighting to the Edgewood stadium to allow for night games.

Night games will add lights and noise which is disruptive to the neighborhood and the Pleasure Drive nature area adjacent to Edgewood.

Additionally Edgewood's current management has been very unfriendly to the neighborhood, with no interest in having constructive dialog on this topic.

I live on the near west side of Madison.

Regards
Eric

Eric Brodsky

From: [Chris Caulum](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Support for Edgewood athletic field lighting
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 12:51:19 PM

Plan Commissioners:

I wanted to urge you to support Edgewood's application for lights to be added to its athletic field. The light coming from the field will not have any spillover offsite according to the photometric studies conducted. Similar lights are currently used in many other city parks and high school athletic fields without virtually any negative impacts on surrounding neighborhoods.

Regards,

Chris Caulum
5601 Stadium Drive
Madison, WI 53705

From: [James H. Hegenbarth](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 1:30:09 PM

Please support the request for Edgewood High School (EHS) to add lights to their new athletic field. We can not continue to discriminate against EHS and must treat them on the same terms as the other Madison high schools. The neighbors have been heard, and their concerns addressed appropriately. Please vote in favor.

Thank you.

Jim

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From: [Andrea Lessner](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood"s athletic field!
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:05:07 PM

Yes to the lights!!

Love,
A forever Madisonian

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Shannon McDonough](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Support for Edgewood High School - Goodman Athletic Complex Lighting
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 12:25:44 PM

Dear Plan Commission,

Thank you for all your hard work and leading our community through these difficult times. I reach out to you asking for our support when voting on Edgewood High School's request for approval to put up lighting on the Goodman Athletic Complex. The school is dedicated to being a good neighbor to the surrounding neighborhoods and greater Madison community. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Shannon McDonough

From: [scheller steve](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support EHS proposal for Stadium use
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 11:36:19 AM

Good morning,

I am writing to support Edgewood High School in the lighting application that you will review next week. It is my opinion that there are many reasons why approval will be a great thing for the neighborhood, and the city. You will see foot traffic in the area, helping local businesses get back on their feet. You will be promoting athletic activities for student athletes. Another huge point to keep in mind is that the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association(DMNA) has sought to have the adjacent neighborhood associations(Regent N.A., and Vilas N.A.) express their support for the denial of the application, which neither has agreed to. Seems to me that speaks volumes of how the majority of area residents feel about the outcome here. Further, I would show as examples of how this is great for quality of life in a community, any rural community that has a stadium with lighting, also Breese Stevens Field, and the fact that witnessing this firsthand you would see how vibrant and exciting that atmosphere can be.

Please listen to the majority of your constituents, knowing that you will ALWAYS have a small number of people who will disagree, and make your decision on what will be good for the surrounding neighborhoods and the entire city for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Steve Scheller

From: [Peter Starkweather](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School Athletic Field Lighting
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 12:54:52 PM

To whom it may concern,
I am contacting you to request your approval of the Lighting Application for the Edgewood High School Athletic Field.
Your favorable consideration is requested,
Peter Starkweather

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Peter Starkweather

From: [Darryl Thelen](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Vote Yes on Edgewood Lights
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:08:04 PM

Dear Planning Commission

I strongly support approval of Edgewood's lighting application for their field for the following reasons:

- Participating in athletic events on their home field is a natural extension of the school's mission.
- Night games provide for a positive community building activity for the school, local businesses and neighborhood.
- The comprehensive plan put forward thoughtfully address all concerns raised: modern LED lighting to minimize spillover, directional sound on one side of field to limit noise, limited # of games that end at a reasonable time and accommodations for all parking to be handled on site.
- Approval is critical for Edgewood to be treated equitably with the public schools in the city and area.

I urge you to vote yes.

Sincerely,

Darryl Thelen
4213 Saint Clair Street
Madison, WI 53711
608-334-8434

From: [Michael Collins](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:24:06 PM

As a member of Midvale Heights, I am looking forward to going to evening games at Edgewood HS in the future. We are talking about at most five games a year.

IF EDGEWOOD CANNOT HAVE HOME NIGHT GAMES, NEITHER SHOULD ANY OTHER MADISON HIGH SCHOOL. PERIOD. !!!!!!!

Michael Collins
457 Woodside Terrace
Madison
608-770-8435

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Vote "No" on Edgewood plan
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 3:28:41 PM

From: Colleen Howes <chowes01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Vote 'No' on Edgewood plan

All~

I oppose the ordinance that would repeal the CI zoning master plan for Edgewood Campus.
Please vote NO.
Keep our neighborhood livable.

Thank you.
Colleen Howes
2257 Keyes Ave

From: [Imhoff, Kelly](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:21:53 PM

Good afternoon,

I am writing to ask for your support for Edgewood's application for lights at the May 11th Plan Commission meeting. There are few important facts to consider:

- Edgewood plans to use Musco Lighting to install new LED lights on their athletic field, which will consist of only 4 poles. There are only three other facilities in the greater Madison area that have installed these new type of lights. Mansfield Stadium, Waunakee High School stadium and Burr Jones Field. In fact, the City of Madison used the same lighting company at Burr Jones Field.
- The application for lights meets all requirements detailed in the City's lighting ordinance.
- Usage: Use of the field is no longer an issue. The repeal of the Master Plan confirms Edgewood can use its athletic field in the same manner as other Madison high schools.
- This is about the kids being able to play on their home school field and not having to drive across town to play games.

Thank in advance for your support.

Kind Regards,
Kelly Imhoff

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to EHS Application for Lights
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 3:26:15 PM
Attachments: [Opposition to EHS Lighting Permit.pdf](#)

From: Dan Klabunde <danbklabunde@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 3:15 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Opposition to EHS Application for Lights

To the Plan Commission,

Please see the attached letter regarding my concerns about this project. I hope that neighborhood rights and livability continue to be a priority for the City of Madison.

Please vote NO on Edgewood's application for stadium lights.

Thank you,

Dan Klabunde
841 Terry Pl
Madison, WI 53711

May 5, 2020

Plan Commission
City of Madison
c/o Heather Stouder

Re: Opposition to Edgewood's Conditional Use Permit to Install Lighting at Practice Fields

I am writing in opposition to Edgewood High School's (EHS) request to install lighting at their sports field. Unlike a majority of EHS's families, I live in the neighborhood and will have to deal with the effects of this project—and the ones that follow—long after their kids have graduated. My home is on Terry Place which is approximately 300 feet from EHS's practice field. It is no secret that this lighting project will be followed by requests for amplified sound and increased seating infrastructure with the end goal being a proposed 1000+ seat stadium. As such, this lighting proposal can't be considered in isolation. While I have serious concerns about the additional evening light and noise that will result from this project, it is the lack of any protections for our neighborhood that I find most disturbing.

I have a 2 year daughter. Her bedtime aligns with the start time for most evening sporting events. The addition of lighting means the addition of significant evening noise. What if she can't sleep? This isn't an unlikely scenario. EHS's own professional sound study has already shown that noise levels are likely to exceed the city's noise ordinance limits. However, it turns out that the city's noise ordinance limits don't apply to stadiums and the city is unlikely to take any enforcement action on noise complaints related to EHS sporting events (and they haven't to date). What am I supposed to do if this project interrupts basic life activities such as my daughter's sleep? The thought of having no relief just adds to the already overwhelming anxiety that all of us are dealing with right now. I understand that to some this sounds like a reach – but it is truly frightening to think about being in situation where the only option for relief is selling your house and moving. I can't think of any benefit that would outweigh putting an entire neighborhood in such a situation.

With no ordinance or enforcement protections from the city, we are left with trying to work with EHS on any issues that arise. This will also yield no results. EHS has shown repeatedly that they have little interest in negotiating or compromising or, really, trying to understand why this issue is so important to those of us who surround the field. I don't see their empathy returning once the lighting and stadium is in place. EHS is now allowed unlimited day games and lighting would allow games to be played continuously. Where does it end? At what point does the livability of the neighborhood actually matter? Is it during the debate about lighting? Or amplified sound? Or whether a thousand people can descend on a quiet neighborhood as many times as EHS wants? Our neighborhood isn't taking anything away from EHS. Certain evening sports may have to continue to be played off campus – but they will still be played as they have for decades. However, there is the possibility of major impacts to the lives of neighbors and once these projects are in place, the effects will be permanent.

It seems that the City of Madison has already decided what makes the most sense when it comes to incorporating high school stadiums into city neighborhoods. No other high school stadium in the city comes near to the proximity of residential property that EHS's field does. Even at Memorial High School stadium the nearest property was constructed after the stadium was built. It is a simple fact that lighted sporting events with hundreds of people are consistently loud for hours at a time. EHS's field would be particularly bad due not only to its proximity to residential homes but the fact there is no noise

abatement in place. There is no precedent in the City of Madison for a non-enclosed high school stadium (i.e. no walls or sound barrier) in a dense neighborhood setting. While EHS's not-so-subtle threat to re-establish their lawsuit ignores most of the above, I would hope such tactics don't sway your decision and that choosing neighborhood livability remains a priority.

I hope I have given you a sense for the anxiety that comes with this situation and the lack of good options our neighborhood has if this project moves forward. I have nothing against high school sports and I would have much preferred a compromise that, while likely not perfect, would have afforded our neighborhood some protections and certainty. But it appears that ship has sailed. In its absence, I urge you to reject this permit and vote for protecting our neighborhood because it appears that no one else will.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope your families are safe and healthy –

Dan Klabunde
841 Terry Pl

From: [Ellen Krenke](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School lighting application
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:53:29 PM

We support Edgewood High School's lighting application to the city Plan Commission and Common Council. V/R, Robert and Ellen Krenke

From: LaMontagne, Joseph
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Support of Lighting Application - EHS
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 3:18:34 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I hope this email finds you well. Thank you for your service to the city of Madison. Your hard work and commitment to the community does not go unnoticed.

Please note my express for support of the lighting application to Edgewood High School's field. As a teacher, cross country, and track & field coach for the high school, I have a strong interest in the school, as well as what the application of lights would do for the community as a whole.

Thank you for your time and support,
Joe LaMontagne

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Joseph LaMontagne
Social Studies Teacher / Department Chair / Head Boys Cross Country Coach
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2219 Monroe St., Madison, WI 53711
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From: [Terry Murawski](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood"s athletic field!
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:10:10 PM

As an interested citizen, and someone who values the role of Athletics in the development of our younger population, I ask you to give strong consideration to the Athletic Field Lighting compromise that Edgewood HS is putting forth. This is important to the Students of Edgewood HS as well as the Madison Community as a whole.

Thank you in advance for supporting this effort.



Terry Murawski

Executive Vice President

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From: [Jen Read](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 2:56:43 PM

We would love to see you all support Edgewood in getting lights. Especially now that we have been at home - we see the need for community events and places to keep our youth healthy and together.

I hope that we have the lights so that we can continue to grow our students into the respectful people that they are turning out to be.

Thank you

Jen Read

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Please Vote No on Edgewood Lighting Conditional Use Request
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:39:48 PM

From: EDWARD R AHRENS <erahrens@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>; Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Please Vote No on Edgewood Lighting Conditional Use Request

Mayor Rhodes-Conway, Plan Commissioners, Alders, Ms. Stouder,

I urge a vote to deny Edgewood High School's request to add lights to its current practice field.

Edgewood's current field is unique in its proximity to numerous residences. There is no question that adding lights (then sound, stands, etc.) will have a detrimental affect on the neighborhood. Other high school football fields in this area have nothing close to Edgewood's proximity to residential neighborhoods.

If this were a question of constructing a new field in this location such a plan would be rejected outright, and I suspect never even proposed. Turning this field into something it has never been and never intended to be would be inappropriate.

Edgewood's current conditional use request is ludicrous in its scope. They basically are requesting an unlimited right to illuminate and use the field in any way they desire. All indications are that Edgewood intends to monetize the field at the expense of the immediate and not so immediate neighbors.

Unfortunately Edgewood has never truly engaged the neighborhood, thwarting any attempts to negotiate any compromise. Edgewood's current request is the only documented position they have taken and clearly sends the message that this issue represents more than allowing a small high school to play Friday night football.

Edgewood's current zoning situation is a quagmire to say the least. While all have grown weary of this issue, I can guarantee that this conditional use request will not be the end of the controversy. Edgewood will not stop until more seating, sound, concessions, etc. are added to their current request.

Please do not be intimidated by Edgewood's lobbyists or four representing legal firms, and deny this request to force an inappropriate stadium on the City of Madison. Edgewood is a small high school that currently exists in large part for students who do not even reside in Madison. The location is inappropriate for this development. I anticipate that with denial of this conditional use request, claims of religious discrimination will again be made. It is very apparent that this would be a frivolous suit. Madison needs to live with this potential legal action and defeat it.

Sincerely,

Ed Ahrens

1910 Jefferson Street
2112 Madison Street

Madison. 53711

From: [Sara Anderson](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 10:04:22 AM

Good Afternoon,

I am writing in support of the lights at Edgewood High School. This field would be used by more than Edgewood High School. For example, West High School would have the ability to use this field. This is extremely helpful for the public schools.

I am in favor of the lights at Edgewood High School.

Sincerely,
Sara Anderson

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Lake Wingra
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:31:46 PM

From: Evers, Tag
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 6:30 PM
To: sblackmsn@yahoo.com
Cc: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: Lake Wingra

Thank you, Spencer, for sharing your opinion on this matter.

Heather, please add to the file.

Stay safe,
Tag

Sent from my iPhone

On May 5, 2020, at 6:27 PM, "sblackmsn@yahoo.com"
<sblackmsn@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Tag

I hope your stint on the Council is going well.

I wanted to contact you regarding Lake Wingra and the lights proposal even though I don't live in your district.

Lake Wingra is a unique and valuable resource. To my knowledge, Lake Wingra is the only good sized lake in the Madison vicinity which has a largely undeveloped shoreline. I share the obvious concern that powerful lighting close to the lake could have an adverse impact on this valuable resource.

Please include this letter in the record as appropriate.

Best wishes

Spencer Black

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood Stadium Lights Application: Comparables suggest denial
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 10:35:23 AM

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From: Ethan Brodsky <ethan.brodsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Parks, Timothy <TParks@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>; Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; dstrict13@cityofmadison.com
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Subject: Edgewood Stadium Lights Application: Comparables suggest denial

I am writing in opposition to #60001, the Conditional Use Permit Application for Edgewood's Stadium Lights.

While I am strongly opposed to this application, this letter is intended to be limited to factual information warranting the denial rather than an expression of my opinion.

The applicant and their supporters have pointed to a number of other lighted athletic facilities in the city and made the argument "if any other site in the city has lights, then we are entitled to them as well."

The closest comparisons to Edgewood High School would be the four major public high schools in Madison.

Madison West High School (0.6 miles away) and Madison East High School (4.4 miles away) are the two closest comparisons, as they are, like Edgewood, closely bounded by single-family residential neighborhoods.

The Edgewood campus is bounded on three sides by homes and on the remaining side by the lake. Madison West's site is bounded on all four sides by homes (one side is partially a cemetery). Madison East is bounded on all four sides by homes, though it is located on East Washington Avenue / US-151 - a four-lane divided highway that is one of the highest-traffic roads in the city.

The sites are further similar in that they all contain a green space used for daytime outdoor recreation. Edgewood has the single athletic field marked for football and soccer. West has one field marked for football, a baseball diamond, tennis courts, and some additional green space used for various sports. East has a field marked for football and some tennis courts.

None of these spaces are lighted for nighttime use. Neither West nor East have any bleachers or spectator seating. None of them use amplified audio systems, though Edgewood uses a portable PA system they claim is exempt from the city's noise ordinance. West's playing surface is ~100 feet from the nearest home, East's is ~50 ft, and Edgewood's is ~150 ft - all far too close for competitive events to be conducted without causing disruption in neighbors' homes. Neither West nor East's outdoor fields are used for well-attended competitive team sports - their schedules suggest that use is limited to Freshman or Junior Varsity games and some Varsity games for poorly-attended sports. West and East play their night games and other highly attended games at other facilities. Again, none of these facilities have lights.

The other two Madison schools, which *do* have lighted stadiums, are also useful comparisons.

Madison Memorial (3.8 miles away), has Mansfield Stadium. It exists in a primarily commercial area, though there is some adjacent housing. The school has Mineral Point Road and open recreational space to the south, West Towne to

the SW, newly-developed commercial space to the W and NW, open space to the N, open space to the NE, and a SR-V2 (Suburban Residential - Varied District 2) to the E. The nearby housing will certainly be discussed - there are a number of apartments and condos immediately adjacent to the stadium, with the nearest structure being ~150 feet from the playing surface. Mansfield Stadium was constructed, along with Memorial High School, in the 1960s (Sources: "Madison in the Sixties" by Stu Levitan, p.238; Capital Times, 1966-12-06). The apartments and condos were built between 1971 and 1979 (Source: Madison City Assessor). The stadium has seen extensive use since at least 1972, when the Badger State Boys Track and Field Championship was moved there, but the residential structures were all constructed either after or contemporaneously with its existence.

Edgewood will claim that the lights that they are proposing to install on their own never-before-lit-for-night-use field are "the same as the lights that were just installed at Mansfield", but what they don't mention is that the lights that were just installed at Mansfield were *replacing* a long-standing lighting system. The previously installed system was not Dark Sky Compliant and thus must have been installed prior to March 30, 1993, the effective date of Madison's current lighting ordinance. The city DID NOT recently approve a "new lighting system" for Mansfield Stadium at Memorial - it approved replacement of an existing decades-old field lighting system with a new, equivalent, but less disruptive field lighting system. The permit there, LNDSPR-2018-00101, was titled "Updating lighting for Memorial High School's football and baseball fields". Edgewood's lighting permits is for a *NEW* lighting system on a field that has never before had lights.

LaFollete High School (5.2 miles away) also has a lighted athletic field, Lussier Stadium. It is located near the center of a 2500 x 2500 ft area of primarily green space that contains the high school and the Monona Golf Course. The parcel is bounded on three sides by residential areas and on the west by a commercial area in the City of Monona. The athletic field itself is 1000 feet from the nearest home, and there are fewer than twenty homes that are closer than 1/4 mile from the stadium without the obstruction of a multiple-story school building to block the light and sound.

Edgewood has also made comparison with a number of city parks, notably Breese Stevens Field and Burr Jones Park.

Breese Stevens Field (3.0 miles away) does have lights. The field was constructed in 1925, was the site of Wisconsin's first night baseball game, in 1930, and had permanent lights installed in either 1931 or 1934 (the city's website says 1934; the Cap Times says 1931). It is on East Washington Avenue and is in a zoning district that allows and contains commercial and industrial uses, and is bounded on three sides by commercial activity.

There are houses on the NW side, approximately 150 feet from the playing surface. They are mostly built between 1900 and 1940, but nobody who lives in those houses now was unaware that they were going to be living next to a stadium. Of the eight adjacent blocks, only has homes on it, though some of the recently-built neighboring commercial high-rise buildings also contain apartments). The facility is also a source of major noise issues in the neighborhood, and I can't imagine it would be permitted in this location if somebody tried to build it today.

Burr Jones Field (3.8 mi away) is also on East Washington Avenue. The lights were installed in 2019. It is bounded on the NE by railroad tracks and a commercial/retail property with a large parking lot (Commercial Corridor-Transitional); on the SE by an automotive repair shop (Industrial-Limited) and a recently-built mixed-use building ("The Marling Apartments" above first-floor retail, on the site of the former Marling Lumberyard), zoned TE; the Yahara River, another auto body shop, and a warehouse to the SW; single-family homes (TR-V1 and TR-V2) across a set of railroad tracks and the Yahara River to the W, and an apartment building across railroad tracks, an open area, and E. Johnson to the N. The nearest homes are approximately 550 feet from athletic field, across a walking path, railroad tracks, several tree lines, the Yahara River and another bike path. The apartments are approximately 700 feet to the NW. The Marling Apartments opened in 2018, which is admittedly prior to the installation of the lights, but this TE-zoned parcel was already bounded by Industrial-Zoned land and other commercially-zoned properties, so it is not a similar situation to the TR-C2 around Edgewood.

Finally, comparisons have been made to numerous lighted stadiums in the area that are outside the city of Madison. While these are subject to their own city's zoning laws, I will discuss the facilities that have been most mentioned.

Otto Breitenbach Stadium at Middleton High School in Middleton, one of the locations where Edgewood currently

plays night games, is surrounded by school facilities, open space, and a wooded area with no homes. There are commercial areas to the west, parkland to the east, and a small number of residential homes to the S, with the nearest being over 500 feet from the playing field.

Reddan Soccer Park in Verona, where Edgewood College (not the High School) is proposing using the lighted soccer facility, has been there for decades and has had lights for many years. The nearest residential structure is a retirement building constructed recently, about 600 feet from the playing surface. Prior to that, the nearest residences were over 1000 feet away.

The Verona Area School District recently constructed a new high school with an athletic field in an open space on the SW side of their city. It is bounded by US-151 to the W, a recreational trail to the S, Urban-Industrial zoned land to the E, and a mixture of Urban Commercial, Suburban Commercial, and Planned Unit Development to the N. The nearest structures are an apartment building constructed in 2011 that is ~600 feet away (in the PUD district), and the nearest traditional residential areas are ~1/4 mile away (the structures aren't on Google Earth yet, so it is difficult to get measurements). The football stadium at Waunakee High School is over 500 feet from houses to the E, 800 feet from houses to the W, and bounded by school property to the north and south.

Edgewoodw is asking to instal lights less than 130 feet from single-family residential homes on Woodrow Street. There are no natural barriers to block the light or sound, and no way to even possibly do that considering that homes on Monroe are elevated above the field and look down upon it.

The situation at Edgewood's field is entirely different from the situation at Memorial and LaFollete, and much more comparable to the situation at West and East, similarly-situated urban high schools that lack lighted athletic fields and play all of their major sporting events off-site.

This application should be denied entirely.

Allowing the installation of stadium lights will extend the disruption that the applicant causes into the nighttime hours - that is the intent and unescapable consequence of these lights. The city should consider the severe impact this would have on neighboring lands and the lack of public need for the particular use at the particular location (Edgewood had been playing all of their events at other facilities for over a decade until recently shifting daytime events to take place on site).

The establishment of this use will be detrimental to public health, safe, and general welfare. It will harm the use, value, and enjoyment of other properties in the district, not just on Woodrow and Monroe, but extending many blocks away to homes whose nighttime quiet will be disrupted by the events enabled by the lights.

It will discourage improvements of surrounding properties. There are no conditions that will be adequate to prevent this harm, and even if conditions were imposed, the applicant cannot realistically be expected to abide by then, considering their recent history of blatant and continued non-compliance with relevant zoning codes and approvals.

Never in recent city history has such a large-scale and disruptive lighting installation been approved so close to existing residences, and the city should not start now. People have a reasonable expectation of quiet at night that is far stricter than what is tolerated during daylight hours, and this proposal is certain to violate that.

Edgewood's application fails to present adequate facts and information directly pertaining to the requirements and conditions and applicant must meet that a reasonable person would accept and this fails to meet the requirement for "substantial evidence" test in the city ordinance.

This application should be denied entirely.

Ethan Brodsky

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood stadium lights proposal
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 7:40:05 AM

From: Jeff Carroll <jtcarroll48@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 10:28 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood stadium lights proposal

Hello,

In the midst of the worst crisis in the United States in my 71 years, Edgewood high school is quietly and sneakily proposing that they be permitted to install a lighting system on their Soccer field. They have not returned to the negotiating table with the neighborhood and are ignoring the practice that has been in place for decades of negotiating with our neighborhood regarding changes to their campus.

We live about six blocks from the Edgewood campus so will not be much affected by the installation of lights. However, It seems pretty clear that the next step after getting lights approved would be the building of a stadium. The noise from that stadium would reach us, as it did during the annual Edgefest events in the past. We have no doubt that they would rent out the stadium because they are in financial difficulties these days, so we could also be subjected to rock 'n' roll concerts throughout the warm weather season.

We know a few people who live within a block or two of the Edgewood HS field - we would not want to own a home that close to that much proposed noise on a frequent basis. Of course, the people who live right across the street from the Edgewood field are facing even more of a frequent intrusion on their quiet street.

Our children graduated from West HS. Our son played soccer there for four years. The Memorial HS field was our "home" field - and still is for West HS.

It certainly did not feel like "our" home field. It is on the campus of Memorial HS, a main rival of West HS, and was clearly the domain of Memorial HS, especially when we were the designated "home" team playing against Memorial HS. It did not feel like we were the home team.

Unlike Edgewood HS, West HS has no track and field where its students can practice and hold daytime track meets like Edgewood does. Or daytime soccer games, as they are currently allowed to do.

All of the above leads us to ask why Edgewood should be treated differently from West HS in regard to access to "home" field facilities? Our son did just fine dealing with the circumstances of playing on a field that was not truly a "home" field. He survived and thrived

into adulthood. He dealt with the situation and probably learned some flexibility - an important coping method as one moves into adult life.

As parents, we had to drive our son more than we might've wished out to Memorial HS, often in rush-hour traffic, but we managed despite both of us working full-time jobs. Sometimes we had to carpool with other parents because of working schedules, but we figured it out. No doubt those same resources and skills exist in the parent community of Edgewood HS, since the vast majority of Edgewood students don't live in our neighborhood and therefore are being driven or driving themselves to school.

We urge you to deny Edgewood their request to install lights in their stadium. It would change the character of the neighborhood drastically and for many decades.

Jeff Carroll & Maggi Christianson

[2540 Gregory St.,](#)

[Madison, 53711](#)

From: [Joseph P. Cassinelli](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School field
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 8:06:21 AM

To: Madison Plan Commission.

I am writing in support of the application by Edgewood High School for lighting of their sports field.

Until yesterday I was not aware that the Plan Commission would be discussing this issue, because I had gotten a message from Alderman Tag Evers that this should wait until the Pandemic is no longer a problem.

I was at a meeting of the Vilas neighborhood meeting in November of 2018, when the committee voted in favor of Edgewood: 7 for and 2 abstaining. but apparently the Vilas neighborhood support has been forgotten in the meantime.

The arguments against the Goodman Brothers field have involved a continual stream of exaggerations. For example: that sounds would kill fish in Lake Wingra, or that the sounds would be persistently "audible" even at Vilas circle. and the sounds would persons working in the nearby yards. Firstly, the field is not a "stadium". We in Vilas do live near the real UW Stadium and the only sounds we hear are an occasional FIRST AND TEN WISCONSIN, which lasts for no more than a few seconds. This does not bother of us as we work in the yard. Also, I suggest that sounds from the Edgewood field could be reduced by having an array of small speakers, such as those used in Cathedrals, in place of one or two large speakers.

As for the lighting: the lights that are being planned are highly directional ones with negligible spillover to houses on the neighboring street. I am sure I get far more light at my windows from the nearby street light.

Another exaggeration is in regards to the numbers of times the lights would be in use. The 6 or so Football games are the only ones with more than a few hundred attendees. Most other sports games take place during the daylight hours. However the numbers of those games seem to be included in the tally of events using lighting.

I chose to move to Vilas in spite of the occasional sounds from the UW stadium and the sirens from the nearby FireStation, and the cars that are driven and parked nearby. This is expected in this vibrant, near-west-side neighborhood. I think it is not really very different in character from the others in our Alder district #13. Surely the Edgewood neighbors were aware of the traffic sounds and the campus when they bought their homes. Frankly, I would think that most should be pleased with the Historic and well cared for grounds, near their homes.

The campus provided for me and, my late wife, a pleasant place for taking walks, visiting the farmers market, and occasionally attending the High School plays and musicals. It is a good place. Please support it.

I urge you to vote in favor of allowing the highly directional lighting at the Goodman sports field at Edgewood.

Sincerely,

Joseph Cassinelli
Professor Emeritus UW-Madison
1520 Chandler St

cc: Mayor Rhodes-Conway, Alderman Tag Evers,

Sent from my iPad

From: [amy.caulum](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: EHS Lights
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 9:50:04 PM

I support the approval of the lights for EHS. This seems a very reasonable request given other high schools in the city and state that have lights and are able to use these in a limited and structured capacity throughout the school year. Please vote for approval.

Thanks,
Amy Caulum

From: [Susan Pride Caulum](#)
To: [Henak, Zachary](#); [//www.cityofmadison.com/mayor/contact](http://www.cityofmadison.com/mayor/contact); [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Lights
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 6:19:28 AM

Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway and Alder Zachary Henak and Madison Plan Commission:

Please support adding lights to the Edgewood High School Goodman Athletic Field. It's time the City of Madison stopped discriminating and let Edgewood kids play ball in a few spring and fall early evenings.

Two of my grandchildren are current 4th generation Edgewood student athletes. Four younger grands will attend soon. All deserve fair treatment.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Pride Caulum
Touch of Pride Sales, LLC

710 Ottawa Trail
Madison, WI 53711

608-345-8677

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Please oppose Edgewood's stadium lighting application
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:14:04 PM

From: Evers, Tag
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: Please oppose Edgewood's stadium lighting application

Not sure if you got this one.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Laura Dixon-Kruijf <dixson.laura@gmail.com>
Date: May 5, 2020 at 5:13:02 PM CDT
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Please oppose Edgewood's stadium lighting application

To the City Council,

Dear Members of the Plan Commission,

I am writing in response to the upcoming hearing about Edgewood's stadium proposal. I am writing to oppose expansion into night usage.

I live at 2404 Fox Ave, and we are just over 3 blocks from Edgewood's field. We have lived here for 4 years, and are deeply connected to the community, to the gardeners and dog walkers, to the kids scooting around, to the owls and foxes.

We moved to our house from a home in the Village Cohousing Community, a wonderful community located at the corner of Mills and Mound. Around 10 blocks from Camp Randall, we were surrounded by student housing, and the students combined with the culture around game days was the primary reason we moved.

We loved our community in cohousing, and were thrilled to bring our babies home to the intergenerational community. However, the surrounding neighborhood was rife with issues that peaked during games, and since police rarely intervened, we felt unprotected against the flood of problems game days incurred.

Examples include:

- Our daughter's tricycle was found on the roof of the house next door after a

raucous party (the perpetrators would have had to have taken it from our courtyard)

- A memorable morning of yardwork on a game day, in which a student, already tailgating, brought a car to a screeching halt on our street and vomited spectacularly on our well-kempt lawn at 8.30 am.
- Across the street from our home was a rental owned by an older man who loved to tailgate on gamedays. He would invite his friends, and they would stand in the yard, blast music, and park in our parking lot. When we would threaten to have him towed, he would rage at us, and then drunkenly drive around the neighborhood in search of a place to park.
- Many instances of students urinating in broad daylight on the houses in our community. I remember once I confronted a male student who told me I couldn't make him stop, and who then drunkenly exposed himself to our 3yo daughter. It was 10 in the morning. I imagine there were many more at night, but we rarely went out on game nights, as it was unsafe.

The houses surrounding our community were bought by landlords interested in catering to students, and who didn't care for homes as assiduously as they would have for owner-occupied housing. The home immediately adjacent to our home was raided by the police on a number of occasions, was occupied by sex workers, and then, once the power was cut, was occupied by homeless folks (this was by far the calmest and most comfortable period to be neighbors).

We decided we could not raise a family in that environment, the decision fueled almost entirely by the culture around games in our neighborhood. Police would drive by as hordes of people were on the lawns, blaring music, drinking publicly, vomiting and urinating in our spaces.

We moved to this neighborhood. We have been glad for the quiet, for how it is unlikely to find a young man peeing against our house during the middle of the day. We love our neighbors, and the capacity that we have to improve our neighborhoods, rather than simply floating on a sinking tide.

I believe that Edgewood's expansion into night games will irrevocably change our community. I believe that will be true because:

- the night games will encourage loud, drunken behavior consistent with what is already occurring in the Greenbush neighborhood on game days.
- police have already stated that they will not enforce sound regulations violated by the college, and have shown that they will not limit raucous behavior by students in other parts of the city.
- property values will go down because, as in other undergrad-heavy areas in Madison, landlords will buy properties for their income capacity only, not for their interest in maintaining a home or a community. City income will decrease as a result.
- lights at night will change the literal ecosystem of our city, and will make it unwelcome to the night predators so wonderfully present in our quiet neighborhood now (more info here: <http://uwurbancanidproject.weebly.com/>).

I am already appalled by how the City handles game days at the University of Wisconsin. Please focus your energy on fixing the many game-related problems

we have in Madison, rather than finding ways for there to be more. Please oppose the application for lights on Edgewood's field.

Sincerely,
Laura Dixson-Kruijf

848 Woodrow Street
Madison, WI 53711
rachel-durfee@sbcglobal.net
May 6, 2020

File #60001 - Conditional Use Permit Application by Edgewood High School

Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway, Madison Common Council, Madison Plan Commission, Plan Commission Director Heather Stouder, City Planner Tim Parks, Zoning Administrator Matt Tucker,

I am writing to ask you to oppose Edgewood's proposal to expand its practice track and field into an "Athletic Complex" with the addition of stadium lights. I request that you take a firm stand against this as something that is not compatible with the charm of this historic neighborhood and that **would negatively impact the uses, values and enjoyment of my home** and those of my neighbors, as well as the tranquility of Lake Wingra, the Arboretum and Vilas and Wingra Parks.

I live across the street from Edgewood and have been a resident of Woodrow Street for 25 years. With each proposal that Edgewood puts forth, we are asked to accept larger enrollment caps, more parking, more traffic, more buildings and more "amenities" that are all driven by more revenue needs. We have absorbed many "mores." With each proposal, we have worked with Edgewood to minimize its impact on the neighborhood and to seek as much compromise and win-win as possible. However, **I have always considered stadium lights (and amplified sound) to be non-negotiable. They are either there or they are not. There is nothing about this that is a win for me or for the neighborhood.**

EDGEWOOD CREATING THEIR DREAM "ATHLETIC COMPLEX" ONE PIECE AT A TIME:

I have opposed the installation of lights, sound and a grandstand for 23 years. In 1996 Edgewood presented a plan showing the expansion of the track and field into an Athletic Complex. They wanted stadium lights, a sound system, and a grandstand with a press box, storage, concessions and an ultimate seating goal of 1400-1500. In 1996 the neighborhood opposed the stadium and Edgewood withdrew their proposal from the 1997 Master Plan. Unfortunately, this is still what they ultimately want.

Under the Campus Master Plan, approved in 2015, **Edgewood spent \$1.5 million to upgrade its outdoor athletic field. I considered this "upgrade" to be a compromise.** It was based on the understanding that it was a "minor" upgrade, for practice purposes only, and would not include lights or a sound system. Edgewood High School President, Mike Elliott declared in the *Wisconsin State Journal*, 6/15/2015, that the Neighborhood Associations have been "opposed to us having lights or playing games here. We're...building this to be able to give our athletes the best practice facilities that provide the best surfaces possible."

However, after completing the upgraded field, Edgewood used it for games, as well as practices, and renewed its campaign to add lights, amplified sound and increased use. When we neighbors expressed our opposition, Edgewood responded by withdrawing from the Master Plan, thereby gaining access to playing unlimited day games, and submitting this Conditional Use Application for 80 foot pole lights and night use.

Although this Conditional Use Application is "only" for lights, it is the piece needed to secure access to hosting WIAA Tournaments. It will be followed by an application for "only" sound and then for the "obvious need" for more seating.

We all know what we think when we drive by a field with stadium lights, even when the lights are not on and the field is empty. We know what the presence of stadium lights imply: the glare of lights, the blare of noise day and night, night games, fan noise, traffic, etc. We form in our mind an opinion that the surrounding neighborhood is less desirable and that we wouldn't want to live there. This is not what we want for our neighborhood. You cannot just insert a stadium into a mature neighborhood and expect that there will not be adverse impacts.

MY REASONS FOR OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL:

1. Stadium Lights 80 feet tall will be visible to neighboring homes and Monroe Street users, adding more light pollution to the neighborhood and Lake Wingra. Lights would be bright enough to illuminate a very large area to the level of daylight. These banks of lights on 80 foot poles will be visible from Monroe Street alerting all who pass that a stadium is here and defining a new, undesirable character for Monroe Street. Houses on Woodrow are below the level of the proposed lights and will look right up into them. Houses on the perimeter will have "front row seats to every game" and will be able to see it lit clearly and brightly from distances as close as 95 feet. Light carries, especially with humidity and the glare of the field will emanate as a visible and pervasive glow.

2. Extended hours of use enabled by lights until 11:00 pm automatic turn-off on Friday and Saturdays and 10:00 pm every other night (or longer if needed to finish games) will disrupt the quiet of warm weather evenings and make it difficult for young children to sleep.

3. Increased use of unspecified sizes and frequencies. You build it and they will come. Edgewood lists use by their own practices and games, other parochial schools, MMSD and the University of Wisconsin. They say they don't intend to lease it to others, but intentions can change. Even without other leasing, these intended users are likely enough to have the field used every night. And with automatic turn-off, the intent seems to be that as well.

4. Increased traffic and parking issues. An increased use of the field has not been factored into the Monroe Street rebuild, the neighborhood plan and the City's Plan.

5. Proximity to neighboring properties – the closest residence property line is only **99'** from the proposed stadium and is closer than the residences to the following high school athletic facilities:

-Middleton High School: **285'** from nearest residential property line

-Verona High School: **416'** from nearest residential property line

-LaFollette High School: **1000'** from nearest residential property line

Memorial High School field was built before the surrounding houses.

6. Increased noise and use of portable sound systems – Cheering fans, bands, car engines, piercing referee whistles - a stadium comes with lots of noise and this noise is carried by the breeze throughout the surrounding community and across Lake Wingra. Edgewood already uses a portable sound system and will continue to do so during day and night games and practices. This is why a sound system is not in their first conditional use application. Amplified sound carries long distances. As crowds get bigger, the sound system needs to get louder to project one's voice over the fans and pep bands.

7. Property values around Edgewood will be adversely affected by the addition of lights and the increased use of this field.

8. A stadium does not fit the character of the Monroe Street corridor and the tranquility that we value in our yards, in our parks and on Lake Wingra.

Again, I ask you to Edgewood High School's Conditional Use Application, which will greatly and negatively impact the uses, values and enjoyment of my home.

Thank you,
Rachel Durfee
848 Woodrow Street
Madison, WI 53711

Date: May 6, 2020

To: Members of the Plan Commission

From: Wendy Fearnside, Edgewood Neighbor at 912 Van Buren St., Madison, WI

Re: **Edgewood High School Conditional Use Application**

I am writing to urge you to delay of consideration of Edgewood High School request for conditional use for lighting on its athletic field until and unless the applicant presents an honest and transparent description of their plans for development and use of the field.

The conditional use application was carefully crafted not to reveal any potential larger plan, even though school officials admitted in a meeting with our Alder, Tag Evers, that their intent is to request the remaining features of the stadium one by one.

I find the following statements from the conditional use application to be deceitful, dishonest and, in some cases, laughable.

- **“The Field Lighting will not create additional noise.”** Of course not. Lighting doesn’t create noise. The uses which involve lighting create the noise. This is why it is important to know about the type, frequency and timing of uses for the field and the type of amplified sound that are planned, in addition to the lighting.
- **“We do not intend to lease the use of the Field Lighting to adult leagues or rent the use of the Field Lighting to generate profits.”** Of course not. No one rents just the lighting on a field. They haven’t disclosed how they plan to use the field, and close to a third of the 70 some games played there last year did not involve an Edgewood team.
- **“Please note that this application does not include any request for sound upgrades, bathrooms, concessions, enhanced bleacher seating, changes to the existing grade or landscaping, and therefore these items are not relevant to the request for Field Lighting.”** It does not. But we do know from their meeting with our Alder that they plan to do so at a later time. It is reasonable for the decision on the lighting also take those larger plans into consideration.
- **“...the uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner by the approval of the Field Lighting”** Of course nearby properties will be affected. Property owners have loudly and vociferously registered their concern about the impacts they are already experiencing from increased daytime use of the field and about how their lives will be further disrupted by night games and events that may last until 10-11 pm and beyond.
- **“We are also very committed to having a regular and on-going dialogue with our neighborhood to address new concerns as they may arise and welcome community feedback on additional opportunities.”** It is hard to take this seriously when Edgewood has unilaterally discontinued meetings with its neighborhood liaison committee and repeatedly ignored or refused requests for information, meetings and discussion with neighborhood association representatives and our Alder.

From: edf@chorus.net
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Athletic Field
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 4:53:50 PM

Plan Commission:

I strongly support Edgewood High School's plan for lights and other amenities on their athletic field. Edgewood High School and the Dominican Sisters have been long-time community assets. Thousands of young people have been educated at Edgewood and its affiliated institutions. Edgewood High School is one of the educational engines that make the City of Madison attractive to those who might move here. They are asking for no more than what other city high schools offer their students.

Madison prides itself on acknowledging women and their many accomplishments. Madison has a woman mayor and an all female school board. Look who built Edgewood High School. Women! Their legacy continues. We, of all cities, should celebrate the institution and the women who brought it into existence, not look for ways to bring it down. Give the school an opportunity to enhance the field of play, allowing Edgewood to be on a par with the public high schools and their facilities. Other city high schools share some things in common with Edgewood, i.e. residential and commercial properties nearby.

While the neighbors complain about potential noise, consider the fact Monroe Street, near Edgewood, is a retail area. The University and its football stadium and Field House are on one end of Monroe. Night events at both venues happen. Monroe is a busy, noisy street. That's not likely to change. If Edgewood High School closed, what might replace it would likely bring out the same neighbors. They probably wouldn't want hundreds of apartments or condos, a tall dorm for U.W., or any of the other things that might be proposed. While I have heard no talk of closing, it wouldn't be the first or last parochial school to close.

If I were a public official I would want to be remembered as supporting and preserving a vibrant community of learning, in existence since the 1800's. We do as much for old buildings, which we refer to as landmarks.

Edward J. Fink
205 Wolf Street
Madison, WI 53717

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: edgewood permit application
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 10:35:40 AM

From: lgoldman@daveygoldman.com <lgoldman@daveygoldman.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: edgewood permit application

As a resident of the Regent neighborhood I want to voice my opposition to Edgewood's conditional use permit application. I previously objected to the school's request to have night games, lights, and sound. I am once again voicing my opinion that I oppose Edgewood's current permit application.

Lisa C. Goldman
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From: [Kate Hillson](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood lights
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 6:36:04 AM

Hello,

I support the Edgewood light application. People in the neighborhood purchased their homes knowing a college/school existed there. The field is visible. There shouldn't be any shock that the schools want to use the field. Just like living on a floodplain, if you don't want your house to flood, don't live there. If you don't want to be inconvenienced by a school, don't live there.

Thanks,
Kate Hillson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood Stadium
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 7:40:13 AM

From: Mary Howick <mhowick732@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 8:52 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood Stadium

Plan Commission:

The purpose of my e-mail is to express my opposition to the proposed lighting and any other upgrades to the unsightly track at Edgewood High School. The majority of neighbors do not want the additional noise, lights, traffic, and congestion. The neighborhood is at its limit now and we do not need further disruption to what we are already dealing with.

Further, Edgewood has not been fair or forthright in pursuing their desired goals. They are demanding and childish in their behavior. It seems that they must have some well heeled lawyers working for them that are unscrupulous. They played the discrimination card to get everyone all riled up when clearly there was no religious discrimination. It's pretty straightforward: the neighborhood does not want this and it doesn't matter what type of school it is. It's reminiscent of unwanted highways that are put through neighborhoods in large cities that destroy the neighborhood.

Their plan, step by step, will benefit few to the detriment of many.

I urge you to shut down further development of the Edgewood stadium.

Mary Howick
605 Edgewood Ave
Madison, WI 53711

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to Edgewood Plan
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 7:40:40 AM

From: Sally Jerney <sjerney@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 6:54 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Opposition to Edgewood Plan

Dear representatives,

This is the letter I sent last year in opposition to the Edgewood proposal to add lights and sound system to their football field. My position remains the same and I am more concerned than ever how they have proceeded. It really seems like Edgewood is trying to shove this down the neighborhoods throat and taking advantage of a very vulnerable time. Please don't allow this to get implemented. It will change the character of our beloved city. Thank you.

Hello Interim Alder Arntsen,

Thank you for filling this position until our alderperson is elected. I appreciate your support in helping the neighborhood in this fight. It feels a little like David and Goliath after sitting through the meeting at Edgewood High School. It's going to be a tough issue going forward. I think it might be appropriate to ask them to hold off any decisions until after the election and we have been able to vote for our alderperson with this important issue in mind.

I have lived at [2372 West Lawn Avenue](#) for the past 44 years. Edgewood has been a good neighbor to me and I have been a good neighbor to them. After hearing the Edgewood design team proposal last week I have weighed the pro/cons with neighbors and others.

I am against the expanded stadium for these reasons listed below:

1. The amplified sound, crowd noise, lights, and increased activity will negatively affect the quality of life for those of us packed close to Edgewood.
2. Edgewood is already breaking a promise to the neighborhood in pursuing this.
3. Edgewood is not a neighborhood high school. West is our neighborhood school and it does not have a state of the art stadium in our neighborhood and shares with other schools.
4. I am very much aware of the give and take living so close to neighbors and I don't begrudge a loud party every once in a while (like Edgefest was) but I wouldn't want it to be 20-40 or more times a year!

5. The neighborhood is home to Lake Wingra, The Arboretum, Wingra and Vilas parks, the pleasure drive behind Edgewood and all of the vast uses that would be affected by this stadium. I would like the natural environment to matter more than sports.
6. My taxes are high (\$1000 per month) and my income is fixed. I don't want this stadium. Edgewood has a beautiful practice/game facility. Use your resources and come up with a creative solution elsewhere.

There are many other reasons and concerns but you will be getting those from others I would imagine.

Again, thank you

Sarah Jerney

[6082934357](tel:6082934357)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: vote NO Edgewood lights
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 7:40:22 AM

From: kinastwrites@charter.net <kinastwrites@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 7:47 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: vote NO Edgewood lights

Dear Madison Plan Commission Member,

Please support residential livability by denying the Edgewood stadium lights request.

Newer light technology is severely physically damaging. Dark skies and quiet will promote healthy people and desirable neighborhoods.

Best,
Amy Kinast
(608) 231-1086

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Conditional Use Permit- 2219 Monroe St (EHS stadium lights)
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 10:35:50 AM

From: David S. Liebl <david.liebl@wisc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 7:45 AM
To: Parks, Timothy <TParks@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Conditional Use Permit- 2219 Monroe St (EHS stadium lights)

May 6, 2020

To: City of Madison Plan Commission, Staff , Mayor and Alders
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David Liebl, UW-College of Engineering, Emeritus; Outdoor Lighting Ordinance Drafting Committee-City of Madison, (2004); UW-Extension outdoor lighting educator and author of Model Wisconsin Exterior Lighting Ordinance.

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From: [Parks, Timothy](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Conditional Use Permit- 2219 Monroe St (EHS stadium lights)
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 7:54:44 AM

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From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: I live across Monroe St.
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 7:39:31 AM

From: mrmiller2375@att.net <mrmiller2375@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 7:26 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: I live across Monroe St.

I live across Monroe St and downhill from Edgewood's field and track. I am against any expansion of their field use including lights, speakers and expanding bleachers due to the disruption it would be to residents along Woodrow and Monroe Streets.

Sent from my LG K30, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Edgewood HS Stadium Lights
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 7:40:31 AM

From: Nicol, John L. <JOHN.L.NICOL@leidos.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 7:25 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Susan Nicol <susanjnicol@gmail.com>
Subject: Proposed Edgewood HS Stadium Lights

Dear City Planning,

My wife and I have two properties in the near west neighborhoods. We are currently renting out our smaller, older house on West Lawn near the Edgewood school and living at 1901 Commonwealth. Our plan was to move back to our smaller house once our kids were out of college, but now that Edgewood is moving down the path of putting up 80' lights and a very loud announcement system we are strongly reconsidering. I have heard that they have used their current scoreboard to make obnoxiously loud siren noises every time someone scores. We are just one example of the many neighbors that have a long term connection to the neighborhood, strong connections with our neighbors, and pride in our neighborhood. It is people like us that care about the neighborhood that keep it healthy and strong.

This will change if Edgewood is allowed to put up these large lights and use their sound system at night. Because we care about the neighborhood and our neighbors, even though where we currently live will not be greatly impacted by the noise, we have great empathy for the 50+ families that live close to Edgewood. It does not take that much empathy to understand the great stress that the increased traffic and large noise will cause on these families 40+ times per year! Imagine trying to eat dinner or put your young child to bed while the football announcer is blaring out the latest score. The noise of these events will reduce not only quality of life, but actual house prices. We estimate that our house will lose at least 5 to 10% of its value, so it really is the neighbors that are being forced to pay the biggest economic cost, while also losing their life quality for Edgewood's desire to play sports at night within a very close, quite neighborhood.

Sports DOES NOT trump families and their neighborhood. Edgewood talks about how they are trying to use sports to teach the whole person. I have done many sports my whole life. The key tenant of good sportsmanship is to not injure someone else, just to win the game. This is exactly what Edgewood is trying to do. Win their game while hurting the families that live nearby.

Thanks for your consideration of my perspective. Please act to sustain strong neighborhoods in Madison, it is what makes our city great, and reject Edgewood's selfish move to put up stadium lights and undermine the neighborhood they occupy just so they can increase their enrollment and revenue.

John and Susan Nicol
1901 Commonwealth
2354 West Lawn

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: 5MAY: Edgewood Stadium
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 7:41:08 AM

From: Brendan O'Donnell <brendanjod@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: 5MAY: Edgewood Stadium

Greetings:

Regarding: Edgewood Stadium

I'd like to reiterate my opposition to the Edgewood stadium proposal.

Please stand up and tell Edgewood that "no means no" and make them realize that they can't force their stadium upon the Dudgeon-Monroe, Vilas, and Regent neighborhoods, and across Lake Wingra into the Arboretum neighborhood by asking repeatably and threatening the city.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Jeff Parisi](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 10:25:45 AM

I am expressing my support to Edgewood High School and their application to add lights to their athletic field. The Edgewood community has been an important part of the City of Madison since the opening of Edgewood High School on the shores of lake Wingra. As education has improved and evolved, we all understand the need to continue to invest in our facilities. In Dane County in just the last 5 to 10 years, there has been nearly \$1 billion spent on public school facilities. The Edgewood community has supported these expenditures through their local communities, and through the property taxes they pay. As we travel to the area public schools, I am continually impressed with the size and the quality of the athletic fields, performing arts centers, and classroom buildings provided to our public system. I am and have been proud to support those initiatives. Now, we are asking for a small return of that support to allow Edgewood High School to provide the same quality of facility awarded to our public-school systems. Edgewood High school and its students need the ability to keep up with the quality of facilities that has been awarded to the public-school systems.

Thank you,

Jeff Parisi

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood request for stadium lighting
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 10:35:09 AM

From: Susan Paskewitz <anopheles202002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood request for stadium lighting

To the City of Madison Planning Council:

I am writing in strongest possible opposition on behalf of my family to the request by Edgewood College to install stadium lighting on the sports field for nighttime games.

My husband and I live at 830 Terry Place, which is just one street away from Woodrow Street (bordering the playing field). We have followed the arguments for and against the changes that Edgewood has requested. I am convinced that the resulting late night noise and light pollution on an unlimited number of nights each year will drive us out of our home and this neighborhood after 30 years of residency.

My family members own three properties that have contiguous yards (our home at 830 Terry Place, 826 Terry where my mother lives, and 2415 Monroe Street where my brother lives). We have been dedicated Dudgeon Monroe neighbors with my husband, Bill Barker, serving as president of the neighborhood association many years ago. We deliberately shop on Monroe Street to sustain our small businesses and donate regularly to the neighborhood association, the Arboretum, Madison Parks, Libraries, Troy Gardens, Forward Theater and other civic organizations. We really care about the quality of life in our city and our neighborhood not just for ourselves but for all of us.

If this request from Edgewood is approved, then we expect that our peaceful home and beloved gardens will be invaded by noise and light on far too many nights to tolerate. The leaders at Edgewood cannot be trusted to adhere to any restrictions, as they have already shown in allowing games on the field in spite of the agreement prohibiting them. The Dudgeon Monroe neighbors who form the NoStadium group shared videos of a similar situation in Claremont California. Looking at those yards in California communities that abut sports fields allowed to erect similar lights and sound systems, it is very clear that the amount of noise is unbearable. Property values dropped and the neighbors are miserable. The same will happen in our neighborhood.

The sole benefits are to a small group of the wealthiest citizens who can afford to send their children to private schools. I hope that our community leaders will put the needs of the direct neighbors first and protect a vibrant and engaged part of our city.

Susan Paskewitz

From: [David Roark](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 8:14:23 PM

I have been a Madison resident for over 55 years. I was raised on Gregory Street walking distance to Edgewood High School. I always enjoyed buying band candy from the polite students that would stop buy our house each year. They provide community service every year.

I strongly support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field. They have earned it and deserve it.

David Roark

Sent from my iPad

From: [Pete Rothering](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 4:27:54 PM

I'm sure you all have seen the information regarding the lights, the technology, their use, etc. so I won't get into all of that. I believe that anyone looking at this with an unbiased view would not hesitate to approve this measure for Edgewood. It is fair, reasonable and simply the right thing to do. Please do it.

Thank you,
Pete Rothering

From: [Mark Rothwell](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Light to shine for generations
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 4:15:52 PM

Dear Mr Parks, having been born in WI and raised in Madison, I appreciate your willingness to capture everyone's thoughts and opinions on various topics...so thanks for having a public access point to share my thoughts.

Having grown up in Monona in a divorced family with a mom who worked two to three jobs, athletics were my outlet. While I wasn't blessed with being able to attend Edgewood High School, I went on to a fairly successful career, raised a fabulous family and give back as much as I can.

As I look back on my life and reflect on the impact that Friday Nights, competition, and the team aspect of athletics had on my growing up years is immeasurable. If I wasn't involved in sports, I can only imagine the path I would have headed down.

So you may be asking what does this story have to do with a new sports complex or having lights...I would say many. For every young woman or man at Edgewood or other schools that gets to be involved in athletics, experience the power of teams/competition, can use the facilities they call home and be part of something special, will be putting them on the path to winning at life.

So while some neighbors look at it from a selfish standpoint, which is what makes our country great, I am looking at it from a former athlete, a parent and a protector of future generations. Athletics and being able to participate on your home field will have a much deeper impact on society, than the few neighbors who have only a selfish, short term view in mind. I believe the Edgewood community has done all it can to lessen the impact on the neighbors while maximizing the impact on those who will participate.

I would be happy to discuss further or buy you a cup of coffee at Collectivo on Monroe street and share my athletic experiences and how they impacted me, my family and my life.

Thanks for your making sure Edgewood can create a complex where young people can begin their journey to success.

Sincerely,
Mark Rothwell

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bill Schmitt](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Lighting Pllication
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 4:48:19 PM

Greetings Plan Commission,

I am writing to express my support of the Edgewood Athletic Field Lighting Application.

I am a parent of four kids (now young adults) who have gone through or are going through the Edgewood High School program. All four of my kids have been EHS athletes and have enjoyed going to EHS games. Adding the lights to the field would enhance EHS games, giving the kids the classic Friday Night football experience, etc.

I am in strong support of this lighting application.

Thank you for your consideration and support,
Bill Schmitt, parent of:

1. Lyndsay Schmitt, Class of 2014
2. Matthew Schmitt, Class of 2017
3. Michelle Schmitt, Class of 2021
4. Nicole Schmitt, Class of 2021

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Stadium
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 7:40:51 AM

From: Francis Schrag <fschrag@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 5:49 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Stadium

Planning Board:

As West Lawn Ave. neighbors of the Edgewood Campus, we believe the traffic and parking situation already burdened by proximity to the UW stadium and Trader Joe's will be made much worse. Please do not permit the installations of night lights for night games. Francis and Sally Schrag 1921 West Lawn Ave.