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**To:** Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: a note about the VNA meeting last week

April 24, 2020

To the members of the Plan Commission, Mayor Rhodes-Conway, and Alder Evers,  
I am writing you on behalf of the Vilas Neighborhood Association.

The VNA resolves not to take a position regarding Edgewood High School's Conditional Use Permit application to add lights to their athletic field due to divided neighborhood opinion. This supersedes any previous position of the VNA.

Please find the results of our survey attached to this email.

Best regards,

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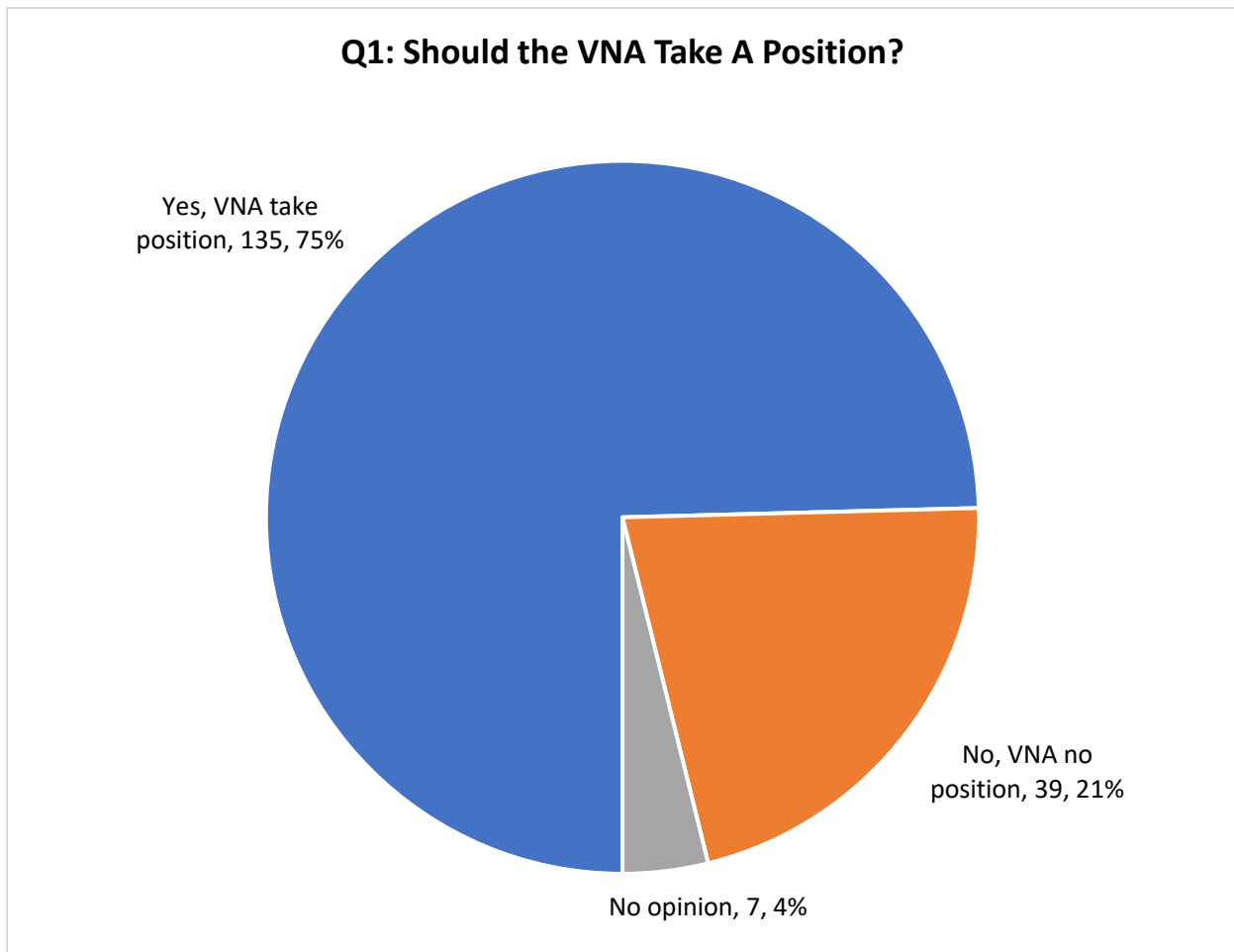
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## Background and Process

- Survey developed by Vilas Edgewood Liaison Committee members and survey helper.
- On-line from 3/19/2020 to 4/15/2020 using Survey Gizmo.
  - Message from VNA President via ListServe. Reminders weekly.
  - Survey link posted on Vilas Website
- ~500 paper copies distributed on 3/21 - 3/24 by Block Captains.
- Request one response per adult (not one per household).
- 181 survey responses (132 on-line and 49 paper).
- FYI – About 790 dwellings in the Vilas Neighborhood.
- Questionnaire provided later in this summary.
- Comments from respondents provided later in this summary.

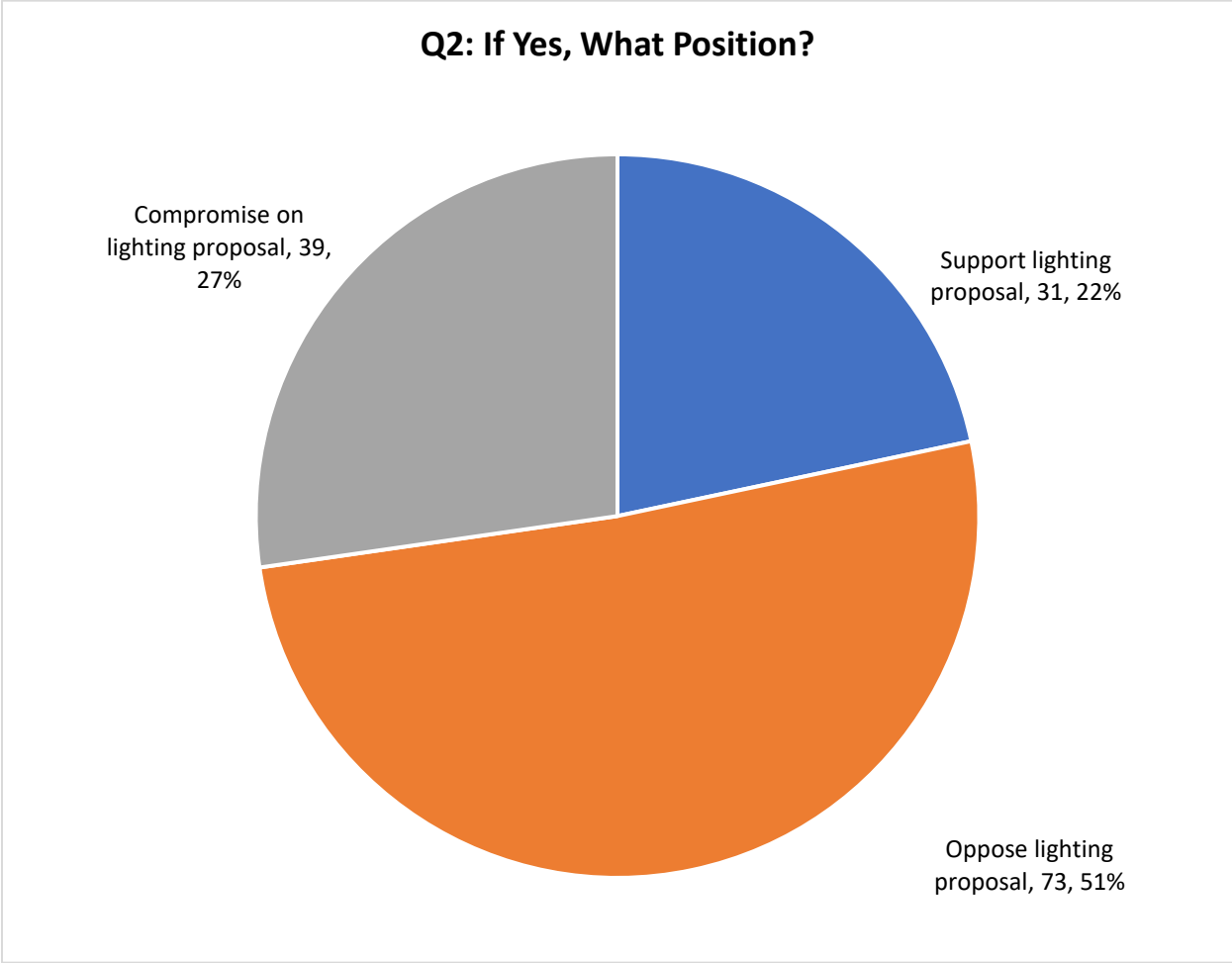
## Results Summary

**Q1: Do you feel that the VNA should take a position on the conditional use for lighting at the Edgewood High School athletic field and submit said position to the Plan Commission?**



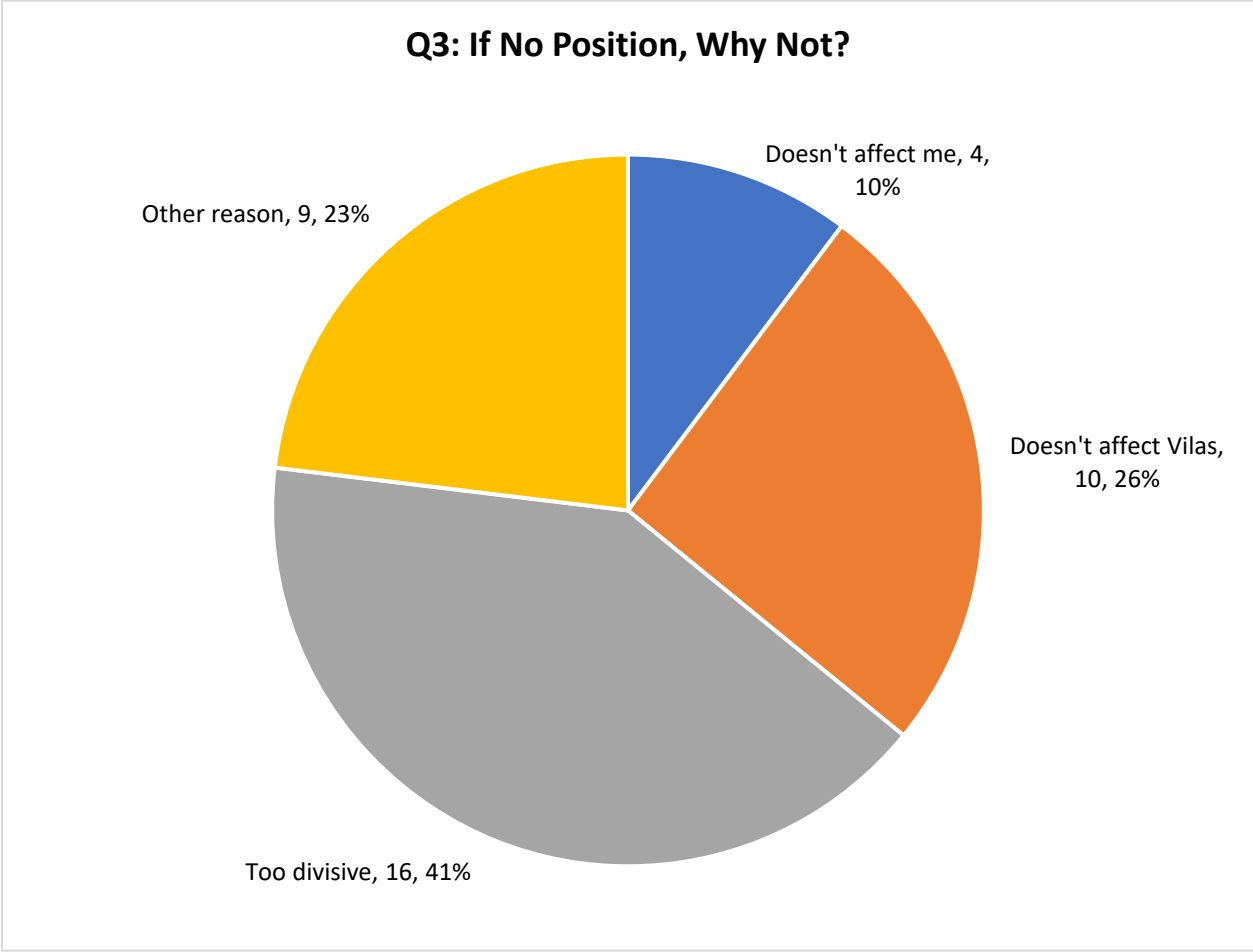
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**Q2: If "yes" to Question #1, please check the box that best represents the position that you feel the VNA should take:**



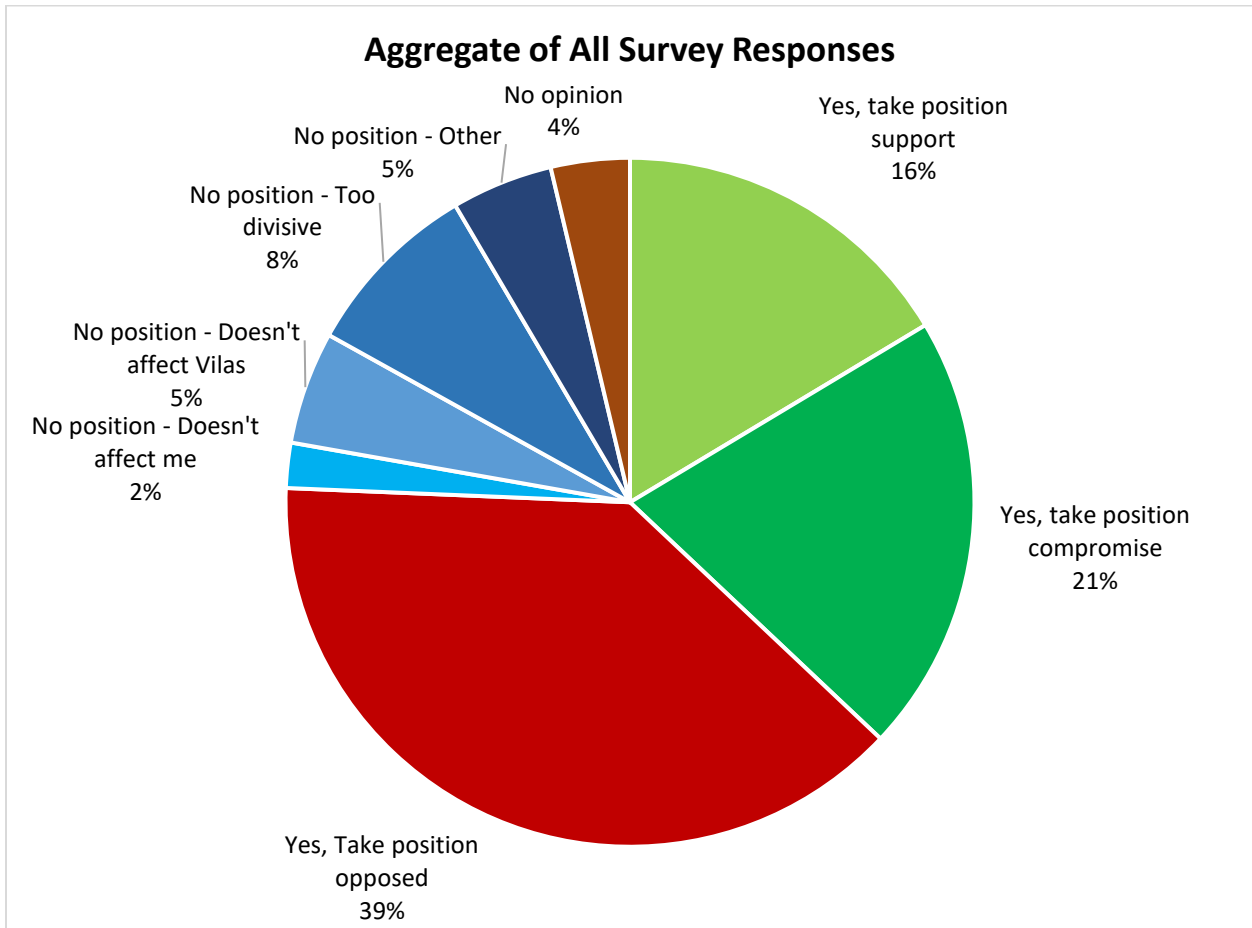
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**Q3: If "no" to Question #1, what best represents why you think the VNA should not take a position?**



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## Aggregate of All Survey Responses (8 total response combinations combined)



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## *Comments to the following*

**Yes: VNA should take a position**

**#2: I support the use of Lights for Edgewood High School athletic field (option 1)**

- Edgewood HS is a beautiful asset to our part of the city. It would be shortsighted to destroy the goodwill between the surrounding neighborhoods and the school over this situation. 2) Let the kids play. Students should be allowed to have athletic competitions on their campus if they have the facilities. The school and its athletic conference are rather small and would likely not overwhelm the neighborhood with noise, traffic, people, etc. during these events. 3) Madison will continue to grow and change, and not every issue that arises can (or should) be a battle. This seems like a very minor thing compared to what many neighborhoods might be faced with.
- Adding lights to the field will make it usable for more hours and for more groups of kids than is currently possible, and kids playing sports is a good thing.
- At the risk of sounding "different" than others who fear this field (with its lights, noise and crowds) will degrade Vilas living conditions, I look forward to it! Increased activity will help our local businesses. It will also enrich the experiences of our Edgewood neighbors. We may even benefit directly from the enjoyment of events. Coordination and transparency between VNA and Edgewood will be critical to a successful partnership and to make any fine tuning adjustments once the improved field becomes available for use.
- Due to Monroe St. traffic, we would like Edgewood to relay and updated & current schedule of events so we can possibly avoid the area.
- Edgewood has proven to be a good neighbor. Residents were aware of the presence of Edgewood before locating to the neighborhood. Edgewood should be allowed the same privileges as other city high schools.
- I feel that Edgewood is a good neighbor and will be responsible and respectful with how they use their facilities for night games. It is a relatively small school so I can't imagine there will be a huge impact in terms of noise or traffic. We live near Camp Randall, anyways; yes the traffic is annoying on game days, but the noise really is not that bad. Just as a comparison - the impact from Edgewood's night games will be many orders of magnitude less than what we get from Camp Randall.
- I have no problem with the proposal. It is part of living in a vibrant area of the city. My kids attended West High and if West had such facilities I would hope the neighbors would not be the stumbling block preventing kids from using them. High school athletics provide so much good. Let the kids play! Also, Edgewood is a great neighbor. They provide space for a weekly farmers market and I enjoy walking the path and boardwalks behind their property.
- I think it is a beautiful field, and I imagine having a place for the local community to gather would be great. I also think additional activity, within limits, would attract more people to the area and bring more patrons to local businesses.
- I think we should support athletic events. Athletic events can be outstanding for exercise & community building.
- I'm sick of a few neighbors complaining about what is good for the rest of the community and the betterment of Edgewood.
- Let the kids play.
- Let them play!
- Life is short. Let the children play.
- The hallmark of this neighborhood is the integration and blending of the students and commercial elements within our residential community. That dynamic nature is a big part of why we came here and stay here. Home UW games do create some negative impact, but also an energy and vibrancy to our community. I think that we should embrace Edgewood's efforts with that same spirit. It is not without a negative dimension, but if we are true to this special nature of the neighborhood we have, let's work with them to embrace it and see how that space and those activities can make our collective community stronger.
- The use of the field is part of their mission as a school. They are a neighbor. We should be neighborly.
- We should support kids playing sports as much as possible, including these lights which will have very little effect in surrounding neighbors.

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## ***Comments to the following***

**Yes: VNA should take a position**

**#2: I oppose the use of Lights for Edgewood High School athletic field (option 2)**

- Edgewood should be held to the original plan for the use of that field.
- Nearby neighbors are greatly harmed. 2) A long term plan (8-15yr out) is making headway to create a 6 mile recreation loop around the lake. The three lake houses at the end of Woodward Drive will become available to the City. This will allow the extension of Recreation Drive to connect to Wingra Park. No more detour up Monroe St. Adjacent lights will greatly harm this nature respite that will be one of Madison's most used paths. VNA needs to be forward thinking to protect the natural integrity of this path from lights and noise for the increased future users.
- There should be no consideration of Edgewood's proposal until all restrictions on gatherings are lifted. 2. Edgewood has consistently lied about the need for a stadium (falsely claiming Middleton denied it use of their facilities), lied about the range of noise, lied about noise levels, and utterly disregarded the impact on the immediate neighborhood. 3. Edgewood is a big box business with all of the attendant implications of money and influence. 4. Edgewood's supporters uniformly live far enough away to be unaffected by the noise, etc. I'm pretty sure they'd be the first to howl if there was a rezoning proposal to allow for this field across the street from their homes.
- As a property owner across the street from Edgewood, we are very concerned about the sound and impact on our neighborhood and adjacent public lands.
- As we know, with lights comes sound system and other "improvements"
- Bright lights on high poles shining until 10 or 11 possibly every night of the week would seriously impact-- I would venture to say destroy-- the quality of life in this special neighborhood. How could we enjoy evenings in our gardens or dinners on our patios with the lights glaring and with the associated noise and traffic from the games? Currently, this is one of the most desirable neighborhoods in the city, but that would quickly change and property values fall. Other local schools that have such lights are not situated so close to residential neighborhoods; they should not be considered comparable. The proposed lights would also have significant environmental impacts, affecting birdlife and wildlife in the area behind Edgewood, which is part of a precious environmental corridor involving the UW Arboretum. My family and I have lived in this neighborhood for many years and we are deeply distressed about the negative impact the proposed lights and the games would have on our health and well-being, on the well-being of our neighbors, and on the value of our home.
- City past behavior - saying they will not enforce noise ordinances against Edgewood, granting an unrestricted liquor license to that Regent St. store after VNA agreed to support the license only if the kind of liquor allowed to sell was restricted - suggests they will not enforce any restrictions on use of lights should Edgewood be allowed to install any. They might enforce a limit on the height of light poles if included, but even that is not guaranteed by past Common Council behavior. So the "compromise" option above is not really a third option at all. It just defacto means VNA does not object to lights. PLEASE NOTE: My husband and I pay for a family membership, so we each replied to the survey separately.
- Edgewood cannot be trusted-they keep changing their position and always inch towards what they originally said they would not do
- Edgewood has no intention of bowing to demands of neighbors that surround them. They are an institution and will do what they want and say what they need to obtain their goals.
- Field light must not escape into the yards and views of neighbors and must be limited, not only in terms of hours, but also in terms of times per week or month. While compromise might be an outcome, I think that neighbors will suffer if VNA's initial position is compromise--giving up neighbors' rights with nothing to show for it.
- Financial resources should be used for more things important like education and access to food at school. Or the extra money could be used for educational field trips and supporting STEM orgs.
- Holding competitions with lights at Edgewood is completely incompatible with our neighborhood. If VNA does present a position on this issue and, no matter what the position selected is, if it's representatives do not state

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that there are neighborhood residents who are strongly opposed to the lights, they are doing a disservice to the neighborhood.

- I am fine with Edgewood playing games after school but strongly oppose additional lighting and amplification.
- I believe this issue is about much more than lights. Obviously lights will lead to sound, traffic, etc. I think by "approving" lights we are giving Edgewood unlimited uses.
- I feel that the VNA should take a position only if there is a clear consensus within the neighborhood. If the neighborhood is split, then that should be reported but we should not take a position for or against
- I have sent info previously about my concerns to Tag Evers regarding increased impact on neighborhood and the surrounding Lake Wingra environs. Thank you.
- I vacillated between no negotiations and some compromise because compromise usually is not enforceable short of a court order and people and the environment suffer. Also the damage to the environment can wipe out generations of wildlife, ie, when was the last time you have seen an otter at lake Wingra?
- I would consider limited activity that ends at 945 PM. Had the large lights and speakers off by 10 PM. and a large fine of \$100,000 or large if not complied with y 1015 PM. Edgewood has a long history of agreeing to one thing but years later saying that was other people and the past.
- I'm concerned about how the lights will affect the health of the wildlife that lives around the lake.
- It (the "application") seems to state clearly that even if given the approval to install the lighting system with the stated restrictions on the use of the lighting times and intensity and size - all of the above may, at the discretion of some entity at Edgewood HS. be ignored if that permitted use is not convenient for the high school at that time. Hmm. Doesn't sound very restrictive if the conditional use can be unenforceable and ignored. By then it's too late. Conditional upon what I might ask?
- It would cause additional light pollution and use unnecessary energy.
- Let us enjoy quiet evenings
- Lighting could be the start of a slippery slope. Athletic fields do not belong on established residential neighborhoods.
- Lights not appropriate given proximity of homes. Insulting that Edgewood now wants essentially unlimited use of field lights and while not directly addressed, sound. Football, the real goal, is not a value any educational philosophy. Compromise a stop gap to goal of unlimited use.
- My response to 1 is more nuanced; I feel the VNA should take a position if there is a clear preference among residents. My own preference is to oppose lighting/sound/night games for traffic/noise/quality of life reasons. The VNA should not take a position based solely on board members' views and/or just a few, highly opinionated, squeaky wheel type of people (as has sometimes happened in the past with controversial issues).
- Night games are incompatible with the residential nature of the adjacent neighborhood.
- Often there are pros and cons to these types of issues that need to be weighed - for example, are there too many restaurants that serve alcohol on Monroe St? Pros: restaurants bring vibrancy and good food to the neighborhood. Cons: parking is harder and drunk noisy people disturb the neighborhood late at night. In the case of the stadium lighting, it seems to only bring downsides to the neighborhood, especially those living close by. Having a lighted stadium would not contribute anything positive to the neighborhood.
- Please think about the additional impact on Vilas neighbors. The burdens of traffic, trespassing, noise, and litter will be similar to what is often experienced from use of UW Badger stadium. Unfortunately, Dont think that these students because of their religious affiliation will be any different from other High school students. We need to support Dungeon Monroe neighborhood.
- Privileging Edgewood discriminates against public school students at West High. We should not undermine our public schools.
- Such lights would bring too much light pollution, too much noise, and too many cars into a residential neighborhood.
- Support & Negotiate
- Surveys should be anonymous. Edgewood has been deceptive, arrogant, and inflexible regarding the stadium issue.
- Take no position or ally with Dudgeon-Monroe.
- The arboretum is a unique urban wildlife haven for many species that could be negatively impacted by unnatural light sources. More investigation needs to occur around this concern. - parking is already a nightmare in our neighborhood which we tolerate for UW events, night games at Edgewood would only add



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More insult to this already problematic issue. -@ over our years living in this neighborhood we have experienced vandalism and theft at the hands of Edgewood students. Extending school events further into the evenings would only provide More opportunity for this to escalate. - traffic on Monroe street is already challenged, additional evening events at Edgewood would also escalate this congestion. -@ for years West High has successfully shared athletic fields outside of their school grounds for reasons similar to those I have mentioned. Edgewood could easily show respect for the neighborhood and do the same.

- The lack of restrictions on use makes this a serious threat to the local community. Lights will be accompanied by noise, whether it's a single coach yelling instructions to an individual runner on the track or a stadium full of high school students and their families screaming for a touch down. The potential for this facility being used 5-6 nights/week, routinely, is very high. It will be a magnet for every sports group in the area. There will be no control over the use of this facility once the lights are in. Rumor has it that Edgewood sees this as a way to compete with other private K-12 schools, which are apparently siphoning off well-heeled families that might otherwise send their kids to Edgewood. This is not the neighbors' fault, nor should it fall to the neighbors and the local fauna to live with the consequences of an attempt to mitigate this trend.
- The school is located on a natural shoreline by Lake Wingra. The lights and night noises are disruptive to nesting and migrating birds.
- The study shows the lights and increase in games will reduce the quality of life for Lake Wingra and all surrounding neighborhoods.
- This is a neighborhood and natural area that would lose its quality of life if the night life activity and lighting change. And we would never be able to go back to the peace and quiet.
- This is not about Edgewood's property rights. It is about their intent to intrude on their neighbors with noise and bright lights at night. They may be okay with heavy equipment interrupting classwork, but I'm not okay with their PA and crowd noise interrupting my Sabbath.
- We are concerned that allowing lights would be a first step to encouraging the use of sound/speakers. We oppose visual and sonic intrusions into neighborhood tranquility.
- We feel the lights should be opposed due to the fact that once the lights are in place we will continue to have to address more concerns with the number of events, type of events that will be held, etc.
- We should prioritize the concerns of the minority in our neighborhoods bordering the field - i.e. what those that live nearest the field think which I perceive as being a legitimate concern. I also feel like enforcement may be less likely so one should be cautious about loosening regulation.
- While the athletic field is on the other side of the Edgewood campus we feel strongly that VNA must consider the conditional use permit as if it were on "our" side. DMNA and especially Woodrow neighbors are indeed our neighbors, as the Edgewood campus is. And this proposed action (and any future ones that follow) will impact us all for decades to come. If outright opposition to the proposed conditional use permit is not possible, then a compromise is the next best option.
- Without a master plan, there is no mechanism in place for reaching a compromise on the use of the lights

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## *Comments to the following*

**Yes: VNA should take a position**

### **#2: I am open to a compromise to restrict the use of Lights for Edgewood High School athletic field (option #3)**

- Development and use of the Edgewood athletic field has been an unusually divisive issue in our community. I don't think there is a pro or con position that the VNA can take that truly reflects a sense of the neighborhood. That said, the VNA could still acknowledge the rift that this conflict has created in our neighborhood and encourage those on both sides to put the past behind them and to communicate and work together in a spirit of cooperation on issues related to use of the athletic field and its impact on the immediate neighborhood. The issue of future development and use of the athletic field is larger than lighting. In addition to lighting, it includes any amplified sound system, locker rooms, rest rooms, concession space, seating and conditions relating to the timing, frequency and types of permitted uses of the field, etc., all of which impact the surrounding neighborhood. Making decisions piecemeal is a way of obscuring their total impact and is unlikely to be viewed as fair by those most affected.
- A lot of work has been put into developing a relationship with this neighbor. To jeopardize this over such an issue would be a tragedy - Can't we be adults over this?
- Edgewood has tried to add lighting at least once before and was denied. This will increase the use of the fields and increase traffic on Monroe Street at a time when there is only two-lane traffic.
- Edgewood is a neighbor. I feel that every member of our neighborhood has the right to meet their needs in a responsible way. It is important for Edgewood high school to hold games at their own field, but with the respect to neighbors. I think having a reasonable limit would satisfy neighbors as well as allowing Edgewood to hold important games
- Hopefully the # and start time of events can be negotiated.
- I do not live near the field but even if I did, I would support the limited use of lights for games. Let the kids play and get the full experience of high school games. Kids need healthy, safe diversions and 8-10 events a year won't be a big deal! Think of the benefit to many rather than your slight inconvenience for a couple of nights out of the year. The inconvenience of Badger games does not bother me, I see it as a benefit to living in a vibrant city and neighborhood. Let them play!
- I don't accept the argument that Edgewood high school DESERVES the right to play night games on their own field the way other high schools may (and not all do). I hear Edgewood defend its actions, claiming it is unfair that it be treated differently than other high schools. Edgewood is private, and that IS different. It is not governed or supervised by a publicly elected school board, so our ONLY way to influence their operation is through this process we have undertaken now. When Edgewood assumes all the obligations of a publicly funded and operated school, I will happily accord them all the privileges which accompany that commitment. For me, it really comes down to the public vs. private operation. What, exactly, does the restriction of their light use look like? I leave that final decision to the residents whose properties more closely surround the campus, but perhaps 7- or 8-night games per semester would be acceptable to them. If that's not acceptable to those property owners, I would like to support them as they reduce that number to some acceptable-to-them number.
- I see lights as a slippery slope toward a louder PA system and sports tournaments hosted at Edgewood every weekend. I think they should be allowed to host a handful of night games each year, the number should be very limited.
- I support lights and am open to compromise
- I think it is important to find a compromise between the neighbors and Edgewood. If the neighbors only say no to everything, nothing will ever be accomplished and Edgewood will find a way around the restrictions (like having their master plan pulled). I would support lights over sound, but would prefer the hours to be shortened from the proposed.
- I think this conditional use looks quite reasonable. We chose to live in the heart of city because we want to be in a vibrant neighborhood. These events also help support our local economy. If we wanted to live somewhere devoid of culture, we would have picked Waunakee. I think an upper bound on night activities can be negotiated.

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- Lights & sound should be placed on the Woodrow St. side directing back into the Edgewood campus. Seating should have been placed there also.
- Limiting lights to Edgewood only games might be appropriate. Not allowing the field to be rented to UW or others seems reasonable.
- My biggest fear is that once "lighting" is approved, any agreement on restrictions gets ignored. Wrigley Field lighting for night games is a good example.
- Open to a compromise with specific restrictions on # of games.
- Thanks for taking a survey. I support Edgewood. Neighbors should put up with a few inconveniences for the good of the whole community (which includes Edgewood)
- The VNA should keep working toward a compromise that mitigates some of the concerns of nearby neighbors, while working toward ultimately allowing lighting. Kids playing sports is a healthy, family friendly activity that we should embrace and encourage as a neighborhood.
- This is a compatible urban use and the impacts are modest compared to Camp Randall. Restrict hours to 9:00 Mon-Thurs, 10:00 Fri-Sat. No Sundays.
- We believe Edgewood is an excellent neighbor, and believe their high school students should be able to practice and compete on their field at some reasonable frequency of night time events. Athletic participation fosters excellent fitness and life skills for these kids and is a positive for bringing people to businesses on Monroe Street. We live in an urban neighborhood with zoo, UW/Camp Randall, etc and all make accommodations and experience trade-off's.
- We would like there to be strictly enforced limits on the number of nighttime events requiring lighting. This schedule of events and the anticipated dates should be made available to the VNA in advance.

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## ***Comments to the following***

**NO: VNA should NOT take a position**

**#3: It does not affect me or It does not affect the neighborhood (option 1 & 2)**

- All of us have different issues near our house. We have zoo, parking, and sounds from Camp Randall. I think this is expected in an urban area.
- I am for the lights. I have many fond memories, 44 years later, from playing football under the lights. This was before fugitive light became a thing. A lot of hard work has gone into illustrating that there will be no adverse effect on the neighboring properties. This will only enhance an educational asset in our community.
- Most if not all people in neighborhood won't even notice the lights unless they drive by on Monroe. This will be a benefit to restaurants and merchants on Monroe that have proven they need people outside of Vilas and Dudgeon in order survive (ex: Monroe st construction). With all that is happening now, they could use a boost for certain
- Sports are good for kids. We should make good things easier to do, not harder. Having lights will make them easier to do, and not just for Edgewood kids. It will mean more practice time for West kids who play lacrosse and soccer. And the purported negative effects of lights and sound are overblown. Edgewood hosted a WIAA soccer playoff game that had 400+ fans in attendance in the fall of 2018. Did anyone in Vilas ever complain about it? No, because no one heard it. The sound would have to travel over a hill, through buildings and trees for it to get to Vilas.

## ***Comments to the following***

**NO: VNA should NOT take a position**

**#3: It too divisive of an issue for VNA to take a position (option 3)**

- I am strongly opposed to Edgewood adding more lighting to the field.
- I moved into Vilas in 1971 KNOWING that we'd be affected UW, Vilas Park, zoo, Monroe St., and Edgewood.
- I support granting the permit but no VNA position
- I support the lights and would ask the VNA to support the lifts if they do take a position. I have no connection to Edgewood (other than living a block away from campus).
- I think the association should take an opinion when there is a rough consensus in the neighborhood, and a large majority of residents agree with the opinion or do not have an opinion. On divisive issues such as this one, I think an opinion from VNA may artificially inflate the strength of the opinion by indicating it is widely supported in the neighborhood, as compared to a bare majority of people.
- If it were my decision, I would permit the lights and allow games as outlined in the EHS plan. I believe HS athletics are a positive activity and helps to produce quality relationships and helps to keep youth on a great path in life. Why would we argue to prevent that? Additionally, having games in the neighborhood would be a boost to local businesses which have been suffering greatly of late due to Monroe St project and now Corona virus issues. The impact would be minimal! Let's fight against something worth fighting! Crime in our community, Homes in the area that are kept in Run Down conditions, many with No Stadium signs in the yard. This neighborhood should be a positive supporter of community activities not a detractor!
- If the vna does take a side, they should support the lights. Edgewood is a good neighbor, youth sports are a worthy cause, and the lights provide minimal intrusion.
- It will not have a great impact on our neighborhood. And good for Monroe St businesses.
- Lets the kids play outside under the lights. Ultimately the entire community benefits from a vibrant school. My kids played sports at Edgewood and we would often go out on Monroe street after events.
- My personal position is that Edgewood should be allowed to install the lights and the stadium upgrades.
- The kids should be able to play on the field.
- VNA represents the neighborhood and not everyone in the Vilas Neighborhood has the same opinion on Edgewood installing lights. I am in favor of adding the lights and think being able to walk to high school football games with my family on a Friday night would be a great amenity. I understand the light, noise and traffic concerns, but also appreciate we live in an urban neighborhood with increasing density that is going to result in change. It is a balancing act, but feel too often the most vocal members of the neighborhood sway the arguments and might not necessarily represent the majority.

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## ***Comments to the following***

**NO: VNA should NOT take a position**

**#3: Other reason (option 4)**

- I think that the school should be able to use the facility that is on the property. Let the kids play sports- that's a better activity than what they could be doing.
- Edgewood isn't doing a great job of handling this, but neither is the neighborhood. I think they are a part of the neighborhood and they deserve to have a field and lights etc for their students. Ultimately, they are a school/college and it is their land. They pay tons of taxes, and they should be able to reasonably use it for sports and events.
- I think it's fine for them to have lights and play games there. It's their property and they add a lot to our neighborhood.
- No VNA position, but I support the lights.
- I think Edgewood should be able to use their facilities just like any public school. No need for any compromise.
- I believe there are too many unsubstantiated facts given by neighbors. Neighborhoods should work on the problem and be reasonable. They chose to live by a school.
- I think it is ridiculous to argue over this
- Let the kids have their field!

## ***Comments to the following***

**Q 1: I currently do not have an opinion on this issue**

### **All responses**

- I think the neighbors are exaggerating the noise. - I think Edgewood is generally a good neighbor but should listen better on this issue. - I think Edgewood's religious freedom argument is preposterous.
- I provided you with a separate email with my comments. I think the neighborhood reps should decide whether to take a neighborhood position based on all input. I personally support the Edgewood Application. I individually have submitted comments to the city in the past.
- Sports promotes life-long friendships
- There are bigger problems in this world. Get over it.
- We are not close enough to Edgewood to be affected by lights

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## VILAS NEIGHBORHOOD EDGEWOOD ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING SURVEY

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To our Vilas Neighbors:

The Vilas Neighborhood Association and VNA Edgewood Liaison Representatives seek your opinion of Edgewood High School's Conditional Use Application for lights to allow currently permitted uses at its athletic field to extend beyond daylight hours, including games, practices, and other events. The VNA has the opportunity to present a position at the Plan Commission Meeting when the application comes up for review (tentatively planned for May 11th). This is not a scientific poll but a way to gather neighbor input on this issue. Application at: [www.vilasneighborhood.com/news](http://www.vilasneighborhood.com/news).

The Conditional Use Application requests the installation of four poles either 68 or 80 feet high with field lighting. The application outlines an automatic shutoff at 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, unless manually turned off earlier or extended due to special circumstances\*. The application does not place restrictions on either the total number of events or night games. The application does not request any other changes / upgrades to the current portable amplified sound system (type/use) or other upgrades (bleachers, parking, etc.) #.

\* Please refer to Page 3 paragraph 2 of the application

# Please refer to Page 3 paragraph 4 of the application

Please limit responses to one per adult resident and return this survey by **April 15** to the envelope at one of the following homes or complete online at: [www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5510013/VNA-Edgewood-Lights-Survey-March2020](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5510013/VNA-Edgewood-Lights-Survey-March2020)

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Doug Carlson, **1018 Oakland Ave.**

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**1. Do you feel that the VNA should take a position on this issue and submit a position to the Planning Commission?**

- Yes, I feel that the VNA should take a position
- No, I do not feel that the VNA should take a position
- I currently do not have an opinion on this issue

**2. If "yes" to Q #1, please check the box that best represents your feeling about the proposed lights and their use:**

- I support the use of lights at the Edgewood High School athletic field
- I oppose the use of lights at the Edgewood High School athletic field
- I am open to a compromise to restrict the use of lights at the Edgewood athletic field (i.e. # events or hours)

**3. If "no" to Q #1, please check the box that best represents your feeling about the proposed lights and their use:**

- It doesn't affect me
- It doesn't affect the Vilas neighborhood
- It is too divisive of an issue for the VNA to take a position
- Other reason

**4. About you:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ House # and street name

**Thank you for participating in this important survey. Feel use the space on the top of the back page to provide any additional comments or concerns about the conditional use permit for lighting at the Edgewood athletic field.**