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From: [Michael Malec](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood"s athletic field!
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 11:33:55 AM

From: [Matt Darga](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High school sports field lighting plan
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 11:13:32 AM

To the City of Madison Parks-

I am writing you to express my support for the plan to install lighting in the sports field at Edgewood High School. My greatest argument against those who oppose this lighting is that those neighbors bought homes in the area full well knowing that a student campus already existed, a campus that serves an elementary school, high school and college. Anyone living in that area should expect to hear a "little noise" from young adults when sharing the proximity of location. I would look at that situation as common sense. I also see first hand how it impacts the students. My daughters attend Edgewood and play on the Ultimate Frisbee team. Since this team is a club they get "last pick" of a practice and game venue. Often their practices were held on the grassy area in the front of school. While I'm proud of their resiliency, these student athletes deserve to play on a proper surface, not one that's uneven in all manner of speaking. If lights were installed on the playing field there would be more available time for teams to share that space so everyone got a chance to play at that state of the art facility. Furthermore, we can host more home games. The school and it's families spend a good deal of money on transportation. Is that fair to ask of us when many other local high schools have the advantage of having their own fields for longer ranges of time?

Let the kids be kids. Let the space we are all arguing over be used for its original intention , for kids to engage in an activities that benefit everyone by encouraging young adults to be more well-rounded, active individuals.

Sincerely,

Tara Darga

From: [Colleen Settles](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 10:54:52 AM

Dear City Planners,

As a Dominican Sister on the Leadership Council and the Corporate Chair of Edgewood High School I strongly encourage you to permit the lighting plan for the athletic field to move forward. In these days of lowering demographics of young people, athletic programs are vital to the enrollment and therefore the mission and viability of this school. Thank you.

Sr. Colleen Settles, OP
Leadership Council
Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters

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csettlesop@gmail.com

From: [Alyssa Hellenbrand](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 7:26:24 AM

Good morning,

I am writing in support of Edgewood's application for lights for their athletic field and encourage you to vote "yes" in Monday's Plan Commission meeting. I am a graduate of UW Madison and have lived, worked or both in the City for over 20 years. The vibrancy of the educational institutions and their activities is a key component of what makes Madison a destination for families. Bottom line, Edgewood's request is consistent with other educational and athletic institutions in the City. The zoning is appropriate and at the end of the day, this request is for the kids benefiting not only Edgewood students but visiting students, friends, family, and fans. Edgewood has done their homework and is presenting the best possible lighting solution so as to be considerate of neighbors and the environment. The obstacles have been cleared so that you have a smooth path to "yes."

Thank you for your commitment to the community.

Sincerely,
Alyssa Hellenbrand-Best

From: Megan Jensen
To: [Parks, Timothy](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Thursday, May 07, 2020 3:44:50 PM

To whom it may concern -

I'd like to ask that you vote Yes in support of lighting for Edgewood's athletic field.

Best,

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Megan Jensen
847.772.4736

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood stadium Lighting
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 3:43:55 PM

From: Angel McClarey <mcclareywi@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 3:41 PM

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

Subject: Edgewood stadium Lighting

Dear Sir/Madam,

My family moved to the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood in 2001. We love our neighborhood and what it offers. Unfortunately, Edgewood High School is trying to rob us from our peaceful neighborhood by insisting on installing stadium lightings in the its athletic field and ultimately build an athletic stadium.

Edgewood claims that having an athletic field that will allow them to host competitive games and practices days and nights will help boost school morale. I completely disagree with that. My daughter and many other kids in our neighborhood attended/attend West High School. West High School didn't have home fields. West students have to travel for both home and away games. Same is true to East High School. These students are not low in school morale. That argument has no leg to stand on.

Edgewood claims that it will reduce carbon footprint if they have a field to play all their home games (days and evening games). Students and parents will not have to travel. This argument is absurd. In fact, these games will increase traffic in our neighborhood, in turn cause more pollution to people who live in the neighborhood. What will really help in reducing carbon footprint is for the Edgewood students to go to their own neighborhood schools rather than travelling to and from Edgewood each weekday.

In addition to that the fact that Edgewood's claims cannot be supported. There are many other factors against the stadium lightings. Stadium lighting is just their first step in getting a full-blown stadium with loud sound system and large stadium seating.

The proposal stadium lights are way too bright for a densely populated neighborhood like the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood. These lights will be on most nights from Spring to fall. For more than half a year neighbors will have to put up with the bright lights and the noise from practices and games, 4-5 times each week.

These lights are potentially harmful to wildlife in the neighborhood. There are owls and hawks that nest near Edgewood.

As I mentioned before, lights are just Edgewood's first step in building a stadium where they can host games from Spring to fall. This will cause extra noise and traffic for the neighbors. Each day we already have to deal with the traffic and parking that Edgewood students cause on Monroe Street as well as close by streets. With the additional games, there will be even more traffic and noise issues for the neighbors to deal with.

We chose to live in this neighborhood because of its characters and charm. When we first moved into the neighborhood, we lived directly across from the Edgewood running track. We knew then Edgewood held an annual fundraiser called Edge Fest. We supported it. We loved attending Edge Fest and was actually sad when it discontinued. When we bought our house, we knew we would have to deal with the noise and traffic a few days a year because of Edge Fest. And we were fine with that. In 2004, we moved to our current home on Terry Place. We love the neighborhood so much that we moved within the neighborhood. We did not buy into neighborhood where there will be bright lights, constant noise and terrible traffic all because Edgewood wants to have a home

field. If Edgewood gets its stadium, our beloved neighborhood will be changed for the worse forever.

It is important that the voices from the neighbors to be heard in this matter.

Sincerely,

Angel McClarey on behalf of the McClarey Family

From: [Elena Watson](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood Light Application Approval
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 4:02:01 PM

To whom it may concern,

As a part of the Edgewood and Madison community, I would like to encourage as well as show my support for the approval of the light application that Edgewood High School submitted.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elena Watson

From: [Greg Gilles](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 3:46:50 PM

We have lived directly across from Edgewood's football field on Woodrow Street for over 20 years.

Edgewood has been a great neighbor and we fully support their request for lights.

Greg and Caroline Gilles
830 Woodrow Street

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tim Rothering](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 10:01:00 AM

Planning Commission and Common Council,

I am writing to ask for your support of Edgewood's application for lights on its athletic field. Edgewood has been extremely thoughtful in this planning and the proposed lighting set up is state of the art and impressive. Thank you for your attention and consideration in this matter.

Kind regards,

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From: [Barb Schramka](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Thursday, May 07, 2020 9:36:08 AM

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Laura Hubbard](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: support for Edgewood
Date: Thursday, May 07, 2020 8:40:44 AM

Plan Commission,

I'm writing to you to show my support of athletic field lights for Edgewood. The Edgewood community has been a great asset to our city for a long time.

Sincerely,

Laura Hubbard

From: [Rieger, Angie S.](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: PLEASE VOTE YES
Date: Thursday, May 07, 2020 8:24:37 AM

I implore you to vote yes for Edgewood lights so that EHS can have the same privileges as every other high school. Thank you

Angie Rieger

Madison resident, former EHS parent

From: [Mitch Colstad](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School Lights
Date: Thursday, May 07, 2020 6:56:22 AM

Hello-

Please vote YES for Edgewood High School lighting application. As a former High School Football player many of my best memories where playing under our HOME lights on Friday night in front of our community. Give these kids and their community those memories!

Thanks

Mitch

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From: [Annie Levihn](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Lighting Application at Edgewood Athletic Field
Date: Thursday, May 07, 2020 6:38:43 AM

Hello,

I would like the Plan Commission to know that my family & I are in support of the lightning application at Edgewood High School Athletic Field. We believe this is a good thing for our children, our community and our sense of spirit and enthusiasm as a city. In all fairness to the students at Edgewood, every other school in the City of Madison has access to their own athletic field with full lighting and sound options, and we would like to see the same for Edgewood. The field exists, the fixtures are in place, and the children are ready to show their pride and have fun in a respectful way that would impact the surrounding neighborhood in a positive way. We urge you to act accordingly and pass the law or byway that allows for lighting of the Edgewood field. Thank you.

Very best,

Ann Levihn
6 Chippewa Court
Madison, WI 53711
608-577-7644

From: [Margaret Watson](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood High School lighting application
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 4:07:32 PM

Dear Plan Commission and Council Members,

For the benefit of the many 13-17 year old students that will use the Edgewood field for sports competitions I urge you to vote YES to the proposed lighting application. Whether a student is in the stands or on the field playing Lacrosse, soccer or football their lives are positively impacted by the experience. It is part of being a High School student. High School's in Madison and across the country celebrate team sports and evening games.

Edgewood High School has followed the city process. They have agreed to use the most up to date "state of the art" Musco LED lights that are *"better for players, better for neighbors and better for the night sky"*. These are the same lights that the City of Madison approved to install at Burr Jones Park. The application meets the city standards.

In fairness to the students and in keeping with the integrity of the process please vote YES on May 11th to approve the lighting application for Edgewood High School.

Thank you for your time and attention. And thank you for your service to Madison.

Sincerely,
Margaret Watson
Madison resident for 15 years
Works in Madison
Currently Verona resident

From: [Marykay Zimbrick](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 3:39:17 PM

Good afternoon,

I'm sending this email in support of the lighting for Edgewood's athletic field.

While I am a resident of Fitchburg, we do have family business interests in Madison. Additionally, I am a current member of the Board of Trustees, and the parent of three Edgewood graduates. My children were involved in the very sports that would benefit from the lighting—soccer, lacrosse and football. How nice it would have been to have more home games! And what a savings on rental fees for other facilities!

Prior to living in Fitchburg, my husband and I owned a home in Parkwood Hills, on the west side of Madison. Our home backed up to the athletic fields at Memorial High School. Back in the early 1990's, the lights were much brighter and less directed downward than what is proposed by Edgewood. We never minded that bright light (or the noise), knowing that it was a short term thing. In fact, we always enjoyed listening to the crowd roar on a game night and often took our small children to see the activity going on. It was part of the neighborhood fun. It certainly did not detract from our neighborhood experience nor did it impact our property values.

As a Trustee, I feel confident that Edgewood will do its part to make this a good experience for the neighbors and the students. Lighting technology has come a long way since my Parkwood Hills experience, and I am confident that the choices Edgewood proposes will minimize impact on the neighborhood. I strongly believe they should be allowed to have the same privileges afforded other area schools with lights. They are not asking for special treatment; rather, they only want to be treated fairly.

You have all the information you need to make an informed decision. I respectfully request that you vote in favor of the light permit for Edgewood. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Marykay M. Zimbrick

My House and Edgewood

Questions and photos of me by Dad. Writing by me

What do you like about your house inside and outside? Write, draw, or take pictures.



Here's me shooting hoops in the driveway.



That's me pogo sticking. I'm really good at it



How would stadium lights change anything you do or like to do?

I like at night to sit calmly in the hammock reading with a light. We just bought a firepit too. If Edgewood played games at night, we would not be able to enjoy the sparkles of our firepit. The hammock would not be peaceful if there were shining lights and loud noises coming from the field. I came home one day to play with my neighbor Mikey because we had made up a dragon game when it got dark out. We would not be able to play in the dark if there were lights. I also like to look at the stars and moon every night but if there were lights, I would not be able to see them. I have Harry Potter nights with my family every weekend, and it has to be completely dark to do it. If there were lights, I would not be able to do that. These are some of the reasons I don't want to have lights right in front of our house. My dog waldo also likes to sleep peacefully and so do I, and I get really tired if I fall asleep late. The bright light will keep me up when I fall asleep at 8:30pm.



From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Application of Edgewood High School for a Conditional Use Permit for Lights at Night
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:25:44 AM

From: Susan Axelrod <saxelrod123@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 8:03 AM
To: Heck, Patrick <district2@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us; bacantrell@charter.net; jshagenow@yahoo.com; klanespencer@uwalumni.com; keetrasburn@gmail.com; ledell.zellers@gmail.com; Lemmer, Lindsay <district3@cityofmadison.com>; Rummel, Marsha <district6@cityofmadison.com>; hiwayman@chorus.net; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>; Tucker, Matthew <MTucker@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Application of Edgewood High School for a Conditional Use Permit for Lights at Night

Dear Patrick:

We are writing to request that you vote to deny the application of Edgewood High School for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow lights to be used at night at its athletic field. As our Alder and as a member of the Plan Commission, you will be voting on the CUP on Monday, May 11, 2020.

We are concerned that the noise and light pollution from the stadium will adversely affect neighbors, many of whom are senior citizens. A very close friend in her 70s lives close to the athletic field on Woodrow Street. She has a serious health condition that requires chemotherapy and rest. The glare and noise of athletic events at night will negatively affect her health.

Because Edgewood is in a residential neighborhood, the noise will also be disruptive to families with young children who have early bedtimes.

The City Council has already allowed athletic events to take place during the day. Therefore, it seems like an overreach for Edgewood to also request athletic events at night. Edgewood is a small high school and there is no reason why its athletic events for its students cannot take place during the day. Perhaps Edgewood wants the lights so that it can rent the stadium to third parties for athletic events at night in which Edgewood students will not be on the field. If so, renting the stadium to third parties is not a valid reason to grant the CUP.

Finally, the hearing on the CUP should be delayed until the fall when Governor Evers will presumably allow socially distanced in-person hearings to take place. This is too important an issue for a virtual hearing without adequate citizen participation. A delay of the hearing until the beginning of the next school year will also allow the City and the neighbors to accurately measure the noise from athletic events during the day. Whether or not the noise is excessive during the day is an important factor to consider in granting or denying the

CUP to allow athletic events at night.

In conclusion, please vote to deny the CUP. We are sending a copy of this email to other members of the Plan Commission and City staff.

Cordially,

Susan and Jon Axelrod
1030 Sherman Avenue
Madison, WI 53703
saxelrod123@gmail.com

May 9, 2020

Plan Commission
City of Madison

Dear Plan Commission Members,

We are long-time residents of the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association (DMNA) and have been active over the years holding offices, volunteering on committees, writing for the neighborhood newsletter, working through the closure of the Edgewood Park and Pleasure Drive to through traffic, working to keep a grocery (now Trader Joe's) at the Ken Kopp site, and shepherding the Southwest commuter bike path to fruition. All these have been undertaken with the interests of the neighborhood in mind.

During our time here we have often worked with the Edgewood campuses on various issues, and, working together, DMNA and Edgewood have been able to pull together plans that work well for both the campuses and the neighborhood. We are proud of our neighborhood, and feel that Edgewood is a major asset to it.

But, as you know, and after long and very careful consideration, DMNA has been unable to support this Edgewood proposal for an expanded sports facility. In fact, we strongly oppose it. DMNA would be intensely affected by the sports stadium and by night games with lighting and amplified sound. Traffic, parking (already a major problem as Edgewood has grown), and quality of life for a number of close-settled residential streets will be seriously and negatively affected. It would be highly unfair to ignore the concerns of residents.

In the past, the Edgewood proposal has been presented almost as a "right": to have what other high schools have. No: West High, a much larger public school nearby, has no stadium at all; nor does Madison East!

Edgewood actually filed a law suit against our city!

Now the school is asking for a Conditional Use Permit to add lights, suitable for night games. Once Edgewood is allowed install lights, they will want to upgrade the sound system. they will then push the city to let them expand seating, add a changing room, rent the field to add needed income. Other sports besides football will, rightfully, demand equal treatment. The number of night games will expand. There is no guarantee that Edgewood will not rent the field to other institutions. There is no enforcement mechanism. Lighting is a classic "camel's nose under the tent" strategy. In fact, the camel's nose is already quite a way into the tent because several years ago the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood agreed with the school to upgrade their practice field - for practice, not full blown competitive games.

We urge that you, members of the Planning Committee, give real consideration to the position taken by the DMNA and our current alder, Tag Evers. Please do not allow this matter to be decided, hastily, during a period of major city disruption due to a world-wide pandemic!

Sincerely,

Kathleen Beckett (kbtraveler@gmail.com)
Paul Beckett (beckettpa@gmail.com)
2533 Gregory Street
Madison WI 53711

Cc: Satya Rhodes-Conway, Mayor
Heather Strouder, Director City Planning
Tim Parks, City Planning
Tag Evers, Alder
Rachel Fields, President DMNA

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose the lights at EHS. Vote no on #60001.
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:17:34 AM

From: Mark Berggren <berggrenmark@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:16 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Oppose the lights at EHS. Vote no on #60001.

To the Plan Commission and alders:

We live close to Edgewood HS, College and the Stadium. While we are not completely opposed to lights at the Stadium provided they are only used for limited home football games (that seems reasonable), Edgewood does not seem to want to cooperate/negotiate with the neighborhood. Unlimited use of lights, the stadium and amplification would cause the uses, values and enjoyment of my residence to be substantially impaired and diminished by the bright lights, loud noise and traffic that accompany competitive night games.

I should add that Edgewood *had* been a good partner to the neighborhood. Unfortunately, they have changed tack and have decided to act unilaterally and thumb their nose at their neighbors. They are no longer acting in good faith. To try to push this through during the time of the pandemic, when so many are distracted trying to maintain health, jobs, and food supplies, is irresponsible and borderline immoral. Likewise the constant threat of lawsuits to get what they want (big pockets trying to "buy" justice). Edgewood HS's mission statement is

Edgewood, a Catholic high school, educates the whole student for a life of learning, service, and personal responsibility through a rigorous academic curriculum that embraces the Sinsinawa Dominican values of Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership.

These actions, especially now, are the opposite of "truth, compassion, justice, community and partnership." Negotiation is not take it or leave it. Unilateral action is not community and partnership (note most students do not live in the affected community).

The point is, unlimited use of the lights would change the neighborhood and would cause the uses, values and enjoyment of my residence to be substantially impaired and diminished by the bright lights, loud noise and traffic that accompany competitive night games

Please vote no on stadium lights for Edgewood's field.

Thank you,

Mark and Julie Berggren

From: brian@sportsadvantedge.com
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood
Date: Saturday, May 09, 2020 6:55:28 AM

Please vote in favor of Edgewood's lights project

Subject: FW: Edgewood Stadium Lighting Proposal violates city lighting ordinance
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:52:15 AM

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

From: Ethan Brodsky <ethan.brodsky@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 11:57 AM

To: Parks, Timothy <TParks@cityofmadison.com>; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>; Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>; ajstaz2 <madison.k12.wi.us; bacantrell@charter.net>; erics@cowi.org; jshagenow@yahoo.com; klanspencer@uwalumni.com; keetrasbar@gmail.com; ledell.zellers@gmail.com; Lemmer, Lindsay <district3@cityofmadison.com>; Rummel, Marsha <district6@cityofmadison.com>; Heck, <district2@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: ethan.brodsky@gmail.com

Subject: Edgewood Stadium Lighting Proposal violates city lighting ordinance

I am writing to inform you that the lights proposed in File #60001 would, if approved, be in violation of MGO 10.085, the city's Outdoor Lighting Ordinance.

This is based on their description in the "Letter of Intent" and "Project Plans" documents in the legistar file:

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D2D4B269D501&d=DwIBAg&c=byeth2D2umMFFQYPZBagUCDuM9Q9rwxmaBM0hCgll&r=FE85BV294rhIEUxbpfrKE2O6qQI_OsVz0nm3A&m=vjNmQWYtmXqumP9dIC4VdYwofR2a2UgVzPucxqsgsh&s=vbRCK20dpgPW136a2CdoV70BAB&96rOIT_-7VVcU&e=https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https%3A%2F%2Fmadison.legistar.com_View_ashx-3FM-3Df-26D-3D8263938-26GVID-3DC8E5736EB-2DE057-2D4935-2D8A6A-2DAAB96BF6F5F8&d=DwIBAg&c=byeth2D2umMFFQYPZBagUCDuBiM9Q9rwxmaBM0hCgll&r=FE85BV294rhIEUxbpfrKE2O6qQI_OsVz0nm3A&m=vjNmQWYtmXqumP9dIC4VdYwofR2a2UgVzPucxqsgsh&s=h9tAp5dIC8PLdZ_FX0XFnZ6dF3EzDeucZuGigAwEo&

I feel that it is essential to point this fact out because the Planning Division Staff report, found here:

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__madison.legistar.com_View.ashx-3FM-3DF-26ID-3D8263938-26GUID-3DCE5736EB-2DE057-2D4935-2D8A6A

2DAAB9B6BF5F8C&d=DwIBAg&c=byethD2ZumMFFQYPZBagUCDuBiM9Q9twmxaBM0hCgII&r=tFE85BVt294erlvIEUxbpfrtKE2O6qbQi_OsVz0nm3A&m=yINMq

erroneously states that the lighting meets these standards.

While a previous lighting plan, Site Plan Verification (LNDSPR-2019-00020, LNDSPR-2019-0122), may have been temporarily approved by the city in 2019, that approval was, by the city's own acknowledgement, made erroneously and either rescinded or "never actually approved" and Planning's assertion that "it is expected that final plans will also meet this requirement" is untrue.

Lest readers surmise that I have no understanding of this topic and dismiss my comments as uninformed, consider that Mr. Hank informed me by email on

2019-03-05 that the submitted plans "meet the standards... and have been approved", and, after I wrote back on 2019-03-06 pointing out they did, in fact, violate the city law, I was told by email on 2019-03-07, that, "after additional review" that they would not be approved, and that this change was on the basis of the same issues I had pointed out in my email the day before.

MGO 10.085(5) "Approval Procedures" sets out very specific requirements for what "any person desiring to install outdoor lighting fixtures greater than

1. A catalog page, cut sheet or photograph of the lighting fixtures including the mounting method.
2. A photometric data test report of the proposed lighting fixture graphically showing the lighting distribution in all angles vertically and horizontally around the fixture.
3. A plot plan showing the location of all outdoor lighting fixtures proposed, the mounting or installation height, the overall initial illumination levels and uniformities and the point where 0.5 horizontal footcandle occurs on the property or adjacent property at a distance from 4 to 8 feet above the ground. This may be accomplished by means of an isolaux curve or computer printout showing the illumination levels.
4. A graphic depiction of the lighting fixture's lamp concealment and light cutoff angles.

Edgewood's proposal contains 1 and 3, but lacks 2 and 4.

The ordinance requires *all* of these be submitted.

This in itself is a violation of the city's lighting ordinance. The fact that this Conditional Use Permit application does not "demonstrate that the application and all requirements and conditions established by the city relating to the conditional use are or shall be satisfied" and do so "supported by substantial evidence" should be grounds for outright denial of this application, as the applicant has failed to "meet or agree to meet all of the requirements and conditions specified in the city ordinance or those imposed by the city zoning board."

While I understand that this may be considered a minor omission, the bigger issue is that this omission is allowing a much more significant issue to be overlooked, and was probably made deliberately with the intent of obscuring that issue.

"Datasheet: Light-Structure System, Luminaire and Driver Components - TLC-BT-575", it appears that the fixture mounted partially up the pole is installed such that the emitted light is aimed upwards, not downwards like the fixture at the top of the pole.

While the drawing is somewhat ambiguous and it is impossible to know with certainty which way these lights are pointing based on any other material in the application, I believe that they are intended to be pointed upwards, based on mentions of "punt lighting" in Edgewood's earliest neighborhood presentations. This term does not appear in Edgewood's submitted materials or in the Staff Report, but is essential to understanding the full extent of what they are proposing.

Online searches for the term "punt lighting" turns up a detailed written proposal for a stadium lighting project in another state by Musco, the same company that Edgewood is using, which contains text explaining that:

"...upward-facing luminaires would be mounted at 20 feet on each pole in order to illuminate airborne objects such as footballs during punts and kickoffs. The upward-facing luminaires are necessary because the modern Musco lighting system provides highly focused light and minimizes glare to the extent that airborne objects such as footballs during kickoffs would not otherwise be visible to the players and spectators."

This document can be found online here:

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.smuhsd.org_cms_lib_CA02206192_Centricity_Domain_1242_Community-5FStadiumLights-5FCEQA-5FSMUHSDStadiumImprovementProjectDraftEIRAppendicesA-

Figure 3 on page 9 of this (linked) document clearly shows an upward-facing fixture mounted partially up the pole, the installation in similar to what Edgewood is proposing but it is certain from this figure that the light is upward-facing.

Assuming this is indeed what Edgewood is proposing, each pole would contain two upward-facing TLC-BT-575 luminaires at a fifteen foot mounting height, for a total of eight upward-facing fixtures, each consuming 575W and emitting 52,000 lumens, for a total of 4600 W and 416,000 lumens of upward-facing light.

MGO 10,085(3) requires that:

"(a) All outdoor lighting fixtures installed and thereafter maintained upon private or public residential, commercial, industrial and other nonresidential property shall comply with the following

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watts incandescent) shall be full cutoff, or shall be shielded or installed so that there is not a direct line of sight between the light source or its reflection and a point five (5) feet or higher above the ground at the property boundary. The light source shall not be of such intensity so as to cause discomfort or annoyance."

The "Definitions" section of the ordinance states that:

"Shielded or Cutoff Lighting Fixtures shall mean outdoor lighting fixtures that utilize flat, clear lenses with no refracting elements and which operate in a horizontal position with nonadjustable mounting hardware or brackets. Such fixtures distribute light by means of an internal reflector only. The light source is totally concealed by the fixture housing when the position of observation is at an angle less than fifteen degrees (15) above horizontal. No light is permitted at an angle more than four degrees (4) above horizontal. (Am. by Ord. 13,717, 10-26-04)"

It is clear that a light that is intentionally pointed upwards does not meet the definition of a "cutoff light fixture", as it unquestionably emits light at an angle more than four degrees above horizontal. Further, it seems clear that the light would be directly visible from some point "five feet or higher above the ground at the property boundary." Due to the sloped terrain surrounding the site, it seems likely that light from these upward-facing fixtures would be directly visible from the windows of homes on Monroe and/or Woodrow Street.

Thus these lights would further be in violation of 10.085(3)(2), which intentionally prohibits bright lights pointed up at the sky in order to preserve the city's "dark skies". The limit for upward-facing lights is 1,000 lumens - this installation would include eight lights, each with fifty times that intensity. Despite the claims in Edgewood's proposal, this lighting is

NOT "dark sky compliant".

There are procedures for obtaining an "Administrative Exemption" to the city's lighting ordinance, specified in 10.085(6), but one should note that the relevant criteria for issuing such an exemption is that "the application of the ordinance may cause a manifest injustice to be done", with the following factors to be considered:

1. Special circumstances or conditions applying to the land, building or outdoor lighting fixture for which the exemption is sought.
2. Deprivation to the applicant of the reasonable use of the land, buildings or outdoor lighting fixtures that strict application of the ordinance may cause.
3. The effect of the granting of the exemption on the public welfare."

Please don't create a situation where Edgewood can claim that their inability to install lights that are prohibited by the city's Dark Skies ordinance is a "manifest injustice". The fact that they are currently limited to playing football during daylight hours was not, is not, and should not be considered a "manifest injustice" - it is the natural way of things. A decision here will confuse that by suddenly creating the question of whether there are "special conditions" that go against the long-established natural conditions of the site.

Now that I have established that this lighting does not comply with the standards for approval in the city's lighting ordinance, I would also like to draw attention to one additional sentence in the Planning staff report.

In the Analysis section on page 4/9:

"...staff does not advise that the Plan Commission apply conditions that may be contrary to Section 10.085. In addition to potentially contradicting MGO, enforcement of those conditions through zoning approvals may be difficult from a practical standpoint."

Stuff uses the word "contrary", which means "opposite in nature, direction or meaning". In formal logic, "contrary" means "cannot both be true".

It would indeed would be unwise for the Plan Commission to create conditions that are less stringent than those in the city's lighting ordinance (i.e. a condition that "may be contrary to 10.085"), as that will create a new, looser, standard that may create enforcement challenges for Planning.

However, there is absolutely no reason that the Plan Commission cannot create conditions that are more stringent than those in the city's lighting ordinance (i.e. conditions that will never "be contrary to 10.085"). In a situation where an applicant must apply for a Conditional Use Permit to do something, the city absolutely ***SHOULD*** consider such more restrictive conditions, and this is the only place where that can happen.

If such lights were to be allowed by right, they would be a permitted use and not need any consideration here and we wouldn't be having this conversation.

This Commission should feel absolutely free to impose conditions more stringent than those in 10.085, and based on the sensitive area in which this installation is being proposed, ***SHOULD*** be imposing such conditions, possibly to the extent of "no massive new lighting system for nighttime outdoor recreational use".

I am writing because I think there is a substantial danger here that the city will look upon approval by the Plan Commission of a non-conforming lighting installation as a statement of intent that the lighting permit should be approved, even if it does not meet city standards, and am concerned that this decision might be made here without there being any awareness that these lights would be in violation of city standards.

Edgewood has deliberately avoided any mention of upward-facing "punt lights" in their proposal because they know that they are not legal and offensive to many who care about protecting our dark skies. These upward-facing lights are essential in considering the impact on surrounding properties and surrounding natural areas and this glaring omission should not go unnoticed.

This demonstrates that the the claim in the application that the lights comply with city law is ***NOT*** supported by substantial evidence (furthermore, it is false) and is grounds for denial of the claim.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ethan Brodsky

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Regarding Legislative File #60001, the Conditional Use Permit for the Edgewood High School's stadium lighting at 2219 Monroe Street, I am writing to point out that much of the conversation on this issue is taking place on a misguided and legally-incorrect understanding as to what the current legal use of the parcel is.

Edgewood has failed to establish a lawful use of the field beyond possibly a very limited number of daytime events, and it is pointless to even be discussing a conditional use approval for stadium lighting without discussing a conditional use approval for the establishment or modification of the use itself, as required by MGO 28.097(2)(d).

The staff report on this application, dated 2020-05-11, states that "while the installation of the poles and fixtures to light the Goodman Athletic Complex for evening activities requires conditional use approval, the use of the stadium is not otherwise before the Plan Commission for consideration", and that "The unlighted (daytime) use of the athletic field for athletic competitions, school events, and practices is allowed by right as a secondary use complementary to the Edgewood High School primary use.

Staff does not believe that the unlighted use of the stadium may otherwise be regulated by the Plan Commission through its consideration of the request to install lights." These assertions are false and based on an unfortunate and incorrect understanding of the current legal use of this parcel, as I will show below.

The evolution of the current legal use of this parcel begins in the 1990s, when Edgewood applied for and was granted a Conditional Use Permit for an athletic field which "may include a soccer field, football field, 8-lane running track, and 300-seat bleachers". This CUP is notable for what it lacked, which was "lights for 14 night games per year", "a new PA system", and a "700-seat grandstand", all components of an earlier Edgewood CUP application, which was roundly rejected by the neighborhood and denied by the Plan Commission on March 18,

1996. The new CUP application, which omitted those developments, was submitted on April 16, 1997 and approved by the city with support of surrounding neighborhoods.

That remained the legal status of the field for over a decade, and remained so until January 2, 2013, when Madison's new zoning code went into effect, converting this parcel from its previous Residential zoning to being zoned as a Campus/Institutional Special District (now MGO 28.097, then 28.096). This change, the city believes, canceled all conditions associated with conditional use permits that were in place, including Conditions of Continued Jurisdiction, making the use of the parcel governed solely by the zoning regulations for Campus/Institutional parcels that lacked a Master Plan [#56839 2019-10-28 Staff Memo by Tim Parks, p2].

MGO 28.097, the Campus/Institutional District zoning ordinance, list "Stadiums, auditoriums, and arenas, open or enclosed" as a "secondary use" [MGO 28.097(3)(b)16], but fails to define that term in any way. This is unfortunate, and unlike every other type of district in the city, all of which identify particular uses as "Permitted", "Conditional", "Accessory", "Incidental", terms that are precisely defined in the ordinance [MGO 28.211 Definitions].

The city has currently taken the interpretation that all Secondary Uses are thus permitted in any Campus/Institutional district [#60001 2020-05-11 Staff Memo by Tim Parks and Matt Tucker, p4], although this interpretation is not supported by the language of the ordinance.

Significantly, there is nothing in the ordinances that classifies or defines secondary uses as permitted, whereas every other type of district explicitly states what uses are permitted. Furthermore, the ordinance makes it clear, via its "Interpretation" section, MGO 28.004(1), that:

"This ordinance should be interpreted as a permissive zoning ordinance, which means that the ordinance permits only those principal and accessory uses and structures that are specifically enumerated in the ordinance. In the absence of a variance or special exception, any uses or structures not specifically permitted by the ordinance are prohibited."

There is no language "specifically permitting" these uses.

In addition, when concerns were raised about deficiencies in the new CI district ordinance at the Plan Commission, several commissioners noted that the uses listed as secondary uses were typically classified as conditional uses in other zoning districts because of the obvious impacts such uses have in the surrounding neighborhoods [#56839 Plan Commission hearings, 2019-08-26, 2019-11-11, 2019-12-09].

I will not argue that point further here (though I believe that a court would find the city's interpretation to be incorrect), because even under the city's current interpretation, they are still misstating the legal use of this parcel, as I will show below.

During the period leading up to the Master Plan's effective date, Edgewood "established" (and I am using that term very precisely) a certain level of use by their actual use of the facility. I have attached documents [Attachment 1: Annotated transcripts of testimony at 2019-08-26 PC hearing, Attachment 2: History of Varsity Football at Edgewood High School, Attachment 3: Summary of Athletic Complex Use] describing this use.

To summarize, during the 2011-2012 academic year, there was no on-site varsity football; no varsity, JV, or freshman boys soccer; no varsity girls soccer; no varsity, JV, or freshman lacrosse; and possibly 4-5 low-level (JV and Freshman) football games and 4-6 low-level (JV) girls soccer games on site. At most, 8-11 games are documented as having taken place on the field, though there is some uncertainty as to whether the number is even that high, because some games that Edgewood claim happened on site are listed elsewhere (e.g. the Badger Conference schedule website) as happening at Holy Name Heights or Breese Stevens.

Use in 2013 was similar, with no on-site varsity football; no varsity, JV, or freshman boys soccer; no varsity girls soccer; no varsity, JV, or freshman lacrosse; and, again, possibly, 4-5 lower-level football and 4-6 lower-level girls soccer games. At most, 8-11 games are documented as having taken place on the field, though, again, the Badger Conference schedule shows all lower-level girls soccer games as having taken place at Reddan Soccer Fields, so it is likely that the only on-site games were five freshman/JV football games.

In 2014, again, the use was similar, with 8-11 documented games at most, and probably only 4-5 freshman football games.

Madison General Ordinances do not define the term "established use", but MGO 28.210, the "Rules of Construction" for the Zoning ordinance, states that, "All words not defined shall have their common meaning." The term "established" is generally understood to mean "brought into existence" or "put on a firm basis", and other municipalities legally define the term as meaning something along the lines of "a use that was begun lawfully and has continued uninterrupted and without substantial alteration". When a change in zoning law leads to a new prohibition of an already-established and previously-legal use, that use may legally continue as a legal non-conforming use [Wis. Stats. 62.23(7)(h)], but that is not the issue in question here.

It is clear that the "Established Use" in this period was on the order of ten day games per year, and that the physical facility established for that use was the 300-seat grandstand approved as part of the 1997 CUP.

On April 8, 2014, the common council approved a Master Plan for Edgewood [#33434] and that Master Plan went into effect on November 6, 2015 [#56839

2019-10-28 Tim Parks comments, p1]. This new Master Plan, which was written by Edgewood and approved at Edgewood's request, used language that demonstrated an explicit intent to discontinue the limited athletic field use that had been occurring at that time, designating that field as being for "team practices" and "physical education classes".

After the Master Plan went into effect, competitive use of the field became an unlawful use, as indicated by Matt Tucker's letter to Edgewood High School on 2018-10-26 [not published; obtained via a public records search on 2018-12-28].

During the period that the Master Plan was in effect and competitive use was legally prohibited, however, Edgewood not only continued, but massively, and, critically, illegally, expanded the use of the field, increasing their use from their previous legally Established Use of approximately 10 games per year to over 70 illegal games per year and beginning the use of amplified audio during the illegal games.

This increase was, of course, illegal, because the use itself was illegal, and prompted the city to issue multiple Notices of Violation [2019-04-01 and 2019-05-15, CB2019-091-02749] and order the illegal activity to stop. Due to delays related to Edgewood's ZBA appeal [#56510, decided against Edgewood on 2019-07-11], summer break, Edgewood's lawsuit against the city, and Edgewood's request for a repeal of the Master Plan, no civil or criminal penalties were levied for over a year after the city was made aware of this illegal activity, and the illegal activity continued throughout 2019.

Nevertheless, despite the lack of further enforcement, this newly-expanded use, or any competitive use at all, was unquestionably illegal. It is well-established law that one cannot legally establish a use by engaging in a pattern of activity that is illegal, and Wis. Stats. 62.23(7)(h) explicitly states that even a legal non-conforming use (which is not what this was) "may not be extended".

Why does it matter what use is "established"?

Because, while Edgewood's Master Plan was in effect, the CI District Ordinance was revised in order to correct the deficiency mentioned above. This revised ordinance was in place at the time that Edgewood's Master Plan was repealed, and is in place now. MGO 28.097(2)(d) requires that:

"In a Campus-Institutional District without a Campus Master Plan, the establishment, improvement, or modification of any primary or secondary use occurring outside of an enclosed building shall require conditional use approval."

The city staff memo asserts that, with the repeal of the Master Plan, Edgewood is allowed "by right" any Secondary Use, but that is not what the ordinance says. The ordinance, quoted above, makes it clear that they are allowed to continue any established use, but that to "establish" any new use or to "improve" or "modify" any existing use requires a Conditional Use Permit. Thus the assertion in the staff report that:

"However, while the installation of the poles and fixtures to light the Goodman Athletic Complex for evening activities requires conditional use approval, the use of the stadium is not otherwise before the Plan Commission for consideration."
cannot be correct.

Defining Edgewood's "established use" at this moment in time is crucial to determining what, at best, constitutes the continuation of an existing established use (if that is even the legal status of that use) and what is actually the "establishment, improvement, or modification ... of a use", which now requires a conditional use approval as part of current law.

The city has failed to define Edgewood's established use except to assert in their staff report that:

"The unlighted (daytime) use of the athletic field for athletic competitions, school events, and practices is allowed by right as a secondary use complementary to the Edgewood High School primary use."
and is thus framing this debate as if Edgewood had established "unlimited day use, with a PA system" as their current use. The city fails to take into consideration the language and clear intended purpose of the amended ordinance.

The CI District Ordinance does not allow unlimited secondary use "by right", only the continuation of an established use. What matters is the established use, and this entire conversation is thus taking place based on an incorrect understanding of the law.

To conclude that these uses are unlimited "by right", or can be established or expanded ("modified") without a conditional use approval would render MGO 28.097(2)(d) meaningless, and that should be disfavored, since the city should be presumed not to have enacted meaningless legislation.

Mr. Strange is clearly aware of this, as in his 2019-08-26 memo to the Plan Commission regarding #56981, the Text Amendment that created this ordinance, he writes:

"The proposed amendment also changes the requirement for conditional use approval for secondary uses. Under this amendment, all secondary uses require conditional use approval regardless of whether there is an increase in floor or zoning lot area."
"Moreover, the ordinance would require conditional use approval to establish, modify, or improve all secondary uses, regardless of whether such action will increase floor or zoning lot area."

Note that this ordinance applies specifically to "uses", a term that is defined in MGO 28.211:

"Use . The use of property is the purpose or activity for which the land or building thereon is occupied or maintained."
and thus clearly includes "activities" rather being limited to structures, construction, or other types of physical development.

The established athletic use can only be, at most, the actual lawful established use at the time that the Master Plan went into effect (assuming that that remained the established use at the time the Master Plan was repealed, a question that I do not concede but is not essential to this argument), because a use cannot become legally established unlawfully, and an established use cannot be legally expanded unlawfully. There is no other avenue by which Edgewood could have legally established a use.

Any illegal expansion of their use which occurred during the Master Plan period does not create or expand the Established Use, and you are now facing a Conditional Use Permit application asking for a physical development that would allow nighttime use but not asking for that expansion to use itself, with an incorrect claim from city staff that "the use of the stadium is not otherwise before the Plan Commission for consideration."

What you should instead be reviewing is a Conditional Use application from Edgewood that asks for a modification

of their use, from their current, legally established use, which is, at most, approximately 10 day games per year (supposing that that use is, in fact, legally established, an open question which I do not concede), 300 seats and no PA system, to a proposed modified use of unlimited daytime games, 450 seats, and unlimited use of a PA system, plus whatever nighttime use they also wish to now establish.

All of that is a modification of use, all of that is within the scope of this review, and all of it may be regulated by the Plan Commission.

It is critical that that question be answered, and you should deny this application and advise Edgewood to submit an application that asks for and provides substantial evidence in support of the modification in use they are they are asking for, rather than this application that just discusses (quite inadequately) only the physical elements required for that use. As this application does not meet the standards for approval, it must be denied.

Please deny this application and inform Edgewood that they should come back with a proposal for what they really want, instead of trying to achieve it via a series of incremental conditional use permit applications without any consideration or discussion of the final outcome.

Respectfully,

Ethan Brodsky

August 30, 2019

Dear Ms. Stouder,

I am writing in response to questions asked by a Plan Commissioner during the hearing on Aug 26, 2019 about item 14, file 56839. The questions were about whether games were played on the Edgewood High School athletic field before the Master Plan was adopted and about the frequency of use. We conducted research about historic use of the field for the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing and shared this with city staff at that time. I am requesting that you share our findings with the Plan Commission members for their consideration as they deliberate the referred item.

Commissioner Cantrell 5:53:17

My question is, before the Plan Commission approved the Master Plan, did Edgewood have competitive games on their field?

Attorney Wautier 5:53:34

Yes

Commissioner Cantrell 5:53:36

But they didn't have lighting, and they didn't have seating, and they didn't have sound, is that correct?

Attorney Wautier 5:53:45

They did have seating. I believe they also had amplified sound through a portable system. They did not and still do not have lighting.

While Mr. Wautier's words were technically correct, they were misleading in that they failed to convey how minimal the intensity of use was historically compared to today.

According to data provided by Edgewood (see attached file), from 1990-1998, only 4-6 lower-level, i.e. freshman and Junior Varsity level, football (fall) and girls' soccer (spring), games were played at the Monroe Street campus per year.

From 1999-2006, Edgewood continued to use the field for lower-level football and girls' soccer games and played a few boys and girls varsity soccer games in some years. It also held one track and field event for the high school, as well as for the grade school and club teams.

From 2007-2014, only lower level football and girls' soccer games were played on the field. However, the official BadgerConference online calendars show that some of these games were actually played at Holy Name Hills or Reddan fields (see attached file). Thus in 2014, for example, there was a total of **only 4 freshman football** games played at Edgewood. From 2007-2014, **no** varsity games, and **no** track and field events took place at all.

After adoption of the Master Plan in 2014 and the subsequent 2015 upgrade to the practice field surface, neighbors noticed a significant change in use of the field, both in terms of the number of events and the related noise and disruptiveness. Field use since 2015 has expanded to include varsity boys' and girls' soccer games, lacrosse games, and track events. Use of the field was also expanded to include use by non-Edgewood High School teams, including games of two regional college lacrosse tournaments. In the two-month spring 2019 season alone, 41 competitive events were documented representing over a **ten-fold increase in use over pre-2015 levels.**

Until 2015, Edgewood teams, like West and East High School, played almost all their games at off-campus “home” fields, including Breitenbach Stadium, Reddan, and Breese Stevens Field, just as West High School uses Mansfield Stadium at Memorial High School as its home football field. Edgewood High School holds cross-country, hockey, and golf sporting events off campus. Edgewood College holds all its field sports events off campus. There have **never** been any documented night games, games with permanently installed amplified sound, or facilities to support over 1000 people in the stands.

In summary, vague statements about Edgewood High School playing games do not paint an accurate picture of the historic use of the field. I hope the information provided for 2011-12, 2013, and 2014 field use will add to your understanding of the change in field use after the 2015 practice field surface upgrade and its increased impact on the neighborhood.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

EHS field use summary PC.pdf
EHS varsity football.pdf

History of Varsity Football at Edgewood High School

1927-1929	Home games played on the EHS field
1930-1937	Home games played on the EHS field; some “occasionally” played at Breese Stevens
1938-1991	No home games on the EHS field
1992-1995	One game on the EHS field for each of 4 seasons
1996	No data
1997-2001	No data (unlikely that there were any)
2001-present	No home games
	Summary:
	Home games at EHS for 11 seasons 1927-1937
	One home game at EHS for 4 seasons 1992-1995
	No record of home games on the field 1997-present

Reference:

Mentzer, M. and T. Martinelli. 2016. *Unbreakable Bonds: Edgewood Football, Life Lessons: 1927-2015*. Self-published.

	Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage										
	Football		Boys Soccer		Girls Soccer		Lacrosse		Track	Parochial	West Side
Year:	Varsity	Lower Level	Varsity	Lower Level	Varsity	Lower Level	Varsity	Lower Level	Varsity/JV	School Track	Youth T&F
1990		4-5				4-6					
1991		4-5				4-6					
1992		4-5				4-6					
1993		4-5				4-6					
1994		4-5				4-6					
1995		4-5				4-6					
1996		4-5				4-6					
1997		4-5				4-6					
1998		4-5			0	4-6					
1999		4-5				4-6			1	1	6-8
2000		4-5				4-6			1	1	6-8
2001		4-5			6	4-6			1	1	6-8
2002		4-5			11	4-6			1	1	6-8
2003		4-5			5	4-6			1	1	6-8
2004		4-5	8		9	4-6			1	1	6-8
2005		4-5	5			4-6			1	1	6-8
2006		4-5	2			4-6			1	1	6-8
2007		4-5			1	4-6					
2008		4-5				4-6					
2009		4-5				4-6					
2010		4-5				4-6					
2011		4-5				4-6					
2012		4-5				4-6					
2013		4-5				4-6					
2014		4-5				4-6					
2015		4-5	2		1	4-6	8	8			
2016		4-5	2		3	4-6	8	8			
2017	Scrimmage (0)	4-5	6		7	4-6	8	8	1	1	
2018	Scrimmage (0)	4	7		10	4-6	8	8	1	1	

Summary of Edgewood High School Field Use Data for 2014
Edgewood High School Home Games
for Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Lacrosse

Please find below the summary of data for the 2014 Edgewood High School Home Games for Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Lacrosse. The sources for all data are the Badger Conference website listed on Edgewood High School's website and, as indicated, the *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* data provided by Edgewood High School.

(See attached badgerconference.org data

and *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* data - Number of games at EHS.)

From *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* for 2014

- No varsity football at EHS.
- No varsity, JV or freshman boys soccer at EHS.
- No varsity girls soccer at EHS.
- No varsity, JV or freshman Lacrosse at EHS
- 4-5 Lower Level Football and 4-6 Lower Level Girls Soccer** games listed at EHS.
No data provided from EHS specifying game details.

****2014 Lower Level Girls Soccer home games**

From badgerconference.org

- *All games listed at Reddan Soccer Fields*, not at EHS as listed above.

2014 Lower Level Boys Soccer home games

From badgerconference.org

- All games listed at *Reddan Soccer Fields*

2014 Lower Level Football home games

From badgerconference.org

- No JV football listed at EHS.
- 4 Freshman football games listed at EHS

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Edgewood High School Home Games
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(See attached badgerconference.org data

and *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* data- Number of games at EHS)

From 2013 *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage*

- No varsity Football at EHS
- No varsity, JV or freshman Boys Soccer at EHS
- No varsity Girls Soccer at EHS
- No varsity, JV, or freshman Lacrosse at EHS.
- 4-5 Lower Level Football and 4-6 Lower Level Girls Soccer** games listed at EHS.
No data provided from EHS specifying game details.

**** For 2013 Lower Level Girls Soccer home games**

From badgerconference.org

-All games listed at Reddan Soccer Fields, not EHS, according to badgerconference.org

For the 2013 Lower Level Football home games

From badgerconference.org

- 5 JV football games listed at EHS
- No Freshman games

**Summary of Edgewood High School Field Use Data
for 2011-2012 Academic Year
Edgewood High School Home Games
for Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Lacrosse**

Please find below the summary of data for the 2011-2012 Academic Year Edgewood High School Home Games for Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Lacrosse. The sources for data are the Badger Conference website listed on Edgewood High School's website and, as indicated, the *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* data provided by Edgewood High School.

(See attached badgerconference.org data and *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* data - Number of Games at EHS)

From *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* data for 2011-12

- No varsity football at EHS.
- No varsity, JV or freshman Boys Soccer at EHS.
- No varsity Girl Soccer at EHS
- No varsity, JV or freshman Lacrosse at EHS.
- 4-5 Lower Level Football games** and 4-6 Lower Level Girls Soccer^^ games played at EHS.

****Lower Level Football home games for 2011-12**

From badgerconference.org

- 4 JV games are listed at *Holy Name Heights (Bishop O'Connor Catholic Pastoral Center)*
- 1 JV game is listed on 10/7/12 versus Waunakee, a team EHS had already played at *Holy Name Heights* on 8/20/12
- 4 Freshman football games are listed with no location and are scheduled on the same day and at the same time as the JV games at *Holy Name Heights*

^^Lower Level Girls Soccer home games for 2011-12

From badgerconference.org

- 2 JV games are listed at *Holy Name Heights* and 1 at *Breese Stevens*
- 1 JV game is listed at EHS on the same day, same time and against the same team as the Varsity game played at *Breese Stevens* (4/28/12 at 12p vs Monroe)
- 1 JV game is listed at EHS on the same day vs the same team as the Varsity game at played at *Breese Stevens*. (5/3/12 vs Monona Grove, 5PM JV and 7PM Varsity)
(Same soccer scheduling with JV and varsity Girls Soccer scheduled 2 hours apart at the same location as listed in 2013, 2014, and 2015 schedules)

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: May 11 Agenda item 16 - OPPOSE Edgewood HS lighting
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:51:10 AM

From: William Brumsickle <brumsickle@charter.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: May 11 Agenda item 16 - OPPOSE Edgewood HS lighting

Dear Plan Commision:

I urge you to reject this conditional use request from Edgewood High School for athletic field lighting.

We own a home on the corner of Edgewood Ave. and West Lawn Ave, 900 feet from the EHS athletic field. I am greatly concerned that the proposed "improvements" will significantly reduce both our property value and the enjoyment of our property and quiet residential neighborhood.

Among our concerns and reasons to reject this particular proposal are:

- lack of independent assessment of lighting impact on neighborhood and Lake Wingra and Wingra Park wildlife, including reflected glare.
- lack of consideration of crowd noise and amplified sound during evening hours.
- no limit on number of games or events in evening hours; Edgewood has not shown that it can be trusted without specific limits and enforcement means.
- Edgewood HS chose to end its agreement with Middleton High School. Edgewood's claim to now lack a game site is specious.

With appropriate design and evaluation, a wholly different proposal to limit lighted field use to only practice sessions, without sound amplification, may be acceptable. There is no legitimate need for night games at this site. West High School is much larger and provides plenty of athletic opportunities for its students without a game facility next door.

Sincerely,

William Brumsickle
2202 West Lawn Ave.

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Public input regarding proposed Edgewood HS stadium
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:57:48 AM

From: Kay Cashman Cahill <kcahill83@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 3:47 PM

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

Subject: Public input regarding proposed Edgewood HS stadium

I am writing to express my opposition to the permitting of a stadium structure for the field at Edgewood High School on Monroe Street. I am a longtime resident of the neighborhood, having lived for 12 years on West Lawn Ave. a short block from the site and now 15 years on Jefferson St., across Edgewood Ave from the high school building. We have raised 5 kids here who all attended West, and are privileged to have been involved as community volunteers in various ways. This proposal affects a neighborhood I love and have long been committed to supporting. I object to this as unnecessary, polluting, threatening to a protected natural environment, and finally as a complete failure of processes the city should uphold.

First, it is not necessary. The football team has been playing and has a place to play. Their parents would evidently like for them to play closer to the school and have lots of money to put behind that, but it's not necessary for their children. West High less than a mile away, serving 2000+ diverse students from south and west Madison, has no football stadium, nor does Madison's East High. A stadium at Edgewood HS is not "infill development" because it is not going to concentrate activity where the users already live. Edgewood students and fans will be commuting by car as they do daily, many from communities outside Madison. It is going to disrupt the interface with one of the most highly valued natural areas in urban Madison by bringing traffic, noise, and light pollution from elsewhere.

I am distraught at the lights and loudspeakers associated with this stadium plan. These will be unthinkably disruptive to daily peace and enjoyment of our neighborhood. We are all familiar with the sounds of loudspeakers from Camp Randall, which is farther away. For most of us, this will be much closer, and instead of a few football Saturdays a year there will be scores of events. Additionally, any expensive facility like this will be rented out for revenue, so when there are no games we can expect tournaments and runs and other events--what about concerts?--all involving blasting speakers. There is no structure between my home and my neighbors' homes on the east edge of the Edgewood campus and this stadium: we will hear everything.

In the past, Edgewood has hosted occasional tailgate events for its alumni and some charity events on its greenspace on weekend mornings, with blasting music to energize the crowd. Naturally, we didn't complain because these were rare and were for charity--but rousing music on Saturday before 8 a.m. is not welcome. An expensive stadium that will host these events repeatedly will change the character of our livable city neighborhood forever.

Add lights and traffic to that noise, and I am afraid of the damage that will be done to the natural environment of this precious area. This site is on the edge of Lake Wingra and the UW

Arboretum. These are not only beloved natural areas, they are fragile and preserve habitat which the suburban expansion of Madison has put at risk. Madison's 20th century planners made extraordinary efforts to preserve this interface between city and nature both for the plants and animals and for Madison's human residents. The Park and Pleasure Drive was created for this purpose and preserved from traffic flow to protect the area and provide access for people to nature. These areas are used and enjoyed daily by humans who find restoration in the natural world rather than a football game. But wild creatures do not remain when human encroachment of this kind is increased.

During this difficult time of isolation we have needed this area more than ever. Walking, running, boating or resting in the arboretum and along Lake Wingra is the daily activity of hundreds, so much that the city has closed a street to facilitate that. But we will throw it all away if we let development damage the fragile balance. I read with fear this article in December about how our continent has lost billions of birds, and we don't even notice because our short memories give us "shifting baseline syndrome." If this stadium is built with its environmental impacts on the edge of Lake Wingra, I fear I will have to tell my grandchildren in 15 years that we used to see loons on the lake on their migration north in the spring, and we used to hear owls on evening walks through the neighborhood. They will never see and hear these things on the near west side of Madison for themselves because Edgewood High School wanted a lighted stadium with loudspeakers.

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2226898-young-people-cant-remember-how-much-more-wildlife-there-used-to-be/>

Finally, I must comment on the process. The process Edgewood has chosen to undertake in seeking a permit promises consistent disregard for the community in which the school stands. Edgewood itself created a Liaison Committee that included representatives from both neighboring Neighborhood Associations and stakeholders from all its resident institutions. I served on that committee for several years and was part of the first master plan. Two versions of a master plan were created and ratified at Edgewood's request, a process that involved many lengthy discussions with input from all stakeholders. Now Edgewood has chosen to bypass that process completely, destroy its own master plan and abrogate all its agreements to push through this stadium by other means, ignore the liaison process, and silence opposition. That reflects a lack of goodwill and intent to ignore the concerns of neighbors.

Sadly, that has been my experience as a neighbor to Edgewood High School. They are in our community but do not see themselves as a part of it and will not take responsibility for any impacts on the community. When we have had issues with irresponsible traffic putting local children as well as Edgewood students at risk, with vandalism, litter, and noise, Edgewood washes its hands. When Edgewood High School students vandalized my yard and tore down my political signs (Hillary Clinton and Russ Feingold signs), I spoke with the students, their parents, and the Madison Police. I told the police I would prefer this be worked out with the school and parents as a matter of civil society, rather than to take police time and consider this a criminal matter. The officers told me that when a complaint is referred to Edgewood HS administration they typically never get further response. Indeed that is what happened in my case: I never heard one word further from the parents or students involved, and Edgewood HS administration did not even reply to my messages to them. Since then my Black Lives Matter signs have been torn down twice. As an Edgewood HS neighbor I apparently have no recourse.

We can expect that all disruptive behavior associated with stadium traffic, alcohol

consumption, litter, and noise in our neighborhood will be disavowed by Edgewood HS and either require a Madison PD response--unnecessary expense and not an appropriate use of our city resources--or just be suffered by local residents.

Most Edgewood High School families do not live in Dudgeon-Monroe or Vilas neighborhoods. If you proposed a stadium with lights and loudspeakers where they actually live they would not tolerate this proposal for a minute. They will trot out a couple of interested parties who live locally, but the vast majority commute here. Most of the consequences will fall on thousands of people who are neighborhood residents and enjoy the benefits of our peaceful area--a good mix of businesses, homes, and natural areas--every single day. This is much too much to demand for the benefit of a very few who do not care about the quality of life on the near west side of Madison and have underweighed the costs and risks. Planners, alders, and Mayor, please do not make that mistake. We are counting on you to hear us.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Cahill
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kcahill83@gmail.com

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Comment on Agenda item #16, Legistar #60001 (Edgewood Field Lights)
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:55:05 AM

From: Doug Carlson <dcarlson5dc@aim.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2020 7:21 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Comment on Agenda item #16, Legistar #60001 (Edgewood Field Lights)

Dear Plan Commission-

I am not specifically supporting nor opposing the proposal for lights at Edgewood's athletic field. However, IF the Plan Commission considers accepting Edgewood's proposal, I request that you add the following conditions that were agreed upon in late 2018:

1. Limit the use of lights to 8:30pm except for football at 10:00pm (with limited flexibility for special circumstances).
2. Limit the number of regular-season games to 25 or a number similar to the previous compromise.

The current proposal has stepped backwards from the previous compromise proposal and is not restrictive enough.

Thanks for your consideration,
-Doug Carlson, 1018 Oakland Ave.

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood stadium lights proposal
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:46:59 AM

From: Jeff Carroll <jtcarroll48@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 9:08 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: Edgewood stadium lights proposal

I have decided to attempt to speak at the planning meeting tomorrow and therefore I have added some comments to my original email sent last week. Please use this email to replace my prior one. Thank you, Jeff

Hello,

In the midst of the worst crisis in the United States in my 71 years, Edgewood high school is quietly 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 4 blocks from the Edgewood campus so will not be affected by the installation of lights. However, it seems pretty clear that the next step after getting lights approved would be the enhanced sound system they proposed in the last few years, and then a stadium. The noise from that stadium would reach our home, as it did during the annual Edgefest events in the past.

We have no doubt 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 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.

Unlike last year when there was a vigorous exchange of letters to the editor in the Wisconsin State Journal, there have been none

recently, apparently because even their supporters did not know about this quiet attempt.

In prior letters supporting the building of a stadium, Edgewood parents wrote that their

students had the “right” to fair and equitable treatment – to have a home field just like the other Madison high schools.

Evidently these parents are not aware that West high school does not have their own Soccer/football Stadium. Perhaps the parents at West HS should insist on a “home field stadium” with lights and stands for their athletes as well. Perhaps they should insist on “equitable” treatment. Maybe they should threaten to sue the city.

Our children graduated from West HS in 2006 and 2008. 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, even 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 Edgewood is currently allowed to do.

Imagine the uproar in the Regent neighborhood if Madison schools proposed installing lights, stands and loudspeakers on the field on Regent Avenue across from the tennis courts, a block from West high school.

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?

Based on their threatening a lawsuit against the city last year, claiming “religious discrimination”, no doubt Edgewood would understand if the West high school parents sue the city based on “equity discrimination”.

Our son did just fine dealing with the circumstances of playing on a field that was not truly a “home” field. He and his teammates dealt with the situation and probably learned resilience - 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 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. The next step would surely be a request for a sound system, and then the following year stands in the stadium. Their rationale for a stadium with stands would no doubt be based on the fact that they were allowed to have lights, and then sound.

That would change the character of the neighborhood drastically and permanently since they are requesting the ability to play 70 night games a year, most of which would obviously happen in warmer weather. The serenity and quiet of many evenings on Lake Wingra in the warm weather would be a thing of the past. Please reject their request for lights. Thank you.

Jeff Carroll &
Maggi Christianson
[2540 Gregory St.,](#)
[Madison, 53711](#)

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:54:21 AM

From: Allen W. Clark <allenw.clark@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School

To the Plan Commission,

Last Spring, in the afternoon, working in our yard at 2525 Gregory Street 4 blocks from Edgewood, I heard the track meet being held at the Edgewood athletic facility. I could clearly hear the names of the contestants and their events even at this distance. What will happen to the quiet enjoyment of our residence in the afternoons and particularly in the evenings if you allow Edgewood to go forward with their hair brained attempt to save their failing private high school?

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.

Thank you,
Allen Clark
2525 Gregory Street
Madison

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to Edgewood Stadium
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:40:34 AM

From: Seth Collins <collins611@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:49 AM
Subject: Opposition to Edgewood Stadium

Hi, I live at 1802 Monroe, and previously on 2125 West Lawn.

I'd like to note my opposition to the new stadium as proposed. From all I've heard, it feels clear to me Edgewood is being a bad actor in not working with the neighborhood. This entire antagonistic relationship feels driven by an egoism that is really disappointing for an institution that has been operating in the neighborhood for so long. I feel this city needs to set an example about how development can happen within the community in an inclusive manner. If Edgewood won't behave respectfully of the community around it, they should not be going to the city crying for help (or threatening with lawsuits).

Seth Collins

From: [ERIC TEDUITS](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood"s athletic field!
Date: Saturday, May 09, 2020 4:02:07 PM

I'm writing to ask for your support for the lighting permit for Edgewood. You have the information, please allow for this to happen.

Sincerely, Eric teDuits

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood abuse
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:53:45 AM

From: marcia diamond <mdiamond1339@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood abuse

Greetings--

I wrote long ago in opposition to Edgewood High School's plan to build a stadium, and I have followed the entire process of their efforts in that direction over the past several years (yep, years). I had decided not to bother writing to you this time, because it has seemed that nothing does any good in stopping this juggernaut. But I read Alder Evers' blog last night, and I find I must add my two cents.

People, I am so, so very tired of all this. Alder Evers has presented a summary of what's happened in this neighborhood over the past few years in as measured a way as I can imagine. Frankly, I think he's much too nice about the way Edgewood has proceeded. But he does draw a picture of what has happened and makes note of important concepts--such as that property owners have the right to enjoy their properties without substantial interference from neighbors (and the neighbors in this case are taxpayers, unlike the school). Please, read his blog posting at [Blog - District 13 - Common Council - City of Madison, Wisconsin](#)

Alder Evers has provided a summary of facts, but let me add something else. I want you to know that I, as a resident of the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood (a few blocks away and not directly across from Edgewood, thank goodness), feel like a victim of domestic abuse perpetrated by Edgewood upon myself and upon my neighborhood.

Edgewood has repeatedly over a period of years exhibited behaviors that would not begin to be acceptable in any relationship between two individuals--and which should absolutely not be acceptable when used by a business entity (namely Edgewood) against its human neighbors (or the natural areas that surround it).

There is an old saying about getting one's way "by hook or by crook", and Edgewood is trying hard to get its way step by step with lies and bullying. There is nothing to be respected about their efforts.

Their lying and bullying behavior has been consistent whether used against the adjacent neighborhoods or against the city itself (think lawsuits). They routinely say one thing and do another, and their behavior has been the opposite of "in good faith."

Please, please, please. Put a stop to this abuse. Drive a stake through the heart of their unending effort to overpower and abuse the neighborhood. Deny Edgewood's request for a conditional use permit rather than rewarding abuse. They do NOT "need" a lighted field, they do NOT "need" night games, they do NOT "need" a full blown stadium (which they are clear remains their final goal). The neighborhood DOES need for this abuse to end.

Thank you.

Marcia Diamond
663 Crandall
Madison WI 53711

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood HS lights decision
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:41:31 PM

From: divingdoc <divingdoc265@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood HS lights decision

Commissioners: I believe the Edgewood campus is substantial asset to my neighborhood and should be able to conduct sporting events as they wish on their own property. The issues of noise, timing of events, parking problems can be worked out among the interested parties. If the facility were to close and the property marketed, the potential damage to the neighborhood would be much more consequential, *EG*-high-rise dorms large retail or other commercial development. I would urge the planning commission to encourage and protect Edgewood. I have no religion and I am legitimately involved in your decision. I live on West Lawn Avenue, two blocks from Edgewood

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Shawn Doherty](#)
To: [Stouder, Heather](#); [ajstatz2@madison.k12.wi.us](#); [bacantrell@charter.net](#); [jshagenow@yahoo.com](#); [kianespencer@uwalumni.com](#); [keetrasburn@gmail.com](#); [ledell.zellers@gmail.com](#); [Lemmer, Lindsay](#); [Rummel, Marsha](#); [Heck, Patrick](#); [hiwayman@chorus.net](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#); [Evers, Tag](#)
Subject: Fwd:
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:33:11 AM

Dear Plan Commission members,

I have lived across the street from the Edgewood campus, at the corner of Adams Street and Edgewood Avenue, for twenty years. I am a member of the Vilas Neighborhood Association's Edgewood Liaison Committee. The thoughts in this letter are my own, and do not represent the official views of the VNA or the liaison committee.

Shortly after its Master Plan was jettisoned (under threat of a religious persecution lawsuit) Edgewood unilaterally discontinued meetings with the liaison group I am a member of. The result is the conditional use application in front of you, which fails to adequately address and mitigate negative impacts on the neighborhood. It lacks basic specific information and parameters on usage and scheduling; as written it appears the high school could use its lighting anytime it wishes. Even my 17-year-old daughter could point out a potential problem: our Vilas neighborhood is sandwiched between Camp Randall and Edgewood. What if both stadiums scheduled football games at the same time? What kind of noise, crowds, and parking and traffic jams would result, and how would that mess be managed?

The disingenuous language in the application adds insult to injury by dismissing legitimate concerns of my neighbors, some of whom, let's not forget, live a mere 100 feet away. Take the statement that the lights "will not create any additional noise." Is that reassurance, irony, or a legal tactic? Of course the lights won't make noise. But they are a Trojan Horse. With them come amplified sound, celebrating fans and traffic that, especially given the application's failure to limit numbers of night games, would substantially impair not just the neighborhood's right to use and enjoy their homes, but the rights of thousands of Madison residents to use and enjoy some of our city's most peaceful spots, including Lake Wingra, the Arboretum, Park and Pleasure Drive, and two popular city parks. (I can't help but point out that fishing, walking, jogging, kayaking, canoeing, picnicking, bird-watching, and playing sports and games in the adjacent public lands are healthy activities for young folks too!)

For these reasons, after careful consideration, I have come to believe that this application, as written, does not meet the standards of the city's zoning code Sec.28.183 and should be denied outright. I realize you all will be under pressure to pound out some sort of conditions or compromise but after all that has lead to this point a late night meeting of the Plan Commission is not the time or place to do so. Instead, please encourage Edgewood to resume regular communication with the neighborhood liaison group and alder. It is the only way to repair some of the trust that has been shattered by this process and to come up with a reasonable, balanced solution. Given the pandemic (and canceled athletic schedules are the least of the toll it is taking) we now have the time and I would hope the will and the perspective to work together.

Thank you,

Shawn Doherty
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Madison, Wisconsin
cell: 608-556-5566

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Shawn

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda item 60001, May 11, 2020
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:55:19 AM

From: Ken Doran <kendoran@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 10:22 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Agenday item 60001, May 11, 2020

I live about four blocks from the Edgewood High School campus, close enough to be affected by the school's proposed and requested conversion of the current athletic practice field to a game arena with full lights and sound. I oppose that project in general, the requested immediate action concerning lights now requested. I agree with and associate myself with the concerns stated by Alderman Evers at the link below.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district13/blog/?Id=22394>

Ken Doran 2101 Fox Ave. Madison, WI 53711-1920
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August 30, 2019

Dear Ms. Stouder,

I am writing in response to questions asked by a Plan Commissioner during the hearing on Aug 26, 2019 about item 14, file 56839. The questions were about whether games were played on the Edgewood High School athletic field before the Master Plan was adopted and about the frequency of use. We conducted research about historic use of the field for the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing and shared this with city staff at that time. I am requesting that you share our findings with the Plan Commission members for their consideration as they deliberate the referred item.

Commissioner Cantrell 5:53:17

My question is, before the Plan Commission approved the Master Plan, did Edgewood have competitive games on their field?

Attorney Wautier 5:53:34

Yes

Commissioner Cantrell 5:53:36

But they didn't have lighting, and they didn't have seating, and they didn't have sound, is that correct?

Attorney Wautier 5:53:45

They did have seating. I believe they also had amplified sound through a portable system. They did not and still do not have lighting.

While Mr. Wautier's words were technically correct, they were misleading in that they failed to convey how minimal the intensity of use was historically compared to today.

According to data provided by Edgewood (see attached file), from 1990-1998, only 4-6 lower-level, i.e. freshman and Junior Varsity level, football (fall) and girls' soccer (spring), games were played at the Monroe Street campus per year.

From 1999-2006, Edgewood continued to use the field for lower-level football and girls' soccer games and played a few boys and girls varsity soccer games in some years. It also held one track and field event for the high school, as well as for the grade school and club teams.

From 2007-2014, only lower level football and girls' soccer games were played on the field. However, the official BadgerConference online calendars show that some of these games were actually played at Holy Name Hills or Reddan fields (see attached file). Thus in 2014, for example, there was a total of **only 4 freshman football** games played at Edgewood. From 2007-2014, **no** varsity games, and **no** track and field events took place at all.

After adoption of the Master Plan in 2014 and the subsequent 2015 upgrade to the practice field surface, neighbors noticed a significant change in use of the field, both in terms of the number of events and the related noise and disruptiveness. Field use since 2015 has expanded to include varsity boys' and girls' soccer games, lacrosse games, and track events. Use of the field was also expanded to include use by non-Edgewood High School teams, including games of two regional college lacrosse tournaments. In the two-month spring 2019 season alone, 41 competitive events were documented representing over a **ten-fold increase in use over pre-2015 levels.**

Until 2015, Edgewood teams, like West and East High School, played almost all their games at off-campus “home” fields, including Breitenbach Stadium, Reddan, and Breese Stevens Field, just as West High School uses Mansfield Stadium at Memorial High School as its home football field. Edgewood High School holds cross-country, hockey, and golf sporting events off campus. Edgewood College holds all its field sports events off campus. There have **never** been any documented night games, games with permanently installed amplified sound, or facilities to support over 1000 people in the stands.

In summary, vague statements about Edgewood High School playing games do not paint an accurate picture of the historic use of the field. I hope the information provided for 2011-12, 2013, and 2014 field use will add to your understanding of the change in field use after the 2015 practice field surface upgrade and its increased impact on the neighborhood.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Marie Trest
2310 Monroe St

Attachments:

EHS field use summary PC.pdf
EHS varsity football.pdf

History of Varsity Football at Edgewood High School

1927-1929	Home games played on the EHS field
1930-1937	Home games played on the EHS field; some “occasionally” played at Breese Stevens
1938-1991	No home games on the EHS field
1992-1995	One game on the EHS field for each of 4 seasons
1996	No data
1997-2001	No data (unlikely that there were any)
2001-present	No home games
	Summary:
	Home games at EHS for 11 seasons 1927-1937
	One home game at EHS for 4 seasons 1992-1995
	No record of home games on the field 1997-present

Reference:

Mentzer, M. and T. Martinelli. 2016. *Unbreakable Bonds: Edgewood Football, Life Lessons: 1927-2015*. Self-published.

	Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage										
	Football		Boys Soccer		Girls Soccer		Lacrosse		Track	Parochial School Track	West Side Youth T&F
Year:	Varsity	Lower Level	Varsity	Lower Level	Varsity	Lower Level	Varsity	Lower Level	Varsity/JV		
1990		4-5				4-6					
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1994		4-5				4-6					
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1999		4-5				4-6			1	1	6-8
2000		4-5				4-6			1	1	6-8
2001		4-5			6	4-6			1	1	6-8
2002		4-5			11	4-6			1	1	6-8
2003		4-5			5	4-6			1	1	6-8
2004		4-5	8		9	4-6			1	1	6-8
2005		4-5	5			4-6			1	1	6-8
2006		4-5	2			4-6			1	1	6-8
2007		4-5			1	4-6					
2008		4-5				4-6					
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2014		4-5				4-6					
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2016		4-5	2		3	4-6	8	8			
2017	Scrimmage (0)	4-5	6		7	4-6	8	8	1	1	
2018	Scrimmage (0)	4	7		10	4-6	8	8	1	1	

Summary of Edgewood High School Field Use Data for 2014
Edgewood High School Home Games
for Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Lacrosse

Please find below the summary of data for the 2014 Edgewood High School Home Games for Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Lacrosse. The sources for all data are the Badger Conference website listed on Edgewood High School's website and, as indicated, the *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* data provided by Edgewood High School.

(See attached badgerconference.org data

and *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* data - Number of games at EHS.)

From *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* for 2014

- No varsity football at EHS.
- No varsity, JV or freshman boys soccer at EHS.
- No varsity girls soccer at EHS.
- No varsity, JV or freshman Lacrosse at EHS
- 4-5 Lower Level Football and 4-6 Lower Level Girls Soccer** games listed at EHS.
No data provided from EHS specifying game details.

****2014 Lower Level Girls Soccer home games**

From badgerconference.org

- *All games listed at Reddan Soccer Fields*, not at EHS as listed above.

2014 Lower Level Boys Soccer home games

From badgerconference.org

- All games listed at *Reddan Soccer Fields*

2014 Lower Level Football home games

From badgerconference.org

- No JV football listed at EHS.
- 4 Freshman football games listed at EHS

Summary of Edgewood High School Field Use Data for 2013
Edgewood High School Home Games
for Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, and LaCrosse

Please find below the summary of data for the 2013 Edgewood High School Home Games for Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Lacrosse. The sources for all data are the Badger Conference website listed on Edgewood High School's website and, as indicated, the *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* data provided by Edgewood High School.

(See attached badgerconference.org data

and *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* data- Number of games at EHS)

From 2013 *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage*

- No varsity Football at EHS
- No varsity, JV or freshman Boys Soccer at EHS
- No varsity Girls Soccer at EHS
- No varsity, JV, or freshman Lacrosse at EHS.
- 4-5 Lower Level Football and 4-6 Lower Level Girls Soccer** games listed at EHS.
No data provided from EHS specifying game details.

**** For 2013 Lower Level Girls Soccer home games**

From badgerconference.org

-All games listed at Reddan Soccer Fields, not EHS, according to badgerconference.org

For the 2013 Lower Level Football home games

From badgerconference.org

- 5 JV football games listed at EHS
- No Freshman games

**Summary of Edgewood High School Field Use Data
for 2011-2012 Academic Year
Edgewood High School Home Games
for Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Lacrosse**

Please find below the summary of data for the 2011-2012 Academic Year Edgewood High School Home Games for Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Lacrosse. The sources for data are the Badger Conference website listed on Edgewood High School's website and, as indicated, the *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* data provided by Edgewood High School.

(See attached badgerconference.org data and *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* data - Number of Games at EHS)

From *Edgewood/Goodman Athletic Complex Field and Track Usage* data for 2011-12

- No varsity football at EHS.
- No varsity, JV or freshman Boys Soccer at EHS.
- No varsity Girl Soccer at EHS
- No varsity, JV or freshman Lacrosse at EHS.
- 4-5 Lower Level Football games** and 4-6 Lower Level Girls Soccer^^ games played at EHS.

****Lower Level Football home games for 2011-12**

From badgerconference.org

- 4 JV games are listed at *Holy Name Heights (Bishop O'Connor Catholic Pastoral Center)*
- 1 JV game is listed on 10/7/12 versus Waunakee, a team EHS had already played at *Holy Name Heights* on 8/20/12
- 4 Freshman football games are listed with no location and are scheduled on the same day and at the same time as the JV games at *Holy Name Heights*

^^Lower Level Girls Soccer home games for 2011-12

From badgerconference.org

- 2 JV games are listed at *Holy Name Heights* and 1 at *Breese Stevens*
- 1 JV game is listed at EHS on the same day, same time and against the same team as the Varsity game played at *Breese Stevens* (4/28/12 at 12p vs Monroe)
- 1 JV game is listed at EHS on the same day vs the same team as the Varsity game at played at *Breese Stevens*. (5/3/12 vs Monona Grove, 5PM JV and 7PM Varsity)
(Same soccer scheduling with JV and varsity Girls Soccer scheduled 2 hours apart at the same location as listed in 2013, 2014, and 2015 schedules)

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to New Edgewood Stadium
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:53:55 AM

From: Sandra Eugster <sleugster@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Opposition to New Edgewood Stadium

As a resident in the neighborhood in question, I vigorously oppose the construction of the new Edgewood stadium and the proposed 80' tall stadium lights.

As a unique neighborhood that has retained it's quiet and family friendly atmosphere despite its central location, this change would fundamentally alter the nature of our homes and domestic life for the worse. This will adversely affect the value, and our enjoyment of our property, and have a dramatic negative effect on our quality of life.

For Edgewood to foist such a facility on a neighborhood that does not desire and will not utilize it is simply wrong.

Sincerely,
Sandra Eugster
602 Gilmore St, Madison, WI 53711

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From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood Lighting Conditional Use
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:25:02 PM

From: Evers, Tag
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fw: Edgewood Lighting Conditional Use

Please add to the file.

Thanks.

Tag Evers

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From: Wendy Fearnside <wendy.fearnside@att.net>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Subject: Edgewood Lighting Conditional Use

Tag,

I want to share some thoughts on the Edgewood conditional use application that is before the Plan Commission tonight. I plan on testifying but have had difficulty with virtual meetings due to "unstable internet." My thoughts are:

1. **The Impact on the neighborhood results from the totality of use of the field, not just the lights.** I applaud the Planning Division staff for recognizing this in their recommendation that the conditional use permit limit use of the field to games involving Edgewood teams and to set a maximum number of night games allowed.
2. **All conditions need to be clearly identified and included in the conditional use before it is approved.** This is where the Planning Division dropped the ball. Its recommendation that the Plan Commission approve the conditional use before it determines the number of games to be allowed as a condition for that approval puts cart before the horse. If the decision is to approve a limited number of night games, then the applicant and the neighborhood need a clear opportunity to express what they feel is acceptable and why before the Plan Commission makes its decision. Input from the May 11 public hearing is not sufficient for this purpose because that is not the proposal that participants are responding to, and gives the Plan Commission inadequate information on which to base its decision.
3. **Consequences for non-compliance with the Plan Commission's conditions need to be clearly spelled out in the conditional use approval.** Edgewood has a history of flaunting the rules and

the City has a history on non-enforcement. Clarity on expectations will increase the probability of compliance and give weight to any appeal by the aggrieved parties should the rules be flaunted once again.

4. **The Planning Division and Plan Commission should play and active role in brokering a resolution on the number of allowed games.** Neighbors have tried to come up with a compromise, even if belatedly, and Edgewood has elected not to participate in good faith. It is the obligation of our government representatives to find a solution that the parties have been unable to come up with themselves.

A related issue, but perhaps not for this time, is the daytime use of the field. According to the Planning Division report, "All secondary uses must be utilized predominantly in a manner that is directly related and complementary to the CI district's primary uses. Section 28.097(2)(d) requires that in a CI district without a Campus Master Plan, the establishment, improvement, or modification of any primary or secondary use occurring outside of an enclosed building shall require conditional use approval." Where was Edgewood's request for conditional use to allow daytime games on the field? As I recall, Edgewood played games in defiance of its Master Plan provisions. It did not apply for a conditional use permit for daytime games when it requested a change to CI designation. Since it is the totality of activity on the field that affects both Edgewood and the neighborhood, it is reasonable to consider these two decisions together. Eliminating the 30% of daytime games that do not involve Edgewood teams, using the same logic that the Planning Division presented for limiting night time games, would help balance the impact of adding night time games. That said, the processes should be separate and related, as "[Planning Division] Staff does not believe that the unlighted use of the stadium may otherwise be regulated by the Plan Commission through its consideration of the request to install lights."

Thanks for listening.

Wendy Fearnside

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to night lights for Edgewood High School
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:54:51 AM

From: Susan Friedman <friedman.ss@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Opposition to night lights for Edgewood High School

May 9, 2020

Dear City of Madison Officials, I live in the Vilas Neighborhood, not far from Edgewood High School. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Edgewood High School's request to the Planning Commission to have nighttime lighting and sound system to an unlimited number of games. I believe this is very disruptive for the neighborhood. There are many reasons to refuse their request. But I would also like to say that the argument Edgewood has promoted that refusing them nighttime games is religious discrimination is simply wrong. West High School, also located in a near west side neighborhood does not have a stadium for games, with lights and sound system. As a parent of children who attended West High, I can say that the lack of a home stadium did NOT affect school spirit. Edgewood High School's argument of religious discrimination is simply bogus. Please reject their request. Thank you, Susan Friedman, 1102 Harrison St

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Edgewood has already gotten enough. They have taken enough of my time outside. Their “rights” already impinge a lot on my rights. They have progressively eroded the amount of time I spend gardening and relaxing in my yard, because doing so is far from peaceful with the amount of noise produced during the too-short gardening season. Now they are insisting--not asking--that they be allowed to ruin more of my relatively small amount of quiet time.

I began gardening when we bought our house in 2010. Before that I lived in places that featured a lot of concrete.

I’m not a pro, but I put a lot into the space we have to make it nice:





In the past four years, as use of Edgewood's field has increased, neighbors have endured more and more noise. Every event is another couple hours or more of time that gardening is not relaxing. Sometimes it is quite agitating. I spend my workdays--and sometimes worknights--helping people work through trauma and cope with anxiety and depression. I really don't need anything after hours or on weekends that activates my nervous system the way blaring whistles, yelling coaches, and screaming crowds do. Don't even get me started on the siren or music.

And Edgewood's noise doesn't stop at our garden. It goes through our windows, even when closed, into my office on the second floor, and into our living room on the first floor. My escape is closing my windows, cranking up the white noise machine I use when seeing clients, and moving to the rear of the house.

This has increased every year since 2016. (Except for the COVID Spring). For a time, neighbors thought that Edgewood might respond to complaints, and work with the neighborhood liaison committee to keep what Edgewood used to call "the practice field" from being too disruptive too often. But Edgewood did no such thing. They started seeking lights again. For a time neighbors thought games could be regulated, and that the City would step in to protect us. But since

Edgewood apparently threatened their way out of their Master Plan a couple months ago, there's no limit to what they're allowed to do.

But there is currently still a limit to *when* they're able to do it. They can't use the field for a few extra hours because darkness descends. It is then that the neighborhood becomes peaceful. It is then that we open our windows again.

Edgewood began to diminish my peace in my own home after saying they were simply upgrading the surface on "the practice field," but then they began using it for games and renting it to other schools for their games. They've ramped that up every year, even when it was clear they were violating their zoning.

Edgewood already won when they were allowed to repeal their master plan. They can play all the games they like during the day, and probably use the field for just about any conceivable purpose.

They do not also still have some **right** to more of my time, more of my peace, or more of my life. They are getting enough. I do understand that Edgewood has property rights. But so do I. Where's the balance?

Only you can keep some semblance of balance between our rights and theirs. We are neighboring property owners, and should be treated fairly as such.

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood HS proposal for stadium lights
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:51:41 AM

From: david gebauer <dag2149@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood HS proposal for stadium lights

As a resident that has over 30 years of investment in the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood, I am letting you know of my disapproval of putting lights on the stadium. Adding lights does not add to the historic and aesthetic quality of the neighborhood, but serves a minority of people associated with Edgewood High School, the vast majority who do not live in the neighborhood and in fact, are residents of the suburbs of Madison. Approval of such a measure serves a small special interest group and not serve the people of the immediate community. I appeal to the city to decline Edgewood's re

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David Gebauer

From: [Greg Gilles](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:24:45 PM

We have lived directly across the street on Woodrow Street from Edgewood's field for the past 20 years. Edgewood has been a great neighbor and we support their request for lights

Greg and Caroline Gilles
830 Woodrow Street

Sent from my iPhone

From: [April Grogan](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood"s athletic field!
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:02:51 PM

We support the lights on Edgewood Football field. Please give them the same opportunity to play sports as all of the other schools in Madison.

April Grogan

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Vote NO on Edgewood Stadium Proposal
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:47:30 AM

From: Patty Haeger <pattyhaeger@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 6:21 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 Stadium Proposal

Hi everyone,

I am writing to add my voice to the chorus of my neighbors in opposition to the Edgewood High School Stadium Proposal, for a number of reasons:

- Noise pollution from the proposed sound system with its sports announcer and broadcast of pre-recorded music
- Light pollution from the proposed high-mount night lighting
- Traffic and parking issues
- Negative environmental impact on not only the neighborhood, but the nearby lakes, parks, walking/running paths and the Pleasure Drive

In 2015, Edgewood promised that their proposed athletic field would just be a practice field. This promise has been broken, which calls their credibility into question and makes it very difficult to believe their figures, estimates, statistics and assurances.

Please vote NO on this proposal.

Thank you,
Patty Haeger

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood conditional use proposal
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:56:45 AM

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

From: Harry Harrison <wrharrison@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood conditional use proposal

My short note to express my opposition to this proposal by Edgewood to be granted a conditional use permit to erect lighting systems adjacent to their (Edgewood High Schools) practice field on Monroe Street, hereafter known as a playing field since the dissolution of the Edgewood Master Plan. By so doing, the agreement between Edgewood and the city was then to require conditional use permit(s) for any new building proposals including the much-discussed lighting of the field, frequency and time of use as well as all construction details. In so conceding to Edgewood's new plan, the impending lawsuit against the city would not be pursued by Edgewood. So far so good. But now Edgewood has modified their part of that solution to alter that restriction to include many unspecified uses such as the number of events to be held there at night, the kind of events and other related concerns such as noise and the timing of the light usage. This is all for them and disregards the city and all the rest of us (who pay the taxes). Please don't let Edgewood get this permit!

Harry@ 1904 Jefferson St.

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood HS application for field lights
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:55:42 AM

From: Sue Hird <hird123@ameritech.net>
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 8:48 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood HS application for field lights

Please lend your support to the **Edgewood** HS application for field lights at the next meeting 5/11/20. **EHS** has been 2+ years into the process and bottom line let's let the kids play sports right at their school.

The neighbors knew they moved in where a HS and College (**Edgewood** College) were right in the neighborhood - no different than Camp Randall right at the end of Monroe St with 80,000+ per game.

The improved LED lights are not disturbing and just 4 poles versus 12 at Mansfield. **Edgewood** HS has been transparent with the entire process and the time is now to confirm their application for lights.

Thanks you,

Sue **Hird**
5798 **Windsona** Cir.
Madison, WI

From: [stevehird](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood HS application for field lights
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 8:40:16 PM

Please lend your support to the Edgewood HS application for field lights at the next meeting 5/11/20. EHS has been 2+ years into the process and bottom line let's let the kids play sports right at their school.

The neighbors knew they moved in where a HS and College (Edgewood College) were right in the neighborhood - no different than Camp Randall right at the end of Monroe St with 80,000+ per game.

The improved LED lights are not disturbing and just 4 poles versus 12 at Mansfield. Edgewood HS has been transparent with the entire process and the time is now to confirm their application for lights.

Thanks you,

Steve Hird
5798 Windsona Cir.
Madison, WI

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: David Hoffert <hoffert.david@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2020 9:44 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: Virtual Meeting Registration

Hello,

I registered to speak on agenda item 16 (Edgewood) of Monday's Plan Commission meeting as neither support nor oppose. I have three quick questions/requests that hopefully you can help me with.

First, I would like to switch my registration to oppose if possible. If this makes no difference to you I'd be happy to announce that change in my remarks, but I know that sometimes you try to alternate supportive and opposed speakers, and I don't want to catch you off guard in that sense.

Second, depending on how late the meeting goes, I may have to leave and therefore not end up speaking. Is there a mechanism for me to let you know when I'm leaving so that you can not bother to call on me if that happens before I have spoken?

Finally, I'd be happy to have my comments, below, included in the written record as well, if it is not too late to submit them. If you have already finalized the packet, I am also happy to only read my remarks, but I am including them below in case it is not too late.

Thanks,

David Hoffert

I'm not going to use my time to comment on the merits of this proposal—no doubt plenty of other speakers on both sides will cover that for you thoroughly tonight—but I would like to make a comment about process. The staff recommendation to approve lights but limit the number of night games would,

in effect, have this commission impose an arbitrary compromise on this controversial issue. When then-Alder Arntsen proposed his compromise over a year ago, he quipped that he knew he had gotten it right because both sides were unhappy. I believe he meant that humorously, but I actually think that comment provides an important insight into why you should not follow the staff recommendation here.

Top-down compromises do indeed tend to result in everyone being unhappy. But bottom-up compromises often lead to the opposite, with everyone being satisfied with the outcome. As a city, we say that we want neighborhoods and developers to work together collaboratively for precisely this reason. In this particular case, there even already existed the perfect vehicle for such a process, the longstanding Edgewood Liaison Committee. Yet repeatedly Edgewood has refused to discuss this topic at Liaison Committee meetings, denying that any new information is available, only to publicly announce major changes or submissions mere days later. This avoidance of the neighborhood process has made it impossible to develop the kind of compromise that could resolve this issue amicably once and for all.

I still maintain that there is a compromise to be had here, and I still wish for it to emerge. But the proposal before you tonight is not that compromise, and adopting the conditions recommended by staff would not get you any closer to reaching it, precisely because those conditions did not come from the parties themselves. Approving this proposal, even with conditions, would send a message citywide that developers don't actually need to work with their neighborhoods in good faith, and may as well bypass that step of the process. That is not a precedent this commission should want to set. For that reason, I urge you to deny Edgewood's request.

From: ktkholmes@aol.com
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School lighting application
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 6:39:38 PM

We support the lighting application for Edgewood High School so their students will have the same experience of having home athletic events like all other high school students in Madison. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tamera & Kent Holmquist
5383 Mariners Cove Drive
Madison, WI 53704

Edgewood High School does **NOT** meet conditional use standards.

1. **Please support the Neighborhood Residents** from the many long-term implications and effects on these neighbors. Lights, noise, neighborhood impingement of parties - trash, yelling, nighttime raucous, urinating - where the few make problems in surrounding neighborhoods. **Do you want these surrounding houses as homes owned by families or as rental houses?**
2. The **lights will brighten** every nearby neighbors **interior rooms** and exterior house in the nearby blocks. The eventual sound will extend into my area of Vilas neighborhood.
3. There will be **more problems** in the neighborhoods like what occurs on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturday nights from Edgewood College students - **raucous** everywhere?

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

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

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

5. **This** will set the stage **set precedence for a stadium in the Regent neighborhood**. Madison West Athletic Booster Association has **plans to build a track** and eventual full stadium complex.

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

7. I live **five blocks** from University of Wisconsin Camp Randall. I **previously had families as neighbors who owned their house**. In the **27 years** of home ownership in Vilas neighborhood, more and more **houses are being purchased and converted to rental** properties and rented by students or student families. I now have two rental properties next to me, and several more nearby around the block. One neighbor owner also uses the house as an **AirBnB**.

What is the big deal about Rentals? These are not neighbors. The students and temporary renters do not seem to respect this is a neighborhood everyday of the week.

The Weekend parties on front lawns have increased particularly on weekdays and weekends whether there is a football game in Camp Randall or not. As more activities have occurred at Camp Randall – so has stadium traffic and daytime and nighttime noise. I do not want this to get worse at the other side just half mile away creates more sound and traffic on a daily basis. I want my neighborhood to remain a neighborhood.

I enjoy the quietness of the evenings weekdays and weekends when it happens – I can't imagine having another stadium create havoc. I want other families to call this their neighborhood and raise their children here.

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Please view this video/ from Vilas neighbor and Please Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:42:19 PM

From: Eileen Hornberger Thompson <eileenlittleredt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Please view this video/ from Vilas neighbor and Please Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School

To the Plan Commission-
Please take the few minutes to view this :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVutvv5VKas>

Please vote NO on Edgewood's application for stadium lights.
Thank you,
Eileen Hornberger Thompson
Vilas Neighborhood Association member, and Bear Mound Park neighbor Historian and Representative
311 Campbell St, Madison, WI 53711

From: [Michelle Horton](#)
To: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood High School Lightening Application
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:27:43 AM

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I hope you are all well.

I am writing to ask you to approve the lighting application for Edgewood High School. Madison has always been a strong supporter of diverse academic education and we are a better community for that reason. The Edgewood community has been a staple in this community and has helped build our community foundation and continues to play an important part of our community.

As a life long neighbor (Regent Neighborhood 2212 Hollister Ave) to Edgewood I have experienced their support of Madison an our youth. Please approve their application.

I would appreciate you responding that you have received and read my email.

Thank you for your work on behalf of our city,

Michelle

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From: [Frances Theisen](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Edgewood HS Stadium Lights
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:27:39 AM

Good morning,

I hope my email finds you safe and healthy. I am emailing today to show my support of the lights on the field at EHS. As an alum I treasure my memories of Edgewood and value the education I received. The community feeling at Edgewood is strong and during my time there supporting my classmates on the athletic field while bonding with those in the stands are some great memories I will always have. Having those memories on the Edgewood campus would be even sweeter.

I support the lights at the stadium and hope that future students can enjoy a home stadium to build lasting memories with their EHS family.

Thank you,
Frances Hyduke
608-438-8557

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 6001: Edgewood High School Conditional Use Application
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:57:35 AM

From: Claude Kazanski <ckazanski@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Agenda Item 6001: Edgewood High School Conditional Use Application

Dear Commissioners:

I live on 2200 block of West Lawn Avenue near Edgewood High School (EHS).

I am writing to ask the Plan Commission to vote "No" on Edgewood High School's request to install lights for the Goodman Athletic Complex at EHS.

Despite the representations made by EHS in its Conditional Use Permit for Outdoor Lighting, the school's adversarial history with surrounding neighbors provides little hope it will limit the use of Goodman Athletic Complex as it suggests, or that it will resolve in good faith complaints brought by the surrounding community regarding such use. Therefore, significant modifications of the permit application addressing unnecessary ambiguities are needed to strike a balance between EHS and its neighbors. Absent these changes, the permit request should NOT be approved.

Comments filed by the Planning Division, Legistar File ID #6001, similarly identified deficiencies in the EHS conditional use request and the adversarial history EHS has created with its surrounding community. Approval of the permit should only be made with the following conditions:

- **Lights for non practice events (athletic competitions/games, school activities) should be limited to EHS, Edgewood Campus School and Edgewood College.**
- **Without exception, stadium lighting used for practices should be turned off at 7:00pm nightly.**
- **Without exception, the number of scheduled non practice events (athletic competitions/games, school activities) using the stadium after 7:00 PM should be limited to a number per school year (August 1 to July 31) to be determined by the Plan Commission following input at a public hearing.**
- **Lights should be turned off 30 minutes following the conclusion of a scheduled non-practice event (athletic competitions/games, school activities) and no later than 10:00 PM.**
- **Non-practice events (athletic competitions/games, school activities) should be held Monday through Saturday.**
- **No non-practice events (athletic competitions/games, school activities) using the lights should be scheduled to start after 7:30pm, without exception.**
- **A landscaping plan should be submitted for approval by the Plan Commission for the athletic field which includes identification of existing species and size of trees and shrubs. Such landscaping should be maintained, dead trees replaced, and any new landscaping should require approval as an alteration to the approved landscape plan.**

Please note that the above is slightly different from what the Planning Division recommended. As a neighbor, I believe it is important that the lights NOT be allowed to be used daily, seven days a week. I also believe that the maximum "turn off" time should be the same Monday through Saturday.

Thank you for the opportunity to address these important concerns.

Claude Kazanski
2233 West Lawn Ave
Madison, WI 53711

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:42:36 PM

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

From: Klabunde <sklabunde@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Vot NO on lights at Edgewood High School

To the Plan Commission,

The uses, values and enjoyment of my son's home 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.
Thank you,

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Lights at Edgewood
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:17:08 AM

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

From: Thomas Klein <tgklein50@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Lights at Edgewood

I support the lights at Edgewood High School Item 16 on the agenda tonight.

Thomas Klein
6029S Highlands Ave
Madison WI
Thank You

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Anita Kroll](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood"s athletic field!
Date: Saturday, May 09, 2020 3:23:30 AM

Please support adding lights to Edgewood field. This is so important to the kids in the community.

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Vote "NO" on Edgewood permit request
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:41:02 AM

From: JLK2 <wingra18@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:25 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Vote "NO" on Edgewood permit request

Dear Plan Commission,

I am writing to strongly encourage you to oppose Edgewood's permit request for lights.

If approved, it will dramatically and irreparably alter the neighborhood and environment in a negative way. As a former McFarland Trustee and Plan Commissioner myself, I am familiar with the harm this kind of lighting will cause to wildlife, the environment and people who live and work in the neighborhood.

The lights will disrupt many aspects of the nearby natural areas- Lake Wingra, the Arboretum, Vilas Park and various natural corridors. Madison has a responsibility to steward its established green spaces, especially as the city grows. Additionally, lights and related disruptions to the peace and quiet of the neighborhood will affect the use, property values and safety of our homes. I share below some information from the International Dark Sky Association (www.darksky.org).

Artificial Lights Disrupt the World's Ecosystems

Nocturnal animals sleep during the day and are active at night. Light pollution radically alters their nighttime environment by turning night into day. According to research scientist Christopher Kyba, for nocturnal animals, "the introduction of artificial light probably represents the most drastic change human beings have made to their environment."

"Predators use light to hunt, and prey species use darkness as cover," Kyba explains "Near cities, cloudy skies are now hundreds, or even thousands of times brighter than they were 200 years ago. We are only beginning to learn what a drastic effect this has had on nocturnal ecology."

Glare from artificial lights can also impact wetland habitats that are home to amphibians such as frogs and toads, whose nighttime croaking is part of the breeding ritual. Artificial lights disrupt this nocturnal activity, interfering with reproduction and reducing populations. Many insects are drawn to light, but artificial lights can create a fatal attraction. Declining insect populations negatively impact all species that rely on insects for food or pollination. Some predators exploit this attraction to their advantage, affecting food webs in unanticipated ways.

Light Pollution Wastes Energy and Money

Lighting that emits too much light or shines when and where it's not needed is wasteful.

Wasting energy has huge economic and environmental consequences. IDA estimates that least 30 percent of all outdoor lighting in the U.S. alone is wasted, mostly by lights that aren't shielded. That adds up to \$3.3 billion and the release of 21 million tons of carbon dioxide per year! To offset all that carbon dioxide, we'd have to plant 875 million trees annually.

The city has recently adopted *Clean Energy Goals* and is working hard to reduce its carbon footprint. A decision to support this lighting will work directly in opposition to what the City has already committed to. Thank you for weighing and considering the needs of the environment, the neighborhood, and the long-term interests of Madison for generations to come.

Best, Jennifer Kushner

865 Terry Place

From: [Rachel Landgraf](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:37:14 AM

Hi City of Madison Plan Commission and Common Council,

I am writing today to ask for you to support Edgewood's application for lights at the plan commission meeting on 5/11.

Edgewood has gone through the correct processes and is now under the same zoning as all other schools in Madison. The lighting application meets the city ordinance.

Thank you in advance and for thinking of the Edgewood community, most importantly, the students who will benefit greatly from this. Not just in the present, but for their future.

Best,

Rachel Landgraf
(608) 712-1827



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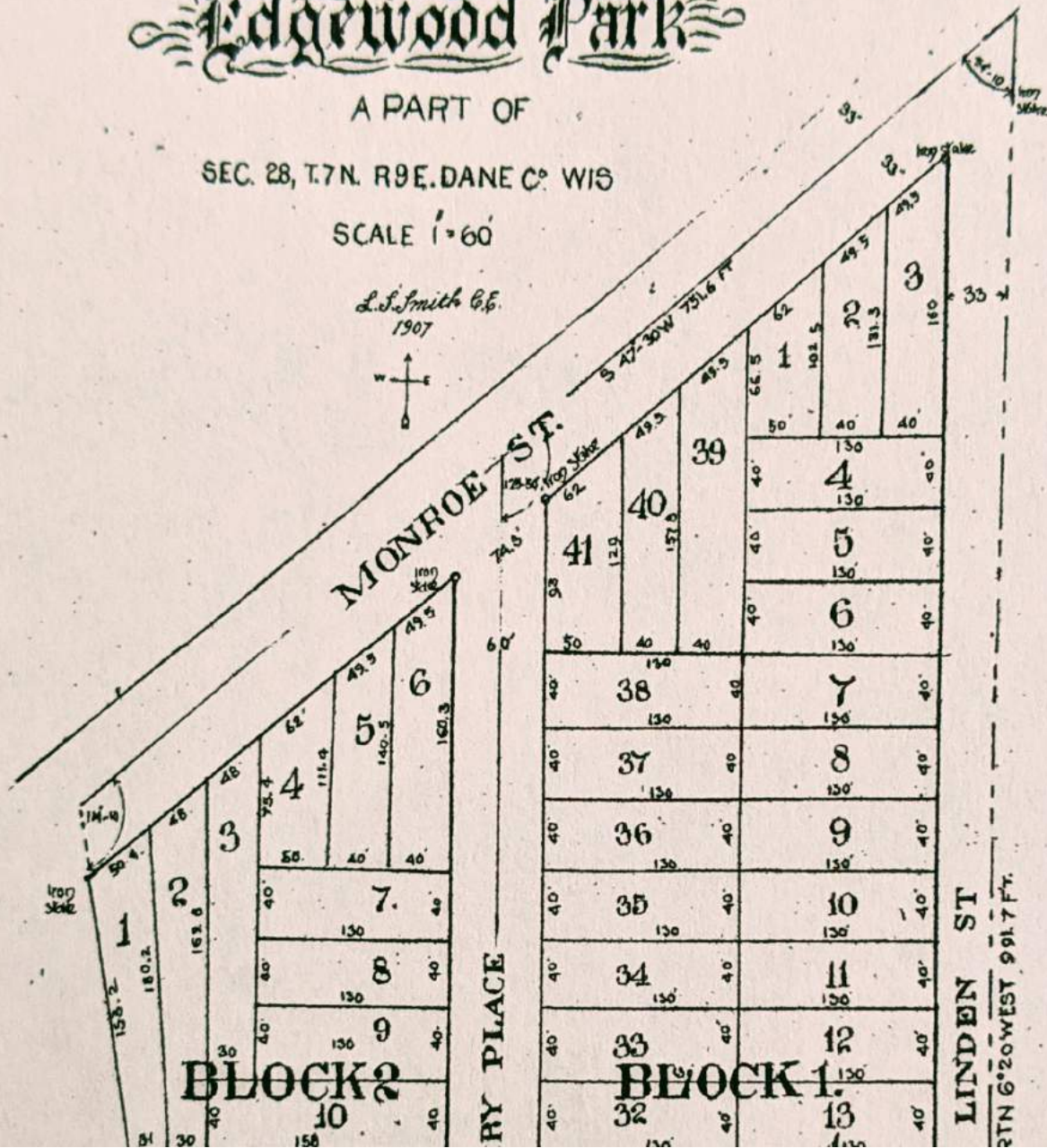
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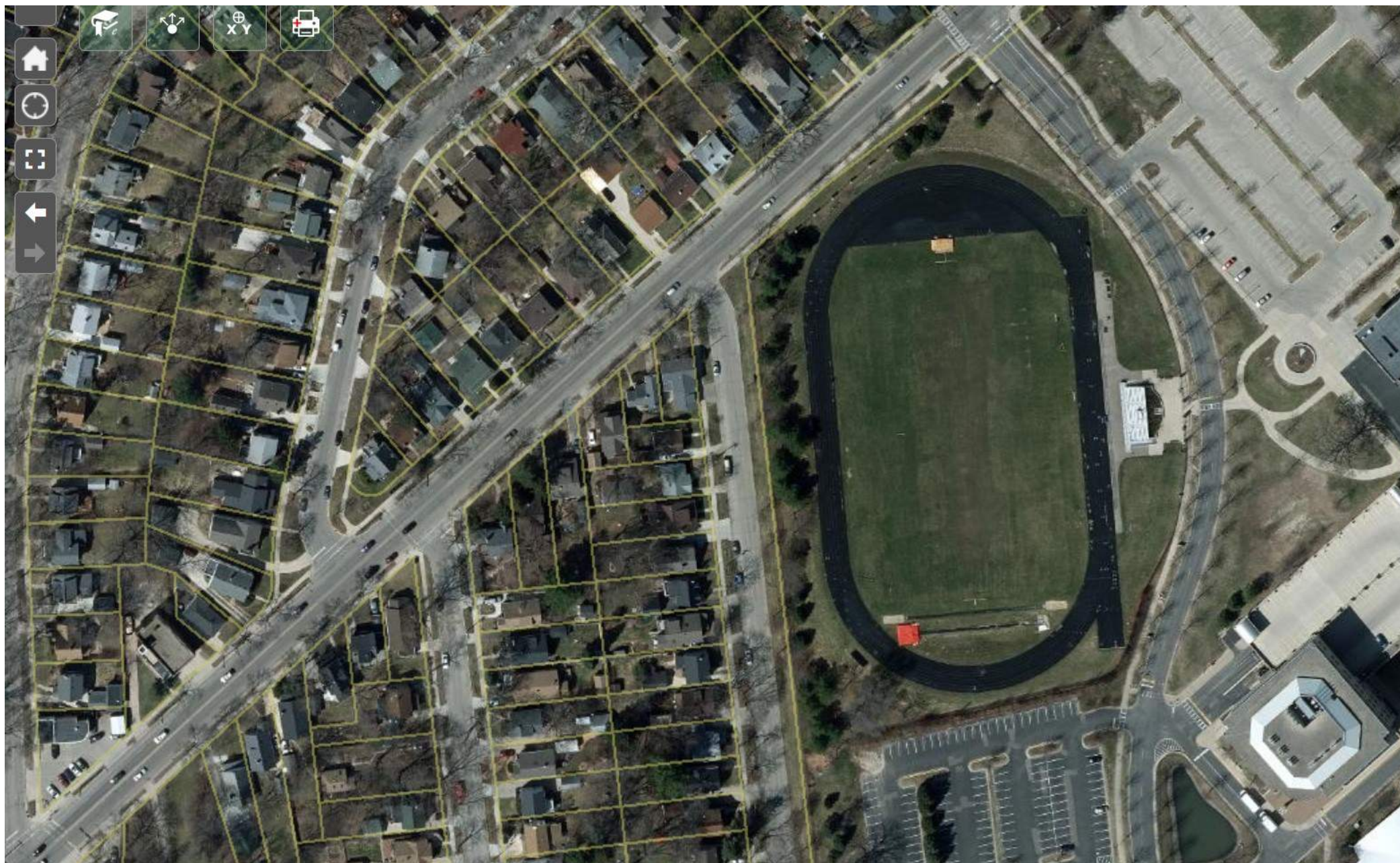
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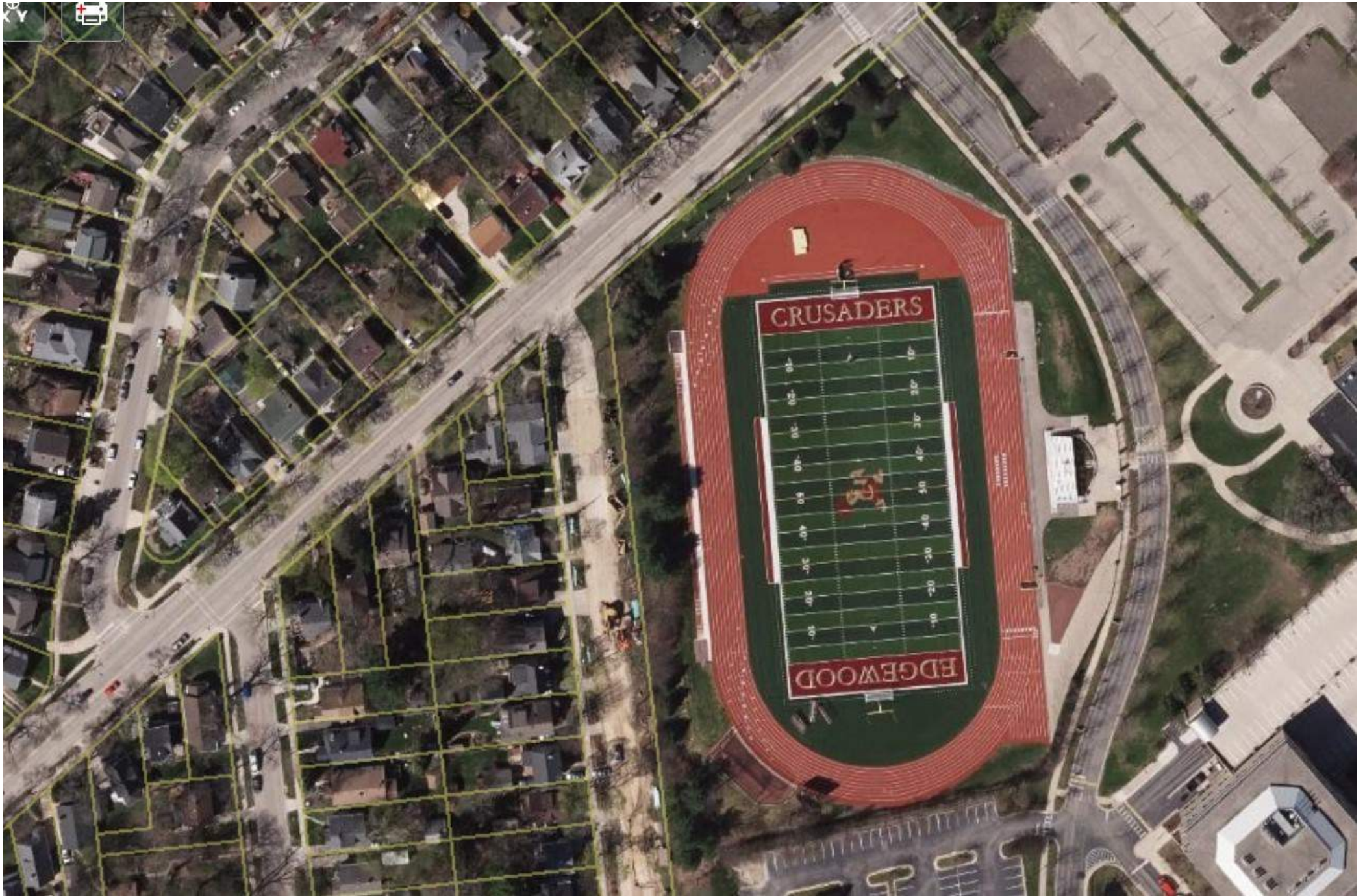




















From: [Patricia McClimon](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: Please support lighting for Edgewood's athletic field!
Date: Friday, May 08, 2020 6:57:19 PM

I am supporting Edgewood High School's lighting project. The lights are modern - directed directly at the field & should be a good bet for all. These will not bother the neighbors and will be conducive to good clean athletic activities for the kids. Similar lights have been installed without fanfare at other athletic fields (including at Memorial). The time to put this to rest is now. Please get this approved without any further delay.

Sincerely,
Pat McClimon
Madison resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:52:01 AM

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

From: Patricia Meyer <pmeyer2@wisc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Vot NO on lights at Edgewood High School

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.
Thank you,

To: Heather Stouder

Cc: Planning Commission, Mayor Rhodes-Conway, All Alders

Re: Conditional Use Permit Item 60001 Lighting Edgewood Athletic field

Dear Ms. Stouder and City Leaders,

I am writing to express my thoughts about Edgewood High School's conditional use permit application (Agenda Item 60001). I live directly adjacent to the athletic field in one of the houses on the upper end of Woodrow Street that are very close to the athletic field. I am opposed to any plan to install lighting at the field. The addition of lights would negatively impact the use, value and enjoyment of my home.

The current, expanded use of the athletic field, since the upgrade to artificial turf (2015) has already impacted our lives through more frequent and intrusive sound coming from the field. Given the proximity of our house to the field we can hear the sound from practices and games on the athletic field in every room of our house. As is exists now, this intrudes upon evening meal time, and even our youngest child's bed time (two of our three bedrooms face the field) the only thing that reduces the noise to normal neighborhood levels is darkness. The addition of lights would extend this time without limit, enforcement or recourse.

Use: The addition of lights to the field would curtail the use of our home. Quiet resting and sleeping hours would be impacted by the accompanying noise that a lighted field brings. Two of the three bedrooms in our home face the field so light and noise from the field would impair the normal use of those rooms. Everyday conversations are already disrupted by competitions that have been held on the field as the bleachers face the homes on Woodrow Street. In addition – there is no physical barrier to sound or light from the field that would be practical (photo shows topography, fence around field is 8 feet tall for reference). The field is higher than the street level and is essentially even with the first floor of our home with no buffer. This same effect would happen with lights as the rest of the area would be dark, except for the field. Prior to Edgewood changing the street lights on Edgewood College Drive, we could make shadow puppets from the glare of those lights inside our front bedrooms, and those lights were on the opposite side of the field from our home. As you can see from Photo 2 below, our home sits level with or slightly above the field with no barriers for sound or light. If the field is lit at night it will be visible, period.

Value: As the real estate saying goes, "Location, location, location." Similar athletic stadium construction in other cities in Wisconsin and around the country has negatively affected home prices and resale. Some studies () indicate a reduction in home values on an average of 20%. Consider the difference between moving next to a school's practice field versus a stadium with with 80 foot light poles looming over the adjacent neighborhood homes. Edgewood's actions would limit the number of pool of potential buyers as people would be concerned with the same impacts we are discussing here (frequency and hours of use, light and shadow falling on surrounding homes, noise from practices and competitions).

Enjoyment: As close as we are to the field, anytime there is a group of people using it, shouting to each other, etc. its audible both inside and outside our home. With lights, comes use and with use comes noise. As with most families, our home is a source of enjoyment and refuge – a place to rest, have meals with family and friends and sleep. Since the upgrade to artificial turf and the constant pressure to expand this facility into a full blown stadium (lights, grandstand, sound system) has impacted the sense of well-being and permanence we feel now about our living here. It feels as if there will be no end to the requests to impose their wants (there are other options for evening competitions that have worked for the entire history of Edgewood High School) on the residents need for privacy, peace and quiet.

Respectfully,

Robert Meyer, 812 Woodrow Street, Madison, WI 53711

Photos below:

Photo 1: front porch view. (Note it is nearly impossible to get a photo from the front yard that will demonstrate the proposed height of the light poles in this request. The trees planted along Woodrow Street (about 10 feet below the height of the field are only 30 – 40 feet tall.)



Photo 2: View from upper bedroom window:



Through upper bedroom window. The current stadium bleachers are just to the left of the pine tree aimed at our home (not Edgewood's campus). As you can see if this field were lighted at night, rather than a dark surface, the field would brighten the front two bedrooms of our 3 bedroom home.

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Edgewood HS graduate and neighbor, in opposition to stadium
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:46:41 AM

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

From: MC Murphy <maryclarem@charter.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 10:32 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Edgewood HS graduate and neighbor, in opposition to stadium

On a Sunday morning last spring or early summer, I was in our kitchen (which I recently learned is approximately 3000 feet from the Edgewood stadium) when I clearly heard, through closed windows, the sounds of a keyboard and the tunes of Billy Joel. Out of curiosity we directed our dog walk toward the source of the music. It turned out to be a group/individual performing for the Sunday Farmer's Market. They were set up in front of what we called, in my day as an Edgewood HS student, the Commons. About 3000 feet from our kitchen window.

Early last evening I sat in our side yard, in a lawn chair, and felt the most relaxed I had felt in days. There were a few bird calls, kids calling out to each other as they rode their bikes around the block, and neighbors chatting with one another from the sidewalk and front porches. Edgewood is asking that the evening social use of nearby houses, yards and the area's popular walking/biking routes and public spaces be basically considered "non-essential". We are ever more aware that this is an unreasonable and untenable ask.

Unregulated, potentially unlimited athletic events on that playing field, with full sound, will control the neighborhood for blocks around and make the homes/yards of those living within 3000 feet, basically unfit for human social use, on all of the seasonally mild evenings of the year. Allowing Edgewood to go forward, unrestricted, would be an irrevocable move, no matter how bad the toll it takes on the surrounding community.

Our world has changed. We have tremendous new, hard-earned knowledge about the ways in which we have pushed the envelope socially, medically, physically, industrially, economically, politically.... If we are lucky to be healthy and safe right now, we can see, with new eyes, many of the ways in which we should go forward, together, with much greater balance and respect for each other and our environment.

Please, protect our community and others that may have similar situations in the future. As I recall, this all began with Middleton HS "denying" Edgewood playing time, resulting in the urgent need for "six or seven home games". What they really wanted all along, was carte blanche. Please don't go down that slippery slope.

Mary Clare Murphy
1910 Jefferson St.

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda Item #16, Plan Commission Meeting of 5/11/20: Edgewood's Request for a Conditional Use Permit
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:48:16 AM

From: John Norsetter <jnorsetter@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Agenda Item #16, Plan Commission Meeting of 5/11/20: Edgewood's Request for a Conditional Use Permit

Regarding Agenda Item #16 for Madison Plan Commission Meeting on 5/11/13.

Please distribute this, or otherwise make it available, to members of the Madison City Plan Commission.

As members of the Regent Neighborhood Association, and John a lifelong resident of Madison's near west side-Keyes Ave., Virginia Terrace, Vista Road, Kendall Ave., and now Rugby Row for 44+ years, we earlier opposed the Edgewood Stadium proposal, and later their attempt, ultimately successful, to withdraw their master plan. *Now, we oppose their request for a conditional use permit to install lights.*

It feels like Edgewood has been either disingenuous or was doing poor planning when their running track was renovated, acknowledging that the neighborhood was then strongly opposed to a stadium, and now saying new technology of which they were unaware makes it, or should make it, acceptable.

Furthermore, the notion that Edgewood is entitled to have an on-campus stadium to help build school spirit is absurd. I graduated from West High School in 1963. None of the Madison high schools that existed then had an on-campus stadium, and the two that remain, West and East, still don't.

The assertion that this won't disrupt the neighborhood, including the tranquility of the Lake Wingra/UW Arboretum area is, I think, simply not accurate. Even back in the Edgefest days, noise from that event was noticeable and unwelcome. The lights, and stadium, which I'm confident will be a later request, will alter the character of the neighborhood when events are taking place.

Having been cited for violations of their master plan, Edgewood was allowed to withdraw it. Why, so they can host events that will not violate a master plan which has been nullified, but which events go to the very core of the objections to the proposed lights and, as I predict will happen later, a new stadium? Talk about a neighbor whose word is not worth the paper it is written on.

Keeping in mind the goals of maintaining the character of the neighborhood and holding institutions to their word, word which others have relied on, we hope that their new request, for a conditional use permit, will be denied.

Regards,
John and Rhonda Norsetter

May 11, 2020

Dear Director Stouder and Planning Commission,

Thank you for hearing our concerns. I live directly across the street from the Edgewood athletic field, facing the stands and middle of the field, within 100 feet. When we bought this house, it was our understanding that Edgewood had agreed to not develop the practice field further, which is how we made the decision to buy it. Even without newer developments, Edgewood has an imposing presence on our home in spring, summer and fall. Athletes play loud music daily during practices and class and there are the usual sounds of whistles, yelling, chanting and grunting. We have to start searching for a parking spot the day before if a guest is coming. Then came the increased use and score board. When the score board and sound system are used, we can understand what is said word for word, with all doors and windows shut. I have laid in bed with a stomach flu, forced to listen to an announcer wish the coach a "happy birthday" and name each player and talk through the full length of the game. The score board sounds like a car alarm going off at irregular intervals. We cannot escape that sound in any part of our house. One of my jobs is in an ER, which requires night shifts sometimes. I couldn't shut out the noise with ear plugs to sleep. Our homes are so close together as to create a sound tunnel that funnels in on every side, including bouncing off surfaces behind us and coming in the back. I imagine you know that they plan to use the field with sound all day without limit and then some at night as well.

The impact of lights, sound amplification and increased use on us is enormous. We do not have any recourse or control over it. There is no reasonable level of peace in our own home with this. I have heard the question is whether the "use, value and enjoyment" of our home would be diminished. The answer is "absolutely yes." There are negative impacts on physical and mental health from noise. My understanding is that the purpose of a Plan Commission is to guide the changes of a city for the wisest use as it grows. The impact of a stadium will have a blast effect that will transform all surrounding areas for the worse. I don't think it's fair, wise or necessary for the stadium to take so much away from so many people.

Thank you again for your consideration of the impact of the proposed stadium on our lives.

Teresa Nyholt
812 Woodrow St.
Madison, WI 53711

From: [Ethington, Ruth](#) on behalf of [Planning](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Edgewood Lights item # 16
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:40:43 PM

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

From: CarolineandChristopher OBrien <obrien53717@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support for Edgewood Lights item # 16

Please approve the lights Edgewood High School requests.

The students, teachers, coaches, sponsors/benefactors, alumni of Edgewood High School deserve parity.

To block lights, lights that are being privately funded, would be beyond discrimination.

It would be a slap in the face of every student, current, prior and future student who has contributed to this community through public service. It would be a slap in the face of parents like us who not only have supported public schools but who have taken the burden of educating our six children onto ourselves instead of passing the cost to fellow taxpayers.

We have always voted in support of school funding referendums because we vote for and support the children of our community despite the fact our children have attended parochial schools. We supported the homeless housing in our neighborhood while others complained, because we care about the homeless.

We need you to show you care about our children too. Children who are on their way to becoming young adults.

They have shown again and again they care about this community, that they are part of this community. If you deny them their rights it will be clear you do not care about them, you do not see them as valuable members of this community.

They have demonstrated their enthusiasm and pride in this community, but they also have a right and desire to take pride in their sport teams. They deserve "a home team advantage" ...they deserve to be able to take pride in their teams and athletic endeavors.

You have witnessed them and their parents take pride in Madison, support Madison, please show all of us your support too. To do less, to treat us all as though we are "less" ...that we don't matter, may very well foster apathy, even resentment, where there was enthusiasm, commitment and pride.

I was born just blocks from the beautiful Edgewood campus where my mother taught English. I know that beautiful campus increases the value of all the homes that surround it. Those that live near it do so out of choice because of its beauty.

The campus also brings customers to the small business that struggled through the Monroe Street construction and which are suffering in the midst of the pandemic. Why not help bring parents (new customers) from other towns and schools once in awhile to the Monroe Street neighborhood so that our small shops might diversify and expand their customer base?

Why not save the taxpayers the burden of Edgewood athletes needed to use publicly funded facilities when they already have a beautiful field that has gone to waste?

You know the Edgewood campus has more than adequate parking, beautiful rolling fields and trees that would not be disturbed. You know the Edgewood students and faculty have always treated their neighbors just as they wish to be treated, with respect. Please show all of us respect for our goals, wishes, and pride. All we are asking for are lights to shine on our young athletes. This is a healthy productive endeavor for all concerned.

We know student athletes are an asset to our community now and surely in the future.

You know all of us look forward to the day we can gather together again under Friday night lights. It may take longer than anyone ever imagined, but to allow us to at least have those lights waiting for the kids will inspire hope it will be soon...that normalcy will come back soon for us all.

Thank you for your time and service.

Christopher and Caroline O'Brien

From: [Stouder, Heather](#)
To: [Cleveland, Julie](#)
Cc: [Parks, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:18:32 AM

From: Evers, Tag
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School

Please add to the file.
Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Michael Oliva <mgoliva@wisc.edu>
Date: May 10, 2020 at 4:33:22 PM CDT
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Vote NO on lights at Edgewood High School

To the Madison Alders,

I urge you to carefully examine Edgewood's plan to install lighting. This action will have serious consequences on the residential neighborhoods that completely surround Edgewood. If Edgewood is given an unrestricted permit to install and use their proposed lighting it will affect neighborhood housing within 5-6 block distances. The new high density apartment and condo residences recently built and under construction along Monroe Street will all have a direct view of the high tower lights.

My greatest concern is that Edgewood will attempt to extend use of their stadium to many more activities than was originally proposed in their initial request for stadium approval submitted last year. It seems to me that Edgewood is now on a course to ignore all neighborhood concerns regarding their property use and activities. The stadium use will no longer be for a limited number of football games and possibly lacrosse, but could be used for many more night events with lighting and a loud public address system, even be rented out for profit and non-profit events.

Please vote "no" on the current application for lights. Ask Edgewood to work with the neighborhood to develop firm compromises that would specify limited night usage of the stadium. I would find night use of 8 to 16 events a year very tolerable. Unrestricted usage with the very tall lights would be disruptive to a large and growing community around Edgewood and in the high density housing being developed along Monroe Street.

Thank you for your consideration, Mike Oliva
2446 Commonwealth Avenue, Madison

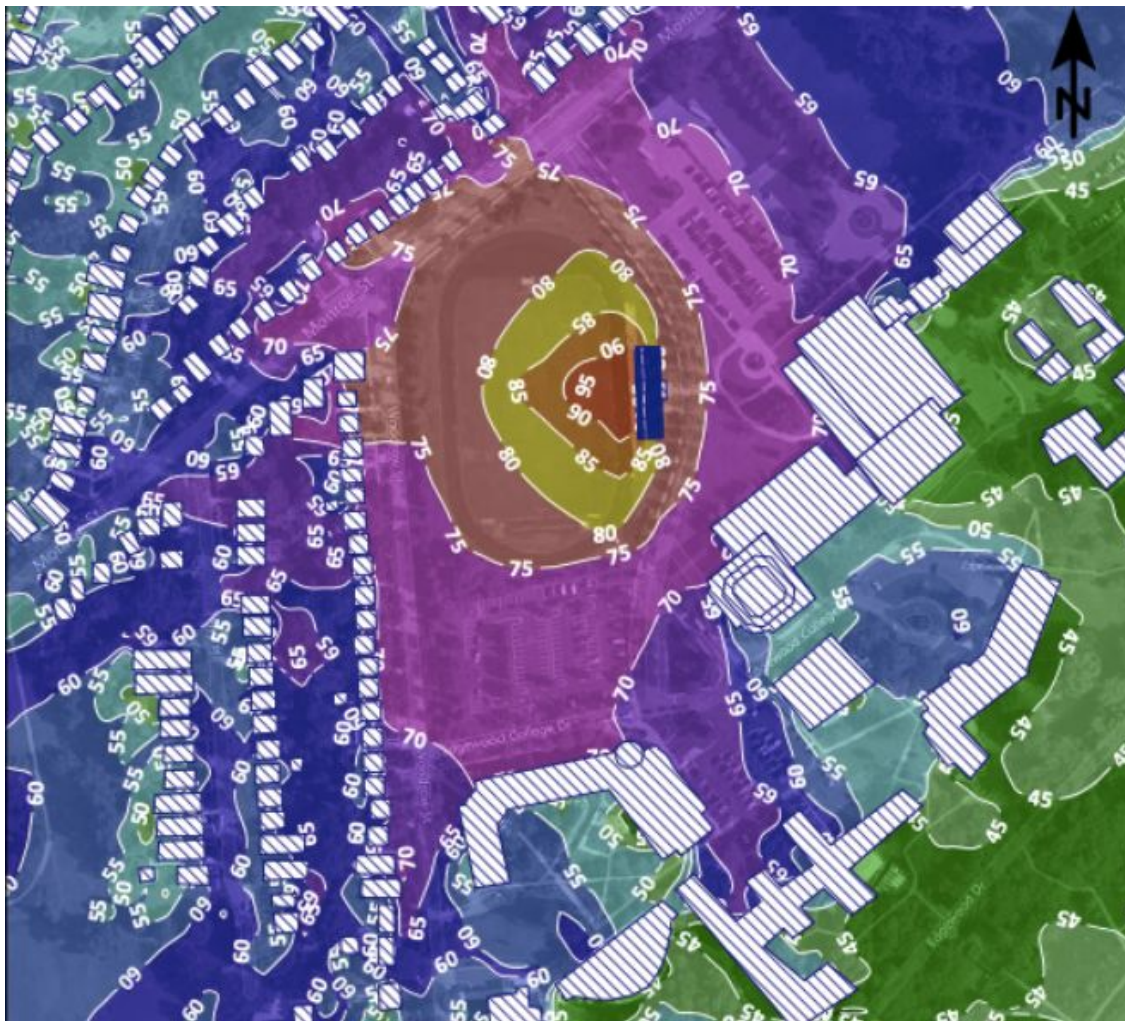


820 Woodrow

Edgewood Liaison



EHS:
**“the field
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Edgewood's noise mitigation proposal

*On Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 11:15 PM Chalecki, Lori
<LChalecki@cityofmadison.com> wrote:*

Hi Marc,

Thanks for your patience. I have had a chance to review your email and speak with Building Inspection.

Most of this issue is in the hands of BI and City Attorney.

While I understand BI directed residents to call [MPD] for noise complaints, I think it is important for people to understand on the front end that likely the police will not take any action.

*On Mon, Jun 3, 2019 at 9:58 AM Tucker, Matthew
<MTucker@cityofmadison.com> wrote:*

Marc- I understand you and other neighbors' general unhappiness with noise from the field use, and your recognition/respect for the Police and their workload/priorities. Thank you for that.

As you know, the noise issue from the field is a Police matter, not Building Inspection. If people complain, the only recourse is for the Police to respond.

Attorney Strange, verbally:
Neighbors can only
address noise through our
presentation to the Plan
Commission



‘Appropriate institutional growth’



820 Woodrow