



Special Use Permit #2022-00042
4646 Seminary Road
Francis C. Hammond Middle School Athletic Field Lighting

Application	General Data	
Request: Public hearing and consideration of a request to add lighting to the existing athletic field at Francis C. Hammond Middle School	Planning Commission Hearing:	November 1, 2022
	City Council Hearing:	November 12, 2022
Address: 4646 Seminary Road	Zone:	R8 /Single-family R20/Single-family
Applicant: City of Alexandria, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities	Small Area Plan:	Seminary Hill/Strawberry Hill

Staff Recommendation: APPROVAL subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the recommended permit conditions found in Section IV of this report.

Staff Reviewers: Abigail Harwell, Urban Planner, P&Z
 Dirk H. Geratz, AICP, Principal Planner, P&Z
 Jack Browand, Deputy Director of Park Services, RPCA

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION, NOVEMBER 1, 2022:

On a motion by Commissioner Lyles, seconded by Vice Chair McMahan, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of Special Use Permit #2022-00046. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0 with Commissioner Ramirez absent.

Reason: The Planning Commission agreed with the staff analysis.

Discussion: Vice Chair McMahan spoke in favor of the project, noting that while many of the concerns raised are valid issues, the importance of upgrading existing recreational facilities as the City grows and demand increases is critical.

Commissioner Lyle spoke in favor of the City providing as many recreational facilities as possible, both programmed and unprogrammed.

Commissioner Brown expressed his appreciation for the speakers who attended the meeting and hearing the thoughts of both those for and against the proposed lights. He encouraged those with continuing concerns to attend the City Council meeting, given the more limited role that Planning Commission has in the decision.

Commissioner Koenig concurred with the comments made by Commissioners Brown and Vice Chair McMahon on the need to address limited resources and the challenges of shared uses.

Chair Macek spoke how he has been impacted by lack of lighted fields, and sees the benefit of longer use of the fields for both youth and adults. He noted the importance of lit football fields due to limitations made by past decision, the benefit of lit fields at middle schools and his overall support for lights at the recreational athletic fields.

Speakers: *As the five SUP requests were presented together in a single staff presentation, the public testimony was given on the five SUP requests as a group, although they were recommended for individual approval.*

Mary Cypressi, a resident, expressed concerns that the proposed lighting at the George Washington Field would impact the residential properties on Glendale Avenue.

Jim Hogan, an employee with the Alexandria Soccer Association (ASA), supports the addition of lights at the five sites and spoke about the overcrowding issues the addition of lights would help address.

Omar Maranon, a resident, spoke in support of lights at the five sites, as the lighting would provide more playing time at night to avoid the issues of playing during the day.

Carter Fleming, a resident with the Seminary Hill Association, spoke against the light proposal specifically at the Hammond School field, expressing concern with how the fields are monitored and enforced.

Brian Collins, a resident, expressed concern with the lights and installation of synthetic turf at the George Washington School field and Simpson Field.

Frank Putzu, a resident, spoke about his discussions with ASA about operations and listed recommendations to improve youth sports, concerns with adult leagues, and concerns with the lights proposed at Hammond School field.

Nathaniel Burkey, an ASA coach, spoke in support of lights at the five sites and how the lights progress schools and sports for the City.

Johnatan Nunez, an ASA coach, spoke in support of the lights at the five sites and how the increased time the fields are available would help with the issues with field space.

Lisa Chimento, a parent of a ASA player, spoke in support of the lights at the five sites, the positive impacts of sports on the community and the benefits of extended use of the fields.

Terry Androus, a resident, spoke in support of lighting at the five sites, discussing the crowding issues, rising demand for field use, and benefits of playing after dark.

Dino Drudi, a resident and associated with the West End Citizens Association, stated no issue with the lights but concerns with the proposed heights.

Christina Payne, a resident, spoke against the proposed lights at the George Washington School field, expressing concerns with the light spillage and glare impacting the residential properties north of the field.

Jennie Courts, a resident, expressed concern with increased activity at the Jefferson-Houston School field impacting pedestrian safety, parking issues along Cameron Street, trash and inaccessibility to restrooms.

Sarah Christie, an employee with ASA, spoke in favor of the lights at all five sites would help with field usage issues and programming.

Melkim Gutierrez and Angel Valdez, ASA players, spoke in support of the lights at the five fields and the positive impact ASA has had on their lives.

Beka Wakene, a resident, spoke in support of the lights at the five fields, which provides more playing opportunities and the positive impacts ASA has had on the community.

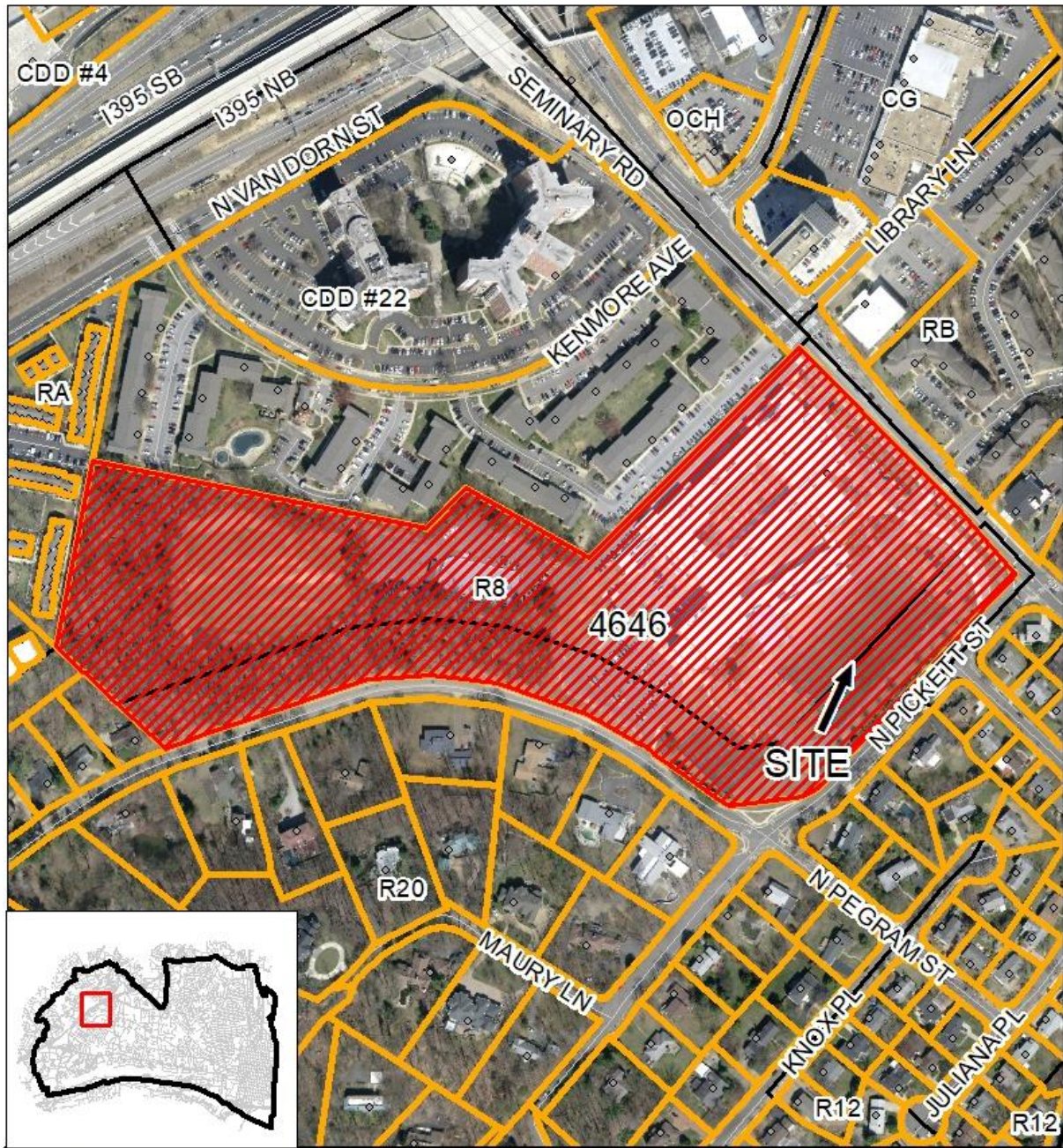
Thomas Park, an ASA employee, spoke in support of lights at the five sites, as the increase in participants with ASA has increased field usage demand and lights would address crowding issues, and how ASA wants to work on addressing neighbors concerns.


Jerbin Rodriguez, an ASA player, spoke in support of lights at the five sites, describing having to move between fields due to lighting and space restrictions, as well as the benefits of playing sports.

Ruben Alverado and German Arenival, ASA players, spoke in support of lights at the five sites, as it would allow more opportunities to play and provides a benefit to kids.

Susan Nelson, a resident, spoke against lights at the Hammond School field, expressing her appreciation for playing soccer but concerns with the use of the field by so many groups and the negative impacts on the adjacent neighborhood.

Rob Benedict, a resident, spoke against lights at the George Washington School site, expressing concern that the lights will negatively impact the adjacent residents.



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I. REPORT SUMMARY

REQUEST

The applicant, the City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA), requests Special Use Permit (SUP) approval to allow athletic field lighting for the existing synthetic turf rectangular athletic field at Francis C. Hammond Middle School, located at 4646 Seminary Road.

SITE DESCRIPTION

Francis C. Hammond Middle School is located on a 25-acre site located on the west side of Seminary Road, just north of North Pickett Street. The school and associated recreational facilities have been at the site since 1956 when the school was built. The turf field replaced an older field several years ago. The school campus is bounded by multi-family residential to the west, Seminary Road to the north, and single-family homes to the east and south. The recreational field itself is split-zoned between the school building to the west, which is zoned R-8/Single-family, and a portion of the neighborhood to the south, zoned R2-0/Single-family.

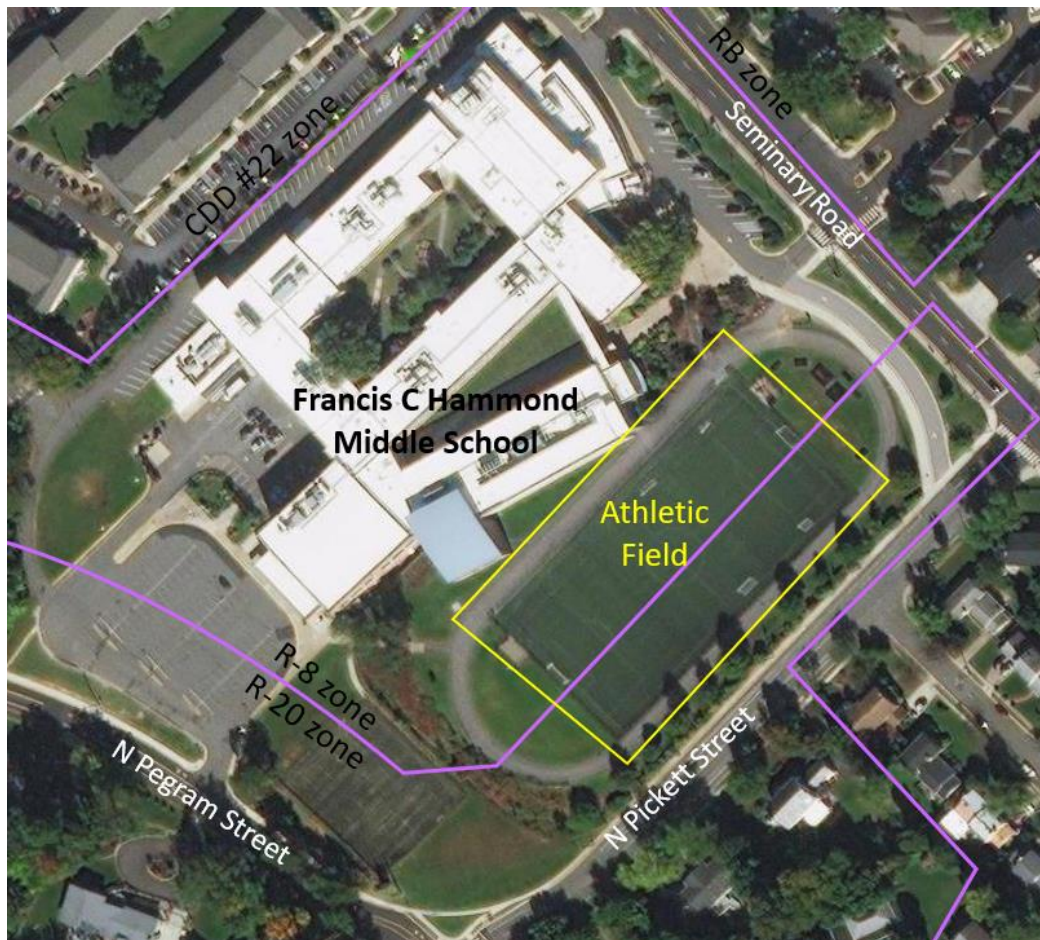


Image 1: Aerial of Francis C. Hammond School with Zoning labeled

BACKGROUND

RPCA has been conducting a community engagement program for the installation of athletic field lighting across the City. This application is one of five being processed concurrently for the October Planning Commission and City Council public hearings. The intent of the lighting is to provide additional capacity to accommodate current and increasing scholastic and community program needs with the City's fixed field resources. The new lighting will support the City Council 2022 Community Priority to Support Youth and Families program by expanding capacity for youth programs as well as the City's goal of providing equitable access to facilities and services across the City.

Through a joint agreement, Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) and RPCA worked together to collaborate on the sharing of indoor and outdoor spaces on school sites. This collaboration includes planning for future capital improvements. Pursuant to these agreements, athletic fields are dedicated to student use during school hours. Furthermore, the agreement allows the fields to be used outside of school hours for the public and may be programmed through RPCA. The School Board has submitted a resolution consenting the SUP applications to be requested at their school sites, acknowledging that the proposed field lighting will benefit both the students and school communities (see attachment 1).

PROPOSAL

The City's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities proposes to install six (6) sixty-foot poles with LED fixtures to extend the time the field can be used. Three light poles will be placed on either side of the length of the field to provide adequate coverage. The galvanized steel light poles will be set on precast concrete bases. Four poles will have four fixtures and two will have five fixtures (Graphic 1). The light system is designed to comply with the International Dark-Sky Associations (IDA) Community Friendly Outdoor Sports Lighting Program and provide full cutoff lighting. An early draft of the proposed lighting designs were reviewed and received a letter of certification from the IDA (see attachment 2). Any adjustments to the light pole locations will be reviewed by IDA and recertified. The athletic field lights will be connected to the remote facility management system to provide staff control of the light schedules. There are 222 existing parking spaces on the project site that are available for the recreational field use outside of school hours.

BUDGET

City Council approved \$804,000 in the FY 2023 Capital Improvement Budget providing for the installation of athletic field lighting at two fields. The estimated cost to light one field is \$402,000. If approved, athletic field lighting at Hammond Middle School could occur winter spring 2023.

ZONING/MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The athletic field is split-zoned R-8/Single-family and R-20/Single-family. Both zones allow for public school and park uses by-right. The SUP for this case is triggered by Section 6-403(F) which requires that light poles for congregate recreational facilities that exceed the height limit of the subject zoning district seek approval through a SUP.

The proposed use is consistent with the Seminary Hill/Strawberry Hill Small Area Plan chapter of the Master Plan. The Small Area Plan identifies the subject school site as institutional. Institutional uses include schools and related uses, such as recreational areas, that are accessory to a school use.

II. STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff supports the request to install lighting at the future Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center site, which requires SUP approval given that height of the lights would exceed the 40 feet height limit. The proposed lighting would comply with the Zoning Ordinance Section 6-403(f), including the 35-foot setback requirement and height not exceeding 80 feet. The proposal for field lighting is a common recreational accessory found on many City recreational fields. The added lighting will increase the capacity of the fields by extending the time in which they can be used up to approximately 1,100 additional hours of use per field annually. There is a current and increasing community need for lighted athletic field space, and the proposed lighting would also encourage equitable access to recreational facilities to all City residents.

The lights are embracing the latest in light technologies. The LED bulbs will utilize full cutoff light fixtures which are independently certified by the manufacturer and designed to not allow light to be emitted above the fixture and reduce glare by limiting the light output. Light spill will be very minimal, limited to no further than 30 feet from the field to the side facing residential properties across N. Pickett Street (see Graphic 2). The proposed lights will also not spill light into Seminary Road or N. Pegram Street, minimizing any impacts to traffic at night when the lights are being used. Existing mature trees and shrubs line the north side of N. Pickett Street, and a vegetative buffer to the residential properties.

The lighting system controls will enable staff to operate the lights remotely and with program specific dates and time for use. The lights are proposed to operate with the same hours as existing field lighting and will turn off automatically no later than 10:00pm. The lights will only be turned on if the field has been reserved and permitted through RPCA. On evenings where no permits have been approved the lights will remain off. Overall, staff views the proposal as a sensible and reasonable improvement to the highly used and desirable athletic fields for expanded use for the community.

III. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As shown the chart below, there have been multiple community meetings and meetings with interested boards and commissions. The meetings discussed all five sites where new field

lighting is being proposed. The Park and Recreation Commission has endorsed the proposed lighting at all five locations (see attachment 3).

DATE	MEETING
Community Meetings	
May 16 – June 30, 2022	Individual Community Group Meeting
June 8, 2022	Community Meeting #1
June 9, 2022	Seminary Hill Civic Association
June 13, 2022	Youth Sports Advisory Group
June 21, 2022	Community Meeting #2
June 29, 2022	Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations
September 14, 2022	Del Ray Civic Association
September 21, 2022	Community Meeting #3
Board Meetings	
June 2, 2022	ACPS Schoolboard Update
June 16, 2022	Park and Recreation Commission Meeting
July 21, 2022	Park and Recreation Commission Public Hearing

RPCA made a concerted effort to do outreach to as much of the community as possible, reaching out to 14 Civic Associations (see attachment 5) and many of the City’s sports and activities organizations. Over 100 comments were submitted in response to the field lights at the five proposed locations (see attachment 4). The vast majority in support of the lights noting the benefits to the community of extended hours for the field lights. RPCA received comments and concerns from individuals related to noise, traffic, parking, and increased trash. To address potential increase in trash, RPCA has installed additional trash and recycling containers in and around the athletic fields with signage to encourage users to deposit trash as appropriate. RPCA is and will continue to work with permit holders to utilize the facilities parking lot and other designated parking areas on the school site. In addition, RPCA closely coordinates field use with the Youth Sports Advisory Board to assist with monitoring league activities to mitigate potential impacts to the adjacent community.

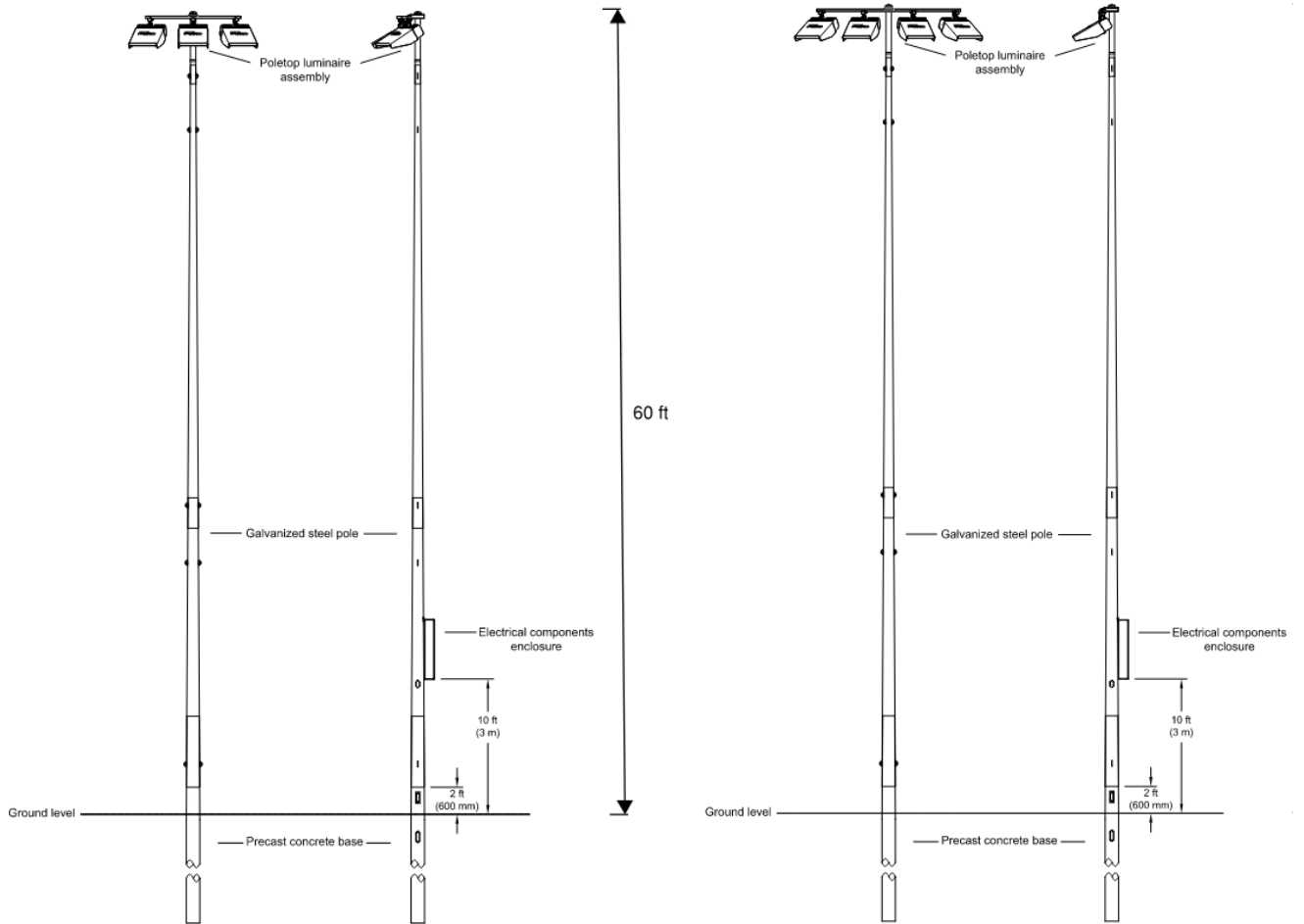
IV. RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

Staff recommends **approval** subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the following conditions:

1. This approval is for five (5) years and must be consistent with the approved lighting plan and light fixture.

V. GRAPHICS

Graphic 1 – Elevations of two types of Light Poles proposed



Graphic 2 – Aerial Night Rendering showing the extent of the proposed lighting



VI. ATTACHMENTS

1. ACPS School Board Resolutions
2. IDA Letter of Certification
3. Park and Recreation Commission Letter of Endorsement
4. Community Comments
5. Targeted Civic Associations



**ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
RESOLUTION REGARDING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS
FOR ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING**

WHEREAS the City of Alexandria, through its Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA), in order to meet current and increasing scholastic and community needs for lighted athletic field space, and to better provide equitable access to recreational facilities to all City residents, has filed applications for a special use permit (SUP), set forth below, to allow for the installation of athletic field lighting at several school sites operated by the Alexandria City School Board (School Board); and

WHEREAS those SUP applications, and school sites, include the following:

2022-00042, for Francis C. Hammond Middle School

2022-00043, for George Washington Middle School

2022-00044, for Jefferson Houston PreK-8 School

2022-00045, for Patrick Henry K-8 School; and

WHEREAS the foregoing school properties are titled in the City of Alexandria, but under Section 22.1-125 of the Code of Virginia, are operated by, and subject to the official care and authority of, the School Board; and

WHEREAS the School Board concurs that the aforementioned projects will benefit both the students and school communities at these respective schools, as well as the community generally; and

WHEREAS the aforementioned projects will be constructed entirely with funding provided by the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board hereby consents to the SUP applications set forth above.

Adopted by the ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
this 8th day of September, 2022

By: 
Jacinta E. Greene, Vice Chair



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To: Hammond Middle School

October 21, 2022

Congratulations! The lighting designs for the soccer field at Hammond Middle School Alexandria VA, has been reviewed and found to be in compliance with IDA's Community Friendly Outdoor Sports Lighting program. This Letter of Certification confirms your successful application of Phase I, and allows you to apply for the Phase II Field Verification process.

We are proud to have you join this community of outdoor sports lighting facilities working to reduce light pollution and improve the environment in localities across the nation. By adopting the IDA criteria for Community Friendly Outdoor Sports Lighting, your community will:

- Minimize neighborhood lighting nuisance by greatly reducing local spill and glare.
- Manage high angle light pollution, thus dramatically decreasing off-site light trespass and sky glow.
- Mitigate neighborhood light pollution and sky glow, which will benefit the environment, the astronomy community, and others impacted by poorly designed outdoor sports facilities.
- Minimize lumen densities, thereby reducing energy consumption.

Sincerely,
Pete Strasser

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Park & Recreation Commission

Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities 1108 Jefferson Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

August 9, 2022

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
Honorable members of Planning Commission
City of Alexandria
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: Athletic Field Lighting

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council,

The Park & Recreation Commission unanimously endorses the plan put forth by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities to add field lighting to five proposed locations: Francis C Hammond Middle School, Patrick Henry K-8 School, Jefferson Houston K-8 School, George Washington Middle School and Eugene Simpson Stadium Park.

As you are aware, a multitude of new construction and modernization projects have limited the availability of field capacity during a time in which the City has experienced a significant increase in demand for recreational resources by both our student population as well as our fellow citizens. This is all good news! We want our fields to be actively utilized and have an opportunity to increase capacity to meet the increased demand.

Adding lights to an existing field, particularly a synthetic field, increases the useability of that field by approximately 1,100 hours per year. This increase in field capacity is extraordinarily efficient when compared to creating new fields, which are substantially more expensive to build and requires the land to accommodate the field and its infrastructure needs.

We understand the concerns related to additional field usage including excessive noise, and trash outside of the receptacles. Because the use of a lighted athletic field is by permit only, City staff will be in a better position to manage problems as they arise, and if necessary, we encourage RPCA staff to coordinate with ACPS and APD to respond to these issues by potentially revoking permits of non-complying parties or citing repeat offenders.

Opportunities to add capacity to our recreational system in a cost-efficient manner should not be missed and we encourage the full funding of these projects and endorse the approval of these five sites.

Please reach out to the Commission to further advise on this issue.

Sincerely,


SBeggs (Aug 9, 2022 12:14 EDT)

Stephen Beggs, Chair
Park & Recreation Commission


Stuart Fox (Aug 9, 2022 12:15 EDT)

Stuart Fox, Planning District I
Park & Recreation Commission

cc: Park & Recreation Commission members
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Sincerely,
Susannah McGowan

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I have also sent a similar note earlier this year to our city's council.

Sincerely,
Brian

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Sincerely,
Claudia Fletcher
4023 Ellicott Street

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Cc: [Jack Broward](#); [James Spengler](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022 1:11:26 AM

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Sincerely,
Ismael F. Cotto



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Cc: [Katie Brooks](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022 8:06:22 AM

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Hello,

I have a 9-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son who play soccer for ASA. I am a resident of Alexandria and an ACPS parent which is why I am writing to you today because I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal. This is an important step towards meeting the needs of our community. Additional capacity for play space equals healthy, active and engaged students. Alexandria lacks field and park space in comparison to our neighbors and does not prioritize this enough. Instead, I see open spaces or old commercial areas being converted into dense townhouses and apartment buildings while de-prioritizing the burgeoning need for athletic space/green space for adults and children who have to go outside the City to participate in leagues.

The Field Lighting Proposal will ultimately help ACPS achieve its mission of ensuring success by inspiring students and addressing barriers to learning. A major strategic focus of the City and school system is to improve outcomes by increasing access to physically active out of school time programming. Additionally the schools have identified that specific populations do not have equal access to these programs. Alexandria's youth sports and recreation organizations are doing an incredible job supporting our entire community through in-school, after-school and evening programming. If we cannot find better ways to provide space for more athletic facilities, then we need to provide lighting so that we can maximize the time spent on the fields we do have.

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Nancy Lee-Reeve

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
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Todd Jackson

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Cc: [Jack Broward](#); [James Spengler](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022 11:23:28 AM

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Michael Salerno

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
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Sincerely,

-Robin Christman

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Cc: [Jack Broward](#); [James Spengler](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Friday, September 9, 2022 7:54:50 AM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Lighting of athletic fields and shortage of baseball fields
Date: Sunday, July 31, 2022 6:00:47 PM

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Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a resident of Alexandria and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal (RPCA) which is an important step towards meeting the needs of our community.

Good news: Alexandria has had a major spike of interest in youth sports and recreation over the last fifteen years from 3,500 annual participants in 2005 to over 15,000 in 2022. Alexandrians are healthier and happier than ever in part because of this increase in activity.

Challenge: The inventory of available athletic field & court space no longer meets the needs of the children and adults interested in recreation in school, after school and after work. The shortfall is over 5,000 hours annually of quality safe places to play.

My two sons' practices and games were cancelled multiple times this spring & summer due to a shortage of fields to play on, especially the larger size baseball fields.

Solution: I ask that you please approve the necessary permits for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

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I also ask that you invest in diamond sports by adding more fields with turf and

lights, and by adding another 60/90 sized baseball field. Big Simpson should be turfed when renovated and Ben Brenman Softball Field would be a great candidate to convert into a 60/90 sized baseball field with lights. John Adams field is another good candidate for turf and lights.

Result: City Council priorities of 2022 are met including the “Support Youth and Families - Explore ways to expand academic, social and emotional services and **physical support to all youth during out-of-school hours.**”

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Sincerely,

Val Klotz
Native Alexandrian resident at 204 East Taylor Run Parkway

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From: [Lee Dunn](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Please support lights at Alexandria Athletic Fields
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022 12:36:27 PM

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I am a parent of an Alexandria athlete and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal. I believe this is an important step towards meeting the needs of our community. The inventory of available athletic field & court space no longer meets the needs of the children and adults interested in recreation in school, after school, and after work.

I am writing to ask that you please approve the necessary permits for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Lee Dunn

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Lee Carosi Dunn

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022 8:45:31 AM

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I am a parent/caregiver of an Alexandria athlete and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal. I believe this an important step towards meeting the needs of our community. The inventory of available athletic field & court space no longer meets the needs of the children and adults interested in recreation in school, after school, and after work.

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Dave Hank

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal - SUPPORT!
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022 10:04:48 AM

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From: [NANCY Jennings](#)
To: [Jack Broward](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]STOP putting lights on fields and creating problems
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022 8:22:37 AM

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Good Morning,

For more than a decade my neighbors and I have opposed lighting on fields at schools, which are too close to residential property and of little value to the students attending these schools. Why the Parks & Rec Department keeps revisiting unwelcome plans--like lighting Hammond's field--is beyond rational understanding.

The lights on fields in the City are never properly monitored and shine unnecessarily after events are over. The City staff take no responsibility for controlling excessive noise or picking up the volumes of trash--some of which is hazardous and illegal--on these fields. The ACPS tells us they do not have the funds for trash cans or staff to clean the fields. The number of trash receptacles is woefully inadequate on all fields.

Lighting more fields at schools is a short-sighted program with no controls that yields little benefit to City residents. Even the new lights at the former T. C. Williams High School are not adequate for playing football games at night--dark spots on the field--despite that being the sole purpose to install them. Staff should manage funding better and put tax dollars into better projects benefiting more residents. Every survey says residents want more walking trails. The Holmes Run area needs repair. A bike path could be built to connect from Beauregard and King Street to the Holmes Run one.

Stop doing the lights on fields madness! Perhaps use those millions to buy up homes on Fairbanks and Foster Avenues and then build a needed school and sports facility there!

Nan Jennings

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Jack Browand

From: Jodee Jewell
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 6:31 PM
To: Amy Jackson; Jack Browand
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Hammond Lighting Concern

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Hello Mrs. Jackson, and Mr. Browand,

I am reaching out to express my concern with the proposal to install lighting at our Hammond Middle School fields.

We live at 1409 Knox Pl, Alexandria, VA 22304. We hear the school children during the day, and I honestly enjoy these sounds of kids laughing and exercising. Then later in the day and evenings it changes and it's a different sound coming from Hammond. It's older adults, also exercising and spending time with their friends, family, and colleagues, but their voices carry across our neighborhood in an echo -- and it sounds louder --- echoing, and it's concerning. The thought of LIGHTS being installed to EXTEND this practice and expand on the amount of the evening practices is of great concern.

There is also a lot of trash that ends up at our school that was not brought by our school kids to include beer cans, and they linger in our school parking lots that mimic continuous "tailgate parties"...that again tend to echo across our neighborhood. I believe installation of these lights will have a direct impact on the property value of our home.

Are there not options in other industrial areas not in a neighborhood? Why can't the back field behind the hockey ring behind Hammond be converted for this purpose? The trees around that field may minimize the impacts compared to the Hammond fields location. Or the fields on Eisenhower? Aren't there other options besides a family neighborhood??

I would greatly appreciate your consideration of these points I have made, and encourage any other questions or clarifications you might have.

Thank you.
Jodee Heidmann

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To: [Jack Browand](#); [James Spengler](#); steve@tartanproperties.com; [Karl Moritz](#); [Justin Wilson](#); [Amy Jackson](#); [John Chapman](#); [Canek Aguirre](#); michelle.rief@acps.k12.va.us; tammy.ignacio@acps.k12.va.us; meagan.alderton@acps.k12.va.us; christopher.harris@acps.k12.va.us; [Sarah Bagley](#); [Alvia Gaskins](#); [Kirk McPike](#); willie.bailey@acps.k12.va.us; [Katie Brooks](#); Jacinta.greene@acps.k12.va.us; kelly.carmichael.booz@acps.k12.va.us; ashley.simpson.baird@acps.k12.va.us; abdel-rahman.elnoubi@acps.k12.va.us; [Alicia Hart](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 4:51:17 PM

Dear Mayor Wilson, Alexandria City Council, ACPS Board, and Mr. Browand,

I am a long-time resident of Alexandria and I am writing in support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal (RPCA) which is an important step towards meeting the needs of our community. Lighting these fields will make a tremendous impact on availability of field space for kids and adults. It is far more cost-effective and pragmatic to use existing fields to their maximum than to consider acquiring land and adding fields in our land-constrained City. Further, the permitting process that will be required for use of the lights on these fields adds accountability to existing uses in the evenings. Our 15-year old son has played soccer in Alexandria since he was 6 years old and his experience in youth sports in Alexandria has had - and continues to have - a major positive impact on his life.

Alexandria has had a major spike of interest in youth sports and recreation over the last fifteen years from 3,500 annual participants in 2005 to over 15,000 in 2022. The inventory of available athletic field and court space no longer meets the needs of the children and adults interested in recreation in school, after school and after work. The shortfall is over 5,000 hours annually of quality safe places to play.

I ask that you please approve the necessary permits for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

- Simpson Stadium Park
- GW Middle School
- Jefferson Houston K-8 School
- Patrick Henry K-8 School
- Francis C. Hammond Middle School

This effort clearly supports the City Council priorities of 2022 are met including the “Support Youth and Families - Explore ways to expand academic, social and emotional services and

physical support to all youth during out-of-school hours.”

Thank you for your support of our children and adults, their health and the wellness of the entire Alexandria community!

Sincerely,

Lisa Chimento

Jack Browand

From: John Porter <>
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 4:24 PM
To: Justin Wilson; Jack Browand; James Spengler; steve@tartanproperties.com; Karl Moritz; justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov; Amy Jackson; John Chapman; Canek Aguirre; michelle.rief@acps.k12.va.us; tammy.ignacio@acps.k12.va.us; meagan.alderon@acps.k12.va.us; christopher.harris@acps.k12.va.us; Sarah Bagley; Alyia Gaskins; Kirk McPike; willie.bailey@acps.k12.va.us; katie@alexandria-soccer.org; Jacinta.greene@acps.k12.va.us; kelly.carmichael.booz@acps.k12.va.us; ashley.simpson.baird@acps.k12.va.us; abdel-rahman.elnoubi@acps.k12.va.us; Alicia Hart
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal

Dear Mayor Wilson, City Council Members, School Board Members, City Staff, and ACPS Staff

As a lifelong resident of our city, I am writing in support of the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal from RPCA to provide additional lighted fields for use by youth and adults in our community. The opportunity for residents to utilize our wonderful fields for extended hours is increasingly important in helping promote the health and well-being of our citizenry.

Understanding that neighbors of some of the proposed facilities may have reservations, I would imagine that agreements similar to the one created for ACHS could be considered to minimize most of these concerns.

Thus, I request your serious consideration to provide field lights at: Simpson Park, G. W. Middle School, Jefferson-Houston, Patrick Henry and Francis C. Hammond.

Sincerely,

John Porter

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Jack Browand

From: Sue Setliff
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 4:22 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal- SUPPORT

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Dear Alexandria Leadership

Thank you all for doing the hard work of improving life for all members of the Alexandria Community.

I support lights 100% and know lights will extend community time outdoors for kids and people of all ages.

From jumping rope to walking with strollers, to organized leagues, parks and school grounds provide fantastic places for all Alexandrians to meet up and move.

Thank you for supporting the permits and planning for years to come!

Sincerely,
Sue

Setliff

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Jack Browand

From: Katherine Touhey
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 12:12 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal

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Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a parent of a three Alexandria athletes and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal. I believe this an important step towards meeting the needs of our community. The inventory of available athletic field & court space no longer meets the needs of the children and adults interested in recreation in school, after school, and after work.

I am writing to ask that you please approve the necessary permits for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Katherine Touhey

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Jack Browand

From: Family Cusak
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 12:09 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic fields

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Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a parent of an Alexandria athlete and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal. I believe this an important step towards meeting the needs of our community. The inventory of available athletic field & court space no longer meets the needs of the children and adults interested in recreation in school, after school, and after work. The lack of fields is causing us to have to drive further distances across Alexandria often during rush hour to get to practices and games.

I am writing to ask that you please approve the necessary permits for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Martha Cusak

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Jack Browand

From: Megan Gonyea
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 11:18 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal

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Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a parent/caregiver of an Alexandria athlete and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal. I believe this an important step towards meeting the needs of our community. The inventory of available athletic field & court space no longer meets the needs of the children and adults interested in recreation in school, after school, and after work.

I am writing to ask that you please approve the necessary permits for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gonyea

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Alexandria Athletic Field Lighting Proposal - Please support!
Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 1:50:30 PM

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Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a resident of Alexandria and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal (RPCA) which is an important step towards meeting the needs of our community.

Good news: Alexandria has had a major spike of interest in youth sports and recreation over the last fifteen years from 3,500 annual participants in 2005 to over 15,000 in 2022. Alexandrians are healthier and happier than ever in part because of this increase in activity.

Challenge: The inventory of available athletic field & court space no longer meets the needs of the children and adults interested in recreation in school, after school and after work. The shortfall is over 5,000 hours annually of quality safe places to play.

Solution: I ask that you please approve the necessary permits for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

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Result: City Council priorities of 2022 are met including the “Support Youth and Families - Explore ways to expand academic, social and emotional services and physical support to all youth during out-of-school hours.”

Thank you for your support of our children & adults, their health and the wellness of the entire Alexandria community!

Sincerely,
Summer Jones

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Cc: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal - Alexandria Lacrosse Club support
Sunday, July 17, 2022 10:44:25 AM
Subject:
Date:

To the City of Alexandria Parks & Rec, ACPS School Board, City Council, Planning & Zoning, and City Manager:

The Board of Directors of the Alexandria Lacrosse Club (ALC) submits this letter in support of the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities' (RPCA) comprehensive short-term plan to install lighting at five existing fields.

Over the last ten years, the number of participants in youth sports in Alexandria has increased dramatically, from 3,500 annual participants in 2005 to over 15,000 in 2022. Following this trend, ALC's enrollment for our Spring 2022 season was the highest that we have had in years. We think this is positive both for sports in our community and the health of our children.

Unfortunately, we have found it increasingly difficult to accommodate these growing numbers with the lack of availability of field space. Just this past year, we had to supplement our use of city fields by renting a field from a local private school. Simply put, the current field inventory doesn't meet the current, not to mention future, needs of this City and its residents.

We know that you as our elected leaders and dedicated civil servants are aware of this problem and are trying to help fix it.

To that end, the ALC Board of Directors supports RPCA's comprehensive short term plan to address the lack of field space through the installation of lighting at five existing fields. We see this as an important and necessary step forward toward meeting this growing need in our community. We encourage all the decision-makers involved, including the city council and planning and zoning board, to support this necessary additional capacity and move forward as quickly as possible.

In our role on the ALC Board, we hope to continue to grow our program and afford access to the sport of lacrosse for more of Alexandria's youth, but in order to do so, we need more places to play. Thank you for your time and attention and thank you for your service to our city.

Sincerely,

Sarah Pray (ALC Girls Commissioner) and Heather Elkins (ALC Boys Commissioner)

ALC Board of Directors: Kim Speed, Brian Donegan, Christine Friedberg, Mike Scheuble, Tricia Moffatt, Brad Seifert, Doug Mueller, Brian Knutson, Justin Marks, Katherine McCart, Katherine Touhey, Matt Konrad, Matt Meehan, Ralph Kohl

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To: [Jack Browand](#); [James Spengler](#); steve@tartanproperties.com; [Karl Moritz](#); [Justin Wilson](#); [Amy Jackson](#); [John Chapman](#); [Canek Aguirre](#); michelle.rief@acps.k12.va.us; tammy.ignacio@acps.k12.va.us; meagan.alderton@acps.k12.va.us; christopher.harris@acps.k12.va.us; [Sarah Bagley](#); [Alvia Gaskins](#); [Kirk McPike](#); willie.bailey@acps.k12.va.us; katie@alexandria-soccer.org; jacinta.greene@acps.k12.va.us; kelly.carmichael.booz@acps.k12.va.us; ashley.simpson.baird@acps.k12.va.us; abdel-rahman.elnoubi@acps.k12.va.us; [Alicia Hart](#); [Gregory Hutchings, Jr.](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 3:05:05 PM

Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

My son plays travel soccer in Alexandria. I am a resident of Alexandria and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal (from RPCA) which includes adding field lights to the following proposed locations:

- Simpson Stadium Park
- GW Middle School
- Jefferson Houston K-8 School
- Patrick Henry K-8 School
- Francis C. Hammond Middle School

Alexandria has come to a crossroads where the inventory of available field space no longer meets the needs of the children and adults interested in recreation on fields in school and after school. Adding lights and turf to the above-mentioned fields would increase each field capacity by 1,000+ hours annually, which would support the City Council 2022 community priority to support youth and families. These much needed park and school improvements would also support the City's goal of providing equitable access to facilities and services.

I ask that you please approve the necessary permits for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

Thank you for your support of our children, their health and the wellness of the entire Alexandria community!

Kind regards,
Shelby

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To: [Jack Browand](#); [James Spengler](#); steve@tartanproperties.com; [Karl Moritz](#); [Justin Wilson](#); [Amy Jackson](#); [John Chapman](#); [Canek Aguirre](#); michelle.rief@acps.k12.va.us; tammy.ignacio@acps.k12.va.us; meagan.alderton@acps.k12.va.us; christopher.harris@acps.k12.va.us; [Sarah Bagley](#); [Alvia Gaskins](#); [Kirk McPike](#); willie.bailey@acps.k12.va.us; katie@alexandria-soccer.org; Jacinta.greene@acps.k12.va.us; kelly.carmichael.booz@acps.k12.va.us; ashley.simpson.baird@acps.k12.va.us; abdel-rahman.elnoubi@acps.k12.va.us; [Alicia Hart](#); [Gregory Hutchings, Jr.](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 10:15:20 AM

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Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a resident of Alexandria and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal (from RPCA) which includes adding field lights to the following proposed locations:

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Sincerely,
Canon Sobay

From: [AnnMarie Maccubbin](#)
To: [James Spengler](#); steve@tartanproperties.com; [Karl Moritz](#); [Justin Wilson](#); [Amy Jackson](#); [John Chapman](#); [Caneq Aguirre](#); michelle.rief@acps.k12.va.us; tammy.ignacio@acps.k12.va.us; meagan.alderton@acps.k12.va.us; christopher.harris@acps.k12.va.us; [Sarah Bagley](#); [Alyia Gaskins](#); [Kirk McPike](#); willie.bailey@acps.k12.va.us; katie@alexandria-soccer.org; Jacinta.greene@acps.k12.va.us; kelly.carmichael.booz@acps.k12.va.us; ashley.simpson.baird@acps.k12.va.us; abdel-rahman.elnoubi@acps.k12.va.us; [Alicia Hart](#); [Gregory Hutchings, Jr.](#); [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 4:26:09 PM

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Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a resident of Alexandria and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal (from RPCA) which includes adding field lights to the following proposed locations:

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I ask that you please approve the necessary permits for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

Thank you for your support of our children, their health and the wellness of the entire Alexandria community!

Sincerely,
AnnMarie Maccubbin

From: [Jeanette Padilla](#)
To: [Jack Browand](#); [James Spengler](#); steve@tartanproperties.com; [Karl Moritz](#); [Justin Wilson](#); [Amy Jackson](#); [John Chapman](#); [Canek Aguirre](mailto:Canek.Aguirre@acps.k12.va.us); michelle.rief@acps.k12.va.us; tammy.ignacio@acps.k12.va.us; meagan.alderton@acps.k12.va.us; christopher.harris@acps.k12.va.us; [Sarah Bagley](#); [Alvia Gaskins](#); [Kirk McPike](#); willie.bailey@acps.k12.va.us; katie@alexandria-soccer.org; Jacinta.greene@acps.k12.va.us; kelly.carmichael.booz@acps.k12.va.us; ashley.simpson.baird@acps.k12.va.us; abdel-rahman.elnoubi@acps.k12.va.us; [Alicia Hart](#); [Gregory Hutchings, Jr.](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022 1:56:56 PM

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Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am not a resident of Alexandria but I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal which includes adding field lights (and in some cases artificial turf) to the following proposed locations:

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I ask that you please approve funding for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

Thank you for your support of our children, their health and the wellness of the entire Alexandria community!

Sincerely,



From: [Shalimar Alio](#)
To: [Jack Browand](#); [James Spengler](#); steve@tartanproperties.com; [Karl Moritz](#); [Justin Wilson](#); [Amy Jackson](#); [John Chapman](#); [Canek Aguirre](mailto:Canek.Aguirre@acps.k12.va.us); michelle.rief@acps.k12.va.us; tammy.ignacio@acps.k12.va.us; meagan.alderton@acps.k12.va.us; christopher.harris@acps.k12.va.us; [Sarah Bagley](#); [Alvia Gaskins](#); [Kirk McPike](#); willie.bailey@acps.k12.va.us; katie@alexandria-soccer.org; Jacinta.greene@acps.k12.va.us; kelly.carmichael.booz@acps.k12.va.us; ashley.simpson.baird@acps.k12.va.us; abdel-rahman.elnoubi@acps.k12.va.us; [Alicia Hart](#); [Gregory Hutchings, Jr.](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 2:06:16 PM

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Sincerely,

Shalimar Alio

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Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 2:04:02 PM

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Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 8:48:32 AM

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Sincerely,
Stephanie Beyer Kirby

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Jennifer Mattson

From: [Karen Daly](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 7:28:28 PM

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My own two children, ages 9 & 10, are frequent users of our city fields and amenities as public school students and Alexandria Soccer Association and Little League participants. The city's investment in schools, parks, and public amenities is one of the reasons we have decided to stay in Alexandria, rather than move out further in the suburbs.

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Sincerely,
Karen L Daly

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Sincerely,

Amelia Cohn

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Sincerely,

Brian Verhoeven

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Sincerely,

Allison and Brian Murray

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Sincerely,

Hilary Yancey

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Sincerely,
Maria E Vogel
Alexandria Soccer Association supporter

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Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a 15 year resident of Alexandria and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal which includes adding field lights (and in some cases artificial turf) to the following proposed locations:

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,
Loren Schneid

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Mr. Arale
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Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a resident of Alexandria and President of Alexandria Rugby and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal (RPCA) which is an important step towards meeting the needs of our community.

Alexandria Rugby has over 100 youth playing contact and non-contact rugby starting 5 years old all the way through high school.

Alexandria has had a major spike of interest in youth sports and recreation over the last fifteen years from 3,500 annual participants in 2005 to over 15,000 in 2022. Alexandrians are healthier and happier than ever in part because of this increase in activity.

Challenge: The inventory of available athletic field & court space no longer meets the needs of the children and adults interested in recreation in school, after school and after work. The shortfall is over 5,000 hours annually of quality safe places to play.

Solution: I ask that you please approve the necessary permits for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

- Simpson Stadium Park
- GW Middle School
- Jefferson Houston K-8 School
- Patrick Henry K-8 School
- Francis C. Hammond Middle School

Result: City Council priorities of 2022 are met including the “Support Youth and Families -

Explore ways to expand academic, social and emotional services and **physical support to all youth during out-of-school hours.**”

Thank you for your support of our children & adults, their health and the wellness of the entire Alexandria community!

Sincerely,
Matt Hardiman

President
Alexandria Rugby
www.alexandriarugby.com

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From: [Bob Laver](#)
To: [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Field Lighting
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 7:19:23 PM

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With all that is going on in this City to include losing underpaid police and firemen, I don't think it's wise to waste money on Lighting Athletic Fields. I doubt that children will benefit from the lighting in any manner. It will most likely benefit adults who usually create problems for those families living near the Fields. If you need suggestions on how to better spend the money, let me know. I can probably bring some common sense to what the City politicians are doing to Alexandria and Old Town.

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Bob Laver
CP

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From:
To: [Jack Broward](#)
Cc: !
Subject: [EXTERNAL]HAMMOND
Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 3:39:28 PM
Attachments: [C12446E3-1C2E-4C63-9E19-3C102769AC7B.tiff](#)

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Hello

My name is JP KRUKOWICZ and we do live with my wife Benedicte on 1201 KNOX PLACE. . We are both against those lights at HAMMOND
We do not need more noise and more trashes all around this place. . We live on a quite neighnrough and we want to keep it that way .

It will be nice that the city concentrate on fixing the roads around us instead !

Thank you

Regards

Jean-Philippe KrukowiczGarnier Thiebaut Inc
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]I support for lights for our fields!
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 2:50:34 PM

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Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a resident of Alexandria and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal which includes adding field lights (and in some cases artificial turf) to the following proposed locations:

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I ask that you please approve funding for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Jardim

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From: [Aaron Pollon](#)
To: [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Jefferson Houston Field Lighting Community Feedback
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 8:16:00 PM

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Mr. Browand,

Writing to provide feedback on the proposal to install field lighting, specifically as a homeowner living within a block of the Jefferson Houston field. Overall I support adding the lights. Providing kids and our community a safe place for exercise is critical and we should be doing everything we can to encourage it. With it getting dark early much of the school year, it's hard to believe we've gone this long without lights. I'd love to see the field and lights available for the greater community to use outside school events, such as adult pick-up soccer.

I do have the following concerns that I'd like considered when designing the lights and implementing usage policies:

1. Parking during games. Many of the homes near the Jefferson-Houston field such as mine rely entirely on on-street parking. The only time currently that can be challenging is during the daytime on weekends when soccer games are held. As far as I'm aware, there should be ample parking available at the school and at the pool, yet many parents decide instead to park on-street, unaware they are creating an issue for local residents. Since we're near King St, we're on the border of the parking zone, and therefore can only go further north to park. By installing lights and having games during weeknights, I fear this problem will get much worse. While understandably the street parking is public, I'd like to see ways to encourage parents parking for games to use the lots, maybe by signage or consider lowering the allowed time for non-residents and strictly enforcing. I'd also like a reasonable limit on how late organized games can be held (say 7 or 8pm). Practices, casual pick-up games, and other usage unlikely to draw a large parking demand would be ok past this time.

2. Light pollution, both to the immediate neighbors as well as our city's larger contribution to it. As it is, I think our city could do better at decreasing light pollution, such as by upgrading and redesigning our street lamps, encouraging homeowners to limit excess light and more. While I don't have knowledge on the possibilities for the design of the field lights, I hope this can be taken into consideration with lighting technology available today. The usage of the lights should be limited only when the fields are actively being used, ideally with the community being able to turn on as needed, similar to public tennis courts.

3. Litter and maintenance. Simply consider the impact that greater field use will have on the amount of litter and wear and tear on the facility, increasing resources to address. Currently you often see some trash after games and there is at least one path light in need of repair.

In addition, once the lights are installed and in use, I'd like the City to commit to periodically assessing their impact on the community and soliciting feedback.

Thanks for your consideration,

Aaron Pollon

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To: [Jack Browand](#); [James Spengler](#); steve@tartanproperties.com; [Karl Moritz](#); [Justin Wilson](#); [Amy Jackson](#); [John Chapman](#); [Canek Aguirre](#); michelle.rief@acps.k12.va.us; tammy.ignacio@acps.k12.va.us; meagan.alderton@acps.k12.va.us; christopher.harris@acps.k12.va.us; [Sarah Bagley](#); [Alvia Gaskins](#); [Kirk McPike](#); willie.bailey@acps.k12.va.us; katie@alexandria-soccer.org; jacinta.greene@acps.k12.va.us; kelly.carmichael.booz@acps.k12.va.us; ashley.simpson.baird@acps.k12.va.us; abdel-rahman.elnoubi@acps.k12.va.us; [Alicia Hart](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Parks & Rec -Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 8:34:33 AM

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SUBJECT: Athletic Field Lighting Proposal

Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a resident of Alexandria and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal (from RPCA) which includes adding field lights to the following proposed locations:

- Simpson Stadium Park
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I ask that you please approve the necessary permits for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

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Sincerely,
Alicia Morrison

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From: [Alex Goyette](#)
To: [Jack Broward](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Parks & Rec Commission Hearing for 7/21: Supporting Addition of Lights to Fields in Alexandria
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 5:16:49 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am writing in strong support of the city's project adding lights to various fields around the city. This improvement is crucial to providing recreation space & services to the residents of our growing city.

I understand some concerns about light pollution, and hope that the city will do what it can to alleviate this issue. The community benefit of lighted fields far outweighs concerns of light pollution, however. For individual residents, simple blackout curtains will solve the issue.

My family lives on S Jordan Street, right next to the lit fields at Ben Brenman Park. The fields being lit allows many of our neighbors to use them for fun and exercise after sunset, which is especially important in the winter time when night falls earlier & it's dark by the time we get home from work. It also makes the area feel much safer, which allows my wife to feel safe using the park at night for exercise or walking our dogs with our young daughter.

As our city grows it is important that our resources, including recreational space, be used as efficiently as possible to support a high quality of life for residents.

Thank you,
Alex
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Alex Goyette
S Jordan St

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From: [Bradley Fuhrman](#)
To: [Jack Broward](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Plans to Light Fields
Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 7:15:58 AM

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Jack Broward,

Our household is in support of adding light to fields.
My daughter will be starting GW Middle School.
I feel adding lights will provide more opportunities for kids to stay off the streets and play completing sports later.
My son played football and ran track for TC (now APHS) until 2020. I wish he had the experience of “Friday night lights” at home field.

Thank you
Brad Fuhrman
Ansell Street, Alexandria

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Thank you, Brad

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From:
To: [Jack Broward](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Richard Foley in favor of sport field lights
Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 6:13:27 PM

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Park & Recreation Commission to Hold a Public Hearing on Athletic Field Lighting Proposals

Thanks for all the public participation - I have coached youth soccer and currently coach youth rugby in Alexandria .

Please do what you can to follow through with the proposed installation of athletic field lighting at multiple athletic fields in the City.

Richard Foley
Alexandria, VA

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Cc: [Todd Ramsburg \(ICE\)](#); katie@alexandria-soccer.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL]SUBJECT: Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 10:13:10 PM
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Cc: ["Jen Zanone"](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]SUBJECT: Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 12:54:06 PM

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SUBJECT: Athletic Field Lighting Proposal

Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a lifelong resident of Alexandria, former ASA soccer player and ACPS student as well as parent of an ASA and ACPS 15-year-old, so I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal which includes adding field lights (and in some cases artificial turf) to the following proposed locations:

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I ask that you please approve funding for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

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Sincerely,

John (jay) T. Zanone
Alexandria, VA

From: [Carolyn Laurenzano](#)
To: [Jack Browand](#); [James Spengler](#); steve@tartanproperties.com; [Karl Moritz](#); [Justin Wilson](#); [Amy Jackson](#); [John Chapman](#); [Canek Aquirre](mailto:Canek.Aquirre@acps.k12.va.us); michelle.rief@acps.k12.va.us; tammy.ignacio@acps.k12.va.us; meagan.alderton@acps.k12.va.us; christopher.harris@acps.k12.va.us; [Sarah Bagley](#); [Alyia Gaskins](#); [Kirk McPike](#); willie.bailey@acps.k12.va.us; katie@alexandria-soccer.org; Jacinta.greene@acps.k12.va.us; kelly.carmichael.booz@acps.k12.va.us; ashley.simpson.baird@acps.k12.va.us; abdel-rahman.elnoubi@acps.k12.va.us; [Alicia Hart](#); [Gregory Hutchings, Jr.](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]SUBJECT: Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022 5:04:58 PM

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Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

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Sincerely,
Carolyn Laurenzano

From: [Jack Browand](#)
To: [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]SUBJECT: Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 11:30:48 AM

Jack Browand, Deputy Director, Park Services, CPM CPRP
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities
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Alexandria VA 22314
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202.497.7452 (cell)

From: Dawn <d>
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 10:13 PM
To: Jack Browand <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov>; James Spengler <James.Spengler@alexandriava.gov>; steve@tartanproperties.com; Karl Moritz <Karl.Moritz@alexandriava.gov>; Justin Wilson <justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov>; Amy Jackson <Amy.Jackson@alexandriava.gov>; John Chapman <john.taylor.chapman@alexandriava.gov>; Canek Aguirre <Canek.Aguirre@alexandriava.gov>; michelle.rief@acps.k12.va.us; tammy.ignacio@acps.k12.va.us; meagan.alderton@acps.k12.va.us; christopher.harris@acps.k12.va.us; Sarah Bagley <sarah.bagley@alexandriava.gov>; Alyia Gaskins <alyia.gaskins@alexandriava.gov>; Kirk McPike <kirk.mcpike@alexandriava.gov>; willie.bailey@acps.k12.va.us; katie@alexandria-soccer.org; Jacinta.greene@acps.k12.va.us; kelly.carmichael.booz@acps.k12.va.us; ashley.simpson.baird@acps.k12.va.us; abdel-rahman.elnoubi@acps.k12.va.us; Alicia Hart <alicia.hart@acps.k12.va.us>; Gregory Hutchings, Jr. <Gregory.Hutchings@acps.k12.va.us>
Cc: Todd Ramsburg (ICE) <>; katie@alexandria-soccer.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL]SUBJECT: Athletic Field Lighting Proposal

Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a resident of Alexandria, the parent of a 3rd grade daughter who has played soccer in Alexandria since preschool, and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal which includes adding field lights (and in some cases artificial turf) to the following proposed locations:

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We experience a short window each season of available fields and time slots to play and re-schedule games which is disruptive to the girls development in the sport as we have to skip weeks when there are weather issues that cancel games as there is not enough capacity to support alternative days/times. My daughter plays with girls from across Alexandria and we want to see the girls continue to develop and grow. As someone who played team sports starting with I was 8 and continuing into adulthood, I truly believe investments in sports are much needed to foster social and emotional development along with building healthy physical fitness habit which improve mental and behavioral health. This is more important now than in my generation when kids have faced so many challenges to their routines over the past two years.

I ask that you please approve funding for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

Thank you for your support of our children, their health and the wellness of the entire Alexandria community!

Sincerely,

Dawn Ramsburg
ACPS parent

From: [James Spengler](#)
To: [Jack Broward](#)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL]Alexandria Resident - Field Lighting
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 5:09:18 PM

James B. Spengler
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Office of Organizational Excellence
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From: Andrew Rutter <>
Date: June 7, 2022 at 2:06:47 PM EDT
To: James Spengler <James.Spengler@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Alexandria Resident - Field Lighting

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Mr. Spengler,

Pleased to meet you over email. I'm writing to convey my support for Special Use Permit for field lighting in FY 2023. This is a positive step to meet the growing needs of our community.

Thank you,
Andrew Rutter

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Karen Biehn](#)
To: [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: Re: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Athletic Field Lighting
Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 4:27:14 PM

Which areas are lacking? Do you want to put up random lights or are they on established fields or are they going to be street lights, in established parks where organized sports play, pickup basketball games, etc?

I know the lights in Brenman are on for hours almost every night when no one is there any longer wasting precious resources, harming the planet and wasting money that could be used to help ppl via HHS, because the ppl who use them are unable to turn them off, so I'm told.

I am asking for details which I don't see.

Thanks.

Karen L. Biehn, CPA, CGMA

Everyone benefits when individuals choose to live by "The Golden Rule". Life is too short and precious not to be kind.

On Friday, May 20, 2022, 04:00:42 PM EDT, Jack Browand <jack.browand@alexandriava.gov> wrote:

Increased dispersion of lighted facilities through the City, covering a larger geographic area for community use.

jack

Jack Browand, Deputy Director, Park Services, CPM CPRP
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From: Karen Biehn <>
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 10:21 AM
To: Jack Browand <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: Re: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Athletic Field Lighting

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Hi,

But what exactly is currently INequitable that you propose be addressed?

I'm not seeing detail, so I'm guessing I must be missing something.

Thank you.

Karen L. Biehn, CPA, CGMA

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On Friday, May 20, 2022, 08:13:33 AM EDT, Jack Browand <jack.browand@alexandriava.gov> wrote:

Ms. Biehn,

I am the point of contact for this project. The lighting proposal serve as a mechanism to provide and expand equitable resources throughout the City.

Sincerely,

Jack

Jack Browand, Deputy Director, Park Services, CPM CPRP

Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities

1108 Jefferson Street

Alexandria VA 22314

703.746.5504 (office)

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From: Karen Biehn <kbiehn888@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 5:12 PM

To: Jack Browand <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov>

Subject: Fw: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Athletic Field Lighting

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Hi,

Yours is the only contact information I see.

May I ask information for correct poc, and, what is considered 'inequitable' at the moment?

Thank you.

Karen L. Biehn, CPA, CGMA

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From: Alexandria eNews <noreply@everbridge.net>

To:

Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022, 05:00:03 PM EDT

Subject: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Athletic Field Lighting

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From: [Karen Biehn](#)
To: [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: Re: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Athletic Field Lighting
Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 4:28:46 PM

Also, did anyone consult these communities?

I know many poc thought changing names of roads, schools, etc. was lip service and an unhelpful waste of money, but no one asked them what they'd like or need.

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On Friday, May 20, 2022, 04:00:42 PM EDT, Jack Browand <jack.browand@alexandriava.gov> wrote:

Increased dispersion of lighted facilities through the City, covering a larger geographic area for community use.

jack

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202.497.7452 (cell)

From: Karen Biehn <kbiehn888@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 10:21 AM
To: Jack Browand <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov>
Subject: Re: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Athletic Field Lighting

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Hi,

But what exactly is currently INequitable that you propose be addressed?

I'm not seeing detail, so I'm guessing I must be missing something.

Thank you.

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On Friday, May 20, 2022, 08:13:33 AM EDT, Jack Browand <jack.browand@alexandriava.gov> wrote:

Ms. Biehn,

I am the point of contact for this project. The lighting proposal serve as a mechanism to provide and expand equitable resources throughout the City.

Sincerely,

Jack

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Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 5:12 PM

To: Jack Browand <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov>

Subject: Fw: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Athletic Field Lighting

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Yours is the only contact information I see.

May I ask information for correct poc, and, what is considered 'inequitable' at the moment?

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From: [Chinyelu Lee](#)
To: [Jack Broward](#)
Subject: re: Park & Recreation Commission to Hold a Public Hearing on Athletic Field Lighting Proposals
Date: Sunday, July 17, 2022 12:01:56 PM

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Thank you,

As a resident of Alexandria and a member of the community around Patrick Henry, I strongly support installing athletic field lights at multiple athletic fields in the City. The installation of lights will make these facilities more accessible to those who are working outside of the house during the daylight -- especially later in the year -- and, as such, make Alexandria a healthier city.

Chinyelu Lee



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From: [Nancy Lee](#)
To: [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: Re: Proposed Athletic Field Lighting Community Meeting #2 Confirmation
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:06:41 PM

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Hi Jack,

I'm sorry I missed tonight's meeting on Proposed Athletic Field Lighting.

I live in Alexandria on W. Uhler Avenue in Del Ray. My son and daughter play for ASA. My husband plays in the adult leagues.

Given the lack of recreational space and expansion possibilities, I support additional field lighting for Alexandria. We need extra field time to accomodate our recreational needs in the City.

I think that the city should take into consideration how much impact this would have on reducing the gap between field needs in the future.

I think that extended lighting also allows adult leagues to have an opportunity to play as well instead of having to travel further to Fairfax or Dulles to find available space.

I think ASA continues to be a tremendous asset to the community as well as inclusive. I believe the City should support its growth.

Thank you.

Nancy Lee-Reeve

On Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 07:51:47 PM EDT, Jack Browand <no-reply@zoom.us> wrote:



Hi Nancy Lee-Reeve,



Thank you for registering for "Proposed Athletic Field Lighting Community Meeting #2".

Please submit any questions to:
jack.browand@alexandriava.gov

Date Time: Jun 21, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Invitation to meet sent 5-12-2022

Seminary Hill Civic Association

Community Type: Civic Association

Scheduled Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month

Visit Website: www.seminaryhillassn.org

email president@seminaryhillassn.org

Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association
Community Type: Civic Association
Scheduled Meetings: 4th Monday of each month
Visit Website: www.bsvca.org
Contact us: <https://bsvca.org/contact-us/>

Seminary Ridge Civic Association
Community Type: Civic Association
Scheduled Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month
Visit Website:
Email: news4srca@gmail.com

Strawberry Hill Civic Association
Community Type: Civic Association
Scheduled Meetings:
Visit Website: <https://strawberryhillcivicassociation.org/>
Contact Email: president@strawberryhillcivicassociation.org and vp@strawberryhillcivicassociation.org

Wakefield Tarleton Civic Association
Community Type: Civic Association
Scheduled Meetings: Either the third Wednesday or third Thursday of every month except July, August and December.
Visit Website: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/wakefield-tarleton/info>
Contact Email: erin@winograd.us and lizziecharles@gmail.com

Del Ray Citizens Association
Community Type: Civic Association
Scheduled Meetings: Second Wednesday of September through June.
Visit Website: www.delraycitizens.org
Contact us: <https://delraycitizens.org/contact/>

Rosemont Citizens Association
Community Type: Civic Association
Scheduled Meetings: Meetings are held periodically.
Visit Website: www.rosemontcitizensassoc.org
Contact Us: <https://rosemontcitizensassoc.org/contact/>

Braddock Metro Citizens' Coalition
Community Type: Civic Association
Scheduled Meetings: Quarterly
Visit Website: <http://www.braddockmetro.org/>
Contact Email: BMCC@BraddockMetro.Org

Braddock Station Civic Association

Community Type: Civic Association
Scheduled Meetings:
Visit Website:
Contact Email: cotton_manning514@yahoo.com

West Old Town Citizens Association
Community Type: Civic Association
Scheduled Meetings:
Visit Website: <https://wotcaalexandria.org/>
Contact Email: wotcaalexandria@gmail.com and dino.drudi@gmail.com

Upper King Street Neighborhood Association
Community Type: Civic Association
Scheduled Meetings:
Visit Website:
Contact Email: askandariya@aol.com

Old Town Civic Association
Community Type: Civic Association
Scheduled Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month.
Visit Website: www.theoldtowncivicassociation.org
Contact Email: stevemilone@yahoo.com and president@theoldtowncivicassociation.org

Potomac Yard Civic Association
Community Type: Civic Association
Scheduled Meetings:
Visit Website: <https://potomacyard.org/>
Contact Email: potomacyardcivic@gmail.com

Northeast Citizens Association
Community Type: Civic Association
Scheduled Meetings:
Visit Website: <http://notice-alexandria.org/index.shtml>
Contact Email: neca.president@gmail.com

From: [Jack Browand](#)
To: potomacyardcivic@gmail.com
Cc: [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Athletic Field Lighting Proposals & Outreach
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:37:31 PM

You are receiving this email as the designated contact for the Potomac Yard Civic Association.

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Sincerely,
Jack

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From: [Jack Browand](#)
To: president@theoldtowncivicassociation.org; stevemilone@yahoo.com
Cc: [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Athletic Field Lighting Proposals & Outreach
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:36:18 PM

You are receiving this email as the designated contact for the Old Town Civic Association.

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From: [Jack Browand](#)
To: askandariya@aol.com
Cc: [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Athletic Field Lighting Proposals & Outreach
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:35:08 PM

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To: wotcaalexandria@gmail.com
Cc: [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Athletic Field Lighting Proposals & Outreach
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:34:02 PM

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To: mbsolomon@gmail.com
Cc: [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Athletic Field Lighting Proposals & Outreach
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:32:51 PM

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From: [Jack Browand](#)
To: BMCC@BraddockMetro.Org
Cc: [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Athletic Field Lighting Proposals & Outreach
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:31:21 PM

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Cc: [Jack Browand](#)
Subject: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Athletic Field Lighting Proposals & Outreach
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 5:28:36 PM

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Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Athletic Field Lighting Proposals & Outreach

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To following associations (BCC):

1. Seminary Hill Civic Association
2. Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association – online submission
3. Seminary Ridge Civic Association
4. Strawberry Hill Civic Association
5. Wakefield Tarleton Civic Association
6. Del Ray Citizens Association - online submission
7. Rosemont Citizens Association – online submission
8. Braddock Metro Citizens' Coalition
9. Braddock Station Civic Association
10. West Old Town Citizens Association
11. Upper King Street Neighborhood Association
12. Old Town Civic Association
13. Potomac Yard Civic Association
14. Northeast Citizens Association

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Subject: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities to Hold Community Meeting #3 on Proposed Athletic Field Lighting

Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities to Hold Community Meeting #3 on Proposed Athletic Field Lighting

For Immediate Release: September 9, 2022

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The proposal to add athletic field lighting will be considered for approval at public hearings by the Planning Commission on October 6 and City Council on October 15. For additional information on these public hearings, visit [City Dockets and Webcasts](#).

The community meetings will be held virtually as follows:

- **Community Meeting #3 - Wednesday, September 21 at 7 p.m.**

Register in advance for this

webinar: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yvyozt4uQhiOfApo2T1ZoA

Meeting ID: 934 1289 9504

Passcode: 584581

Dial-in: 301.715.8592

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5. Eugene Simpson Stadium Park, 426 East Monroe Avenue

For additional information, visit the [2022 Athletic Field Proposal](#) project website. Individuals unable to attend planned meetings may send comments by email to Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov.

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PROPERTY OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION

As the property owner of 4646 Seminary Road, I hereby
(Property Address)
grant the applicant authorization to apply for the athletic field lighting use as
(use)
described in this application.

Name: James B. Spengler

Phone: 703-746-5500

Please Print

Address: 1

Email: james.spengler@alexandriava.gov

Signature: James Spengler

Date: Jun 10, 2022

1. Floor Plan and Plot Plan. As a part of this application, the applicant is required to submit a floor plan and plot or site plan with the parking layout of the proposed use. The SUP application checklist lists the requirements of the floor and site plans. The Planning Director may waive requirements for plan submission upon receipt of a written request which adequately justifies a waiver.

Required floor plan and plot/site plan attached.

Requesting a waiver. See attached written request.

2. The applicant is the (check one):

Owner

Contract Purchaser

Lessee or

Other: _____ of the subject property.

State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant or owner, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than three percent.

City of Alexandria is the recorded property owner. Alexandria City Public Schools
operates Francis Hammond Middle School.

OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Use additional sheets if necessary

1. Applicant. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than three percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
1. City of Alexandria		
2.		
3.		

2. Property. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at 4646 Seminary Road (address), unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than three percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

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1. City of Alexandria		
2.		
3.	1	

3. Business or Financial Relationships. Each person or entity indicated above in sections 1 and 2, with an ownership interest in the applicant or in the subject property are require to disclose **any** business or financial relationship, as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance, existing at the time of this application, or within the 12-month period prior to the submission of this application with any member of the Alexandria City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals or either Boards of Architectural Review. **All fields must be filled out completely. Do not leave blank. (If there are no relationships please indicated each person or entity and "None" in the corresponding fields).**

For a list of current council, commission and board members, as well as the definition of business and financial relationship, [click here](#).

Name of person or entity	Relationship as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance	Member of the Approving Body (i.e. City Council, Planning Commission, etc.)
1.		
2.		
3.		

NOTE: Business or financial relationships of the type described in Sec. 11-350 that arise after the filing of this application and before each public hearing must be disclosed prior to the public hearings.

As the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent, I hereby attest to the best of my ability that the information provided above is true and correct.

Jun 10, 2022

James Spengler


James Spengler (Jun 10, 2022 21:07 EDT)

Date

Printed Name

Signature

If property owner or applicant is being represented by an authorized agent such as an attorney, realtor, or other person for which there is some form of compensation, does this agent or the business in which the agent is employed have a business license to operate in the City of Alexandria, Virginia?

Yes. Provide proof of current City business license

No. The agent shall obtain a business license prior to filing application, if required by the City Code.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

3. The applicant shall describe below the nature of the request **in detail** so that the Planning Commission and City Council can understand the nature of the operation and the use. The description should fully discuss the nature of the activity. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) is requesting approval to install athletic field lighting at the existing synthetic turf rectangular field located at Francis C. Hammond Middle School. The rectangular field was constructed in 2012.

The proposed athletic field lighting system includes six (6) sixty foot poles with LED fixtures. The fixtures are designed to comply with the International Dark-Sky Association's Community Friendly Outdoor Sports Lighting Program and provide full cutoff lighting. The lighting system controls will enable staff to operate the lights remotely and program specific dates and times for use. The lights are proposed to operate with the same hours as existing field lighting and cut off at 10:00pm. Please see the exhibits for the proposed lighting plans, pole diagrams and fixture types.

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Through a joint use agreement, Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) and RPCA work together to collaborate on the sharing of indoor and outdoor spaces on school sites. This collaboration includes planning for future capital improvements. Per the agreements, athletic fields are dedicated to student use during school hours. Fields are available for community use after school hours and may be programmed through RPCA.

USE CHARACTERISTICS

4. The proposed special use permit request is for (*check one*):
- a new use requiring a special use permit,
 - an expansion or change to an existing use without a special use permit,
 - an expansion or change to an existing use with a special use permit,
 - other. Please describe: _____

5. Please describe the capacity of the proposed use:

A. How many patrons, clients, pupils and other such users do you expect?
Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift).
No change from existing use capacity, though field hours will be extended because of the lights

B. How many employees, staff and other personnel do you expect?
Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift).
No change from existing use levels

6. Please describe the proposed hours and days of operation of the proposed use:

Day:	Hours:
<u>Monday - Friday</u>	<u>7:00 am - 10:00 pm</u>
<u>Saturday and Sunday</u>	<u>7:00 am - 10:00 pm</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Please describe any potential noise emanating from the proposed use.

A. Describe the noise levels anticipated from all mechanical equipment and patrons.
Typical noise levels from recreational activities.

B. How will the noise be controlled?
On-site coaches and staff will monitor noise levels during programmed use

8. Describe any potential odors emanating from the proposed use and plans to control them:

No odors from proposed use

9. Please provide information regarding trash and litter generated by the use.

A. What type of trash and garbage will be generated by the use? (i.e. office paper, food wrappers)

Typical waste generated from athletic field use (ie. bottle, cups, wrappers)

B. How much trash and garbage will be generated by the use? (i.e. # of bags or pounds per day or per week)

No change from existing

C. How often will trash be collected?

Trash is collected as part of ACPS maintenance routines and RPCA programmed use

D. How will you prevent littering on the property, streets and nearby properties?

Trash and recycling containers are currently provided. Trash is monitored during and after programmed use.

10. Will any hazardous materials, as defined by the state or federal government, be handled, stored, or generated on the property?

Yes.

No.

If yes, provide the name, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:

11. Will any organic compounds, for example paint, ink, lacquer thinner, or cleaning or degreasing solvent, be handled, stored, or generated on the property?

Yes. No.

If yes, provide the name, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:

12. What methods are proposed to ensure the safety of nearby residents, employees and patrons?

Safety measures include existing site lighting, user activated field lighting, and regular site monitoring by ACPS security.

ALCOHOL SALES

13.

A. Will the proposed use include the sale of beer, wine, or mixed drinks?

Yes No

If yes, describe existing (if applicable) and proposed alcohol sales below, including if the ABC license will include on-premises and/or off-premises sales.

PARKING AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

14. A. How many parking spaces of each type are provided for the proposed use:

216 Standard spaces (per DSP2000-0044)
 Compact spaces
6 Handicapped accessible spaces.
 Other.

Planning and Zoning Staff Only
Required number of spaces for use per Zoning Ordinance Section 8-200A _____
Does the application meet the requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

B. Where is required parking located? (*check one*)

on-site

off-site

If the required parking will be located off-site, where will it be located?

PLEASE NOTE: Pursuant to Section 8-200 (C) of the Zoning Ordinance, commercial and industrial uses may provide off-site parking within 500 feet of the proposed use, provided that the off-site parking is located on land zoned for commercial or industrial uses. All other uses must provide parking on-site, except that off-street parking may be provided within 300 feet of the use with a special use permit.

C. If a reduction in the required parking is requested, pursuant to Section 8-100 (A) (4) or (5) of the Zoning Ordinance, complete the PARKING REDUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION.

Parking reduction requested; see attached supplemental form

15. Please provide information regarding loading and unloading facilities for the use:

A. How many loading spaces are available for the use? _____

Planning and Zoning Staff Only
Required number of loading spaces for use per Zoning Ordinance Section 8-200 _____
Does the application meet the requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

B. Where are off-street loading facilities located? N/A

C. During what hours of the day do you expect loading/unloading operations to occur?
N/A

D. How frequently are loading/unloading operations expected to occur, per day or per week, as appropriate?

N/A

16. Is street access to the subject property adequate or are any street improvements, such as a new turning lane, necessary to minimize impacts on traffic flow?

Current street access is adequate. No changed to existing necessary.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

17. Will the proposed uses be located in an existing building? Yes No

Do you propose to construct an addition to the building? Yes No

How large will the addition be? _____ square feet.

18. What will the total area occupied by the proposed use be?

N/A sq. ft. (existing) + N/A sq. ft. (addition if any) = N/A sq. ft. (total)

19. The proposed use is located in: (*check one*)

a stand alone building

a house located in a residential zone

a warehouse

a shopping center. Please provide name of the center: _____

an office building. Please provide name of the building: _____

other. Please describe: athletic field

End of Application



Department of Planning & Zoning Special Use Permit Application Checklist

Supplemental application for the following uses:

- Automobile Oriented
- Parking Reduction
- Signs
- Substandard Lot
- Lot modifications requested with SUP use

Interior Floor Plan

- Include labels to indicate the use of the space (doors, windows, seats, tables, counters, equipment)

If Applicable

- Plan for outdoor uses

Contextual site image

- Show subject site, on-site parking area, surrounding buildings, cross streets






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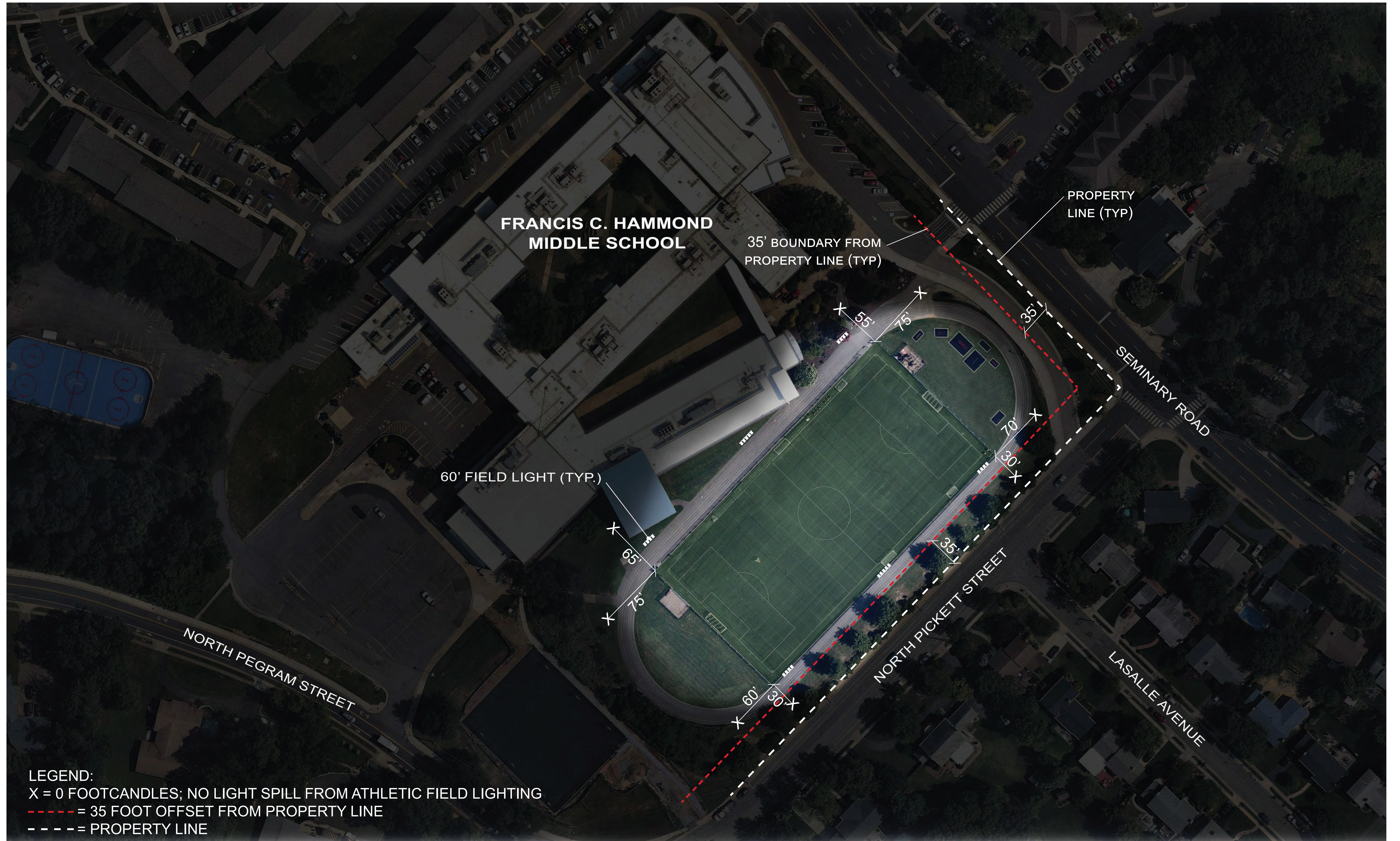
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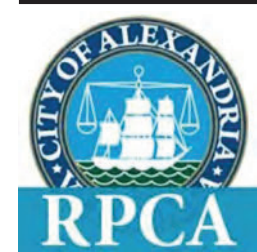
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ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING

OCTOBER 2022

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Lighting System

Pole / Fixture Summary						
Pole ID	Pole Height	Mtg Height	Fixture Qty	Luminaire Type	Load	Circuit
S1, S3-S4, S6	60'	60'	4	TLC-LED-1500	5.72 kW	A
S2, S5	60'	60'	5	TLC-LED-1500	7.15 kW	A
6			26		37.18 kW	

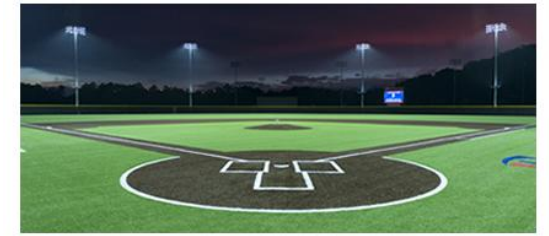
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Circuit	Description	Load	Fixture Qty
A	Soccer	37.18 kW	26

Fixture Type Summary							
Type	Source	Wattage	Lumens	L90	L80	L70	Quantity
TLC-LED-1500	LED 5700K - 75 CRI	1430W	160,000	>120,000	>120,000	>120,000	26

Light Level Summary

Calculation Grid Summary								
Grid Name	Calculation Metric	Illumination					Circuits	Fixture Qty
		Ave	Min	Max	Max/Min	Ave/Min		
Soccer Spill	Horizontal Illuminance	0	0	0.02	0.00		A	26
Soccer Spill	Max Candela Metric	359	0.41	927	2254.99	875.38	A	26
Soccer Spill	Max Vertical Illuminance Metric	0.01	0	0.05	0.00		A	26
Soccer	Horizontal Illuminance	51.9	42	62	1.50	1.24	A	26
Zero Grid	Horizontal	13.6	0	65	0.00		A	26

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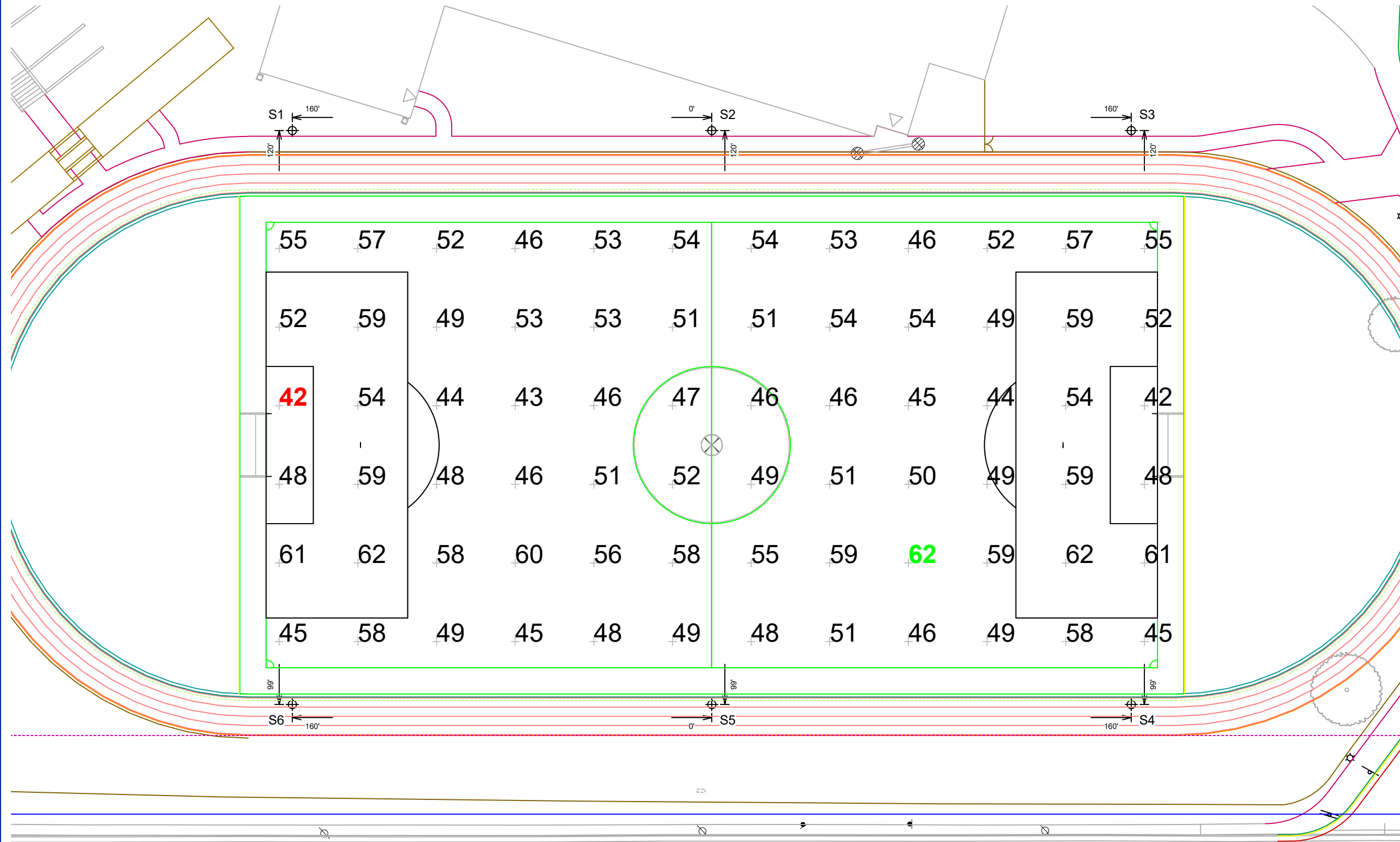
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Pole			Luminaires					
QTY	LOCATION	SIZE	GRADE ELEVATION	MOUNTING HEIGHT	LUMINAIRE TYPE	QTY / POLE	THIS GRID	OTHER GRIDS
4	S1, S3-S4	60'	-	60'	TLC-LED-1500	4	4	0
2	S2, S5	60'	-	60'	TLC-LED-1500	5	5	0
6	TOTALS					26	26	0

GRID SUMMARY	
Name:	Soccer
Size:	340' x 170'
Spacing:	30.0' x 30.0'
Height:	3.0' above grade

ILLUMINATION SUMMARY	
MAINTAINED HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES	
Entire Grid	
Guaranteed Average:	50
Scan Average:	51.92
Maximum:	62
Minimum:	42
Avg / Min:	1.25
Guaranteed Max / Min:	2
Max / Min:	1.50
UG (adjacent pts):	1.37
CU:	0.83
No. of Points:	72
LUMINAIRE INFORMATION	
Applied Circuits:	A
No. of Luminaires:	26
Total Load:	37.18 kW

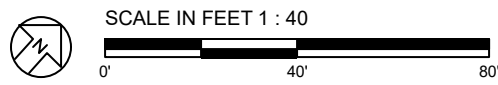


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Pole				Luminaires				
QTY	LOCATION	SIZE	GRADE ELEVATION	MOUNTING HEIGHT	LUMINAIRE TYPE	QTY / POLE	THIS GRID	OTHER GRIDS
4	S1, S3-S4 S6	60'	-	60'	TLC-LED-1500	4	4	0
2	S2, S5	60'	-	60'	TLC-LED-1500	5	5	0
6	TOTALS					26	26	0

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GRID SUMMARY	
Name:	Zero Grid
Size:	340' x 170'
Spacing:	25.0' x 25.0'
Height:	3.0' above grade

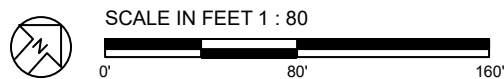
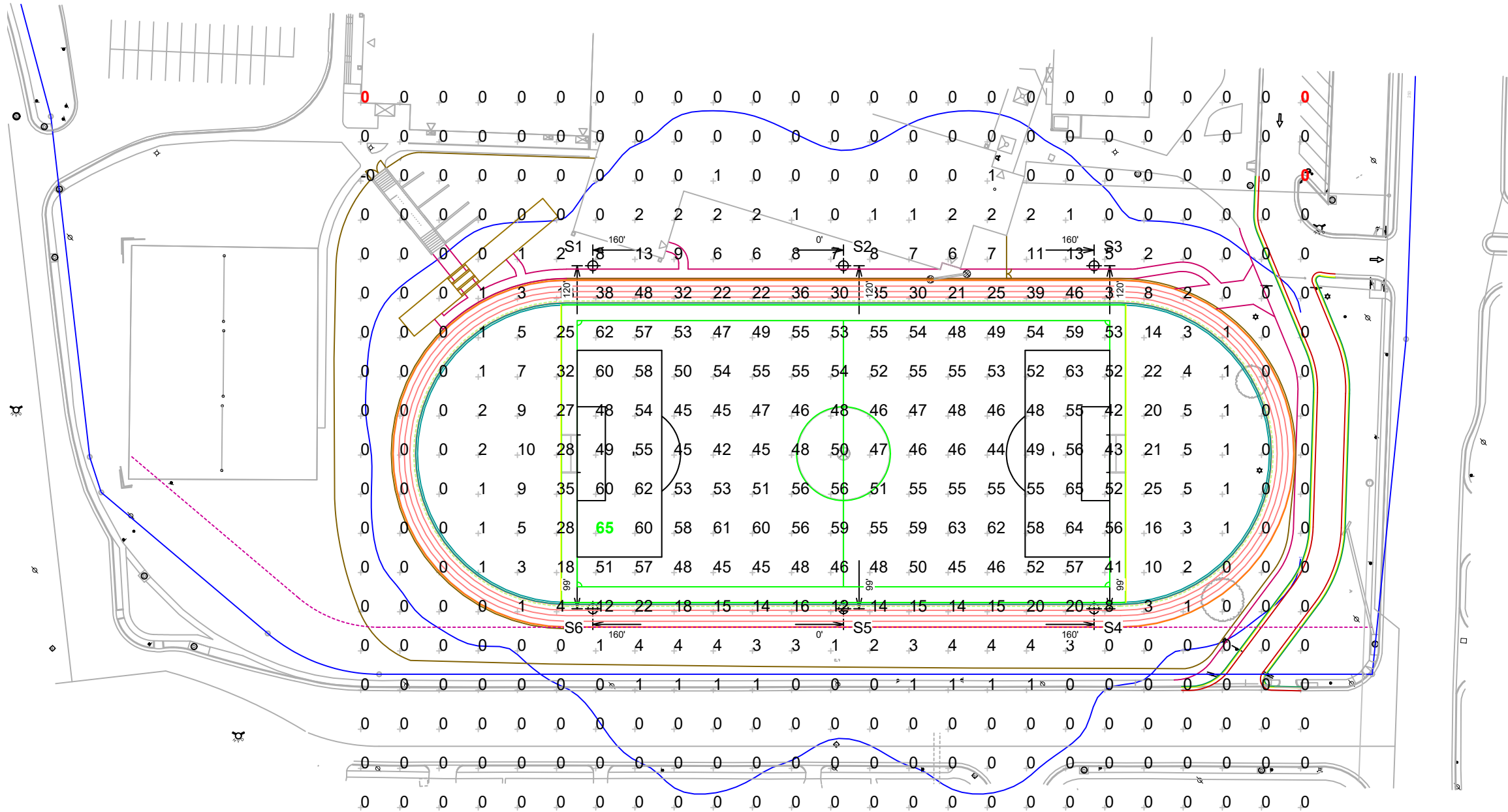
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MAINTAINED HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES	
Entire Grid	
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Maximum:	65
Minimum:	0
Avg / Min:	-
Max / Min:	-
UG (adjacent pts):	333.82
CU:	1.00
No. of Points:	475
LUMINAIRE INFORMATION	
Applied Circuits:	A
No. of Luminaires:	26
Total Load:	37.18 kW

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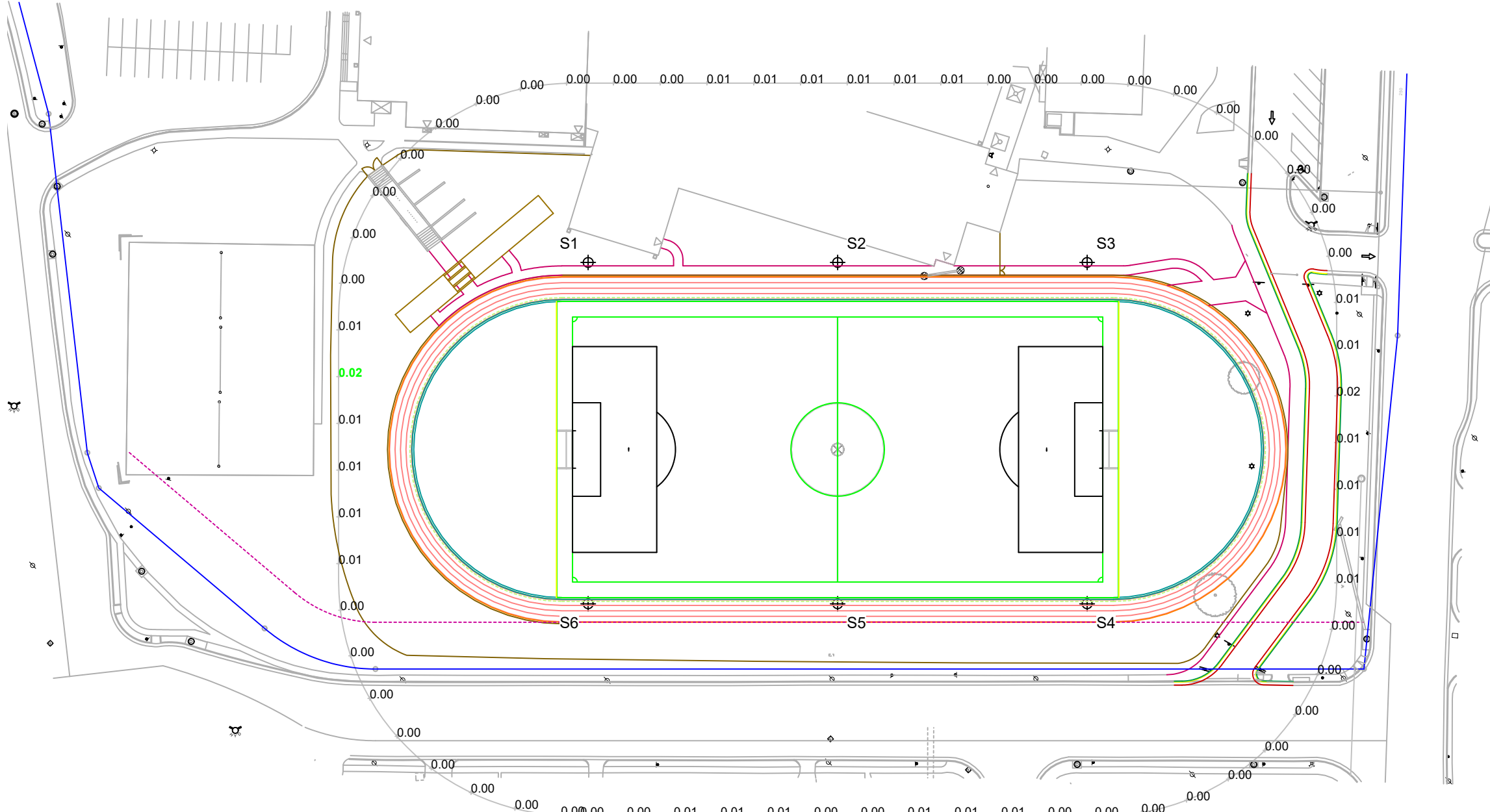
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Pole			Luminaires					
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4	S1, S3-S4 S6	60'	-	60'	TLC-LED-1500	4	4	0
2	S2, S5	60'	-	60'	TLC-LED-1500	5	5	0
6	TOTALS					26	26	0

ACPS Hammond Middle School Soccer
Alexandria, VA

GRID SUMMARY	
Name:	Soccer Spill
Spacing:	30.0'
Height:	3.0' above grade

ILLUMINATION SUMMARY	
HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES	
Scan Average:	Entire Grid 0.0046
Maximum:	0.02
Minimum:	0.00
No. of Points:	66
LUMINAIRE INFORMATION	
Applied Circuits:	A
No. of Luminaires:	26
Total Load:	37.18 kW

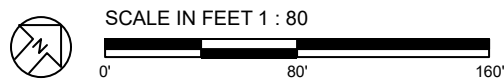


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Pole				Luminaires				
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4	S1, S3-S4 S6	60'	-	60'	TLC-LED-1500	4	4	0
2	S2, S5	60'	-	60'	TLC-LED-1500	5	5	0
6	TOTALS					26	26	0

ACPS Hammond Middle School Soccer

Alexandria, VA

GRID SUMMARY	
Name:	Soccer Spill
Spacing:	30.0'
Height:	3.0' above grade

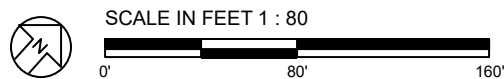
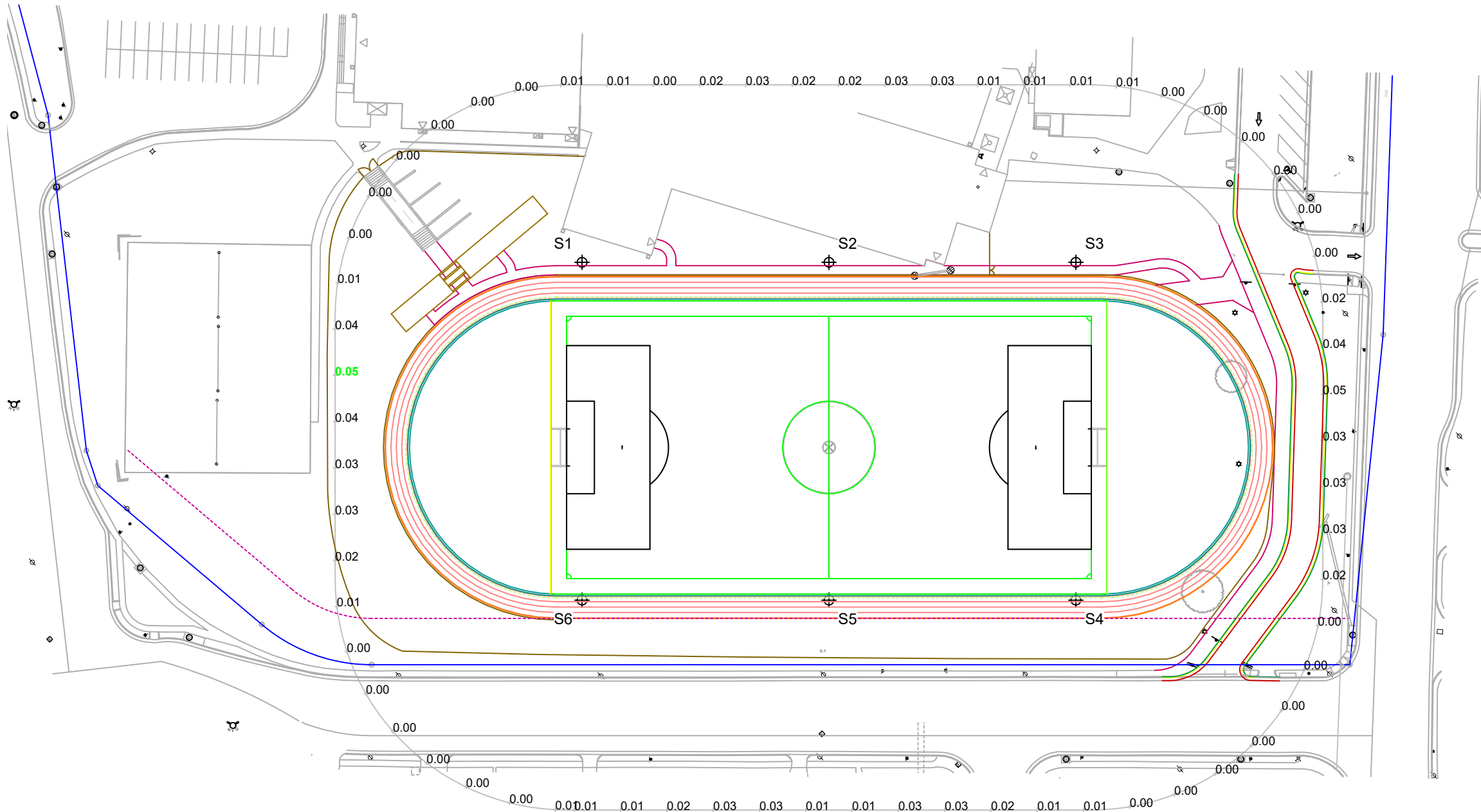
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MAX VERTICAL FOOTCANDLES	
Scan Average:	Entire Grid 0.0136
Maximum:	0.05
Minimum:	0.00
No. of Points:	66
LUMINAIRE INFORMATION	
Applied Circuits:	A
No. of Luminaires:	26
Total Load:	37.18 kW

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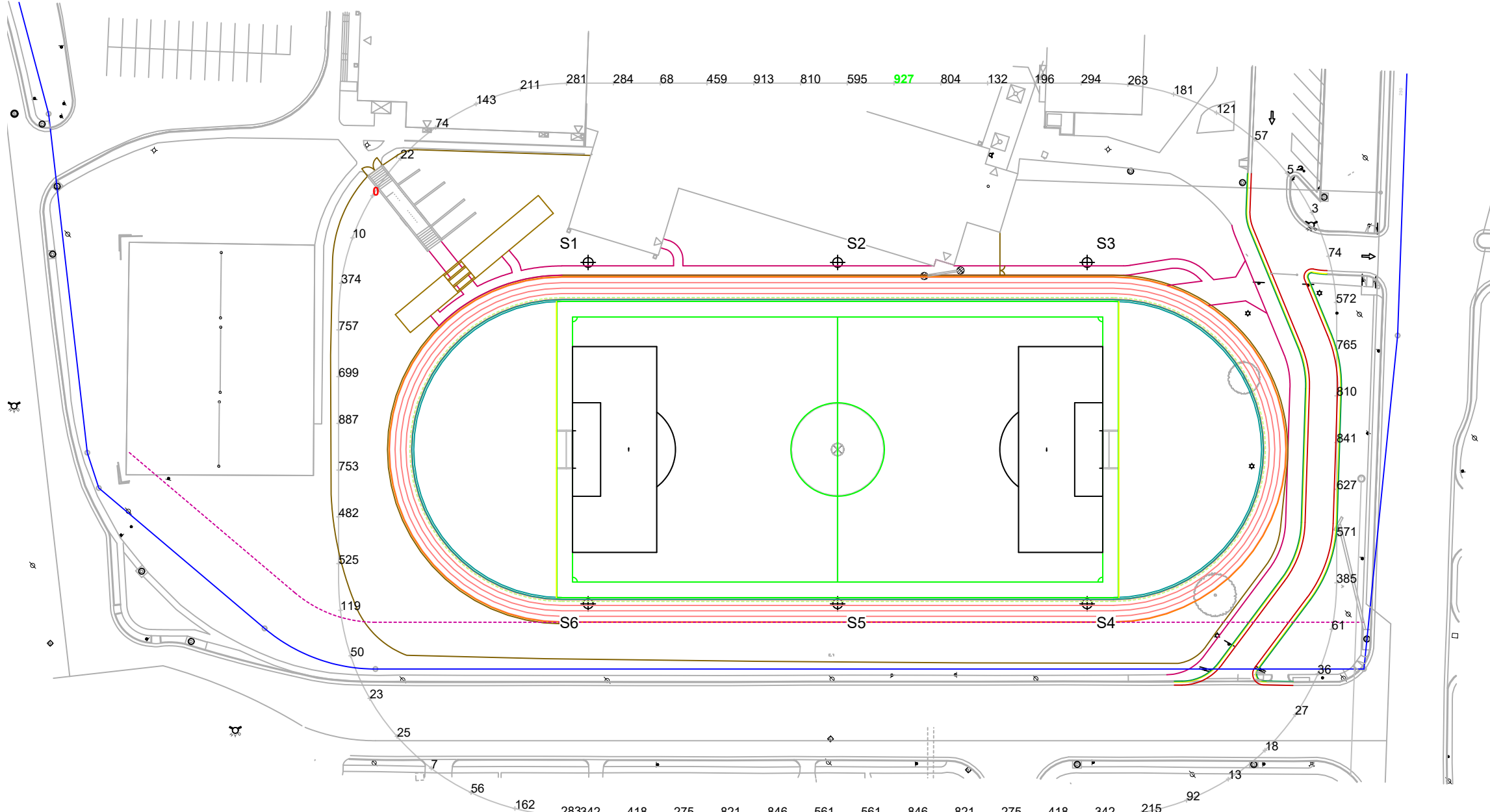
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2	S2, S5	60'	-	60'	TLC-LED-1500	5	5	0
6	TOTALS					26	26	0

ACPS Hammond Middle School Soccer
Alexandria, VA

GRID SUMMARY	
Name:	Soccer Spill
Spacing:	30.0'
Height:	3.0' above grade

ILLUMINATION SUMMARY	
CANDELA (PER FIXTURE)	
Scan Average:	Entire Grid 358.9076
Maximum:	926.82
Minimum:	0.41
No. of Points:	66
LUMINAIRE INFORMATION	
Applied Circuits:	A
No. of Luminaires:	26
Total Load:	37.18 kW

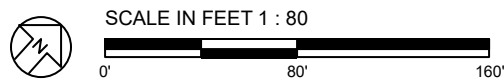


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EQUIPMENT LAYOUT

INCLUDES:

Soccer

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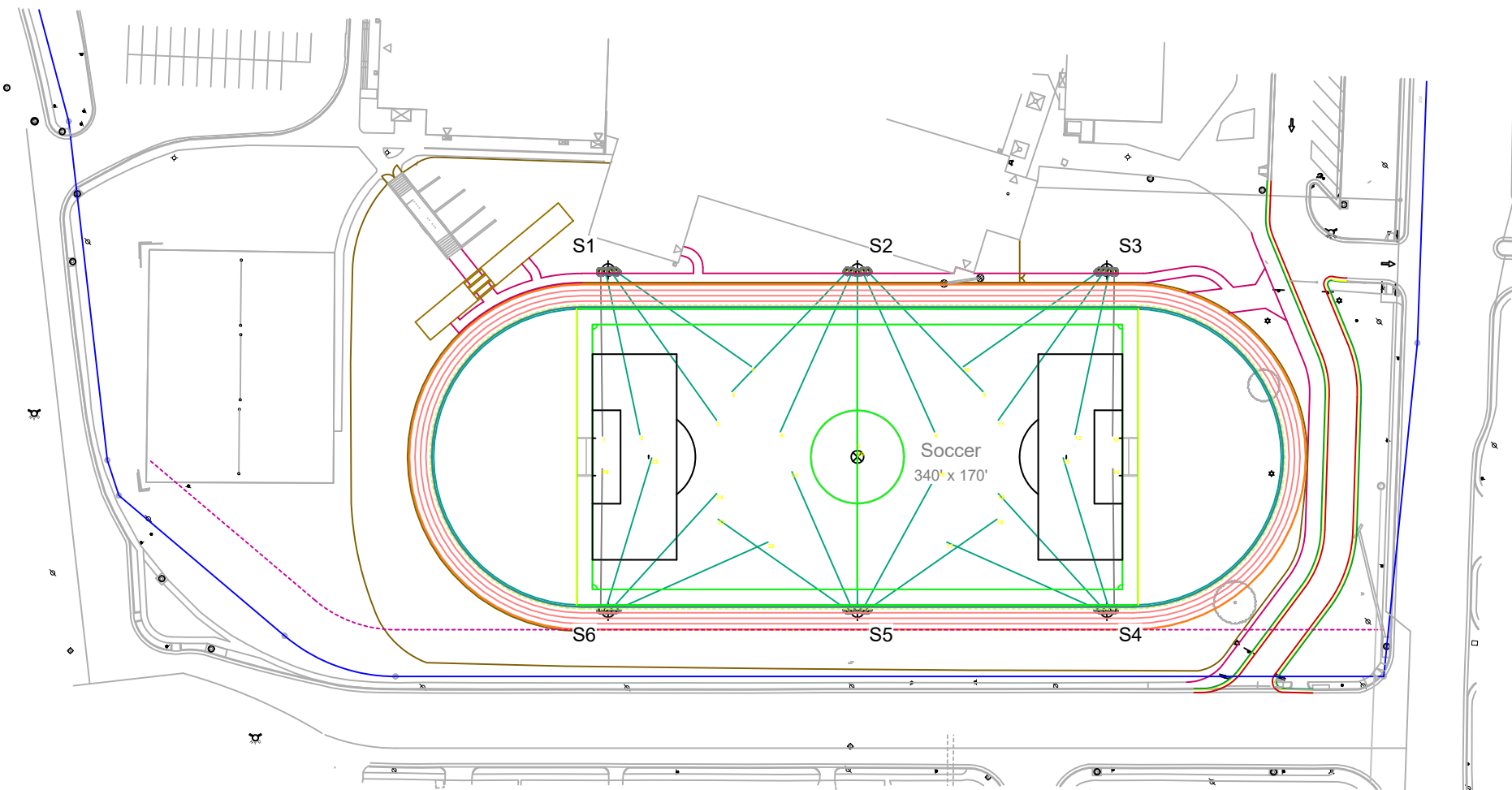
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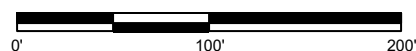
QTY	Pole			Luminaires		
	LOCATION	CLASS	GRADE ELEVATION	MOUNTING HEIGHT	LUMINAIRE TYPE	QTY / POLE
4	S1, S3-S4 S6	LSS60A	-	60'	TLC-LED-1500	4
2	S2, S5	LSS60B	-	60'	TLC-LED-1500	5
6	TOTALS					26

SINGLE LUMINAIRE AMPERAGE DRAW CHART

Ballast Specifications (.90 min power factor)	Line Amperage Per Luminaire (max draw)						
	208 (60)	220 (60)	240 (60)	277 (60)	347 (60)	380 (60)	480 (60)
Single Phase Voltage							
TLC-LED-1500	8.5	8.1	7.4	6.4	5.1	4.7	3.7



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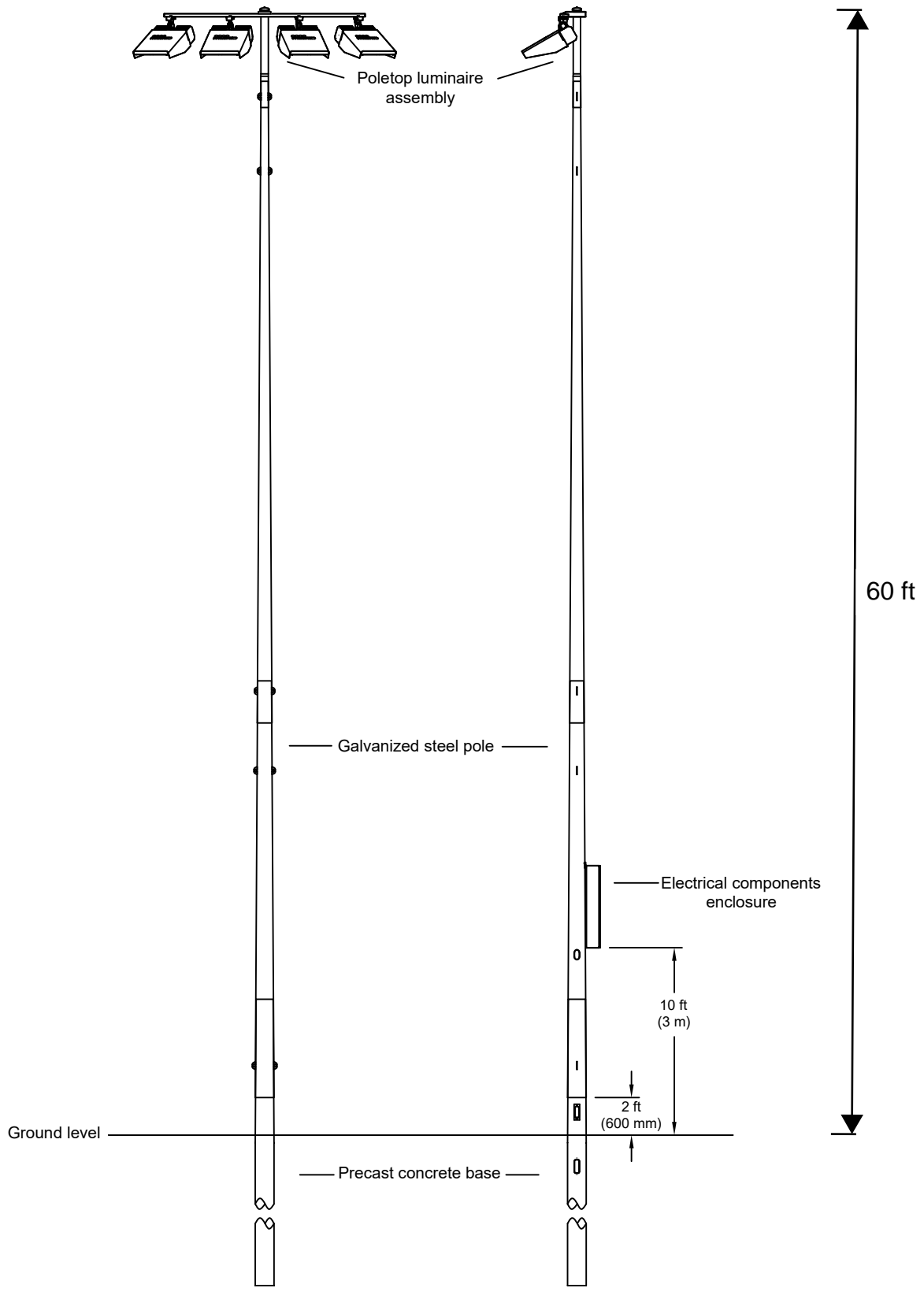
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POLE(S): S1, S3, S4, S6
 Musco 60FT Light-Structure System™ pole
 TLC for LED™ luminaires
 (4) TLC-LED fixtures

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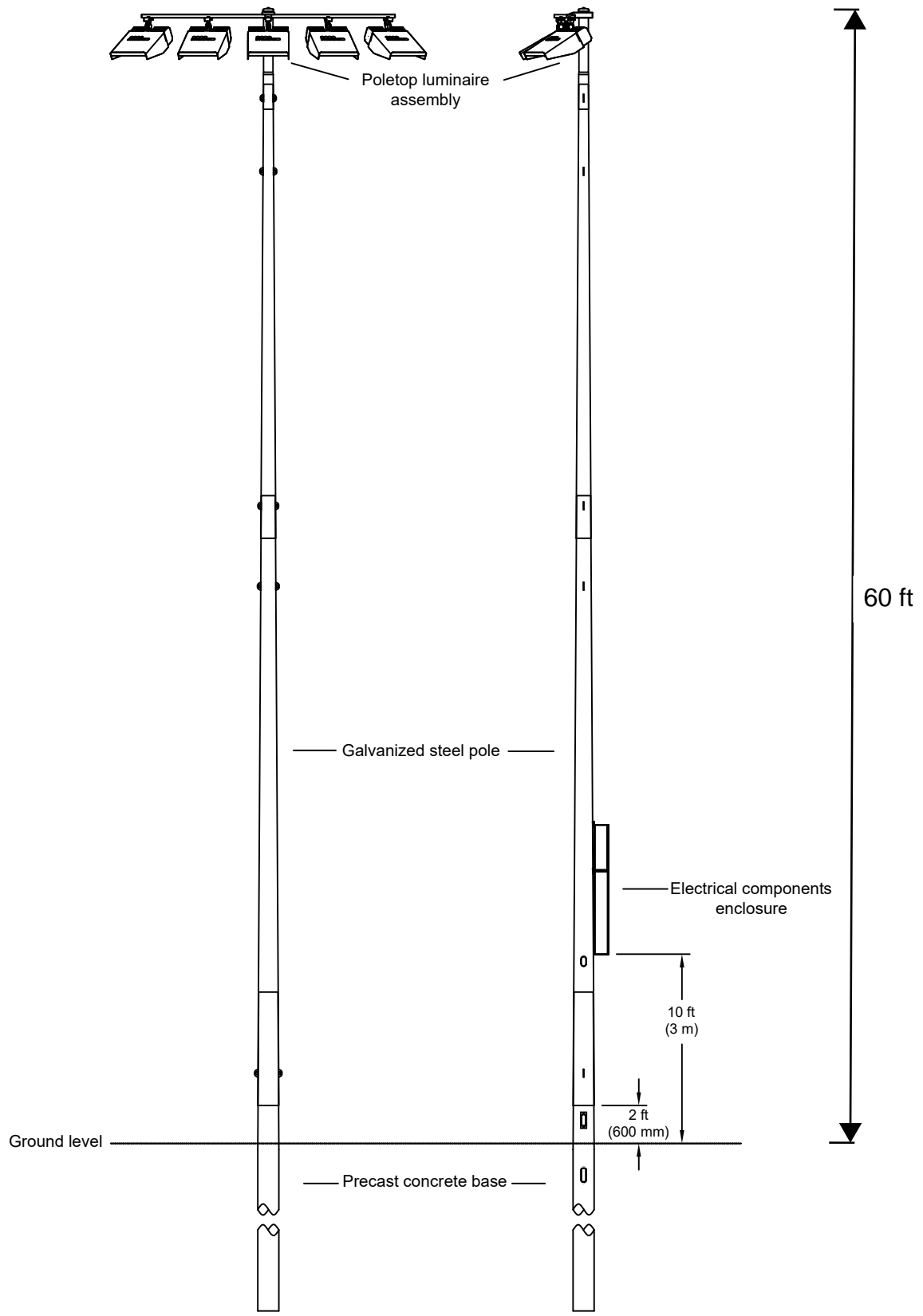
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 Musco 60FT Light-Structure System™ pole
 TLC for LED™ luminaires
 (5) TLC-LED fixtures

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[EXTERNAL]Lighting at GW fields

askissick <askissick@gmail.com>

Fri 9/23/2022 11:35 AM

To: councilcomment@alexandria.gov <councilcomment@alexandria.gov>;PlanComm
<PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello,

I live at 704 Mount Vernon Ave, across the street from Lenny Harris Memorial Fields. I got a notice about a planning commission and city council meeting regarding lights to be installed at GW middle school.

I don't know much about the plans, such as where lights would be installed, the hours they would be on, etc. In case I am not able to attend the meetings, I have a few comments.

The city installed new streetlights a couple years ago -- so outside our house we have the regular street lights as well as the new high powered street lights. I noticed a huge difference in the light coming into our bedroom window at night and use a black curtain to keep out that light . At this point, the blackout curtain is sufficient for me, my toddler and my baby, but light still gets in. My main concern about the lights the city would like to install in the athletic fields is two-fold: 1. the lights will be powerful and will impact both my and my babies sleep (ideally the lights would be out by 7pm), and 2. Noise. if there is light at night, permitting athletic or recreational events, will there be resulting noise late into the evening? Again, a cutoff of 7pm would be preferable. As is, we already have a lot of noise coming from Lena's. It does impact the sleep on the nights of live music.

Finally, the city might consider the Dark Sky Initiative guidelines for athletic field lights:

<https://www.darksky.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2021/07/Final-OSL-v1.1.pdf>

Thank you,

Regards,

Amelia Kissick

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[EXTERNAL]Simpson Park Field Lights

Seth <geointer@protonmail.com>

Sat 9/24/2022 10:19 AM

To: PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>;CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>;Justin Wilson <justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov>;Amy Jackson <Amy.Jackson@alexandriava.gov>;Canek Aguirre <Canek.Aguirre@alexandriava.gov>;Sarah Bagley <sarah.bagley@alexandriava.gov>;John Chapman <john.taylor.chapman@alexandriava.gov>;Alyia Gaskins <alyia.gaskins@alexandriava.gov>;Kirk McPike <kirk.mcpike@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello,

I am concerned about light glow from the existing and proposed athletic field lights at Eugene Simpson Park. I am a resident and homeowner on the 400 block of Duncan Ave, directly adjacent to Eugene Simpson Park, and I received a notice about SUP #2022-00046 (construction of 60ft tall lights) in the mail. **I oppose SUP #2022-00046 because light glow from the existing baseball field lights shines directly into my bedroom, making it difficult to sleep, and I am concerned the proposed lights will exacerbate this problem.** I have an infant son, and these lights make it difficult to sleep. It is unreasonable to expect children or adults to be forced to stay awake until 10pm. I am also concerned about light pollution generally, the energy consumption from these lights, and the cost to taxpayers.

The city could mitigate some of these issues by planting large shade trees along both sides of Duncan Ave and the edge of the park, to block glow from reaching resident's nearby bedroom windows. This tactic has proven successful in the small sections of the North side of the park where there are trees, but gaps remain on Duncan Ave where the trees along the baseball diamond outfield fence are too short, and there are no trees planted on either side of Duncan Ave. There are also large line-of-sight gaps without trees in the NE quadrant of Simpson Park and the abutting back alley. It appears the city has not adequately planned for tree succession at Simpson Park, as nearly all trees currently in the park are in mid- to late-stages of life, and there are no young oak trees (or comparable large shade trees) that have been planted to prepare for their succession.

-Seth

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[EXTERNAL]Supporting Lights on Athletic Fields - Item 5 for 10/6 Meeting

Alex Goyette <alexmgoyette@gmail.com>

Wed 9/28/2022 11:29 AM

To: PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>

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Good morning,

I am writing to support the installation of lights on the numerous athletics fields around the city, found in item 5 on the 10/6 planning commission docket. Adding lights to our field will enable them to be used far more efficiently, allowing more Alexandrians access to recreational space.

This is sorely needed as our city continues growing, and will be especially important during months with shorter days. By the time winter starts, we will have 4 fewer hours of daylight than we enjoy in the summer!

I understand the light pollution concerns of neighbors worried about impacts to them, but these can be rectified with something as simple as blackout curtains - I do this at my own home, located near the fields at Ben Brenman Park. Those concerned about people simply using the field at night should be assured that lights will shut off after a certain time as they do at other city fields.

Thank you,
Alex Goyette

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Alex Goyette

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[EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lights

Christopher Anderson <christopherlanderson@gmail.com>

Sat 10/1/2022 9:31 AM

To: PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello,

I write in support of lighting athletic fields in Alexandria. We know demand for these facilities exceeds the daylight hours as evidenced by the recent needs assessment completed by the city.

Lighting the fields will allow the public to productively make use of this land in a safe and healthy manner. The City should support this use by lighting the fields and making them available to the community for sports, exercise, and enjoyment.

Please approve these measures.

Thanks,
Chris Anderson
1215 Portner Road
Alexandria VA

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Samantha Lockwood

From: Greg Deweese <greg@tcce.biz>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 12:07 PM
To: Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov
Cc: matthew.majkut@proton.me; Ehenard345@gmail.com; Emmy Henard -; Michelle Thamer -; Oz Turan -; Della Bastianelli-; Constance Cullman -; Jacob & JoAn Dreyer -; Marti Beatles -; Beth Knickerbocker-; Dale Carson -; Stacey Barton -; Solemarn@yahoo.com; Aliqaragholi@msn.com; Pablo Osorio; mjmajkut@gmail.com; Marie.sanders@gmail.com; ehduong@gmail.com; Dwight Dunton (dwight@bonaventure.com); Matthew.Majkut@pm.me; donald.jones@blackfishfederal.com; gschuerfeld@gmail.com; jdgiouv@petrocon.org; Davidanthonydelucia@gmail.com; donald.jones@blackfishfederal.com; Frank and Sandi Putzu; russell.colleton@gmail.com; stephenradomsky@yahoo.com; Susan Laver; drjoe10@yahoo.com; Carter Flemming; Tara May; Tara May; Bill Rossello
Subject: re: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Athletic Field Lighting

Dear Mr. Browand,

I hope all is well with you. My name is Greg Deweese. I live at 1465 N Pegram St in Alexandria, VA. My house is directly across from Hammond Middle School. I became aware of a proposal to add lighting to the athletic fields of Hammond Middle School. I am writing you, along with representatives of my neighborhood, to express our **100% opposition** to the installation of any lighting.

Over the past several years we as a community have struggled with constant nuisances as a result of people, all non-students, misuse of the school property. Groups of people would gather nightly after playing sports. They would play loud music (with DJs some days), food trucks, talk/yelling very loud and create a significant disturbances to the all of the families in proximity to the school. There have been occasion so 60-70 people conjugating until as later as 11:30 PM-12AM, 4-6 days per week. We have all had to call the Alexandria Police on countless occasions to have them to clear the parking lot of all the people.

At the beginning of this school year, we were reminded of how little noise we hear from the true meaning of the school, buses and kids, compared to the unruly actions of people loitering in the parking lot after school hours and disturbing our peace.

As a community we all took action to engage the school to effect change of this issue. I started with emails to Pierrette Peters on 8/22/22. Now, over 1 month later, the actions of Mrs. Peters and the school resources officers have finally brought peace to our neighborhood evenings. It took us many years to get to this point today. Please see this link with my resent correspondence on this issue, with videos and pictures:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pq_RLxxqd2T-kzA4NG7Y7veax6plAVJ?usp=sharing

The installation of lighting on these Hammond athletic fields will again invite unwanted people to once again have an excuse to loiter in the schools parking lots, have parties and create a negative community environment.

Please support our community, all us who live across the street from the school, to **REJECT** this proposal to install the athletic field lighting at Hammond Middle.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Greg Deweese

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[EXTERNAL]October 6 Planning Commission - Docket Item #5, Special Use Permit #2022-00042

Greg Deweese <greg@tcce.biz>

Mon 10/3/2022 1:54 PM

To: PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

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Please see my correspondence below on this matter.

Dear Mr. Browand,

I hope all is well with you. My name is Greg Deweese. I live at 1465 N Pegram St in Alexandria, VA. My house is directly across from Hammond Middle School. I became aware of a proposal to add lighting to the athletic fields of Hammond Middle School. I am writing you, along with representatives of my neighborhood, to express our **100% opposition** to the installation of any lighting.

Over the past several years we as a community have struggled with constant nuisances as a result of people, all non-students, misuse of the school property. Groups of people would gather nightly after playing sports. They would play loud music (with DJs some days), food trucks, talk/yelling very loud and create a significant disturbances to the all of the families in proximity to the school. There have been occasion so 60-70 people conjugating until as later as 11:30 PM-12AM, 4-6 days per week. We have all had to call the Alexandria Police on countless occasions to have them to clear the parking lot of all the people.

At the beginning of this school year, we were reminded of how little noise we hear from the true meaning of the school, buses and kids, compared to the unruly actions of people loitering in the parking lot after school hours and disturbing our peace.

As a community we all took action to engage the school to effect change of this issue. I started with emails to Pierrette Peters on 8/22/22. Now, over 1 month later, the actions of Mrs. Peters and the school resources officers have finally brought peace to our neighborhood evenings. It took us many years to get to this point today. Please see this link with my resent correspondence on this issue, with videos and pictures:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pq__RLxxqd2T-kzA4NG7Y7veax6pIAVJ?usp=sharing

The installation of lighting on these Hammond athletic fields will again invite unwanted people to once again have an excuse to loiter in the schools parking lots, have parties and create a negative community environment.

Please support our community, all us who live across the street from the school, to **REJECT** this proposal to install the athletic field lighting at Hammond Middle.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Greg Deweese

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[EXTERNAL]October 6 Planning Commission - Docket Item #5, Special Use Permit #2022-00042

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Mon 10/3/2022 1:50 PM

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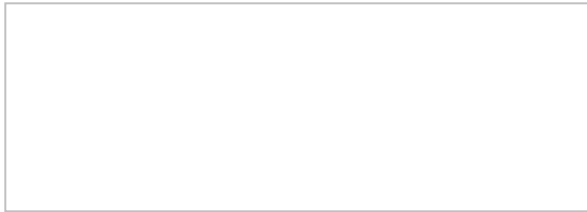
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Re: October 6 Planning Commission - Docket Item #5, Special Use Permit #2022-00042

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Mon 10/3/2022 3:01 PM

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Cc: PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>

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THANK YOU for the work you are doing on this. You have expressed your point forcefully and well, and documented it. This kind of searing light is toxic to birds and wildlife as well as us people, and upsets their circadian rhythms as it does ours. Emmy Henard

On Mon, Oct 3, 2022 at 1:50 PM Greg Deweese <greg@tcce.biz> wrote:

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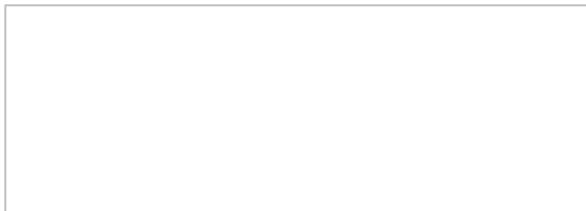
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Samantha Lockwood

From: Stephen Radomsky <stephenradomsky@yahoo.com>

Date: October 3, 2022 at 7:15:19 PM EDT

To: Jack Browand <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov>

Subject: Re: Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Athletic Field Lighting

Well said Mr. Deweese thank you. My wife and I live on Knox place and although we are on the opposing side of pegrain we also experience the noise pollution from the adult soccer contingent. The adults play soccer on the main upper field(a) as well as the basketball court located slightly below the main field directly adjacent from the parking lot simultaneously. The amount of adult men participating in soccer seems to range between 30 -50. Obviously, there's going to be communication going on the fields during these games. Unfortunately, it's much louder than normal conversation. It's more like shouting. We also have a small dog we walk around the outside of Hammonds drives. What I've noticed is that the another bi-product of the adult soccer contingent is litter. The trash cans provided by Hammond are usually stuffed to capacity. Once they are overflowing trash is simply discarded on the grounds. However, the most unfortunate phenomenon of the adult soccer contingent is that they don't have access to a restroom. Consequently, they improvise. I have witnessed one man going number 2 at the bottom of the staircase descending from the upper field to the parking lot against the school wall. Additionally, I have seen several piles of soiled toilet paper on the walking path cutting between the basketball court and the upper field.

I don't necessarily have a problem with physical activity. I try to stay in pretty good shape. Occasionally, I take my four year old son over to the main soccer field. The issues I have are that I personally don't believe this is the correct location for 30-50 grown adult men to be participating in pickup soccer games. The field is a middle school field in a suburban neighborhood. It does not have appropriate waste management to accommodate these folks. Furthermore, it doesn't have a public bathroom. Consequently, whoever is using it would have to be within walking distance from their bathroom in their home or, be able to access the school bathroom during school hours.

These variables make the subject of adding lighting to this mismanaged situation moot. There's no way in heck that makes any sense. The city of Alexandria is failing Hammond Students as well as our neighborhood. Hopefully the city cares more for it's middle school students and it's tax paying neighborhood residents than a transient adult soccer contingent. There are plenty of accessible fields along Eisenhower avenue where they can go and play and express as loud and as late as they want.

Thank you,

Stephen Radomsky

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[EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting Proposal

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Tue 6/7/2022 1:09 PM

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Dear Jack Browand, City Council, ACPS Board and Mayor Wilson,

I am a resident of Alexandria and I support the Athletic Field Lighting Proposal which includes adding field lights (and in some cases artificial turf) to the following proposed locations:

- Simpson Stadium Park
- GW Middle School
- Jefferson Houston K-8 School
- Patrick Henry K-8 School
- Francis C. Hammond Middle School

Alexandria has come to a crossroads where the inventory of available field space no longer meets the needs of the children and adults interested in recreation on fields in school and after school. Adding lights and turf to the above-mentioned fields would increase each field capacity by 1,000+ hours annually, which would support the City Council 2022 community priority to support youth and families. These much needed park and school improvements would also support the City's goal of providing equitable access to facilities and services.

I ask that you please approve funding for field lights at all five facilities and create an implementation plan to install them in the coming year/s.

Thank you for your support of our children, their health and the wellness of the entire Alexandria community!

Sincerely,

Mr. Arale

Alexandria City Resident

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[EXTERNAL]Seminary Hill Association letter regarding Hammond field lights

Carter Flemming <carterflemming@gmail.com>

Tue 10/4/2022 3:42 PM

To: PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>

 1 attachments (26 KB)

SHA Planning Determination Letter 10.5.22.docx;

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Dear Chairman Macek and Members of the Planning Commission:

Attached please find a letter sent to Karl Moritz, Director of Planning and Zoning from Seminary Hill Association regarding the SUP application for lights at Hammond Middle School. In this letter, we ask for clarification on several important questions regarding this application that we believe must be answered before a decision can be made on this application. Thank you very much. Carter Flemming

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SEMINARY HILL ASSOCIATION, INC.

October 4, 2022

Mr. Karl Moritz
Director of Planning & Zoning
City of Alexandria
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: September 13, 2022 Letter from City Manager Jim Parajon to Seminary Hill Association, Inc.

Mr. Karl Moritz:

On August 8, 2022, Seminary Hill Association, Inc., (SHA) submitted a letter to City Manager Jim Parajon and Alexandria School Board Chairman Meaghan Alderton seeking information in connection with Special Use Permit (SUP) Application 2022-00042 to install lighting on one of the athletic fields at Francis Hammond Middle School (Hammond). Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) holds Development Site Plan 2000-0044 for Hammond. DSP 2000-0044 contains a provision prohibiting lighting unless ACPS applies for and receives a Special Use Permit (SUP). Despite this requirement, SUP 2022-00042 was submitted by the City of Alexandria Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). The September 13, 2022 letter did not mention or address DSP 2000-0044.

The Alexandria Planning Commission has docketed the item for its October 6, 2022 hearing. The September 13, 2022 letter concedes the SUP application is pursuant to Section 6-304(F) of the Alexandria Zoning Code as a congregate recreational facility.

We note that RPCA signed the application. RPCA was also identified in the staff report as a reviewer and approval authority of the application on behalf of the city staff, creating an irreconcilable conflict of interest. We further note that the staff report and supporting materials did not contain either the SHA August 8 letter or City's September 13 response.¹

¹ The staff report is skeletal and does not address issues in this request for determinations.

There are four questions which SHA requests a Determination from the Planning Director in accordance with Section 11-1200 of the Alexandria Zoning Code:

1. A determination from the Planning Director that RPCA serving as both applicant and reviewer of its own application creates an irreconcilable conflict of interest.

ACPS operates a middle school at Hammond, and its DSP 2000-0044 contains Condition 16, requiring ACPS to seek and be responsible for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for any lighting at Hammond. Despite this clear requirement, RPCA submitted the application. Part of the rationale behind DSP 2000-0044 was to maintain integrity of the planning process, and avoid conflicts for the city to act as applicant and reviewing authority of itself. In this instance, RPCA is identified as reviewing authority and recommended approval of its own application. This is precisely what Condition 16 was meant to address.²

Please determine that it violates state and Alexandria conflict of interest requirements for an applicant to serve as its own reviewing and recommending authority on behalf of the city.

2. A determination from the Planning Director stating that all requirements of Section 6-403(F) must be met.

In the September 13, 2022, response, City Manager Parajon states that application for SUP 2022-00042 is in accordance with Zoning Code Section 6-403(F) as a congregate recreational facility. The application is silent on which section of the zoning code the application was under, and we appreciated this information. Please note that there is very little or almost no space between the track and the school wall, and very little between the track and the public right of way on Pickett Street. The application contained no analysis on this matter.

In this regard, we note that Section 6-403(F) of the Alexandria Zoning Code, adopted in 2018, granted relief from height requirements for lighting congregate facilities. It states that:

“d) Poles shall be setback a minimum of 35 feet from any right-of-way or residential property line; . . .” Section 6-403(F)(2)(d). The plain language used is an unambiguous minimum requirement. At the October 13, 2018, Public Hearing, Council amended the

² The staff report shows public comments were sent to and filtered through RPCA.

draft legislation specifically to add a mandatory 35 foot setback requirement.³ There was a full and robust discussion on this specific issue. Council stated that it recognized that athletic lighting was close to public rights of way and residences in many locations, recognized the negative impacts, and determined it was critical to provide assurances that athletic light poles must be 35 feet from the public right of way.⁴

As well, Council also cautioned against viewing adoption of height relief for athletic lighting for “congregate recreational facilities” as approval of lighting every potential field in the city. That is how RPCA seeks to use it here, seeking SUPs for multiple athletic fields with almost no analysis or study other than it meets the definition of congregate recreational facility – precisely what Council warned not to do. Instead, Council voted for a mandatory 35 foot setback to provide assurances of minimum required setback to mitigate negative impacts.

There is less than 35 feet between any possible poles and the right of way on Pickett Street.⁵ The application and staff report for SUP 2022-00042 is silent on setback requirements.

Please determine that all requirements of Section 6-403(F) must be met, including mandatory setback requirements of Section 6-403(F)(2)(d).

3. A determination from the Planning Director stating that the Condition 16 in DSP 2000-0044 continues to apply at the Hammond site.

ACPS holds Development Site Plan 2000-0044 for Hammond. DSP 2000-0044 contains a provision stating that any application for lighting must be through an SUP submitted by ACPS. City staff verified this in its report accompanying ACPS’ application for lighting at Hammond in 2011, Staff Report, page 4, citing that DSP 2000-0044 contains “a development condition requiring ACPS to go through a Special Use Permit review when considering the installation of athletic lighting” at Hammond. Despite this requirement, the September 13, 2022 letter states that the City can seek an SUP on the same site on the same property.

³ The Planning Commission had recommended a 25 foot setback requirement. Council felt that a 35 foot setback was more appropriate and increased the setback requirement from 25 to 35 feet. Staff noted that “[t]here are additional setback and screening provisions for congregate athletic facilities near residential properties . . .” that would compel more than 35 feet setback requirement. The staff report on this SUP application is silent on setback, even though the proposal cannot meet the requirement.

⁴ The motion was made by Councilor Paul Smedberg and then Vice Mayor Wilson asserted that amending and increasing the setback from 25 to 35 feet was a friendly amendment. Council voted for it 6-1.

⁵ We calculated a total of about 25 feet from the track to the public right of way. We assume that neither the City nor ACPS are planning to remove the track, an asset of great community importance.

We are aware that on September 8, 2022, ACPS passed a Resolution that the School Board “consents to the SUP applications set forth above” (for Hammond, George Washington, Jefferson Houston, and Patrick Henry), but ACPS declined to sign the application or serve as the applicant, as we believe Condition 16 requires. Condition 16 in DSP 2000-0044 remains in effect, and ACPS is not seeking an amendment or modification, nor does the application for SUP 2022-00042 seek relief from Condition 16. The failure of ACPS to apply for the SUP, has created the irreconcilable conflict of interest as cited in our Question #1.

Please determine that Condition 16 of DSP 2000-0044 remains in effect.

- 4. A determination from the Planning Director on whether the DSP 2000-0044 or SUP 2022-00042 takes precedence.** ACPS holds the current DSP for the Hammond site. In the event the application for SUP 2022-00043 is granted, there will be dual permit holders for the same site on the same property. It is highly unusual for one site on one property to have multiple permits and permit holders governing activity at the site. This leads to confusion and conflicts. For example, the RPCA application states that “ACPS security” is responsible for maintenance and security. The September 13, 2022, letter states that the city is responsible for management and maintenance after school hours. This is a matter of great importance since RPCA has asserted it lacks resources to oversee compliance with SUP requirements regarding lights each evening. In effect, RPCA points to ACPS as responsible for compliance and security, the city points to RPCA, and both ACPS and RPCA point to the Alexandria Police Department as responsible for oversight. APD has informed us that since it views the property as “owned” by ACPS (not the city), compliance and security are ACPS responsibilities “at all times,” unless there is criminal activity.

Please determine whether the ACPS’ DSP or RPCA’s SUP takes precedence where a conflict occurs.

SHA reserves the right to appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals, if necessary. We look forward to hearing from you. Because the Planning Commission hearing is October 6, 2022, SHA was notified of the proposal in June 2022, and the City’s delayed response to our request for information, SHA requests an expedited review and determinations.

Sincerely,

/s/

Carter Flemming

President, Seminary Hill Association, Inc.

CC:

Jim Parajon, Alexandria City Manager

Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Interim Superintendent of ACPS

Members of the Alexandria School Board

Alexandria Mayor and City Council

Members of the Alexandria Planning Commission

James Spengler, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

[EXTERNAL]Comment on Special Use Permit #2022-00045

Theresa Kliczewski <tkliczewski@gmail.com>

Fri 10/14/2022 9:18 PM

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Good evening,

These are comments for the special use permit #2022-00045, Patrick Henry Elementary School and Recreation Center Athletic Field Lights.

- 1). We own/live at 4640 Taney Ave which is across the street from Patrick Henry Elementary School and the temporarily Douglas MacArthur Elementary School.
- 2). We are currently dealing with light pollution shining into our house from the next door St. Martin's Senior Citizens Center for which so far Dominion Energy has refused to install energy efficient lights or a light shield so that the lights stop shining into our house.
- 3). We are also now dealing with the the temporary Douglas MacArthur Elementary School installing lights in the front of the school that have now been on for over 72 hours straight which are also shining into our house at all hours. The school has not currently returned emails on this concern raised and our request for the lights to be put on a timer.
- 4). As noted above, there is already significant light pollution at night in this area. We are unable to see "dark" at night due to this which is unhealthy. I'm concerned that if these lights are used at the recreational facilities at Patrick Henry, the situation with light pollution is going to get far worse.
- 5). While I understand the need for kids to play in the evening safely at the recreational area, I request that if these recreational lights are installed, they are put on timer that shuts off by 9 pm each night at the latest. There is too much light pollution in this neighborhood currently as noted above.

Thank you.

Theresa Kliczewski
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[EXTERNAL]RESIDENT CONCERN WITH GW ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING PROPOSAL

Rob Benedict <benerg03@gmail.com>

Thu 10/20/2022 8:58 AM

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Alexandria Leadership,

I have concerns regarding the cost, environmental impact and safety of the overall proposals to install lights and plastic turf around the GW athletic fields near E Glendale Ave. In addition, the lighting proposal has the potential to cause light spillage that could drastically impact the quality of life of over 20 homes and two residential apartment buildings that abut the field on E Glendale Ave. Further, I believe that a thorough examination of these factors that is coordinated by the appropriate Alexandria City Departments and Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) needs to be conducted prior to rushing through a decision. I believe this analysis will bear out that the proposal is not beneficial for the community and other options are preferable. Below are some key points I think should be addressed and considered:

Environmental, Health and Cost Concerns

A simple internet search yields hundreds of results of communities at odds with the installation of turf fields. Some of these are arguments are pre-construction but many are post-construction and use. Communities across the country are recognizing the potential health impacts and are having buyer's remorse after the fact with turf fields. **To my knowledge it doesn't appear the city has done any unique analysis on the environmental or health impacts of these replacements. If this is the case, the city should conduct such analysis before moving forward with turf replacements.** If I am mistaken and the city has completed research this should be shared with the impacted residents.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently released a PFAS action plan which looks to regulate the very chemicals that are known to be part of artificial turf fields. This action plan includes various on-going studies on the safety of these chemicals, potential minimum exposure levels both in air and water for these chemicals as well as potentially listing these materials as a toxic substance. **It seems irresponsible to move forward with these questions of health and safety remaining unanswered and would potentially open the city to liability down the line.**

In addition to the lack of study on environmental and health impacts it appears that based on conversations with the Planning and Zoning Department and the RPCA, it appears that more cost-efficient alternatives have not yet been studied. **The city should conduct a full cost benefit assessment on the replacements including the impact on property values of the surrounding homes, the impacts on parking, increased traffic, and noise.**

Traffic on Glendale Avenue has already reached a point of concern particularly when school gets out. Adding multiple night activities on a street that was not designed to act as a major thoroughfare will create safety issues and further restrict already limited parking.

Coordination of efforts and dual tracking of turf and lighting decisions

I am sure it is not intentional but the dual tracking of both the “lighting proposal” and the “turf proposal” with two differing bodies on seemingly the same time track is confusing and a bureaucratic nightmare for residents to navigate. It is tough to track which body is responsible for what and this leads to concerned citizens throwing up their hands and giving up. This was demonstrated by the dualling (but ultimately rescheduled) meetings of the planning commission and ACPS in early October. **We ask that these groups better coordinate the “lighting” and “turf” proposals because to date it seems the process is meant to confuse and dissuade public input.**

Light Pollution for the residents of East Glendale Ave

In addition to fears about the turf itself, the potential for light to impact the residents of E Glendale Ave is a very real and large concern. Regarding the light spillage issue the city’s own Special Use Permit (SUP) request (#2022-00043) appears to acknowledge the issues of light spillage and flippantly dismiss the issue. The request states the following (penultimate paragraph of page 5):

Light spill beyond the school property up to 65 feet from the northern end of the field is possible, with the light limited to the sidewalk on the north side of E Glendale Avenue (Graphic 1). However, there are existing street trees along the south side of E Glendale Avenue which will help to minimize the light spillage as the trees continue to mature.

Note – The SUP text mistakenly refers to Graphic 1 instead of Graphic 2, illustrating the “Aerial Night Rendering” of the GWMS proposed lighting impacts. That said graphic 2 shows a 65 ft measurement at the north end of the field along E Glendale Ave. The surrounding neighborhood is darkened in Graphic 2, obscuring that the 65 ft marker falls within the front yard of the homes along E. Glendale Ave. Many of the residents of E Glendale have measured the distance from the field and it is approximately 50ft. This means that the light spillage will cover the front half of the over 20 rowhomes and two large residential rental buildings that abut the fields. These row homes feature a master bedroom on the second floor overlooking the GW fields. These bedrooms looks over the trees the SUP claims will block the light.

The SUP claims the existing trees will minimize the light spillage, but this is not accurate as the tree coverage is limited. Additionally, these trees are small and have been planted under powerlines, requiring annual trimming. They will not block the light from the larger towers, even as they mature. The installed light fixtures will be 60 ft tall, meaning it will be more than a decade before the trees are remotely effective at minimizing light spillage on to E. Glendale Ave. **Put simply the SUP's assumptions on light spillage are flawed or purposely downplaying the findings to justify the project.**

The Other Fields at George Washington Middle School being considered

I would also ask that if the City and ACPS were to move forward with lights and turf at GW middle despite the concerns we listed, please consider upgrading the run-down fields at the corner of Braddock and Mt. Vernon Avenue as an alternative. This would expand the availability of quality fields available (two new fields could fit there easily) and impact less residents since that area is largely lined with businesses, has ample parking, and a streetlight regulating traffic into said parking (unlike Glendale Ave.).

Specifically, there are over 20 rowhomes and two large residential apartment buildings on E Glendale Ave that abut the proposed location whereas upgrading the run-down fields at the corner of Braddock and Mt. Vernon Avenue would only impact 7 row homes and businesses which would not be impacted. **I am aware other locations were considered but I urge you to reconsider the E Glendale proposal in light of these valid concerns.**

Conclusion

I would ask that the city push pause and more closely examine the actual need for lights and plastic turf at the E Glendale location and the environmental hazards and health risks to children of plastic turf. **As member of our community, I want the children and youth to have ample safe places to play sports but feel the city is rushing important decisions that impact many constituents.**

My neighbors and I look forward to the opportunity to work closely with the Planning and Zoning Department, RPCA, and ACPS to find a solution that is both cost and environmentally conscious. I express the above concerns in an effort to find the best possible solution for the homeowners and youth of our community.

Thanks for your consideration,

Rob and Lauren Benedict
Residents of East Glendale Ave.

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[EXTERNAL]SUP 2022-0043 Deficit in playing

SG Lily <sglily@live.com>

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Good morning Alexandria leadership,

I have a question on SUP 2022-0043, which notes that there is an enduring need for more playing hours on our fields. Based on the research you've done in preparation of SUP 2022-0043 please provide figures for the following:

How many hours are the GW Middle School fields in use right now (during non-school hours)?

What is the current deficit in playing hours at the GW Middle school fields right now?

Once Mini Howard goes offline, how many hours of playing time need to be made up at GW Middle School?

I also do not see any information in the SUP on the exact number of playing hours that can be expected on a grass vs plastic field. Please provide that data as well.

Thank you for providing this data.

Mary Cypressi
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Re: SUP 2022-0043 Deficit in playing

Jack Browand <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov>

Fri 10/21/2022 8:02 AM

To: SG Lily <sglily@live.com>

Cc: James Spengler <James.Spengler@alexandriava.gov>; Justin Wilson <justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov>; Abigail Harwell <Abigail.Harwell@alexandriava.gov>; Dirk Geratz <Dirk.Geratz@alexandriava.gov>; PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>

Ms. Lily,

The information you request is available in the 2021 Athletic Field Report. This report identified approximately 1,400 hours of permitted use in Appendix C at the two fields. These figures were from the last full year of use before the pandemic, 2019, and do not account for daytime school use for physical education or drop in community use.

The best practice for programming a natural turf field is 750 hours. A synthetic turf field can be programmed up to 3000 hours based on best practices.

Athletic field programming has recovered from the pandemic and is expanding. It was reported this week that Alexandria Soccer has more than 3000 registrants.

If there is additional information requested not provided in this report, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Jack

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JULY 15, 2021
TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: ANA VICINANZO, URBAN PLANNER II *AV*
PARK PLANNING, CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT & WATERFRONT
THROUGH: JACK BROWAND, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR *JB*
ITEM: 2021 ATHLETIC FIELDS REPORT

ISSUE: Park and Recreation Commission receipt of findings of the 2021 Athletic Fields Report.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Park and Recreation Commission (1) receive this report and (2) after a review of the report, provide staff with comments.

BACKGROUND: In 2006, RPCA hired PROs Consulting to create the 2006 Athletic Fields Master Plan. The 2006 Athletic Fields Master Plan included a list of recommendations for the City to implement. Since 2006, RPCA has completed many of the recommendations from the Master Plan. A full breakdown of the recommendations, their status, and planned implementation can be found below.

DISCUSSION: In the summer of 2019, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) began a multi-year process to evaluate the City's 58 athletic fields. The goal of this report is to understand the status of the City's fields since the 2006 Athletic Fields Master Plan, how the fields are being programmed today, and RPCA's next steps for managing its fields.

The 2021 Athletic Fields Report includes an update of the 2006 Athletic Fields Master Plan's recommendations, an overview of the City's athletic facilities, an analysis of how the fields is programmed a list of opportunities and next steps for meeting the City's athletic field needs.

Using the calendar year 2019 field permitting data from RecTracks, staff determined that 12 of the City's 58 were overprogrammed following industry standard best practice. The 12 fields were natural turf fields. Staff identified that despite 12 fields being overprogrammed, many of the City's fields could accommodate additional hours of use. Further, using partner interviews, staff determined that through amenity improvements fields could become more desirable to users, making it easier to switch programming to different sites. This redistribution of use allows for even distribution of field programming throughout the City. Additionally, the report

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Subject: SUP 2022-0043 Deficit in playing

Good morning Alexandria leadership,

I have a question on SUP 2022-0043, which notes that there is an enduring need for more playing hours on our fields. Based on the research you've done in preparation of SUP 2022-0043 please provide figures for the following:

How many hours are the GW Middle School fields in use right now (during non-school hours)?

What is the current deficit in playing hours at the GW Middle school fields right now?

Once Mini Howard goes offline, how many hours of playing time need to be made up at GW Middle School?

I also do not see any information in the SUP on the exact number of playing hours that can be expected on a grass vs plastic field. Please provide that data as well.

Thank you for providing this data.

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TO: Alexandria City Parks and Recreation Commission

CC: Alexandria City Council, Alexandria City Public Schools Board (ACPS), Alexandria Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities

SUBJECT: Alexandria City Youth Sports Advisory Board– Letter of Support – Lighted fields.

To all concerned,

Members of the Alexandria City Youth Sports Advisory Committee would like to offer this letter of support towards any and all actions undertaken in an effort to maximize the utilization of all athletic fields in Alexandria.

The mental and physical benefits of exercise for young and old alike is beyond questioning from enhancing mental acuity and alertness in youth to boosting quality and length of life in Alexandria's senior population. The sheer number of Alexandrian's taking part in outdoor activities, either individually or on a team clearly shows our community's level of understanding as to the value of consistent exercise.

The Office of Alexandria Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities (RPCA), in concert with ACPS, has undertaken an aggressive and extensive effort to light as many Alexandria fields as possible. We support this effort. Lighting a field nearly increases utilization by fifty-percent. Given the projected costs to light a field, there is perhaps no other item that can bring such a high return on investment as it relates to maintenance and use of fields. Additionally, lighting a field increases the ability to better manage the activity on the field which can reduce unauthorized, and nuisance activities in the evening hours.

Again, members of the Alexandria City Youth Sports Committee stand ready to support the City, RPCA, and ACPS as they undertake efforts to maximize the utilization of fields in the city. Field lighting technology has improved tremendously, and lighting Alexandria's fields is the absolute most cost effective way to increase utilization (we also support synthetic turf where and when feasible and planned). We submit this letter with unanimous agreement.

Sincerely,



Alexandria City Youth Sports Advisory Board

Jim Gibson

Chair

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2022

TO: CHAIR MACEK AND MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR *JB*
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: SUP#2022-00042 – 00046 / ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTS, HAMMOND FIELD

ISSUE:

City Council, Planning Commission and City staff have received many letters and email correspondence related to the athletic field lighting SUP requests which are part of the record for the field lights SUPs. Though most are focused on the proposed lighting, some have noted other issues of concern. These issues include trash and litter left after field events, abandoned vehicles, alleged drug activity, noisy groups of people, including groups using the field without permits to use them.

In discussions with representatives of Seminary Hill, the focus of these complaints have been on the athletic facilities associated with FC Hammond Middle School. Staff investigated these issues further to determine if any formal complaints had been reported to the City regarding this location. Staff found that approximately 21 complaints were made through the City's 311 number and another 12 calls were made directly to the Alexandria Police Department. All these 33 calls were received between January 1, 2021 to October 10, 2022 and concerned the FC Hammond School property, and the adjacent streets including Taney Ave., Pegram St. and Lasalle Ave. These issues are not directly related to the lighting as no lighting exists on the athletic facilities today. Staff acknowledges these are important issues to be addressed but they are related to operational issues and not a result of field lighting.

Specifically, only a handful of the 21 complaints through 311 were related to field use (they concerned trash). The City has implemented activities reducing trash collection on the field. A number of the APD calls concerned perceived use of the fields without a permit. Field use is allowed without permit during posted operating hours (sunrise to sunset), and there are procedures already in place to address instances when unauthorized field use occurs. Because use of field lights requires a permit, the unauthorized use of a field is not exacerbated by the addition of lights.

CC:

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Dirk H. Geratz, Principal Planner
Abigail Harwell, Urban Planner
James Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities

311 Service Requests

Hammond Middle School; Taney Ave.; N. Pgram St.

Date Range: Opened Date equals Custom (1/1/2021 to 10/10/2022)

Service Request	Case #	Description	Date	Time
Alexandria Police Department Comments, Complaints, or Inquiries	22-00010990	This vehicle has been in this location for roughly 3 months multiple neighbors have reported on it reported that there's been crime drug dealing etc. in our neighborhood the car hasn't been checked to see if it's been part of another crime and it just sits there and rots it needs to be towed away this is not a public parking lot	4/21/2022	6:54 PM
Median Maintenance	22-00006802	From: EMALINE HENARD <ehenard@msn.com> Cc: Alicia Hart <alicia.hart@acps.k12.va.us> Subject: [EXTERNAL]Trash--higher and deeper! You don't often get email from ehenard@msn.com. Learn why this is important<http://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification> Mayor Wilson, I am writing again about the burgeoning trash problem on public property on North Pogram St. from the corner of Hammond School (N. Pickett and N. Pogram corner) down the long block to the beginning of private homes. I wrote previously from emmy.henard@acps.k12.va.us<mailto:emmy.henard@acps.k12.va.us>. Spoke with Oscar Mendoza Park Opration Division will handle. The situation has worsened since I last wrote. Dr. Hart, to whom your forwarded my email, has suggested that the land in question may not be school property. To whom does it belong? Bottles (many broken), plastic in all its forms, a large, thick, spongy wet thing about ten feet long that looks like a beheaded dragon, tin cans, a grocery cart, construction	3/8/2022	3:56 PM
	22-00019182	The entire sidewalk from Hammond/ Pogram down to the houses has completely overgrown bushes and shrubs. Lots of ticks and trash as well. I request this area be mowed when the school is mowed on the next cycle.	7/3/2022	3:56 PM
Noise Issues	21-00015455	Loud vehicle noises from speeders. Drag-racing.	6/24/2021	7:32 PM
	22-00021414	For more than three hours Saturday night, starting around 8pm and continuing until well after 11pm, there was unrelenting noise from cars. The noise was all along S. Pickett Street and out onto the surrounding streets. All seemed to be in violation of Virginia's loud muffler law and at very least all disturbed the peace. What was going on? Was the gathering sanctioned by the City? If so, why? If not, why was it not stopped?	7/24/2022	7:32 PM
Parking Comments, Complaints or Inquiries	21-00006244	Late model Nissan with north carolina plates HKY 2457 appears to be abandoned. Parked a week ago and hasn't moved since. Not seen prior to a week ago.	3/24/2021	9:05 AM
	21-00011991	Possible abandoned car (Ford Pickup, 2 door) parked on Sutton Pl near N Pogram. Has been stationary since early to mid April 2021. No sign of an owner. License Plate Virginia UHA-3840 OCT 20.	5/20/2021	4:33 PM
	21-00028017	A grey Toyota Highlander with Va plates. This car seems abandoned. They do not lie here and there appears to have oil leaking out of it. We also need a new no parking, permit sign, ours was stolen. There are signs on the other side which is the same parking area, but a new sign would help. There are people parking and doing drugs, selling drugs and having sex while parked in addition to leaving theirs cars for days.	11/8/2021	8:02 AM
	21-00029251	There is a black Hyundai Tucson that has been parked on the North facing side of Pogram for several weeks. It has Maryland plates and a city bang tag, but has not moved in well over 72 hours. I have talked with neighbors and no one knows the owner of the vehicle.	11/22/2021	11:02 PM
	22-00002426	our neighborhood is getting bombarded by cars being left for days and sometimes truckers parking the semis 24 hours or more. I have pics of the same cars parked on north Pickett for days, seemingly abandoned and some from apartment complexes down the road. we have ppl breaking into cars and homes here, doing and selling drugs. we need to have this parking situation taken care of before it gets worse. some are parked illegally either not in parking spot or again leaving them for days.	1/21/2022	11:52 AM
	22-00012299	It has been there for months with tickets doesn't belong to anyone in the neighborhood. Needs to be towed, not a public parking lot and those spaces are needed for the residents and for activities at the school. It's a Gold Toyota Corolla with VA Tags last number is XFR 841 (plate is dented and can't make out last 2 digits completely). Corner of Lasalle and N Pickett.	5/4/2022	9:00 AM
Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Comments, Complaints, or Inquiries	21-00013733	What has been going on with the tennis court at N. Pickett and Pogram? I don't see a sign posted with information about the project. I left a message at Hammond M.S. a couple months ago and have not received the call back that was promised. I don't remember being asked for input concerning this project. Please provide all information, who, what, when, why, how, etc. for this project.	6/8/2021	7:51 AM
Traffic Sign	21-00030226	I am resubmitting because the original response to me was blank. Many neighbors have witnessed drug use and sales on the streets that surround Hammond MS. Could we please get a drug free school zone sign or signs for the surrounding area? Similar to the ones near Jefferson-Houston's surrounding blocks?	12/6/2021	2:54 PM
Alex311 (Other) Comments, Complaints and Inquiries	21-00014035	Every time we are open for school on the weekdays, the field is full of trash from the weekend games. Trash and plastic bottles are left all over the field. This is an on going thing that has happened for years and it looks like no one has complained because it keeps happening. Is there a chance coaches can be held accountable for leaving the field with trash after their games are over? There needs to be a system in place to enforce people to pick up their trash after practices or games over the weekend. It is not okay to open the school with trash left from over the weekend or during evening practices. Maybe there also needs to be a better trash system. There are only trash bins and no recycling bins to encourage the recycling of plastic or aluminum. The bins are also not cleaned out often enough because the trash bins are overflowing as well.	6/10/2021	4:17 AM
Graffiti Removal	21-00004558	Graffiti is located on a brick wall closer to the track/turf field.	3/4/2021	4:09:00 PM
	21-00004575	Potential gang images (1 % other symbol JTC.S)	3/4/2021	6:50:00 PM
	21-00009517	The graffiti is located on a rock in the front of the school next to the large tree. The graffiti is on the back side of the rock.	4/27/2021	8:38:00 AM
	21-00009545	Need graffiti removed from a large rock (decoration) in front of the school. (near benches). The graffiti is facing the building.	4/27/2021	11:19:00 AM
	21-00014709	The graffiti is located in two locations. In the front of the school there is a large rock. Look behind the large rock and you will see the green graffiti. The other location is the walk path headed toward the soccer field. Look on the last rock on the left and you will see the graffiti.	6/16/2021	2:17:00 PM
	21-00014713	The first request for the removal of the graffiti was submitted on April 27th (below is info) Request Number: 21-00009545 Request Type: Alex311 (Other) Comments, Complaints and Inquiries Location: 4646 SEMINARY RD Request Submitted: 4/27/2021 Estimated Resolution Date: 5/4/2021	6/16/2021	2:55:00 PM
Park Maintenance	21-00014034	We tried to pick up as much of the trash and bottles left on the field ground from the weekend when we came to work on Tuesday. People are not using the trash bins to throw away their trash, they are just leaving them on the floor. Any chance all trash can be picked up before school hours open so that our students don't haven't to play around trash.	6/10/2021	4:06 AM

** RPCA Note: Field use is allowed without permit during posted operating hours (sunrise to sunset)

APD Calls**Hammond Middle School; Taney Ave.; N. Prgram St.****Date Range: Opened Date equals Custom (1/1/2021 to 10/10/2022)**

Call Category	Call #	Date	Time	APD Report
Disorderly Conduct	21-028343	4/26/2021	7:04 PM	All for people playing on the field without a permit
Disorderly Conduct	21-028899	4/28/2021	7:21 PM	
Disorderly Conduct	21-030947	5/5/2021	6:47 PM	
Noise Violation	21-044238	6/19/2021	5:32 PM	Most of these were for big groups around the school not always associated to soccer field
Noise Violation	21-050314	7/10/2021	9:53 PM	
Noise Violation	21-056300	7/31/2021	10:34 PM	
Noise Violation	21-057397	8/4/2021	9:09 PM	
Noise Violation	21-057771	8/5/2021	11:19 PM	
Noise Violation	22-052298	7/3/2022	11:27 PM	1 was a party in the parking lot and the other 2 were for soccer games
Noise Violation	22-054342	7/10/2022	8:54 PM	
Noise Violation	22-070724	9/1/2022	9:01 PM	
Trespassing	22-070409	8/31/2022	9:10 PM	Kids playing soccer

**** RPCA Note: Field use is allowed without permit during posted operating hours (sunrise to sunset)**

[EXTERNAL]re special use permit #2022-00046

Beltran Emelia <emelia@beltran-associatesrealty.com>

Sun 10/23/2022 12:54 PM

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Against.

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[EXTERNAL]GW ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING PROPOSAL

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Alexandria Leadership,

My concerns are absolutely aligned with many of my neighbors' environmental issues but I have a few more objections to add. There are certainly issues of extended play time, extended noise/light (pollution), and increasing parking issues that the turf fields with lights will create. Having also been around for the construction of the existing fields, we (neighbors) had almost a year of dust, noise, and debris that covered our homes, vehicles, etc.. Additionally, I remember calling and writing to complain about soccer balls hitting our landscaping, our homes, and even us on occasion, which forced the city to add the large netting to block a majority of the balls from pummeling our properties. It was a much needed afterthought. The direction of the goals were also never considered so since that time I have lost some confidence in our planning groups. I digress. There are possibly 100 nearby households that pay well over 8-10k in taxes annually (and vote) that would be directly affected, Our planning groups (you) seem to be alarmingly dislocated from the impacts we, as residents, could potentially face once again. I am also skeptical of future home value with such an immense and physically disruptive project being permanently installed directly across my street. I am adamantly against the new fields and lights.

Sincerely,
William Cameron
510 E. Glendale Ave., 22301

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[EXTERNAL]Resident Concerns Regarding Proposed GW Field Lights and Turf

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Mon 10/24/2022 2:52 PM

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Members of the Planning Committee:

I share and agree with the concerns presented below and hope that you will seriously consider the effects on our community prior to voting.

Thank you for your consideration,

Charlotte Kearney Steele
East Glendale Resident

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Subject: RESIDENT CONCERN WITH GW ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING PROPOSAL

Alexandria Leadership,

I have concerns regarding the cost, environmental impact and safety of the overall proposals to install lights and plastic turf around the GW athletic fields near E Glendale Ave. In addition, the lighting proposal has the potential to cause light spillage that could drastically impact the quality of life of over 20 homes and two residential apartment buildings that abut the field on E Glendale Ave. Further, I believe that a thorough examination of these factors that is coordinated by the appropriate Alexandria City Departments and Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) needs to be conducted prior to rushing through a decision. I believe this analysis will bear out that the proposal is not beneficial for the community and other options are preferable. Below are some key points I think should be addressed and considered:

Environmental, Health and Cost Concerns

A simple internet search yields hundreds of results of communities at odds with the installation of turf fields. Some of these arguments are pre-construction but many are post-construction and use. Communities across the country are recognizing the potential health impacts and are having buyer's remorse after the fact with turf fields. **To my knowledge it doesn't appear the city has done any unique analysis on the environmental or health impacts of these replacements. If this is the case, the city should conduct such analysis**

before moving forward with turf replacements. If I am mistaken and the city has completed research this should be shared with the impacted residents.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently released a PFAS action plan which looks to regulate the very chemicals that are known to be part of artificial turf fields. This action plan includes various on-going studies on the safety of these chemicals, potential minimum exposure levels both in air and water for these chemicals as well as potentially listing these materials as a toxic substance. **It seems irresponsible to move forward with these questions of health and safety remaining unanswered and would potentially open the city to liability down the line.**

In addition to the lack of study on environmental and health impacts it appears that based on conversations with the Planning and Zoning Department and the RPCA, it appears that more cost-efficient alternatives have not yet been studied. **The city should conduct a full cost benefit assessment on the replacements including the impact on property values of the surrounding homes, the impacts on parking, increased traffic, and noise.** Traffic on Glendale Avenue has already reached a point of concern particularly when school gets out. Adding multiple night activities on a street that was not designed to act as a major thoroughfare will create safety issues and further restrict already limited parking.

Coordination of efforts and dual tracking of turf and lighting decisions

I am sure it is not intentional but the dual tracking of both the “lighting proposal” and the “turf proposal” with two differing bodies on seemingly the same time track is confusing and a bureaucratic nightmare for residents to navigate. It is tough to track which body is responsible for what and this leads to concerned citizens throwing up their hands and giving up. This was demonstrated by the dualling (but ultimately rescheduled) meetings of the planning commission and ACPS in early October. **We ask that these groups better coordinate the “lighting” and “turf” proposals because to date it seems the process is meant to confuse and dissuade public input.**

Light Pollution for the residents of East Glendale Ave

In addition to fears about the turf itself, the potential for light to impact the residents of E Glendale Ave is a very real and large concern. Regarding the light spillage issue the city’s own Special Use Permit (SUP) request (#2022-00043) appears to acknowledge the issues of light spillage and flippantly dismiss the issue. The request states the following (penultimate paragraph of page 5):

Light spill beyond the school property up to 65 feet from the northern end of the field is possible, with the light limited to the sidewalk on the north side of E Glendale Avenue (Graphic 1). However, there are existing street trees along the south side of E Glendale Avenue which will help to minimize the light spillage as the trees continue to mature.

Note – The SUP text mistakenly refers to Graphic 1 instead of Graphic 2, illustrating the “Aerial Night Rendering” of the GWMS proposed lighting impacts. That said graphic 2 shows a 65 ft measurement at the north end of the field along E Glendale Ave. The surrounding neighborhood is darkened in Graphic 2, obscuring that the 65 ft marker falls within the front yard of the homes along E. Glendale Ave. Many of the residents of E Glendale have measured the distance from the field and it is approximately 50ft. This means that the light spillage will cover the front half of the over 20 rowhomes and two large residential rental buildings that abut the fields. These row homes feature a master bedroom on the second floor overlooking the GW fields. These bedrooms look over the trees the SUP claims will block the light.

The SUP claims the existing trees will minimize the light spillage, but this is not accurate as the tree coverage is limited. Additionally, these trees are small and have been planted under powerlines, requiring annual trimming. They will not block the light from the larger towers, even as they mature. The installed light fixtures will be 60 ft tall, meaning it will be more than a decade before the trees are remotely effective at minimizing light spillage on to E. Glendale Ave. **Put simply the SUP's assumptions on light spillage are flawed or purposely downplaying the findings to justify the project.**

The Other Fields at George Washington Middle School being considered

I would also ask that if the City and ACPS were to move forward with lights and turf at GW middle despite the concerns we listed, please consider upgrading the run-down fields at the corner of Braddock and Mt. Vernon Avenue as an alternative. This would expand the availability of quality fields available (two new fields could fit there easily) and impact less residents since that area is largely lined with businesses, has ample parking, and a streetlight regulating traffic into said parking (unlike Glendale Ave.).

Specifically, there are over 20 rowhomes and two large residential apartment buildings on E Glendale Ave that abut the proposed location whereas upgrading the run-down fields at the corner of Braddock and Mt. Vernon Avenue would only impact 7 row homes and businesses which would not be impacted. **I am aware other locations were considered but I urge you to reconsider the E Glendale proposal in light of these valid concerns.**

Conclusion

I would ask that the city push pause and more closely examine the actual need for lights and plastic turf at the E Glendale location and the environmental hazards and health risks to children of plastic turf. **As member of our community, I want the children and youth to have ample safe places to play sports but feel the city is rushing important decisions that impact many constituents.**

My neighbors and I look forward to the opportunity to work closely with the Planning and Zoning Department, RPCA, and ACPS to find a solution that is both cost and environmentally conscious. I express the above concerns in an effort to find the best possible solution for the homeowners and youth of our community.

Thanks for your consideration,

Rob and Lauren Benedict
Residents of East Glendale Ave.

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Samantha Lockwood

Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 4:45 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Lights for after-dark play at Jefferson-Houston
Attachments: Light Fixture Photo.pdf

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]Lights for after-dark play at Jefferson-Houston

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Lights for after-dark play at Jefferson-Houston

Responses to your questions are underlined after each question.

1. The report says that the lighting will not spill upwards (dark sky) or beyond 30 ft. on the south side of the field facing Cameron St., but because the light poles are higher than the one-story wing of the Jefferson-Houston K-8 School along the 200-block of N. West St. (the east side of the field), will there be lateral light spillage sideways from the poles into the two-storey houses and apartments along the 200-block of N. West St. or the corner of N. West & Cameron St.? The proposed lighting is equipped with shields that direct the light toward the playing surface to avoid lateral light spillage. Page 175 of SUP2023-00044 indicated that 0 footcandles will be reached 50 feet east of the field endline. The school will provide additional screening for the neighborhood.
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SUP2023-00044 indicated that 0 footcandles will be reached 35 feet north of the field sideline and 50 feet east of the field endline. The school will provide additional screening for the neighborhood.

3. If, due to defective, broken, or malfunctioning equipment, there is light spillage into residences, how rapidly will the Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Activities rectify the situation? The City will work with residents to resolve issues related to defective, broken and/or malfunctioning equipment as soon as possible based on the specific issues. The lighting controls include a feature that sends an alert if the system has broken parts. This will assist in identifying and diagnosing issues and expediting repairs.
4. Can technical information about how these light fixtures function with respect to light dispersal be provided? Technical information regarding the proposed light dispersal is provided on pages 175-182 of SUP 2022-00044. Additional information can be provided with further clarification on the type of information requested.
5. Can shielding be installed behind and on the side of the lighting fixtures to block light spillage toward residences? The light fixtures as proposed include shielding to direct the light to the playing surface. An image of the light fixture is attached.
6. On frame 182 out of 184 of the .pdf version of the staff report, the illustration shows four light beams onto the playing field from the two mid-field lights, consistent with their each having four lamps, but the four goal-line lights have three light beams illuminating different parts of the field, even though they are only supposed to have two lamps each. Consistent with the staff report analysis, the graphic on page 182 depicts the pole and lamp configurations. The Equipment List for Areas Shown table on the right side identifies four poles, poles S1, S3, S4, and S6, each having three luminaires (light fixtures) per pole and two poles, poles S2 and S5, each having four luminaries (light fixtures)

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]Lights for after-dark play at Jefferson-Houston

I have studied the staff report and have several questions/concerns mainly about lateral light spillage:

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I would appreciate these questions and any responses be included in the materials provided to the Planning Commission.

Thank you.

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On Thu, Sep 29, 2022 at 1:26 PM Tony LaColla <anthony.lacolla@alexandriava.gov> wrote:

Here is a link to the docket with hyperlinks to the staff reports.

https://legistar.granicus.com/alexandria/meetings/2022/10/2343_A_Planning_Commission_22-10-06_Docket.pdf

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Your presentation at yesterday evening's federation meeting covered the playing fields for which the Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Activities would like to install lights for after-dark play which will be at

Planning Commission next week. Are the materials, incl. the staff report, available now in paper copy for me to pick up at city hall so I can review and share w/ the members of my association?

My particular concern is how the lighting will be placed and how it is designed to make sure it doesn't become a nuisance for those living across the street.

Thanks.

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ACPS School Board members,

There is still no content under GW Middle school project link. Can you please just send us the document? Is Thursday going to be a time for actual community input? Can we attend in person?

I would welcome discussion of the following at the meeting on Thursday.

According to the Athletic Fields Report 2021 - ***all fields in the city of Alexandria were used 56% of their available hours based on best use practices. Most notably the Lenny Memorial Fields at Braddock Park were utilized at only 26% of their available hours. According to the Athletic fields 2021 report there are 4 total fields at Braddock park offering a total additional 3000 hours of playing time if left grass.***

Also notable, ***according to RCPA, in 2022 no applications for field playing time have been denied.*** This is with the fields at Minnie Howard already having been taken offline for construction. ***The need for additional playing time has not been demonstrated by the current body of research compiled by ACPS/the City. According to RCPA, the fields at Braddock park have not been studied as a location for enhancement of any kind - to include turf or lights. To move forward with this proposal - without that information in hand - would not be sound management of our tax dollars.***

To be clear, I am against the use of plastic turf because cities across the country are realizing that they carry environmental and health risks for our youngest athletes - these cities are banning turf.

Where is the possible compromise? It may be plastic turf with organic infill in large areas where there are multiple fields - for example Lenny Memorial Fields at Braddock Park or Simpson Fields. Shift the funding for

plastic turf from GW and other schools with a small amount of field space and use it for these larger areas. The fields at Lenny Memorial Field do not currently have irrigation infrastructure under them, making them a smarter choice for plastic turf. The city would also realize a savings because it would be lighting fewer fields. Residents would be happier because our school playing fields would remain pristine for our youngest athletes and for students during physical education. There would be less light pollution pouring into our windows. Fully leveraging Lenny Memorial would also get ACPS better use of the onsite parking lot.

I look forward to these discussions on Thursday evening.

Respectfully

Mary Cypressi

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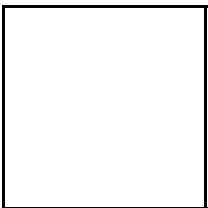
Happy Friday Brian,

With the migration to the new website, we are consistently working on getting all information current and up-to-date that was available on our former platform. Thank you for bringing this to our attention. I will work with our web specialist to ensure that these project pages have current information.

Have a great weekend,

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[EXTERNAL]Request to Deny SUP 2022-0043 and Remove it from 01 November Docket

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Mayor Wilson, Chairman Macek, Director Moritz,

The residents of E Glendale Avenue respectfully request that Special Use Permit (SUP) 2022-00043 regarding the installation of lights around the George Washington Middle School be denied and removed from the 01 November docket. We make this request because the SUP contains inaccuracies and misrepresents the adverse impact to the community. The data below is drawn from the SUP and has been confirmed through conversations and e-mails with the International Dark Sky-Association and Musco Lighting on 24 and 26 October 2022.

- Light spillage/glare: On page eight of the SUP, the graphic incorrectly depicts slight spillage/glare to be limited to 65 feet over the north edge of ACPS property. The SUP further incorrectly claims that zero foot candles of light would reach the properties on E Glendale Ave.
 - On page 24 of the SUP, the rendering produced by Musco depicts light spillage at 150 feet from the edges of the field (blue line). The north side of the track receives between 10-14 foot candles of light (red line around the athletic field). ***The north side of E Glendale Ave will in fact receive 3 foot candles of light, (straight vertical black line) falling directly in the front yards of residents.*** Note that the foot candles on this rendering are taken at 30 foot increments. The red zeros are actual zero values and the black zeros are a fraction of a foot candle.
 - ***This level of light spillage is in direct violation of City Ordinance 13-1-3 which limits light trespass to .25 foot candles from any commercial or residential property onto the adjacent residential property.*** According to the Illuminating Engineering Society, three foot candles of light is sufficient to light an outdoor parking lot or an auditorium.
- Light spillage/glare cont: Page 27 depicts total candelas of light at 150 feet from the edges of the field. Candela is used to measure glare or light shining in your face. The rendering on this page shows 845 candelas shining 150 feet over the north edge of the field. That means the houses on E. Glendale Ave should receive about 2700 candelas of light (This is the only figure that is my own calculation). One candela is equal to about the light from one candle. Imagine sleeping with 2700 lit candles outside your window.
- Trees on E. Glendale Ave: The SUP incorrectly states that the trees along the south side of E. Glendale Ave will block the light spilling off the field. This is inaccurate. Those trees are located under power lines and are trimmed every year to stay at their current height. Also, the trees are deciduous.

In addition to, the inaccuracies in the SUP, we would like to highlight that the data in the 2021 Athletic Fields Report (AFR) does not support the need for additional synthetic fields or lights.

- According to Appendix C of the AFR, the city has 12 regulation size synthetic playing fields (counting Patrick Henry ES) and 8 of them have lights. ***Every single synthetic, lighted field was under utilized during the time period covered in the report.*** AFR states that the city should be able to program a synthetic field with lights for 2100 playing hours a year. With the exception of the Witter Fields, no synthetic playing fields with lights reached even 1600 hours, with average programmed hours coming in at 1400 per field. ***Therefore, according RCPA's own research, there are an average of 700 hours of unused playing time sitting on each of one of those fields - that's 5600 total unused hours on our existing synthetic fields with lights.***
- Of the 12 over-programmed natural fields, identified in the AFR, eight are baseball diamonds. However of the five locations for which RCPA has submitted SUPs to install lights - none are used for baseball.
- ***According to the AFR, all playing fields (synthetic and natural) in the city of Alexandria were used 56% of their total programmable hours.***
- Also notable, ***according to RCPA, in 2022 no applications for field playing time have been denied.*** This is with the fields at Minnie Howard already having been taken offline for construction.

Given the inaccuracies contained in the SUP 2022-0043 and because the need for additional playing fields has not been demonstrated by the current body of research compiled by ACPS/the City; to move forward with this proposal would be poor management of our tax dollars. The AFR states on page 15 that "the city has enough fields to meet its needs," but must focus on better programming the fields. We would ask that the RCPA do what it wrote in its own report - fully program those 5600 hours of playing time that are being wasted every year on our existing lighted synthetic fields, before investing additional tax payer dollars into additional synthetic fields or lighting.

To be clear the residents of E Glendale Ave love hearing the kids playing on the fields across the street from our homes. We just want the fields to be managed in a manner that is economically and environmentally conscious and protects our home values. To that end, we welcome a dialogue on how to fully leverage the Lenny Memorial Fields at Braddock Park, which were utilized at only 26% of their available hours and contain three baseball diamonds and one football field. We have already reached out to the local business community to obtain estimates on the cost of transforming those fields into the beautiful community athletic area that they should be.

Respectfully,

Mary Cypressi

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SEMINARY HILL ASSOCIATION, INC.

August 8, 2022

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Mr. James Parajon
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Dear Chair Alderton and Manager Parajon,

The Seminary Hill Association (SHA) is writing to express our concerns and questions over the proposed lighting of additional athletic fields in the city. Mr. Jack Browand of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) informed us at our June 9th board meeting that RPCA or ACPS will be filing for a SUP for Hammond Middle School as one of the first two fields to add field lights. We learned that RPCA filed the application on August 5, 2022, to be heard at the October 6, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. Hammond is within the boundaries of SHA, and we have some specific questions that we believe should be answered by Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) and RPCA promptly in connection with the application.

First, by way of background for those who were not on the School Board or employed by the city in 2011, ACPS proposed adding a turf field with lights at Hammond that year. At that time, no site plan was required by the city in order to do this work, so only a grading plan was submitted as part of the SUP application. SHA and nearby residents warned ACPS and RPCA about the serious infrastructure and flooding issues at Hammond, but these concerns were ignored. Residents surrounding Hammond were forced to file an appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and a lawsuit to compel compliance with zoning and City Code requirements. As you are aware, ACPS abandoned plans to light the Hammond field and an agreement was reached that no electrical work would be placed on the site to facilitate the installation of lights.

Once construction began to install the artificial turf field, the extent of the stormwater and infrastructure issues became known. ACPS spent millions installing the field and remediating the site, which included enormous new concrete piping under most, if not all, of the field. The work also required moving the bus lane and creating a bioretention pond on the site. The actual cost of this additional work was never publicly released, but SHA was informed that the overrun was a minimum of \$1.9 million, which was paid by ACPS.

Given this background, SHA requests that ACPS and the city provide answers to the following questions regarding the current plan to light the Hammond field.

1. ACPS holds Development Site Plan 2000-0044 for Hammond. DSP 2000-0044 contains a provision stating that any application for lighting must be through an SUP submitted by ACPS. City staff verified this in its report accompanying ACPS' application for lighting at Hammond in 2011, Staff

Report, page 4, citing that DSP 2000-0044 contains “a development condition requiring ACPS to go through a Special Use Permit review when considering the installation of athletic lighting” at Hammond.

In 2011, when SHA brought the case of lighting the Hammond field to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), the BZA entered a legally binding decision stating that “ACPS is the owner of the property” and “[t]he use of field and lights by other City Departments and community organizations does not change the characterization of the facility for school purposes.” The city and ACPS urged the BZA to make those formal legal findings. In the subsequent lawsuit, ACPS and the city continued to represent that ACPS is the only correct applicant.

We learned on Friday, August 5, 2022, that RPCA inappropriately submitted an application for a SUP. Their application states that the City of Alexandria is the owner of school property and ACPS merely operates a school on the site, which appears inconsistent with the laws of Virginia. It was silent on the DSUP and binding legal decisions regarding the site (which are consistent with Virginia law). Is this your understanding of control of the use of land where ACPS schools are located? If the city’s and ACPS lawyers have changed their position, ACPS will be required to seek a modification to its DSUP, and the city and ACPS will need to approach the BZA (and perhaps the court) to correct those legal decisions based upon faulty information from the city and ACPS in 2011 and 2012.

It is also concerning that the city believes it can place uses on property being “operated by ACPS” without the approval and consent of ACPS. Given the DSUP, city staff reports, city and ACPS legal submissions and the accompanying BZA order and court actions stating that ACPS is the property owner and must file the SUP application, under what authority is RPCA applying as the owner of the Hammond property?

2. A review of the June 2nd School Board meeting showed only a very brief informational presentation, and the docket noted that the presentation was “for information, not action” only. Dr. Hutchings stated that a School Board vote would be required to authorize lighting at any school field after the City Council approves any SUP, although there appeared to be some confusion. Is Dr. Hutchings correct, or is the statement by RPCA that the School Board has no role beyond being briefed? If so, can you please provide SHA with documentation from ACPS and the city transferring title to the property for the site from ACPS to RPCA, which appears to be a requirement in Virginia? Can you please clarify the role of ACPS and identify the ACPS person responsible for community engagement on this issue?

3. Does ACPS concur in RPCA’s estimate of \$400,000 for the work at Hammond, given the conditions that are unique to Hammond, including the extensive underground stormwater infrastructure under and around your field? In the event of cost overruns, is ACPS or RPCA responsible for paying for the overruns?

It is important to remember that as part of the agreement with residents to drop the lawsuit with ACPS and the city regarding issues associated with lighting Hammond, ACPS and the city committed in writing that electrical conduits for field lights would not be installed at Hammond during the installation of the new turf field. ACPS and the city verified that the grading plan specifically excluded any infrastructure work supporting lighting, including any electrical work. ACPS updated SHA during

construction to confirm no electrical infrastructure work was being performed, and SHA toured the site to verify that no electrical work to allow for the installation of field lights was done before installing the current turf field. Does your preliminary planning with RPCA include a recognition that electrical conduits and other required infrastructure do not currently exist at the site, but can now be added given the large concrete stormwater infrastructure that was placed under the turf field in 2011?

In addition, a site visit to Hammond shows very little space between the track and the fence line and public right of way on Pickett Street. SHA would like to receive any planning analysis that has been done at Hammond to show that the installation of lights is feasible and consistent with land use requirements, including minimum setback requirements in the zoning code.

4. A chronic and serious challenge to city fields, and especially at Hammond, is the use of the fields without a permit. Around Hammond, residents have documented problems that have existed without resolution since the installation of the turf field and continue to exist now without lights, which involve unauthorized use and quality of life issues for adult events, such as broken beer bottles, drug paraphernalia, overflowing trash receptacles, and excessive noise. While the turf field is fenced from the publicly available track, there are routinely groups of “fence jumpers” who use the field as a dog run and other unauthorized events. Boom boxes send music into the surrounding neighborhood until dark. These problems will only get worse if the field has lights and can be used until 10:00 p.m. at night, which is the time RPCA has indicated on the Hammond application that the field will be used seven nights a week.

The major reason for the problems at Hammond and other city fields is that there is no clear responsibility or accountability for oversight for use of the fields. In the application, RPCA asserted that “site monitoring” at night is an “ACPS security responsibility.” In contrast, ACPS has viewed use outside of school hours on the field at Hammond to be the responsibility of RPCA. Both ACPS and RPCA have advised residents to call the Alexandria Police Department (APD) for violations. When residents call, APD asserts such violations are not criminal in nature, they lack staffing, and do not respond, instead telling residents to work with ACPS and RPCA. There is, therefore, no remedy in place for residents who endure irresponsible and unauthorized behavior on a constant basis at Hammond.

As part of the application for lights, is ACPS prepared to commit resources and staff to oversee permit compliance and SUP violations during evenings and weekends? Or does ACPS view it as the responsibility of RPCA, despite the fact that RPCA has stated its position that it the responsibility of ACPS to monitor such illegal activities? Since APD has said it cannot assist, what then is the remedy that ACPS and RPCA propose for unauthorized use of the Hammond field if the hours of use are extended by the installation of lights? It is not appropriate to add more lighted fields that will only worsen and continue this shell game of “passing the buck” that leaves no one with the responsibility for field security and use.

5. The true purpose of installing the lights at Hammond is unclear to SHA at this time. Certainly, ACPS has a need for a field and track there during the school day for its students, and it is due for replacement in the next two years. At the June 9th SHA meeting, RPCA stated that the proposal was for use by adults and youth. At the June 2nd meeting School Board meeting, RCPA stated the purpose of the proposal is “expanding capacity for youth programs.” SHA cannot imagine that the youth of Alexandria

need a field that can be lighted until 10:00 p.m. SHA believes it is necessary to be honest about who will be using this field if the proposal is approved.

6. If the lighting is approved, who will be authorized to control the timing and use of the lights at night? Will it be ACPS personnel or RCPA personnel or private citizens? The August 5 application states that “safety measures” include “user activated field lighting,” suggesting that anyone can access and turn on/off the lights at any time. What access security will be in place to assure only authorized persons can access lighting? Who will serve as the person responsible for assuring the lights are off at the permitted time, especially in the event the lights continue to burn past the required time if staff fails to activate the remote shut-off? In addition, the construction of lights and new turf will mean the use of the field for Hammond students will be lost for at least several months, if not longer, depending upon the engineering challenges of installing lights.

Given that SHA was only made aware of this proposal in June and RCPA has stated its intent to bring this matter before the Planning Commission at its October 6, 2022, meeting, we would appreciate a prompt response to our questions. Given the importance of this matter to residents of Seminary Hill, we anticipate further questions once we have had more time to review the plan and conditions. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter that affects the quality of life for numerous residents of Seminary Hill.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Flemming,

The following is the City response to your letter on behalf of the Seminary Hill Association, Inc., dated August 8, 2022, regarding the proposal to add athletic field lighting at Francis C. Hammond Middle School (Hammond).

With regard to your first two questions, neither the development site plan (DSP#2000-0044), nor the Board of Zoning Appeal's (BZA's) decision, nor the court order, nor any other written agreements prohibit the current special use permit (SUP) application.

Under the Zoning Ordinance both ACPS and the City are qualified to apply for a SUP for the Hammond property. Per Zoning Ordinance Section 11-503(A)(1), a SUP applicant needs to be "the owner, contract purchaser, lessee or other party having a legal interest in the subject property." The City is the property owner of record pursuant to deed and ACPS has a legal interest in the property pursuant to Virginia statutory law. With respect to land use matters, the City and ACPS work collaboratively related to school properties and have done so in this situation. In support of the City's application, the Alexandria City School Board adopted the attached resolution.

The current land use application for Hammond is for the approval of a SUP. Pursuant to Zoning Ordinance Section 6-403(F), a SUP for field lighting can be approved that exceeds the zoning height limits for congregate recreational facilities. This differs from the earlier proposal under SUP#2010-0079, where ACPS was seeking SUP approval for field lighting under Zoning Ordinance Section 7-2100 (Increased density and height for public elementary and secondary schools.). Additionally, the court appeal related to the BZA's decision was dismissed through an agreed order between the parties on the basis of the withdrawal of the SUP application by ACPS (see attached order). Further, there are no agreements that limit the City's ability to file the current SUP application.

Regarding your question 3, the lighting project is funded by the City. ACPS is not responsible for potential additional costs to implement the installation if approved. The City, in coordination

with ACPS, do not have information to support the potential barriers as presented in your letter. The current athletic field has a standard underdrain system and that will not impede the installation of athletic field lighting. The analysis related to the compliance with the Zoning Ordinance related to the SUP, and as per regular practice, will be part of the staff report written by Planning and Zoning staff.

As to your question 4, the City is responsible for the management (permitting & monitoring) and maintenance (e.g. trash collection) for the athletic field after school hours. All synthetic turf fields are open for community use after school hours, either through a permit issued by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities (RPCA) or for open drop-in use by the community during posted operating hours. If lighting is approved, athletic field lighting will only be available for use by permitted activities through RPCA.

During school hours, ACPS school administrators and security are responsible for enforcing athletic field usage at Hammond. Should unauthorized use occur during school hours, ACPS may coordinate with Alexandria Police for assistance as needed. Should use of the athletic field or any other amenity be used after posted operating hours, security is primarily monitored by ACPS security.

Regarding your question 5, all athletic fields and recreation amenities managed and operated by the City are available to any and all members of the community. Although this field and many others are on school property, permitted and drop-in use is not limited by age group.

With respect to your question 6, all athletic field lighting, including the lighting at this location, will be monitored and operated by RPCA. This is consistent with all fields, with the exception of the ACHS Parker-Gray Stadium, which is operated by ACPS through an agreement with the community. The management of athletic fields are addressed in the Shared Facility Use & Outdoor Maintenance Agreement between the City and ACPS.

The system that is proposed to be installed at Hammond, and at all locations that are new or upgraded, are programmable and only available when a permit is approved. Lights are programmed to only be activated (turned on) during the approved permit time, and will automatically be deactivated at the end of the permit time or by 10 p.m.

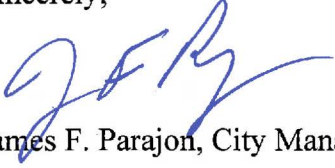
The installation of lighting will not require the field being offline. All lighting installation activity will occur outside the athletic field and under the field through boring. When the field is scheduled for turf replacement, the lighting will not be impacted, and the field will be offline for approximately one month.

RPCA is planning to hold one additional community meeting in late September to address concerns raised from the meetings held in the spring and to answer further questions. If you have

Ms. Carter Flemming
September 13, 2022
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additional questions on the athletic field lighting proposals, please contact Jack Browand, Deputy Director, RPCA at jack.browand@alexandriava.gov or 703.746.5504.

Sincerely,



James F. Parajon, City Manager

Enclosures:

1. Board of Zoning Appeals Order of Dismissal
2. ACPS School Board Resolution – September 8, 2022

cc: Debra Collins, Deputy City Manager
Joanna Anderson, City Attorney
Christina Brown, Deputy City Attorney
James Spengler, Director, RPCA
Jack Browand, Deputy Director, RPCA



**ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
RESOLUTION REGARDING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS
FOR ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING**

WHEREAS the City of Alexandria, through its Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA), in order to meet current and increasing scholastic and community needs for lighted athletic field space, and to better provide equitable access to recreational facilities to all City residents, has filed applications for a special use permit (SUP), set forth below, to allow for the installation of athletic field lighting at several school sites operated by the Alexandria City School Board (School Board); and

WHEREAS those SUP applications, and school sites, include the following:

2022-00042, for Francis C. Hammond Middle School

2022-00043, for George Washington Middle School

2022-00044, for Jefferson Houston PreK-8 School

2022-00045, for Patrick Henry K-8 School; and

WHEREAS the foregoing school properties are titled in the City of Alexandria, but under Section 22.1-125 of the Code of Virginia, are operated by, and subject to the official care and authority of, the School Board; and

WHEREAS the School Board concurs that the aforementioned projects will benefit both the students and school communities at these respective schools, as well as the community generally; and

WHEREAS the aforementioned projects will be constructed entirely with funding provided by the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board hereby consents to the SUP applications set forth above.

Adopted by the ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD
this 8th day of September, 2022

By: _____

Jacinta E. Greene, Vice Chair

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

DONNELL R. FULLERTON, NANCY)
JENNINGS, AND SEMINARY HILL)
ASSOCIATION, INC.)

Petitioners,)

v.)

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL)

At Law No. CL11005121

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE)
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA)

ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS,)

Respondents.)

AGREED FINAL ORDER OF DISMISSAL

THIS MATTER came before the Court on an appeal of a decision of the Alexandria Board of Zoning Appeals;

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT, that

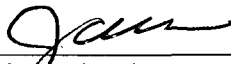
1. The matter being appealed involved the Director of Planning and Zoning's determination regarding the application for Special Use Permit #2010-0079 submitted to the City of Alexandria ("City") by the Alexandria City Public Schools ("ACPS");
2. On January 17, 2012, the ACPS informed the City that they are withdrawing their application for Special Use Permit #2010-0079; and
3. The parties agree that the case should be dismissed, as evidenced by the signatures of their respective counsel below.

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED, that this case is dismissed with prejudice.

AND THIS CAUSE IS ENDED.

ENTERED this 17th day of February, 2012.



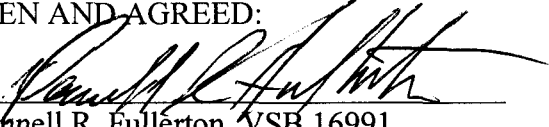
Judge, Circuit Court for the City of Alexandria

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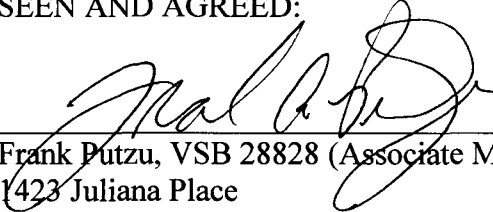
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[EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting

Merrill Turnbull <MTurnbull@LPC.com>

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Planning Commission,

As an Alexandria tax payer, a parent of two students in the ACPS system and a supporter of ACHS, ALC, ASA and many other sports clubs in the Alexandria region, I am in full support of adding lights to Simpson Stadium Park, George Washington Middle School, Jefferson Houston K-8 School, Patrick Henry K-8 School and Francis C. Hammond Middle School. I believe after the pandemic the entire community needs more access to athletic fields especially the youth programs. Thank you, Merrill Turnbull

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[EXTERNAL]Field lights

Brian Cassidy <brcassidy@gmail.com>

Mon 10/31/2022 12:19 PM

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Hi Planning Commission,

Thanks for the work you do running our city!

We have a few daughters in the Alexandria Soccer Association and would like to have their practice fields lighted to be able to practice into the fall. The last few practices we've been to at Simpson Field, the soccer fields are dark while the adjacent baseball fields are lighted.

Thanks!

-Brian Cassidy

2951 Landover St

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[EXTERNAL]Special Permit Requests for Lighting at Alexandria Athletic Fields

jennifer mason <cleopatra_sudan2002@yahoo.com>

Mon 10/31/2022 1:01 PM

To: PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>

Cc: faissalhaiki@gmail.com <faissalhaiki@gmail.com>

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Hello. I am writing to let you know that our family supports the special permit request for lighting for the following athletic fields; Simpson, GW MS, Hammond MS, Patrick Henry K-8 School and Jefferson Houston K-8 School. Our children have participated in ASA programs for many years and we see the benefit of safe and enriching sports programs to children, their families and the Alexandria community. There are thousands of children and adults that use the sports fields in Alexandria, but the lack of light for evening events limits broader use and helps create crowding and/or limitations on the number of kids/people who can engage in healthy activities. The addition of field lighting for the locations mentioned above would enable Alexandria to provide better capacity to accomodate current and growing scholastic and community sports program needs. Alexandria is a city that has shown time and again that it cares for the health and wellbeing of its residents; additional field lighting will demonstrate how proud and supportive the city is of its community athletes and exercising population. Sincerely,

Jennifer Mason

Faissal Haiki

Mary Mason

John Mason

Tahar Haiki (ASA Player)

Gibran Haiki (ASA Player)

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Omar Maranon

I live in Alexandria since 2019, I am a Marine War Veteran that have seen every street and parks in Alexandria city and Old town. We never have any issues before but reality is that Alexandria is growing and we can't accommodate our citizens necessities anymore. Sport, fitness and recreation along with education must be our priority for future generations, we talk about global warming and yet we expect children and parents to play in the sun suffering heat from high temperatures like is normal to step in a turf field at 4pm with 80F.

Alexandria soccer, football, Frisbee and all sport need more time to play sports helps our communities to get together and be friends or sharing our kids interests, like many places we must provide the best Police, Social and community services. Let's put together a good plan for the city.

[EXTERNAL]Support for Lights at Alexandria Fields

DALE MEDEARIS <d.medearis@comcast.net>

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Dear Planning Commission,

As a long-term resident of Alexandria and supporter of Alexandra Soccer, I respectfully urge the City Planning Committee to support the expansion of lighting onto the fields at Simpson Stadium Park, George Washington Middle School, Jefferson Houston K-8 School and Francis Hammond Middle School.

The lighting will improve access to public space, the benefits to public health and the improvements to the quality of life for all Alexandrians. As a home-owner in Rosemont and neighbor to two of these fields, I very much welcome this initiative and the benefits it brings to the City and its people. Thank you for considering this request and very important effort.

Sincerely,

Dale Medearis
108 East Walnut Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22301

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[EXTERNAL]Lighting for evening sports

Comcast <ibrunk@comcast.net>

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To: PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>

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I am writing as a parent of a young soccer player. I am hoping you consider our request for lighting to be installed in additional sport fields in the area. I am hoping this gives more flexibility especially for the younger players. We play from 6 until 7pm and if we had more fields we might be able to play earlier and get home to eat dinner as a family among other things. Soccer has been an incredible source of mental and physical growth for my 9 year old and I hope you consider putting funds towards the lighting of the soccer fields.

Thank you
Isabella Brunk

Excuse any typos. Sent from my iPhone

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[EXTERNAL]In Major Support of More Lighted Fields!!

Matthew Konrad <matthewkonrad@yahoo.com>

Mon 10/31/2022 3:31 PM

To: PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>

Cc: Heather Elkins <hef1elkins@gmail.com>;Mike Scheuble <mike.scheuble@whiting-turner.com>;Sarah Pray <sarah.pray@gmail.com>

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Hi Planning Commission,

As a coach of my kids boys and girls soccer, boys and girls lacrosse, and t-ball teams for our three kids over the past eight years, and as a board member and former commissioner of Alexandria Lacrosse Club, I know that finding field space can be a massive challenge.

This might be a good thing, as it shows how active Alexandria families are, but I would argue that **we may be losing families because of inconvenient practice times.**

We could alleviate this by having older teams practice later in the evening so that the younger folks can practice earlier.

But this isn't possible because we don't have enough lighted fields.

I fully support adding lights to the following fields:

- Simpson Stadium Park
- George Washington Middle School
- Jefferson Houston K-8 School
- Patrick Henry K-8 School
- Francis C. Hammond Middle School

Please vote IN FAVOR of adding additional lighting.

Thank you,
Matt

2809 Ridge Road Drive.

Matthew Konrad Personal Email: matthewkonrad@yahoo.com Cell: 202.257.5345

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[EXTERNAL]Lighted fields n Alexandria

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As the founder of the Alexandria Lacrosse Club 20+ years ago, I am very much in support of adding more lighted fields in the City of Alexandria. We need to get as many kids as possible outside, running, getting exercise, learning how to play on teams and having fun being a kid.

Please add more lighted fields in the City. Thanks very much.

Tom McHugh

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[EXTERNAL]Athletic Field Lighting

Elizabeth Turnbull <etturnbull@icloud.com>

Mon 10/31/2022 4:37 PM

To: PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>

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Planning Commission,

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Thank you,
Elizabeth Turnbull

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Re: Request to Deny SUP 2022-0043 and Remove it from 01 November Docket

Brian Collins <brian.c1@me.com>

Tue 11/1/2022 12:24 AM

To: Justin Wilson <justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov>; PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>; Karl Moritz <Karl.Moritz@alexandriava.gov>; willie.bailey@acps.k12.va.us <willie.bailey@acps.k12.va.us>; Michelle M. Rief <michelle.rief@acps.k12.va.us>; Abigail Harwell <Abigail.Harwell@alexandriava.gov>; Dirk Geratz <Dirk.Geratz@alexandriava.gov>; Jack Hsu <hsujack@gmail.com>; Trudi Bick <trudibick@verizon.net>; akhanna@erols.com <akhanna@erols.com>; Ethan Lucarelli <ethanluc@gmail.com>; Victoria Correa <vcorrea@gmail.com>; Rob Benedict <benerg03@gmail.com>; Lauren Benedict <lauren.yanusas@gmail.com>; Mary Cypressi <sglily@live.com>; Nate <info@savedelray.org>

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Below are some questions with information for consideration prior to ruling on the decision to install more plastic grass fields in Alexandria and light them. FAQs Plastic Grass Fields Questions for GW Middle school and Simpson Field (In no particular order):

1. What is the reason to tear up a perfectly good field with natural grass and irrigation and replace it with a \$1 Million plus field that will last 10 years at most? And then the city has to pay to replace the field. What makes this a good investment decision for Alexandria city taxpayers to tear up beautiful grass fields for plastic fields? What cost comparison has been done with replacing worn real grass fields with real grass turf sod - local vendors quote a cost of \$40K for complete 100% replacement of sod football/soccer fields - most worn repair spots are a fraction of a complete field.
2. Plastic Grass and Infill are known to contain forever PFAS chemicals - what studies have been done to assess the safety to the users and the environment? Microplastics from shredded grass blades enter the environment and get airborne from shavings from abrasion. The City of Boston has put a hold on all new fields due to PFAS concerns - what makes Alexandria smarter about it and the risks? <https://www.ecowatch.com/boston-astro-turf-ban-forever-chemicals.html>
3. How does the massive use of plastic fields that introduces increased exposure to chemicals, heats the city, increases land fill waste, and removes permeable natural earth surfaces with impermeable fields align with Eco-City of Alexandria goals? [9 Reasons to oppose artificial turf — Sustainable Sharon Coalition](#)
4. What makes GW and Simpson Field better candidates for improving field conditions instead of improving the Lenny Moore park fields bordered by Braddock and Mt. Vernon? The Lenny Moore park fields are in deplorable condition in comparison and consequently reduce the city's available field space for recreation events.
5. Plastic Grass fields are hot - 50 degrees hotter based on temperature readings taken throughout the summer of 2022 at the plastic fields at Jefferson Houston school on Cameron street. Do we want kids to play on 50 degrees hotter fields? How do we know it is safe?
6. The plastic fields are maximum 10 year life spans - what will happen to the 40,000 pounds of plastic and 400,000 pounds of infill after the lifespan? Have any plastic grass fields in Alexandria been recycled so and if so how? Plastic recycling is a myth:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/aug/17/plastic-recycling-myth-what-really-happens-your-rubbish>

7. What analysis has been done to compare the maintenance and repair lifecycle costs of artificial turf with grass fields? Many people believe plastic grass does not require maintenance and it costs the same or more! <https://www.safehealthyplayingfields.org/cost-grass-vs-synthetic-turf>
8. What analysis has been done on the impact of lights on the the homes along the 500 block of E. Glendale - an informal review shows light spilling onto the fronts of homes on E. Glendale.
9. What studies have been done regarding the safety of plastic grass for athletes? The NFL players association is complaining of injuries from playing on plastic grass fields and studies show whether HS, College or pro's the injuries on plastic turf are higher: https://www.center4research.org/injuries-related-to-artificial-turf/?fbclid=IwAR3Vd-xFcWzONDpHgMIe26bZYehZGGN7895DyUBomaQh7iTI_DSSdcarr5A
10. What guarantees will the city provide to utilize non-toxic alternatives to crumb rubber to make fields safer? Whenever the topic of heat comes up city officials are quick to tout alternatives like coconut husk and other - what is being used now and how will it change in the future?
11. What evidence is there that soccer games or other athletic events are cancelled by rain and how often - the world series was cancelled by rain last night - what makes this a reasonable standard to expect and pay for - no rain outs? How do we know whether or not more games will be cancelled due to excessive field heat?

Thanks, Brian

Brian Collins

Alexandria City Resident - E. Glendale Ave.

On Oct 26, 2022, at 10:15 PM, SG Lily <sglily@live.com> wrote:

Mayor Wilson, Chairman Macek, Director Moritz,

The residents of E Glendale Avenue respectfully request that Special Use Permit (SUP) 2022-00043 regarding the installation of lights around the George Washington Middle School be denied and removed from the 01 November docket. We make this request because the SUP contains inaccuracies and misrepresents the adverse impact to the community. The data below is drawn from the SUP and has been confirmed through conversations and e-mails with the International Dark Sky-Association and Musco Lighting on 24 and 26 October 2022.

- Light spillage/glare: On page eight of the SUP, the graphic incorrectly depicts slight spillage/glare to be limited to 65 feet over the north edge of ACPS property. The SUP further incorrectly claims that zero foot candles of light would reach the properties on E Glendale Ave.
 - On page 24 of the SUP, the rendering produced by Musco depicts light spillage at 150 feet from the edges of the field (blue line). The north side of the track receives between 10-14 foot candles of light (red line around the athletic field). ***The north side of E Glendale Ave will in fact receive 3 foot candles of light, (straight vertical black line) falling directly in the front yards of residents.*** Note that the foot candles on this rendering are

taken at 30 foot increments. The red zeros are actual zero values and the black zeros are a fraction of a foot candle.

- **This level of light spillage is in direct violation of City Ordinance 13-1-3 which limits light trespass to .25 foot candles from any commercial or residential property onto the adjacent residential property.** According to the Illuminating Engineering Society, three foot candles of light is sufficient to light an outdoor parking lot or an auditorium.
- Light spillage/glare cont: Page 27 depicts total candelas of light at 150 feet from the edges of the field. Candela is used to measure glare or light shining in your face. The rendering on this page shows 845 candelas shining 150 feet over the north edge of the field. That means the houses on E. Glendale Ave should receive about 2700 candelas of light (This is the only figure that is my own calculation). One candela is equal to about the light from one candle. Imagine sleeping with 2700 lit candles outside your window.
- Trees on E. Glendale Ave: The SUP incorrectly states that the trees along the south side of E. Glendale Ave will block the light spilling off the field. This is inaccurate. Those trees are located under power lines and are trimmed every year to stay at their current height. Also, the trees are deciduous.

In addition to, the inaccuracies in the SUP, we would like to highlight that the data in the 2021 Athletic Fields Report (AFR) does not support the need for additional synthetic fields or lights.

- According to Appendix C of the AFR, the city has 12 regulation size synthetic playing fields (counting Patrick Henry ES) and 8 of them have lights. ***Every single synthetic, lighted field was under utilized during the time period covered in the report.*** AFR states that the city should be able to program a synthetic field with lights for 2100 playing hours a year. With the exception of the Witter Fields, no synthetic playing fields with lights reached even 1600 hours, with average programmed hours coming in at 1400 per field. ***Therefore, according RCPA's own research, there are an average of 700 hours of unused playing time sitting on each of one of those fields - that's 5600 total unused hours on our existing synthetic fields with lights.***
- Of the 12 over-programmed natural fields, identified in the AFR, eight are baseball diamonds. However of the five locations for which RCPA has submitted SUPs to install lights - none are used for baseball.
- ***According to the AFR, all playing fields (synthetic and natural) in the city of Alexandria were used 56% of their total programmable hours.***
- Also notable, ***according to RCPA, in 2022 no applications for field playing time have been denied.*** This is with the fields at Minnie Howard already having been taken offline for construction.

Given the inaccuracies contained in the SUP 2022-0043 and because the need for additional playing fields has not been demonstrated by the current body of research compiled by ACPS/the City; to move forward with this proposal would be poor management of our tax dollars. The AFR states on page 15 that “the city has enough fields to meet its needs,” but must focus on better programming the fields. We would ask that the RCPA do what it wrote in its own report - fully program those 5600 hours of playing time that are being wasted every year on our existing lighted synthetic fields, before investing additional tax payer dollars into additional synthetic fields or lighting.

To be clear the residents of E Glendale Ave love hearing the kids playing on the fields across the street from our homes. We just want the fields to be managed in a manner that is economically and environmentally conscious and protects our home values. To that end, we welcome a dialogue on how to fully leverage the Lenny Memorial Fields at Braddock Park, which were utilized at only 26% of their available hours and contain three baseball diamonds and one football field. We have already reached out to the local business community to obtain estimates on the cost of transforming those fields into the beautiful community athletic area that they should be.

Respectfully,

Mary Cypressi


Re: [EXTERNAL]Request to Deny SUP 2022-0043 and Remove it from 01 November Docket

Karl Moritz <Karl.Moritz@alexandriava.gov>

Tue 11/1/2022 7:05 AM

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Cc: Abigail Harwell <Abigail.Harwell@alexandriava.gov>;Jack Browand <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov>;Bethany Znidersic <Bethany.Znidersic@alexandriava.gov>

 1 attachments (942 KB)

Neshaminy High School Before & After 4 Photo with Energy Data (ID 65751).pdf;

Good morning,

Staff will be prepared to address the issues of concern that you raised at the hearing, but I thought I would address the issue of light trespass now so that you know why the items are still on the docket.

- Page 24 shows the foot candle measurement of the light on the ground from the light posts. This is exclusive of any impacts from existing lighting in the area, such as street lights (which normally measure from 3 to 4 foot candles). To clarify, the track does indicate receiving 10 to 14 foot candles, but the line just north of the track is the approximate property line for the field property on the sidewalk south of Glendale Avenue, not the north side of Glendale Avenue. Beyond this sidewalk, the light continues to drastically lessen to less than 1 foot candle (indicated by the zero) that will not significantly impact the lighting along the residential properties along Glendale Avenue more than what already exists there today. City staff can speak to the light level concerns and clarify the measurements at the public hearing. Since photometric plans are difficult to understand/visualize, the light manufacturer sent staff the attached example showing before and after photos with similar lighting fixtures, if this helps illustrate reduction in light spillage.
- Regarding the 2nd part questioning City Ordinance 13-1-3, that section refers to the side or rear yard of the adjacent property occupied for residential purposes. It is our understanding this section is intended to protect residential properties from their neighboring properties “thrown” lighting onto the side and rear yards, such as security flood lights. The lighting in this case is from lights that are not directed towards the residential properties, oriented perpendicular to the front yards of the residential properties facing the field. The lighting for the fields has been designed so there is no additional lighting of the properties from the field lights. Adjustments will be made through the final design and light readings will be taken after installation and there are adjustments that can be made.

Yours sincerely,

Karl Moritz

Karl Moritz

Director

Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning

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From: SG Lily <sglily@live.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 6:14 AM

To: Justin Wilson <justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov>; PlanComm <PlanComm@alexandriava.gov>; Karl Moritz <Karl.Moritz@alexandriava.gov>; CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]Request to Deny SUP 2022-0043 and Remove it from 01 November Docket

Mayor Wilson,

I would like to follow-up on the below request to deny SUP 2022-0043 and remove it from tonight's docket. What is the status of your team's review of the data presented below?

We have provided solid evidence that GWMS is an inappropriate location for this proposal. Due to the close proximity of the fields to GWMS' property line, if installed GWMS would be in constant violation of the city ordinance on light trespass. There is no precedence for installing lights so close to taxpayers' homes. I looked at all the other lighted fields on GIS parcel view - and none have residential properties as close by as GWMS.

RCPA's own 2021 Athletic Field report clearly demonstrates that there is plenty of field space in the City of Alexandria - it just needs to be programmed more efficiently. The current surplus 5600 hours of lighted field time will more than satisfy ASA's projected need for additional field hours through 2030.

For all of these reasons this proposal is a misuse of taxpayer dollars and we ask that it be denied.

Respectfully,

Mary Cypressi

From: Justin Wilson <justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 9:35 PM

To: SG Lily <sglily@live.com>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]Request to Deny SUP 2022-0043 and Remove it from 01 November Docket

Ms. Cypressi,

Thanks for the note. Our Planning staff will check on the concerns you have raised in advance of the Planning Commission hearing.

Have a good week.

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Mayor Wilson, Chairman Macek, Director Moritz,

The residents of E Glendale Avenue respectfully request that Special Use Permit (SUP) 2022-00043 regarding the installation of lights around the George Washington Middle School be denied and removed from the 01 November docket. We make this request because the SUP contains inaccuracies and misrepresents the adverse impact to the community. The data below is drawn from the SUP and has been confirmed through conversations and e-mails with the International Dark Sky-Association and Musco Lighting on 24 and 26 October 2022.

- Light spillage/glare: On page eight of the SUP, the graphic incorrectly depicts slight spillage/glare to be limited to 65 feet over the north edge of ACPS property. The SUP further incorrectly claims that zero foot candles of light would reach the properties on E Glendale Ave.
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- Trees on E. Glendale Ave: The SUP incorrectly states that the trees along the south side of E. Glendale Ave will block the light spilling off the field. This is inaccurate. Those trees are located under power lines and are trimmed every year to stay at their current height. Also, the trees are deciduous.

In addition to, the inaccuracies in the SUP, we would like to highlight that the data in the 2021 Athletic Fields Report (AFR) does not support the need for additional synthetic fields or lights.

- According to Appendix C of the AFR, the city has 12 regulation size synthetic playing fields (counting Patrick Henry ES) and 8 of them have lights. ***Every single synthetic, lighted field was under utilized during the time period covered in the report.*** AFR states that the city should be able to program a synthetic field with lights for 2100 playing hours a year. With the exception of the Witter Fields, no synthetic playing fields with lights reached even 1600 hours, with average programmed hours coming in at 1400 per field. ***Therefore, according RCPA's own research, there are an average of 700 hours of unused playing time sitting on each of one of those fields - that's 5600 total unused hours on our existing synthetic fields with lights.***
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- ***According to the AFR, all playing fields (synthetic and natural) in the city of Alexandria were used 56% of their total programmable hours.***
- Also notable, ***according to RCPA, in 2022 no applications for field playing time have been denied.*** This is with the fields at Minnie Howard already having been taken offline for construction.

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To be clear the residents of E Glendale Ave love hearing the kids playing on the fields across the street from our homes. We just want the fields to be managed in a manner that is economically and environmentally conscious and protects our home values. To that end, we welcome a dialogue on how to fully leverage the Lenny Memorial Fields at Braddock Park, which were utilized at only 26% of their available hours and contain three baseball diamonds and one football field. We have already reached out to the local business community to obtain estimates on the cost of transforming those fields into the beautiful community athletic area that they should be.

Respectfully,

Mary Cypressi

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[EXTERNAL] I support more lighted fields

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I am an Alexandria City resident and I support more lighted fields in the city. We have a strong and vibrant community and with that we need more access to Athletic fields to support the many programs supporting the youth and other members of our community.

It is proven that the more access kids have to activity programs the more successful they are in all aspects in life. As it stands now there are too many programs for the amount of fields in daylight hours, lighted fields is the solution.

In regard to zoning issues, athletic lighting has had many changes over the years, the biggest being a change to LED lighting this not only saves money in operating them it more importantly allows them to be directed better. This means that the fields can be lit with much less light spillage in the surrounding area. While adequate lighting can be provided on the field, several yards away can be much darker.

The special use permits for lighting the following fields must be approved for the good of our community.

- Simpson Stadium Park
- George Washington Middle School
- Jefferson Houston K-8 School
- Patrick Henry K-8 School
- Francis C. Hammond Middle School

Thank you

David Touhey

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[EXTERNAL] Proposed SUP to add lights to more city athletic fields

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We write in support of the request to add lights to the following city recreation fields:

- Simpson Stadium Park
- George Washington Middle School
- Jefferson Houston K-8 School
- Patrick Henry K-8 School
- Francis C. Hammond Middle School

For many, many years youth and adult sports leagues in Alexandria have struggled to line up adequate field time for practices and for league games. As Alexandria's population continues to grow the field shortages will grow more acute. Adding lights to extend the usable time of the listed fields is an efficient measure help with Alexandria's dearth of athletic fields.

Accordingly I urge you to approve the SUPs to add lights at your meeting this evening.

Sincerely,
Mark and Maggie Fitzsimmons
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Alexandria, VA 22314

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Fw: Lighted Athletic Fields

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As a parent of two boys playing recreation and school sports, I know that it can be very difficult for their teams (whether it be lacrosse, football, baseball, or soccer) to have adequate practice time. This is, in part, due to the lack of lights on the various fields where they practice which limits the time available to practice and can cause practices to be scheduled so early that I am unable to get home from work in time to get them to the practice. Allowing for lights at Simpson, GW, Hammond, Jefferson-Houston, and Patrick Henry (or even just some of those) would greatly assist in freeing up more time for practices for the various sports leagues and may make sports more accessible to some who would not otherwise be able to attend practice due to a parent not being able to get them to practices.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposal.

Respectfully,

Cindy Ferrier

[EXTERNAL]Support for Lighting Alexandria's fields

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Dear Planning Commission.

My name is Atilla Kocsis, my family and I reside at 411 E Alexandria Ave, Alexandria, VA 22301. We are strongly in favor of adding the necessary lighting to the following athletic fields:

Simpson Stadium Park
George Washington Middle School
Jefferson Houston K-8 School
Patrick Henry K-8 School
Francis C. Hammond Middle School

Right now my 12 year old son sometimes has to have practice until 8pm or sometimes later because there are not enough fields to host all the sports teams practices.

We need to do all we can to help our youth lead healthy lives with outdoor activities that take them away from our covid and indoor computer gaming "leashes" that have been put upon us.

Thank you,
Atilla

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[EXTERNAL]Lights for Fields!!

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Dear Planning Commission Members,

First of all, thank you for your time and service! My name is Nicole Radshaw and I am writing in support of lights and fields for Item #7 on the docket.

Alexandria is a wonderful, dynamic city that continues to grow. We are welcoming more children, more families, and more people. All of these communities participate in sporting activities and need the field space to do it. My son plays soccer for ASA. As a manager, I see how much work they do juggling game and practice times making sure all the teams can fit in practice before sundown or on a lighted field. We need more lighted fields! Providing lights at fields extends the usage time and the field is not sitting empty. Not only will this benefit young athletes for ASA, but if they can use GW or Hammond later, other fields may become available for Bishop Ireton sports or adult leagues. Most adults can play later because they have a more flexible bedtime. But if lights are available at more fields, more residents can have greater choice and options to play sports.

Hammond and GW are full middle schools. Patrick Henry and Jeff-Houston are K-8 schools. Recently, I saw an article that our middle school population is increasing. More kids playing more sports. We need more full usage fields. It makes sense putting lights at these schools.

Thank you for your time! I wish I could speak in person but I am driving for soccer practice tonight.

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[EXTERNAL]Public Comment for Alexandria Planning Commission Regular Monthly Meeting

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Please see the attached public comment regarding Installation of Lights and Artificial Turf at George Washington Middle School. We appreciate your consideration of these comments.

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Public Comment for Alexandria Planning Commission Regular Monthly Meeting

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Re: Installation of Lights and Artificial Turf at George Washington Middle School

I. INTRODUCTION

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities (RPCA) is moving forward with permit requests for new lights on five athletic fields throughout the city of Alexandria. The RPCA is requesting permits for lights on Francis C Hammond Middle School, George Washington (GW) Middle School, Jefferson Houston Elementary School, Patrick Henry Elementary School and Recreation Center Simpson Stadium Park Athletic Field.

The new field lighting is part of the City Council’s “2022 Community Priority to Support Youth and Families”, which outlines goals of extending capacity for youth programs and providing more equitable access to facilities and services. City officials have previously said that it’s unlikely that all five fields will get lighting simultaneously and the two middle schools and Jefferson Houston are better positioned to get lighting sooner rather than later.

In addition, to the lighting of the field it appears that the Alexandria City Public School System (ACPS) is concurrently considering tearing up the current natural grass GW Middle School fields and the associated irrigation systems and replacing them with artificial turf. Public information of the turf replacement has been very limited. In fact, ACPS, has no information on the turf replacement in their website.

These two proposals (lighting and artificial turf) are seemingly being dual tracked by the City of Alexandria and ACPS, and it is unclear whether they are linked. This concurrent consideration of these projects has created confusion.

II. THE UNDERSIGNED INTEREST IN THE PROPOSAL

The as residents of Alexandria City we understand and support the City and ACPS’s desire to extending capacity for youth sports programs and providing more equitable access to

facilities and services we have concerns regarding the cost, environmental impacts and safety of the overall proposals to install lights and plastic turf around the GW athletic fields near E Glendale Ave.

The lighting proposal has the potential to drastically impact the quality of life of over 20 homes and two residential apartment buildings that abut the field on E Glendale Ave. Further, we believe that a thorough examination of these factors that is coordinated by the appropriate Alexandria City Departments and ACPS needs to be conducted prior to rushing through a decision. We believe this analysis will bear out that the proposal is not beneficial for the community and other options, namely the Lenny Harris Memorial Fields (LHMF) at Braddock Park is preferable. Below are some key points we think should be addressed and considered.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH CONCERNS WITH ARTIFICIAL TURF

A. *Artificial Turf is Linked to Negative Environmental Impacts for the Surrounding Communities*

Many of the undersigned either utilized the fields themselves as athletes or have children who play on these fields, and we recognize the benefits and drawbacks of artificial turf. A simple internet search yields hundreds of results of communities at odds with the installation of turf fields. Some of these are cases are pre-construction, but many are post-construction and use. Communities across the country are recognizing the potential health impacts and are having buyer's remorse after the fact with turf fields.

To our knowledge it doesn't appear the city has done any unique analysis on the environmental or health impacts of the turf replacements. When this issue was raised with Alexandria City leadership, we were told by Mayor Justin Wilson that *"there are natural fill alternatives that we are exploring. Having had two kids play travel soccer for several years, I was never a big fan of the rubber fill that is used on most artificial turfs. We will consider alternatives when the time comes."* The city should conduct an analysis before moving forward with turf replacements. The city should also consider the completed and on-going work of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as they are studying the safety of recycled tire crumbs on athletic fields.¹

The U.S EPA has also recently released a PFAS action plan which looks to regulate the chemicals that are known to be part of artificial turf fields synthetic grass blades.² This action plan includes various on-going studies on the safety of these chemicals, potential minimum exposure levels both in air and water for these chemicals as well as potentially listing these materials as a toxic substance. It seems irresponsible to move forward with these questions of health and safety remaining unanswered and would potentially open the city to liability.

In addition, to the concerns about the artificial turf itself, the undersigned also have concerns regarding potential storm water run-off associated the installation of artificial turf. Alexandria City is known for flooding issues, and it would be logical to believe that removal of

¹ See <https://www.epa.gov/chemical-research/federal-research-recycled-tire-crumb-used-playing-fields>

² See <https://www.ewg.org/news-insights/news/new-studies-show-pfas-artificial-grass-blades-and-backing>

natural grass turf would diminish the ability for the land to absorb more water. We are concerned that artificial turf could lead to additional flooding. It is our understanding that Alexandria City hired Daniel Medina, Ph.D., P.E., last year as the Flood Action Alexandria Program Manager. We urge coordination with this individual and additional study on potential flood impacts associated with removal of the grass fields.

Concerns about the environmental and health impacts are not just an issue in the United States. In September of this year, the European Commission released its draft proposal to restrict the supply and sale of products containing intentionally added microplastics, delivering on a 2017 pledge.³ Such microplastics are part of most commercially available artificial turfs. The most commonly used type of rubber granulate in artificial turf is made from a synthetic polymer called Styrene Butadiene Rubber. As a result, the rubber fill used in artificial turf can contain small quantities of harmful chemicals and heavy metals that wash out into the environment over time. Studies show that zinc, in particular, leaches out from the granulate in sufficiently high concentrations to harm soil biota and aquatic life. Based on this, the residents of E Glendale Ave are concerned about the impacts to stormwater and drinking water. In addition, the installation of such fields seems to run counter to the Eco-City Clean Waterways initiative to manage the quality of our local streams.

Related to environmental concerns we are also worried about the increased ambient heat associated with artificial turf fields. Penn State University researchers have found that the surface temperatures of synthetic turf playing surfaces are significantly higher than natural turfgrass surfaces when exposed to sunlight. Specifically, they found that the surface temperatures of traditional synthetic turf were as much as 35-60 °C higher than natural turfgrass surface temperatures.⁴ These high temperatures also result in off-gassing of pungent heated chemicals that are part of the turf.

B. *Artificial Turf is Correlated to Increased Injury Risk for Athletes*

It has been clearly documented that the risk of injury is much higher on turf fields than grass. In fact, a study in the American Journal of Sports Medicine showed that, from 2012-18, players had a 28% higher rate of noncontact injuries on artificial turf vs. natural grass. The rate of noncontact knee injuries shot up to 32% higher on turf, while the rate of foot ankle/injuries surged to 69% — primarily “due to the synthetic turf’s lack of ability to release an athlete’s shoe.”⁵

In just the last two weeks, two star receivers in the National Football League, Cooper Kupp and DK Metcalf, and one of the longest tenured coaches in the league, Seattle’s Pete Carroll joined the growing call to prohibit turf fields due to injury concerns.⁶ Anyone who has played on artificial turf knows the risk of injury goes beyond knees and ankles, turf burn is almost to be expected playing on artificial turf. We believe the city should have a mix of field

³ See [Comitology Register \(europa.eu\)](https://comitology.europa.eu/)

⁴ See <https://plantscience.psu.edu/research/centers/ssrc/research/infill/temperature-and-color>

⁵ See <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0363546518808499>

⁶ See <https://www.cbssports.com/nfl/news/seahawks-coach-pete-carroll-nfl-needs-to-seriously-look-into-risks-of-playing-on-artificial-turf-fields/>

turf types and where possible, like the high-quality existing fields at GW, maintain the ability to play on natural grass.

IV. PROJECT COST AND CURRENT FIELD UTILIZATION

A. *The City and Alexandria Public School System Have Not Adequately Justified the Cost of Turf Replacement*

In addition to the lack of study on environmental and health impacts it appears that based on conversations with the Planning and Zoning Department and the RPCA, that more cost-efficient alternatives have not yet been studied. The city should conduct a full cost benefit assessment on the replacements including the impact on property values of the surrounding homes, the impacts on parking, increased traffic, and noise. Traffic on Glendale Avenue has already reached a point of concern particularly when school gets out. Adding multiple night activities on a street that was not designed to act as a major thoroughfare will create safety issues and further restrict already limited parking.

Further, replacing the GW field with artificial turf would require removal of the existing irrigation system underneath the turf. This seems like a poor use of taxpayer dollars. Adding turf and lights to a field that is not already irrigated would be a much more cost-effective way to add field capacity. To this end, as we discuss further below, improving lower quality fields such as LHMF would do more to achieve the City's goal of extending capacity for youth sports programs and not require tearing up an existing high-quality field and its irrigation system that is working perfectly fine.

B. *Based on Alexandria City's own Analysis Existing City Fields are currently Under Utilized.*

In addition to, the inaccuracies in the Special Use Permit (SUP) request (#2022-00043), we would like to highlight that the data in the 2021 Athletic Fields Report (AFR) does not support the need for additional synthetic fields or lights.⁷ According to Appendix C of the AFR, the city has 12 regulation size synthetic playing fields (counting Patrick Henry ES) and 8 of them have lights. Every single synthetic, lighted field was underutilized during the time period covered in the report. AFR states that the city should be able to program a synthetic field with lights for 2,100 playing hours a year. Except for the Witter Fields, no synthetic playing fields with lights reached even 1,600 hours, with average programmed hours coming in at 1,400 per field. ***Therefore, according to RPCA's own research, there are an average of 700 hours of unused playing time sitting on each of one of those fields - that's 5600 total unused hours on our existing synthetic fields with lights.***

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V. POOR COORDINATION AND CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

We are sure it is not intentional but the dual tracking of both the “lighting proposal” and the “turf proposal” with two differing bodies on seemingly the same time track is confusing and a bureaucratic nightmare for residents to navigate. It is tough to track which body is responsible for what and this leads to concerned citizens throwing up their hands and giving up. This was demonstrated by the dualling (but ultimately rescheduled) meetings of the planning commission and ACPS in early October. We ask that these groups better coordinate the “lighting” and “turf” proposals because to date it seems the process is meant to confuse and dissuade public input.

As detailed throughout this document, we have concerns about inaccuracies and omissions in the SUP request and lack of analysis on relevant environment and cost issues. Whether it is the assumptions made on the impacts of lighting or the lack of concern for the impacts on the surrounding neighborhood it seems like the only analysis being completed is focused on a predetermined desired outcome. We simply ask the city to take a honest look at the project and alternatives.

VI. NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO THE RESIDENTS OF SURROUNDING COMMUNITY

A. The Installation of Lights and Artificial Turf will create considerable light and Noise Pollution

The potential for light to impact the residents of E Glendale Ave is a very real and large concern for the neighboring residents. Regarding the light spillage issue the city’s own SUP request appears to acknowledge the issues of light spillage and flippantly dismiss the issue. The request states the following (penultimate paragraph of page 5):

Light spill beyond the school property up to 65 feet from the northern end of the field is possible, with the light limited to the sidewalk on the north side of E Glendale Avenue

(Graphic 1). However, there are existing street trees along the south side of E Glendale Avenue which will help to minimize the light spillage as the trees continue to mature.

We would note that the SUP text mistakenly refers to Graphic 1 instead of Graphic 2, illustrating the “Aerial Night Rendering” of the GWMS proposed lighting impacts. That said graphic 2 shows a 65 ft measurement at the north end of the field along E Glendale Ave. The surrounding neighborhood is darkened in Graphic 2, obscuring that the 65 ft marker falls within the front yard of the homes along E. Glendale Ave. Many of the residents of E Glendale have measured the distance from the field and it is approximately 50ft. This means that the light spillage will cover the front half of the over 20 rowhomes and two large residential rental buildings that abut the fields. These row homes feature a primary bedroom on the second floor overlooking the GW fields. These bedrooms look over the trees the SUP claims will block the light.

The SUP claims the existing trees will minimize the light spillage, but this is not accurate as the tree coverage is limited. We would also note the trees are not consistently placed leaving clear gaps and these trees lose their leaves and provide no protection from light in the winter. Additionally, these trees are small and have been planted under powerlines, requiring annual trimming. They will not block the light from the larger towers, even as they mature. The installed light fixtures will be 60 ft tall, meaning it will be more than a decade before the trees are remotely effective at minimizing light spillage on to E. Glendale Ave.

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We ask that the city push pause and more closely examine the actual need for lights and plastic turf at the E Glendale location and the environmental hazards and health risks to children

of plastic turf. As member of our community, I want the children and youth to have ample safe places to play sports but feel the city is rushing important decisions that impact many constituents.

B. *The Installation of Lights and Artificial Turf will Negatively Impacts Home Values*

There are over 20 rowhomes and two large residential apartment buildings on E. Glendale Ave that abut the proposed location. We believe installation of the turf field and lighting would potentially adversely impact property values. We ask the city to consider the impact of property values when choosing a location for turfed and lighted fields. Specifically, the city should seek to minimize the number of private residents impacted. To this end upgrading the run-down LHMF fields at the corner of Braddock and Mt. Vernon Avenue would only impact 7 row homes and businesses which would not be negatively impacted. In fact, the businesses would like welcome increased traffic. We are aware other locations were considered but we urge you to reconsider the E. Glendale proposal in light of these valid concerns.

C. *The Increased Hours of Field Utilization will Exacerbate Already Serious Traffic and Parking Issues*

As you are aware, with the development of Potomac yard area, E. Glendale Ave was chosen to be the connecting road with Main Line Boulevard. This has resulted in E. Glendale Ave being used as a popular cut through to reach Mount Vernon Avenue. The traffic volume on E. Glendale Ave has increased exponentially and road is further strained during times of sports activities and when school lets out. With only one exit from GW middle school to a one-way street and no traffic signal at the connecting point with Mount Vernon Ave, residents of E Glendale often experience a significant backup of cars. In addition, E Glendale is often used as surplus parking during field use. All these issues will only be worsened with increased utilization of the fields.

We also note that the LHMF's has the existing parking and traffic infrastructure – in the form of a traffic signal emptying on a two-way street – that GW middle lacks. We ask the city to consider this when determining the fate of the lights and turf at GW middle. Even without a traffic analysis it makes far more sense of a traffic management perspective to develop the LHMF than to continue to tax the traffic and parking situation on E. Glendale Ave.

VII. THE CITY SHOULD CONSIDER THE LENNY HARRIS MEMORIAL FIELDS (LHMF) AT BRADDOCK PARK AS A REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE

A. *Revitalizing the LHMF Feilds Would Increase the Number and Quality of the City Fields*

We welcome a dialogue on how best to increase the availability of playing fields in Alexandria City. That said we believe redeveloping an already high-quality field at GW while continuing to underutilize LHMF runs counter to that goal. The LHMF complex provide a unique opportunity to double the capacity of useful fields on the GW complex. It is clear that the

quality of the GW fields is far superior to the quality of the LHMF. That said it would be logical to upgrade the LHMF fields to realize the most benefit, taking a bad field and making it good as opposed to taking an already good field and making it artificial turf. As previously mentioned, selecting LHMF site over GW middle would be more cost effective as you would not be tearing up a functioning irrigation system.

B. *The LHMF Location Would Impact Far Fewer Residents and Already Has the Existing Infrastructure in Place to Handle Increased Use*

We would also ask that if the City and ACPS were to move forward with lights and turf proposal on the GW complex, you consider upgrading the run-down fields at the corner of Braddock and Mt. Vernon Avenue as an alternative. This would expand the availability of quality fields available (two new fields could fit there easily) and impact far fewer residents since that area is largely lined with businesses. Specifically, there are over 20 rowhomes and two large residential apartment buildings on E Glendale Ave that abut the proposed GW fields location whereas upgrading the LHMF at the corner of Braddock and Mt. Vernon Avenue would only impact 7 row homes and businesses which would not be impacted and more than likely welcome the added traffic.

Further the LHMF location has existing infrastructure to handle increased use that GW currently does not. Specifically, the required infrastructure like stormwater drainage, ample parking, traffic signals regulating traffic into said parking and a two-way street. We encourage a discussion on how to fully leverage the Lenny Memorial Fields at Braddock Park, which were utilized at only 26% of their available hours and contain three baseball diamonds and one football field. We have already reached out to the local business community to obtain estimates on the cost of transforming those fields into the beautiful community athletic area that they should be.

VIII. CONCLUSION

To be clear the residents of E Glendale Ave love hearing the kids playing on the fields across the street from our homes. We just want the fields to be managed in a manner that is economically and environmentally conscious and protects our home values. To that end, we encourage more study on the impacts of artificial turf and lighting at the GW fields. We also urge the City and ACPS to consider alternate locations namely the Lenny Memorial Fields at Braddock Park. We welcome a dialogue on how to fully leverage the LHMFs, which were underutilized and contain ample space for activities (three baseball diamonds and one football field). We have already reached out to the local business community to obtain estimates on the cost of transforming those fields into the beautiful community athletic area that they should be. In addition to our concerns in this document we have include some potential questions for consideration in the appendix below.

Rob and Lauren Benedict

IX. APPENDIX: ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER GW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SIMPSON FIELD

1. What is the reason to tear up a perfectly good field fully grassed and underutilized for plastic grass at GW (including has embedded sprinkler system?)
2. What makes GW and Simpson Field better candidates for improving field conditions than the Lenny Harris Memorial park fields bordered by Braddock and Mt. Vernon - they are in deplorable condition in comparison?
3. Plastic Grass fields are hot - 50 degrees hotter based on temperature readings taken throughout the summer at Jefferson Houston school. What temperatures are safe to play on - what heat level is unacceptable for children and adults?
4. When the infill gets hot it stinks - Jefferson Houston field smelled like a tire garage during the heat - what can be done about the smell?
5. Plastic fields emit fumes - what studies have been done to assess the safety of the fumes?
6. Plastic Grass and Infill are known to contain forever PFAS chemicals - what studies have been done to assess the safety to the users and the environment? Microplastics from shredded grass blades enter the environment and get airborne from shavings from abrasion.
7. The plastic fields are 10-year life spans - what will happen to the 40,000 pounds of plastic and 400,000 pounds of infill after the lifespan? Have any plastic grass fields in Alexandria been recycled and if so, how?
8. Real grass fields soak up water into the earth and help cool the planet by supporting plant life and avoiding water runoff - how do plastic grass fields align with eco-city Alexandria charters?
9. The fields at GW and Simpson are underutilized for the large part of the year - what is the case for demonstrating demand - how many games are cancelled due to weather?
10. What cost comparison has been done with replacing worn real grass fields with real grass turf sod - local vendors quote a cost of \$40K for complete 100% replacement of sod football/soccer fields - most worn repair spots are a fraction of a complete field.
11. What analysis has been done to compare the maintenance and repair lifecycle costs of artificial turf with grass fields? Many people believe plastic grass does not require maintenance.
12. What analysis has been done on the impact of lights on the the homes along the 500 block of E. Glendale - some of our neighbors on the street see spillage lighting the homes
13. What studies have been done regarding the safety of plastic grass? The NFL players association is complaining of injuries from playing on plastic grass fields.
14. What studies have been done to compare how children and adults interact with plastic grass vs. real grass - they city has over 10 plastic grass fields already - how important is it to have a variety of playing surfaces to replicate what our youth will experience in college or pro's or other competitions?
15. What options are available to cool plastic grass fields in the summer - we have heard that there are alternatives like coconut husk and wood chips - is there a commitment that if fields go in they will use natural products to cool the field and minimize impacts?
16. The crumb rubber fields disperse black pellets and go home with players and wash into the environment easily - what studies have been done to assess the impact of the spread of these pellets into the ecosystem and local streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

[EXTERNAL]2022.11.1 DOCKET #6 SUPs 42 through 46

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Hello,

I am strongly in favor of additional sports lighting at our city facilities. The demand for recreational activities at our rectangular fields is increasing. Demand for use exceeds capacity. Our level of service for rectangular fields is below the national standard. There are currently no plans to add any new rectangular fields to our inventory, so we must improve the efficiency of use. One major way to do this is to add sports lighting. Please approve these SUP permit applications.

Jeff Newhouse
Secretary - Youth Sports Advisory Board
Secretary - Alexandria Soccer Association
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[EXTERNAL]In support of more lighted athletic fields

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Good afternoon - As an Alexandria parent, I wanted to weigh in to support efforts to add lighting to Alexandria athletic fields including:

- Simpson Stadium Park
- George Washington Middle School
- Jefferson Houston K-8 School
- Patrick Henry K-8 School
- Francis C. Hammond Middle School

Lighting is essential to maximize the use of these fields year-round for rec leagues and other uses.
Thanks so much!

Regards,
Christopher Brown
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[EXTERNAL] November 1, 2022 Agenda Item 6 (Special Use Permit #2022-00043)

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Dear Planning Commission members,

I am writing regarding item 6 on the 11/1/22 Planning Commission Agenda (Special Use Permit #2022-00043). I am expressing my disapproval of the SUP, which is a position shared by all 500 block E. Glendale Avenue neighbors. My rationale for disapproval relates to the SUP Staff Report attachment, as it misconstrues the impact of light spillage on the neighbors along the north side of E. Glendale Ave.

The SUP request states the following (penultimate paragraph of page 5):

Light spill beyond the school property up to 65 feet from the northern end of the field is possible, with the light limited to the sidewalk on the north side of E Glendale Avenue (Graphic 1). However, there are existing street trees along the south side of E Glendale Avenue which will help to minimize the light spillage as the trees continue to mature.

Note – The SUP text mistakenly refers to Graphic 1 instead of Graphic 2, illustrating the “Aerial Night Rendering” of the GWMS proposed lighting impacts. Graphic 2 shows a 65 ft measurement at the north end of the field along E Glendale Ave. The surrounding neighborhood is darkened in Graphic 2, obscuring that the 65 ft marker falls within the front yard of the homes along E. Glendale Ave.

I have attached an image from the city’s GIS Parcel Viewer using the viewer’s measuring tool; the red-highlighted parcel is 506 E Glendale Ave. Measuring 65 ft from the GWMS field fence line, the GIS viewer shows that light will spill over the entire front half of all the homes on the north end of E. Glendale Ave. I have confirmed that the center of my front yard is just 50 ft from the edge of the GWMS field using a tape measure.

The SUP request’s suggestion that existing trees minimize light spillage as the trees mature is also inaccurate. The trees are currently shorter than the roofline of our homes. The trees were planted directly below power lines, so the trees must be trimmed each year to not encroach upon the lines. Even if the trees were allowed to grow unencumbered, these trees would grow at a rate of approximately 1-3 ft per year. The installed light fixtures will be 60 ft tall, meaning it will be more than a decade before the trees are remotely effective at minimizing light spillage onto E. Glendale Ave.

In summary, the SUP request’s presentation of the GWMS field lighting impacts is inaccurate. I am concerned that the effects of light pollution on the neighboring homes have not been adequately considered. This is particularly important given the possibility that the lights will be on until 10 pm any evening and that the light will spill into the master bedrooms of each of our homes.

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[EXTERNAL]Please support field lighting

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Dear Planning & Zoning,

I can't express how important and necessary additional field lighting is here in Alexandria. We have three children ages 12, 10, and 6 who play multiple sports within the city. Every season and every sport, we hear from our coaches and league directors that field space is limited and/or unavailable, and practices and games are cancelled throughout the season because of inadequate field space. We enjoy living in Alexandria, except for the fact that the city continues to add more housing and YET is NOT doing enough to add support structure for new residents, including field space for recreation, and specifically youth sports. Youth sports are a crucial part of city infrastructure for so many reasons. Children need the physical activity & exercise, they need the opportunity for social interaction, to be physically and mentally challenged, to be able to learn to work together with others, etc. Please support the special permit to allow for additional field lighting. This is crucial for the health and wellness of city residents and specifically children who want to be able to play youth sports. Without more field lighting and additional field space, the quality of life will decrease for city residents.

Sincerely,

Christie Herndon
City of Alexandria resident

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[EXTERNAL]Alexandria needs more Turf fields for sports

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Dear Alexandria City Planning Commission,

I cannot attend tonight's rescheduled Planning Commission meeting but want to go on recorded as requesting more lighted fields. As a Soccer coach for ASA, and a parent of a player in ALC, I am aware of the need for both more lighted fields and more turf fields.

- Simpson Stadium Park
- George Washington Middle School
- Jefferson Houston K-8 School
- Patrick Henry K-8 School
- Francis C. Hammond Middle School

Please approve this request.

Thank you,
Matt

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Samantha Lockwood

From: Nate Macek
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For the lights docket. —NM

Begin forwarded message:

From: SG Lily <sglily@live.com>
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Subject: **01 November Planning Commission Meeting**

Mr. Macek,

With all due respect, your service to our community on 01 November was lacking. Your commission is supposed to serve as a check and balance to Planning/Zoning and RCPA. Yet you took our well researched questions and lobbed them back to RCPA in a severely dumbed down manner. You did not require them to provide any real data or commitments. These are the tough questions you could have asked based on our public testimony.

A constituent noted that there is in fact a surplus of playing hours on our existing regulation size, synthetic, lighted fields. Why are you submitting permits to light more fields?

If some of the existing inventory of lighted fields are "undesirable" - are you just going to scrap those fields? Wouldn't it be more economical to fix those minor issues rather than spending \$800,000 to light new fields?

Your Athletic Field Report identified 12 over programmed natural fields - 8 of them are baseball diamonds. However of all the locations you identified for new lights - none are baseball diamonds. Why is that?

A constituent noted that the Planning Commission has only ever approved lighted fields on properties zoned CDD, POS or I. There are existing fields zoned CDD, POS, or I without lights. Why not choose one of those instead of properties in more densely populated areas.

According to public comments submitted prior to this meeting, Lenny Memorial Fields has 2 baseball diamonds and 1 football field. Its also zoned POS. These fields are boarded by two major roads, both with traffic lights. Seems like a perfect fit, but according to RCPA Lenny Memorial has not even been studied as an option for lights. Why is that?

A constituent noted that, based on her conversation with the Musco Lighting engineer that drafted the renderings in SUP 00043, there will be 3 foot candles of light that fall on the north

edge of E Glendale Ave. Yet the SUP claims zero light will hit the properties on E Glendale Ave. How is there this much confusion on light spillage this far into this project? What will you do to prevent these lights from violating City Ordinance 13-1-3?

A constituent noted that based on conversations with the Musco Lighting sales rep, painting the inside of the light covers black and installing shades on the sides of the light covers comes free of charge. In the interest of good community relations - why in the world did you not include that in the SUP?

Why do you plan on increasing capacity by installing lights on new fields without first installing restrooms on any field? Isn't that putting the cart before the horse? Based on public testimony today, Hammond and Jefferson Houston already have people peeing in the street.

Everyone has an off day at work. I know I've had numerous off days. Its not too late to ask these tough questions and serve as that check and balance that the community needs.

Kind regards,

Mary Cypressi

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