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Alexandria City Council Meeting
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Lighting - 14 December 2013



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Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 8:33 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43690: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor and Council Members:I wan

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Bill Rivers
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703.6836526
- Email: rivers.15wmtida@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I want to thank you for your vote on Saturday to approve the new tennis courts at T. C. and to have them lighted. It is a good utilization of resources in our City. You are to be commended for taking the action.

But even more importantly, I want to thank all of you for being such a good City Council. I have had the pleasure of working with you and previous Council Members on projects like the Miracle Field and the Aquatics Initiative. You have invariably been polite, courteous, and responsive in listening to our concerns. You have treated all members of the public - whether they agree with you or not - fairly and allowed all views to be presented. In a climate where political rhetoric is all too often raised to the loudest level, you have engaged in civil discussions and arrived at reasonable solutions.

You have made it easier for us citizens to approach and participate in local government. Thank you again and best wishes for the holiday season to you all.

Bill Rivers

- Expected Response Date: Monday, December 23

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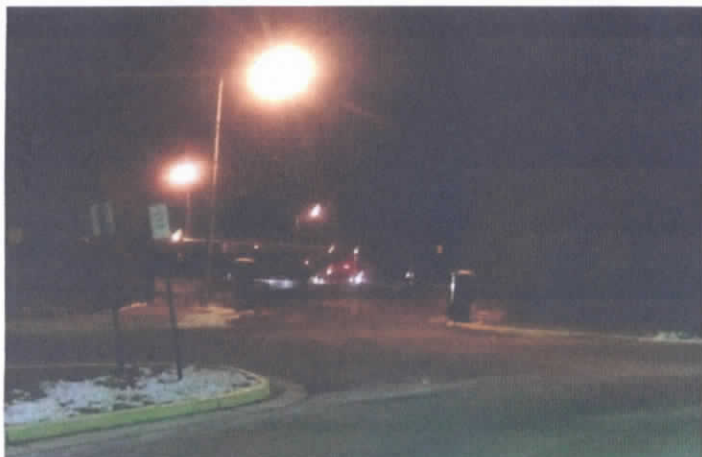
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Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2013 11:17 AM
To: William Euille; allisonsilb@aol.com; allison.silberberg@alexnadriava.gov; John Chapman; j.taylor.chapman@gmail.com; John Chapman; Timothy Lovain; Del Pepper; delpepper@aol.com; Councilman Paul Smedberg; paulcsmedberg@aol.com; Justin Wilson; paul.smedburg@alexandriava.gov
Cc: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Docket Item #8: TC Williams High School Tennis Courts

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council,

I am writing to urge you to DENY the request for lights at the proposed TC Williams tennis courts. I regret that I am not able to attend today's public hearing to testify in public on this issue.

While I support the construction of tennis courts on the TC Williams campus, I adamantly oppose the construction of lights for these courts.

In a recent e-mail to Seminary Hill Association, Inc. President Nancy Jennings, Councilman Wilson stated that he is "deeply skeptical of expending tax dollars to construct recreation facilities in our City and then not lighting those facilities." I question Mr. Wilson's use of the term "recreation facilities."

These courts are for the school and its students--they are to be built on school property with school funds. On several occasions ACPS has clearly and publicly stated that lights are not needed for TC Williams students or the TC Williams tennis teams. Why then should ACPS use its budget to pay for "recreation facilities" (i.e., the proposed lights) that would be used by the public (including non-Alexandrians!) especially given the sorry state of the Alexandria school system. Surely our schools could find a better and more appropriate use for ACPS funds. The School Board's claim that we citizens don't support Alexandria's schools and students strikes me as hypocritical--doesn't the School Board's willingness to spend ACPS dollars on big-ticket, non-school-related items show ITS lack of support for our students and schools? WE citizens are the ones fighting to not let this happen . . . to not let Parks & Rec squander the schools' budget.

I support the proposed tennis courts for TC Williams, but I urge you to DENY the request for lights. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joanne Lepanto
Immediate Past Co-Chair, Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.
Immediate Past President, Seminary Hill Association, Inc.
Member, Landmark/Van Dorn Advisory Group
Past President, Seminary Ridge Civic Association, Inc.
4009 North Garland Street
Alexandria, VA 22304
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jlepanto@seminaryhillassn.org

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43609: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Membe

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Request Details:

- Name: Lisa Jacobs
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-1504
- Email: ljacobs256@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members, I am writing in support of installing the wiring so that the tennis courts at TC Williams may be lighted at some time in the future. We have a growing city filled with active adults - young and old - and lighted tennis courts would be a fabulous asset for our community. Thank you for supporting our high school and our city's athletic facilities.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, December 23

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43605: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council To whom it may concern, I am an Alex

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Request Details:

- Name: Ronald Webne
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: rwebne@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: To whom it may concern,

I am an Alexandria resident and tennis player. Since there are so few lighted tennis courts in Alexandria, I have a hard time playing during the week, since I typically don't get home until after 7:00 p.m., and that leaves limited daylight to play. It would greatly add to my use of the city's courts if there were more lighted tennis courts, because I could then play at night.

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209 E. Custis Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43604: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I am signed up to speak at the 12/14/201

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Request Details:

- Name: Peter Heimberg
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-836-9240
- Email: peter.heimberg.asa@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am signed up to speak at the 12/14/2013 public hearing regarding DSUP13-014. The attachment includes the comments I intend to make.

v/r
peter heimberg

- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/5a334964-9e3e-4c62-802c-d015a0faac79>
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Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 9:40 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43602: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please add lights to the plan for the TC

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: JoAnn Evans
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: jfdeeus@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please add lights to the plan for the TC Williams tennis courts. It would extend the time my son can work on his game. Thank you.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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From: jhamitla@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 4:32 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43589: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council at 3315 KING ST RE: Alexandria Public Schools, along wi

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Jennifer Smith Hamilton
- Approximate Address: 3315 KING ST (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 7038535269
- Email: jhamitla@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: RE: Alexandria Public Schools, along with the City's efforts to develop six tennis courts on TC Williams' HS campus.

These courts need to include night-time lighting! Clinics, tournaments, league events, camps and lessons can occur at this safe and easily accessible location, especially if lights are installed to allow for evening court time. PLEASE consider maximizing this great addition to the HS campus by including lights. Help maintain TCW's reputation as being a state-of-the-art facility and don't short-change the community, students and athletes by letting these courts go dark after sunset. Tennis is a life-long sport that can be enjoyed by city residents of all ages and providing lighting will permit more tennis enthusiasts to enjoy their game.

Thank you.

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43599: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I fully support the idea to build tennis

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Request Details:

- Name: Kim Burstein
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I fully support the idea to build tennis courts with lights at TC Williams. This would be a great addition for the school and the entire community. As an Alexandria resident, I know my two daughters would benefit greatly from them when they get to high school.
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Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 10:54 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43552: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor and Members of Council:To

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- Email: rivers.15wmtida@gmail.com
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Tomorrow, you will be receiving a proposal to build new tennis courts at the T. C. Williams school site. As you are aware, these courts will be located between the lighted parking garage and King Street. ACPS and a number of youth sports groups support these courts and have further requested that the courts be lit to maximize their use. I support the concept of both the courts and their being lit. Tennis court lighting is much less intrusive than stadium lighting, particularly considering that there are no neighborhood homes in direct proximity to the courts.

Given the twin facts that our city space is limited and our population is growing, we need to maximize use of all of our recreational facilities, particularly where there is no direct impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

Please approve the construction of the tennis courts and the associated lighting.

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Bill Rivers

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Jackie Henderson

From: rkmoir@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 10:27 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43548: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I urge you to approve lights for the pro

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Request Details:

- Name: Robert Moir
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7033707834
- Email: rkmoir@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I urge you to approve lights for the proposed tennis facility at TC Williams High School.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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Jackie Henderson

From: simmons@bishopireton.org
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 8:59 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43541: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council The addition of lights will make a posit

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Request Details:

- Name: Walter Simmons
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 212-5169
- Email: simmons@bishopireton.org
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: The addition of lights will make a positive impact on TC Williams and the Alexandria community. To fail to install lights is to lessen the effectiveness of the facility and take healthy, positive activities out of the city. Please resist selfish, narrow perspectives that oppose any progress or change simply because it hasn't been done like this before. I am proud of Alexandria, love the City, strongly support this initiative!
- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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Jackie Henderson

From: matthews.katy@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 8:51 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43540: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council We would like to indicate our full suppo

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Request Details:

- Name: Katy Matthews
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-243-8802
- Email: matthews.katy@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: We would like to indicate our full support for lights the new tennis courts at T. C. Williams. Our city is in need of maximizing the use of our recreation fields and courts, especially with the lack of land to build additional area to recreate. These fields are not near any houses, the lights would be lower than the current garage lights; and the cars traveling along King Street day and night certainly cause more noise and distractions than would the tennis courts and lights.
Thank you for your support on this important issue.
Ben and Katy Matthews
707 N. Paxton St.
Alexandria, VA 22304
703-243-8802
- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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Jackie Henderson

From: jceconsulting@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 7:38 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43536: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council We would like to indicate our full suppo

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Request Details:

- Name: Jeannie Cummins
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: jceconsulting@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: We would like to indicate our full support for lights the new tennis courts at T. C. Williams. Our city is in need of maximizing the use of our recreation fields and courts, especially with the lack of land to build additional area to recreate. These fields are not near any houses, the lights would be lower than the current garage lights; and the cars travelling along King Street day and night certainly cause more noise and distractions than would the tennis courts and lights.
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- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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Jackie Henderson

From: wsboggess@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 7:50 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43537: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council As a parent of two children in the Alexa

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Request Details:

- Name: Scott Boggess
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7038362289
- Email: wsboggess@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: As a parent of two children in the Alexandria school system, an Alexandria Rugby Youth Board member and coach I am writing in support of the lights for the TC Williams tennis courts.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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Jackie Henderson

From: jt@thecormacgroup.com
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 3:17 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43505: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I am contacting you regarding the issue

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Request Details:

- Name: John Timmons
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703)548-2240
- Email: jt@thecormacgroup.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I am contacting you regarding the issue of lighting the new tennis courts at T.C.Williams HS. As a former President of the Alexandria Soccer Assn. I am keenly aware of the City's ever expanding need for additional recreational facilities. Any time the City invests in new such facilities they should do so in a manner that provides for maximum flexibility and usage of these facilities. Lighting these tennis courts would fit those requirements. On a related matter, I have never heard tennis courts called fields - not even grass ones. Please do your best to ensure the City operates for the vast majority of its citizenry and please reject the tyranny of the very small minority.
Thanks you for your time.
John Timmons
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, December 19

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Jackie Henderson

From: melynda.wilcox@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 4:29 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43521: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Hello, I am writing in support of the or

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Request Details:

- Name: Melynda Wilcox
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703 549 3865
- Email: melynda.wilcox@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Hello, I am writing in support of the original request/recommendation by city staff and ACPS staff for the special use permit to build new tennis courts, with conduits for possible future lighting, at T.C. Williams HS. The TC community has been waiting for a very long time to be able to host its own home tennis meets, and we should pave the way for this construction to begin as soon as possible. In addition, I encourage you to consider revising the DSUP2002-0044 language that states that no permanent stadium lighting shall be installed at the T.C. Williams stadium or on any other athletic field on school property. Thank you for your time.
Melynda Wilcox, T.C. Williams parent
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, December 19

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Jackie Henderson

From: richard@lifetimebenefitsllc.com
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 8:01 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43524: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council We would like to indicate our full suppo

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Request Details:

- Name: Richard Stone
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-298-5256
- Email: richard@lifetimebenefitsllc.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: We would like to indicate our full support for lights the new tennis courts at T. C. Williams. Our city is in need of maximizing the use of our recreation fields and courts, especially with the lack of land to build additional area to recreate. These fields are not near any houses, the lights would be lower than the current garage lights; and the cars travelling along King Street day and night certainly cause more noise and distractions than would the tennis courts and lights.
Thank you for your support on this important issue.
Richard and Kristin Stone
617 N. Paxton Street
Alexandria, VA 22304
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, December 19

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Jackie Henderson

From: rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 8:56 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43525: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor Euille and City Council,I

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Rosemarie Wiedemer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035492551
- Email: rosie.wiedemer@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council,

I am writing to voice my support for adding lights to the tennis courts (and football stadium!) at TC Williams. As a parent of 2 children who play sports in Alexandria, it has become more difficult for teams to secure practice space. The addition to lights at any field extends the length of time that any given field can be used. Please consider what is best for the greatest number of people in our city when making your decision on this matter.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely,
Rosemarie Wiedemer

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, December 19

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Jackie Henderson

From: agyll@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 9:07 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43527: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council We would like to indicate our full suppo

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Request Details:

- Name: Anders Gyllenhoff
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7035825255
- Email: agyll@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: We would like to indicate our full support for lights the new tennis courts at T. C. Williams. Our city is in need of maximizing the use of our recreation fields and courts, especially with the lack of land to build additional area to recreate. These fields are not near any houses, the lights would be lower than the current garage lights; and the cars travelling along King Street day and night certainly cause more noise and distractions than would the tennis courts and lights.
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Jackie Henderson

From: lukz@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 9:30 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43530: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please include lights on the TC tennis c

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Request Details:

- Name: Dave Lucchesi
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: lukz@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please include lights on the TC tennis courts. Building without lights is short sided and precludes optimal use of the courts.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, December 19

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Jackie Henderson

From: nydia.roman@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 10:26 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43531: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council We would like to indicate our full suppo

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Request Details:

- Name: Nydia Roman Albertorio
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2027812141
- Email: nydia.roman@verizon.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: We would like to indicate our full support for lights the new tennis courts at T. C. Williams. Our city is in need of maximizing the use of our recreation fields and courts, especially with the lack of land to build additional area to recreate. These fields are not near any houses, the lights would be lower than the current garage lights; and the cars travelling along King Street day and night certainly cause more noise and distractions than would the tennis courts and lights.
Thank you for your support on this important issue and to provide opportunities for our youth
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, December 19

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Jackie Henderson

From: naomiherrera@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 11:20 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43532: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council We would like to indicate our full suppo

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Request Details:

- Name: naomi Herrera
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7873610321
- Email: naomiherrera@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: We would like to indicate our full support for lights the new tennis courts at T. C. Williams.

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Jackie Henderson

From: CommunityRelations@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 11:33 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43533: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council We would like to indicate our full suppo

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Linda Zanin
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: We would like to indicate our full support for lights the new tennis courts at T. C. Williams. Our city is in need of maximizing the use of our recreation fields and courts, especially with the lack of land to build additional area to recreate.
Linda Zanin
602 Beverly Drive
Alexandria, VA 22305
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, December 19

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Jackie Henderson

From: bmmcpherson@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 7:03 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43535: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please support the lights for TC William

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Brian McPherson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: bmmcpherson@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please support the lights for TC Williams tennis courts.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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Jackie Henderson

From: tinam2929@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 6:21 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43534: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council We would like to indicate our full suppo

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Request Details:

- Name: Tina Coleman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: tinam2929@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: We would like to indicate our full support for lights the new tennis courts at T. C. Williams.

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Jackie Henderson

From: carolyn.griglione@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2013 2:57 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43885: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council I support your decision to include light

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Carolyn Griglione
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 370-0653
- Email: carolyn.griglione@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: I support your decision to include lighting for the new tennis courts at TC Williams. How nice that 'our' TC tennis team as well as others who play tennis will have a facility that is up to today's standards. I also see a need for discussion concerning lights at the TC football field. I have visited the lighted field at McLean High School that sits in a residential area. The residents support 'their' teams that use the field. I asked school personnel if they receive complaints from residents and they were surprised at my question. They do not have complaints. I think this is a good example of how a community supports its students and schools.

Thank you,
Carolyn Griglione

- Expected Response Date: Monday, December 30

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Jackie Henderson

From: James Roberts
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 12:38 PM
To: Jackie Henderson
Cc: Gary Wagner; Robert Kerns
Subject: FW: Tennis Courts and Lights
Attachments: Tennis_ACPS_12_14_2013_final.doc

Jackie –

For Saturday's hearing from the ACPS School Board re Tennis Courts at TC Williams.

Thanks

From: William E. Finn [<mailto:william.finn@acps.k12.va.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 11:15 AM
To: Gary Wagner; James Roberts
Cc: Faroll Hamer; Karl Moritz; Feniak, Andrea
Subject: Fwd: Tennis Courts and Lights

Gary and Jim,
SB letter on the lights that went to the Mayor and City Council for your info.
R/ Bill

William E. (Bill) Finn, PE
Director, Educational Facilities
Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS)
(703) 461-4168

From: "Karen A. Graf" <karen.graf@acps.k12.va.us>
To: "William E. Finn" <william.finn@acps.k12.va.us>, "Tammy Ignacio" <tignacio@acps.k12.va.us>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 10:40:30 AM
Subject: Fwd: Tennis Courts and Lights

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From: "Karen A. Graf" <karen.graf@acps.k12.va.us>
To: "William Euille" <william.euille@alexandriava.gov>, "Justin Wilson" <justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov>, "Timothy Lovain" <timothy.lovain@alexandriava.gov>, "paul smedberg" <paul.smedberg@alexandriava.gov>, "del pepper" <del.pepper@alexandriava.gov>, "Allison Silberberg" <allison.silberberg@alexandriava.gov>, "john chapman" <john.chapman@alexandriava.gov>
Cc: "board" <board@acps.k12.va.us>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2013 10:27:05 PM
Subject: Tennis Courts and Lights

Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members - This Saturday you will be reviewing the recommendation made for the T.C. Williams tennis courts by the Planning Commission. The attached letter expresses our position and we hope you will be able to support the original recommendation made by the Alexandria City staff and the ACPS staff.

I have included the following links for information that we reference in the letter:

School Board June 2013 Approval: <http://eboard.acps.k12.va.us/attachments/8903f6ca-f5c6-4b01-a934-8fe210d70397.pdf>

List of City Tennis Courts: <http://alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/TennisCourts.pdf>

Feasibility Study: http://esbpublic.acps.k12.va.us/public_itemview.aspx?ItemId=3675&mtgId=357

Thank you for your time.

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Best Regards,

Karen A. Graf
School Board Member - Chair
Alexandria City Public Schools
2000 N. Beauregard Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22311
Clerk Phone: 703-824-6614



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Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members -

For the past 18 months, the Alexandria City Public School (ACPS) staff has been partnering with the Alexandria City staff to develop the plans for new tennis courts at T.C. Williams. Tennis courts at T.C. Williams have been a topic of discussion by citizens, students and the Board for several years.

The Alexandria City School Board approved the tennis court plans on November 19, 2012 which included a feasibility study for lighting. In the following months, ACPS staff conducted the study and hosted community forums in the Seminary Hill area and with the TC Williams school community. On June 20, 2013, the School Board approved the updated plans that include the lighting.

The current proposed layout presents two banks of three fenced-in courts with access gates for security purposes. The site's lighting is currently included in the project design. When these courts are built, they will be the only courts in the city equipped to host tennis league play at a single location. The Alexandria City School Board's June 20, 2013 plan approval included building the conduits for lighting, even though the budget climate precludes funding lighting for the courts currently.

Installing lighting conduits at the time of construction, instead of in the future, prevents deconstructing the courts to set the lighting and having to restore the courts to playing condition. This not only provides cost efficiency, but also allows for the shortest downtime for the asset.

For large recreation projects, like the tennis courts and fields, the City of Alexandria must maximize its investments for the citizens as a whole, including our student athletes. While focus has been placed on the T.C. Williams Tennis Team using the courts, these courts will be available to the city residents who are tennis players up to *75% of the possible weekday hours during tennis season and all of hours on the weekends.*

Without lights, the citizens would only be able to access the courts 53% of the possible hours during the weekdays and 20% less time on the weekends. Additionally, our tennis team would not finish matches that go into long tiebreakers during day light savings time.

At this time, we are asking the city to consider two things:

- **Approve the original request for DSUP2013-0014.** This recommendation was made by City staff and the ACPS staff. Please vote to approve the tennis court plans, with lighting, in order to serve the citizens of Alexandria City and the T.C. Williams high school tennis team.

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- **Engage in future dialogue to changing the DSUP2002-0044 language.** The Alexandria City School Board asks that you consider changing the language that states that no permanent stadium lighting shall be installed at the T.C. Williams stadium or on any other athletic field on school property. Student athletes no longer compete in the daylight hours alone.

We appreciate your commitment to advancing our great city and we thank you for the time commitment you make on behalf of our citizens. We hope that you will agree that planning for lights on public fields maximizes the benefit for our entire community.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen A. Graf', written in a cursive style.

Karen A. Graf
Chair of the Alexandria City School Board

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Jackie Henderson

From: meisenho@acps.k12.va.us
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 3:55 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43587: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please add the attached to public hearin

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Request Details:

- Name: Mark Eisenhour
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-965-3418
- Email: meisenho@acps.k12.va.us
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please add the attached to public hearing documents regarding the inclusion of lights at the new TC Williams tennis courts
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/5c92dc6d-9418-4f44-9efac89de084824c>
- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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Letter in support of lights at the T.C. Tennis Courts

I am writing to support the inclusion of lights in the plans to construct tennis courts next to the parking garage at T.C. Williams. This morning the focus is on lights at the tennis courts but let's not pretend it is really **just** about the tennis courts. The neighbors fear this will set a precedent for lights at the Parker-Grey Memorial Stadium. By the way, the font size of those words **PARKER GREY MEMORIAL STADIUM** on the side of the press box was actually a topic of discussion at one of the quarterly meet and confers with the neighbors.

Now, as we all know, there are no lights at the stadium but that has not stopped them from dictating other aspects of our programming at that facility. At another meeting, we were instructed to buy a set of two way radios, one would be kept in the home of a neighbor and one would be kept in the press box so they could call us during an event to let us know if we needed to turn down the volume.

At our neighboring schools, with stadiums right up against housing developments there are sound effects emanating from the press box to celebrate first downs, video boards highlighting player accomplishments and sponsors and most importantly large numbers of peaceful and enthusiastic fans cheering on their teams during the day and **EVEN** at night. At TC we get complaints if we hang a banner for Jack Taylor Toyota, for all he and folks like Donnie Simpson do for our school it is the very **LEAST** we can do and yet it is a problem here.

Tennis players beware, do not call **OUT** or **FAULT** too loudly or you may be subject to a noise complaint, not from the church right next to the courts but from a neighboring street on the other side of the campus. If that sounds like a joke I have to again refer you to a

neighborhood meeting where the volume of the football coach's whistle and even their **VOICE** was seriously discussed.

Why is everything so contentious when it comes to the basic rights of a school that serves more than 3,000 of Alexandria's citizens? Lights at the tennis courts that borders a lighted, multi-story parking garage on one side, the lighted front entrance of the school on one end, a lighted and busy King street on the other side and lighted church parking lot on the other end? How is this even a serious issue unless their motivation is about something else entirely? Do you really think the "neighbors" who came out in opposition to lights at Hammond all lived on Pegram street? Check the record, at yet another one of these T.C. community meetings they made sure to let us know they spoke at the public hearing at Hammond.

I **fully** support every citizen's right to express their opinion but I do not support the ability of a few to determine how we run a public school that serves thousands of its citizens. **Please allow us to include lights with our new tennis courts.**

- **Mark Eisenhower**

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Jackie Henderson

From: laval1115@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 12:46 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43570: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council-I a

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Request Details:

- Name: John LaValle
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 571-235-2805
- Email: laval1115@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council-
I am writing you to encourage Council to consider terminating any agreement with citizens or associations that prohibit the usage of lights on athletic facilities and ask you to support lighting the TCW tennis courts. I have been a citizen of Alexandria my entire life and have seen this City dance around the light issue since I started high school at TCW in 1983. Many citizens wonder if an agreement actually exist. Rumor has it, the agreement originated with the citizens that reside behind TCW (this is what we were told as students in the 80s when we asked about night games; and this is where I currently reside). Somehow the City has managed to get around this AGREEMENT when desired, as there are lights on many facilities in the City including tennis courts within shouting distance from the proposed site for the new courts. As Vice President of the Alexandria Soccer Association, which represents over 3,000 Alexandria children, I can tell you we would not be able to provide our children the opportunities without lights. Without lights, I'm not sure our adult athletic programs would exist. Simply put, lights provide opportunity. Lights would allow athletes at our one high school the opportunity to participate on quality facilities. Not sure if any of you have witnessed a TCW JV or Freshman football practice. Frankly, the conditions are unacceptable and should be considered a liability; but without lights on the turfed field, these are the conditions our kids must endure; no wonder this program has struggled for the last 20 years. I've heard the reasons why some support this Prohibition on Lights, but frankly none outweigh the benefits to our community lights can provide. Long ago this City worked as a community, now it seems, we function as a bunch of different self-interest groups. Please consider lighting the new tennis courts and, more importantly, do away with any agreement banning lights.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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Jackie Henderson

From: Britt@fotographis.com
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 12:18 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43567: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council We would like to indicate our full suppo

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Request Details:

- Name: Britt Leckman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7034707784
- Email: Britt@fotographis.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: We would like to indicate our full support for lights the new tennis courts at T. C. Williams. Our city is in need of maximizing the use of our recreation fields and courts, especially with the lack of land to build additional area to recreate. Thank you for your support on this important issue.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43569: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council We would like to see lights put up along

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Request Details:

- Name: Glenn and Shelly Morgan
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-519-6160
- Email: Shellymorgan@comcast.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: We would like to see lights put up along with the tennis courts at TC Williams High School. This would allow for maximum use of the facility by the teams and the community. The addition of a timer would alleviate the problem of the lights being left on during the night. We have lived in Alexandria for 20 years and feel there is a lack of tennis facilities that can be used at dusk/dark.
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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43573: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council We would like to indicate our full suppo

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- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
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- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: We would like to indicate our full support for lights the new tennis courts at T. C. Williams.

Our city is in need of maximizing the use of our recreation fields and courts, especially with the lack of land to build additional area to recreate. These fields are not near any houses, the lights would be lower than the current garage lights; and the cars travelling along King Street day and night certainly cause more noise and distractions than would the tennis courts and lights.

Thank you for your support on this important issue.

Rob and Jenn Schwinger
E. Oak St.
Alexandria, Va

- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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Request Details:

- Name: *Call.Click.Connect.* Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: In regard to lighting for TC Williams Tennis court project.

I am a resident of the City of Alexandria located directly across the street from TC Williams High School. I have to say how much I love living in that location for many reasons but especially because it is close to TC Williams. I am in full support of the lights proposed at the tennis court project. In my opinion, the additional lights added at the tennis court location would have little effect on the quality of life I already enjoy. The lights are lower than the current parking garage lights and I perceive their impact (as well as sound issues) to be negligible. More importantly, I am in support of a project that will support the athletics at TC Williams, our only high school. It is a bonus that this project will benefit the community as well.

I urge the City Council to take a look at the influence the small group of residents off Quaker Lane have placed on them in deciding what is best for the community. The cost of adding lights (or conduits for the lights) at a later time would have a greater financial impact as well as create a damaged playing surface on a project that has been so long in the making. Why not do what is best from the start? Lights are still off in the future, but make it possible for the lights to be added with the least amount of impact to the project itself.

My last comment is in regard to lights for the TC Williams football field. I would welcome lights for the football field should the City Council ever be allowed to consider that option. The residents behind TC Williams bought their property in full knowledge that it was next to an athletic field but their wealth has allowed them greater influence than other residents in the community. Why are these particular residents allowed to dictate the activities of a school and their athletic program? Why aren't they more supportive of the community in which they live? We should all be looking for ways to bring the community together in support of our students. Alexandria should be able to come up with a plan that will work for both the school and the residents, and it is time that those particular residents not dictate every action of the City Council regarding TC Williams building projects.

Thank you, and please say yes to the lights (conduits) for TC Williams High School Tennis Courts.

Susan Neilson

- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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Jackie Henderson

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Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 1:43 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43575: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Please vote tomorrow to support light in

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Request Details:

- Name: Jennifer Bright
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7036832340
- Email: jennbright1@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Please vote tomorrow to support light installation for the TC Williams tennis courts. To spend the money on the courts without maximizing their use is a waste of taxpayer dollars. Ensure that this resource is well used by the wider community.
- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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From: evanses@bellatlantic.net
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 1:47 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43576: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Sirs, Good afternoon, please sup

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Request Details:

- Name: Donald Evans
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-317-0085
- Email: evanses@bellatlantic.net
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Sirs,

Good afternoon, please support School Board Chair Karen Graf tomorrow when she approaches you about new tennis courts and lights for same at TC Williams High School.

Respectfully & Sincerely,

Donald E. Evans

Parent of a 4th Grader at Lyles-Crouch and formerly ranked #3 in the USTA Mid-Atlantic Section in 1993.

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To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43578: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council:

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Request Details:

- Name: John Zanone
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-209-2078
- Email: jay@essentialsearchpartners.com **Note:** This email address appears to be invalid.
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council:
As I lifelong Alexandrian and ACPS student, I want to express my support for the proposed tennis courts with lighting to be built as soon as possible at TCWHS.

This is long overdue and helps the new High School at TC remain a world class facility. Thanks!

John and Jennifer Zanone
304 S. Payne Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-209-2088

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Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 2:48 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43582: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Mayor Euille and Members of Council: At

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Request Details:

- Name: Carter Flemming
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-461-9099
- Email: carterflemming@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Euille and Members of Council: Attached please find a letter from the neighbors in the Chapel Hill and Seminary Civic areas regarding the proposal to amend Condition #85 to the DSUP for TC Williams High School. We hope you will take the time to read our letter and understand why we oppose allowing lighting on these courts. There was a reason why this prohibition was carefully negotiated in 2004, and it is as valid today as it was then. We assumed the City and school system was negotiating in good faith then and expected that the agreement would be respected and honored going forward. It appears that is not the case and we fail to see any valid justification for breaking our written agreement and trust. We look forward to discussing this with you at tomorrow's hearing. Thank you very much.
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/doc/e1bcc047-a934-4ae7-a366-215c19801c75>
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We, the undersigned residents of the neighborhoods adjacent to TC Williams High School, respectfully ask City Council to deny the proposed amendment, 2013-0014, to the DSUP to allow lighting on tennis courts on the TC Williams campus. We negotiated in good faith with the Alexandria school system in 2004 about issues of noise and lighting resulting from their desire to rebuild the high school on its very tight site in a residential area. The result of these discussions was Site Condition #85 that states, "no permanent lighting shall be installed at the School stadium or any other athletic fields, including the proposed new practice field." The proposed tennis courts sit on the exact location of that "new practice field" and, as such, are very specifically included in the lighting prohibition. The issue to us, therefore, is not about foot-candles or design changes for these lights. The issue is quite simply a matter of trust and respecting the reasons why this prohibition was codified when the new high school was built. Nothing has changed since that construction took place, which almost doubled the size of the school building and intensified use of the fields that ring the outer edges of the campus next to nearby neighborhoods. The proposed tennis courts sit on a field subject to the lighting prohibition and school officials were quite aware of this fact as they began planning for these courts, though some current School Board members now seem to question the existence of this written condition to the DSUP.

The TC Williams Community Advisory Committee (which was also established as part of the conditions to the DSUP in 2004) had two meetings with TC staff in 2012 when the proposal for 6 tennis courts was discussed. At both of these meetings, in response to questions about possible lighting of the courts, committee members were unequivocally told by the Athletic Director and the tennis coach that TC Williams did not plan to place lights on these tennis courts as they were NOT necessary for tennis team practices, matches, and tournaments. School officials stated they were aware of the prohibition against lights and would respect that. The Committee had no objections to the unlit tennis courts and expressed a preference for the King Street location.

It was, therefore, a shock to learn at the June 27, 2013 and subsequent September 23, 2013 Design Information Sessions for the Community that lights had been added to this project, despite the fact that school officials had made it clear to us that the tennis program did not need lights. At both of these meetings, residents asked to see the exact language being proposed and questioned why the school system was now seeking to undo the written agreement. We were told that the amendment language and staff report were not available and therefore no discussions could take place relating to those issues. Staff was only there to discuss the design elements of the project, not to discuss the SUP issues. Despite the objections to lights expressed at these meetings, there was no further communication from school or Planning staff to our neighborhoods about the intention to amend the SUP. So we were left to wait until November 22nd when the staff report was finally released to learn what the exact amendment language was and why this change was made against the wishes our neighborhoods. At the Planning Commission meeting on December 3rd, we learned from Mr. Finn, ACPS Director of Educational Facilities, that

conversations with the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities brought about this change because the Rec Department wanted to light these courts for public uses, despite the very clear written prohibition against lights on the TC Williams campus. Since the Rec Department was not the original DSUP applicant, they could not apply for this change, so they convinced the school system to change the proposal to include lights and seek to amend Condition #85.

If the Rec Department and the City want to provide 6 lit courts for the tennis team and the public, why was no consideration given to placing these courts within the Chinquapin Park boundaries where lighting is permitted instead of placing them in an area that violates the DSUP? The staff report indicates that the 4 lit courts in Chinquapin may be removed in order to build an Aquatics Center in that location. If the planning for Chinquapin Park is this far along, why didn't the Rec Department and the school system find a place for these courts in that new park design and go ahead with plans to construct those courts now in a location that is not subject to this lighting prohibition? In addition, the school is losing a practice field on its campus in order to construct these courts when other land in the park might have been used. It seems to us that no consideration was given to this agreement being in place or any desire to protect it by either the schools or the Rec Department. Since we had no conversations with either Planning or the school about this, we were never able to suggest alternatives for their consideration.

We question whether any studies have been done to demonstrate the need for additional lighted tennis courts, as existing nearby courts appear to be unused much of the time. If there is such a demonstrated need, we would suggest that the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities select an alternative location on the land it owns throughout the city that is not governed by a DSUP prohibition. In an era of tight budgets, it doesn't seem prudent for the school system to advocate spending several hundred thousands of dollars for lights that its team doesn't actually need to be successful.

We are aware that since the Planning Commission vote to deny the amendment for lights, efforts are being made to convince Council that these lights are now needed for school use. References have been about safety issues while students wait to be picked up from matches or try to finish long matches in waning light. We would like to respectfully remind Council that now these tennis courts will be located on the TC Williams campus. There will be no time-consuming travel to distant public courts so that matches that require 6 courts can be held. Students will walk out of the school and onto their own 6 courts. They will no longer lose educational time to be transported to off site courts for practices or home matches. Matches will not be split between two sites, as was necessary in the past. As the tennis coach and the Athletic Director stated to us, the tennis team does NOT require lights and to assert that now is simply not accurate. We note that only one other high school that TC Williams competes with has any lit tennis courts, so other school systems have not seen this as an obstacle to team practices and matches. The team will gain playing

time now with the construction of these on-campus courts and will be picked up after matches on their own well-lit school campus.

We believe the desire to modify Condition #85 in this one instance opens the door to others who will seek to light other areas of the TC Williams campus that will have significant and extremely adverse impacts on our homes and quality of life. The fair and reasonable agreement reached in 2004 recognized the need for permanent protection for our neighborhoods. There is simply no valid reason to break this agreement and make this substantive change to the DSUP. We therefore ask the City Council to uphold the decision made by the Planning Commission on December 3rd to uphold Condition #85 and deny the application for an amendment to allow lights on tennis courts at TC Williams. We fully support the construction of the 6 new unlit courts for the tennis team at TC Williams, which will be available for public use at times when the tennis team does not need them.

Frances Colbert Terrell, President Seminary Civic Association
1005 N. Quaker Lane

Calvin Terrell 1005 N. Quaker Lane

Frederick and Sharon Colbert 1009 N. Quaker Lane

Leigh Cahill 1015 N. Quaker Lane

John and Stacey Thomas 1016 Woods Avenue

Arminta Wood and Jason Wood 1021 N. Quaker Lane

Anthony Adams 3401 Woods Avenue

Judy Young-Smith 3419 Woods Avenue

Burnette and Rose Henry 1021 Woods Place

Adrienne Washington 3413 Woods Avenue

Lillian Patterson 1034 Woods Place

Frances Clayborne 1045 N. Quaker Lane

James and Carol Daniels 1001 N. Quaker Lane

Phyllis Burkes 1027 Woods Place

Michelle Hogan 1027 Woods Place

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Michael and Carter Flemming	1403 Bishop Lane
Plato and Ethel Cacheris	1319 Bishop Lane
Tom and Sally Guy Brown	1410 Bishop Lane
William and Mimi Goff	1313 Bishop Lane
Steve and Kathy Harkness	1307 Bishop Lane
David and Janice Curtin	1303 Bishop Lane
Kurt Johnson and Julie Okkema	1300 Bishop Lane
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Jackie Henderson

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- Phone Number: 703-338-1557
- Email: ginabaum@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

I am disappointed and dismayed by the Planning Commissions amendment to exclude lights on the proposed new TC tennis courts. Great lengths and measures were taken to neutralize any impact to the surrounding community. And in numerous community meetings there was no opposition. This is another example of a small vocal minority subversively working to sway planning commission members at a cost to students and the community at large.

Planning is erroneously interpreting an agreement to ban stadium lighting. We all know and are aware the agreement to ban lights at TC refers to the football field and to extrapolate this agreement beyond the football fields would set a new public policy essentially banning lights anywhere on TC. Moreover, there is no doubt it will be used as an example to exclude lights from other areas of the City.

In fact, it is further poor public policy when steps from TC the Chinquapin tennis courts are lighted. These lights at Chinquapin are closer to the neighborhood, at a higher in elevation and cause no concern to the community what so ever. I fail to understand any policy banning the TC court lights when they are located further from neighborhoods and at such a low elevation, they will be entirely blocked by TC's parking lot. Why would lights on our students tennis courts be any less valued than those steps away at Chinquapin?

We are not making land in this community. And to ensure we meet the growing recreational demands on City fields something has to be done to provide longer hours of recreation in the community. Without new land, there is only one way to meet current and future demands for recreation, and that is a public policy that supports lights on fields.

I urge you to take a first step in that direction and approve lights for the TC Tennis courts.

Many thanks,

Gina

- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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Jackie Henderson

From: rfdorman@aol.com
Sent: Monday, December 09, 2013 5:47 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43376: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council City Council Meeting Dec 14t, 2013 ...

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- Email: rfdorman@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: City Council Meeting Dec 14t, 2013 ...
Planning Commission #8 TC Williams Tennis Courts.

I support the Planning Commission recommendation for the addition of tennis courts as long as the lighting is NOT part of this SUP. I live directly across the street from where the courts are to be built. While I prefer the current practice field, I understand the need for the courts and support the school on building these courts. However, the addition of lights will have a negative impact on those who live across the street. If lighting is so imperative for the athletic fields, then all the fields at TCW should be lite. Light them all or none...

- Expected Response Date: Monday, December 16

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Jackie Henderson

From: Judy Noritake <jnoritake@nka-arch.com>
Sent: Monday, December 09, 2013 10:52 AM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Letter for Mayor and City Council
Attachments: Tennis Courts & Lights - DSUP CC.pdf

Jackie – can you please pass this letter on to the Mayor and City Council Members? Thank you very much.

Judy Noritake
Chair, Park & Recreation Commission
703-472-1520

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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS
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Park and Recreation Commission

December 9, 2013

Re: DSUP 13-014: To Allow Lighted Tennis Courts at TC Williams High School

Mayor William Euille
Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg
Councilman John Taylor Chapman
Councilman Timothy B. Lovain
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg
Councilman Justin M. Wilson

Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Park and Recreation Commission to express our support for the DSUP sought by the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) to construct six lighted tennis courts on ACPS property between the existing parking structure and King Street.

Staff from Planning and Zoning briefed the Park & Recreation Commission several times over the course of the project's development. In addition several of our members participated in public meetings on the tennis courts held by ACPS. We feel the project modifications incorporated in the final design presented adequately addresses concerns heard at these meetings from nearby property owners. These adjustments primarily address potential noise issues and light effects. The Park & Recreation Commission strongly supports the inclusion of lights with this project and feel it would be akin to constructing the Chinquapin pool a bit too short if they were not approved and constructed with this project. We will regret it when it is discovered the lack of lighting impacts the TC tennis program as well as broader community uses.

The concerns about noise and lights which inevitably accompanies recreational activities will always be voiced for new projects planned in the City. We must remember, however, that field and court lighting has come a very long way and that the new generation of lights here and in other recreational locations are designed to meet LEED green certification and "dark sky" standards. There is no longer light spillover into neighboring properties. For this project the height of the lights has been adjusted, landforms and landscaping have been designed to mitigate potential noise from competition.

This project needs the lights if the TC Williams team is to operate in a top tier tennis facility -- the goal of the ACPS Board and the parents of tennis team members. If lights are not included it will compromise practice and meets both early in the spring season and late in the fall. Examples of the impacts of no lights were given at the public meetings by parents who indicated they have been at meets when the competition was "called" short because of darkness.

In addition, any investment of money or scarce land that we, the citizens of Alexandria, make in recreational facilities whether primarily for ACPS use or City recreational uses, must try to assure that the investment addresses both needs. We do not have enough land or money to do otherwise. In considering this DSUP we need to look toward accommodating both current and future needs -- a future where we are rapidly adding more residents but not more large pieces of land that can be dedicated to active recreational uses. In summary, the Park & Recreation Commission fully supports this project to construct six competition tennis courts at TC Williams, *with the inclusion of lights*. We urge you to pass this DSUP.

With kind regard,

Judy R. Guse-Noritake, Chair
Park & Recreation Commission

Cc: Park & Recreation Commission

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Jackie Henderson

From: michaeljpowell@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 9:38 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43545: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council DSUP13-014 Re: T.C. William High School

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- Phone Number: 703-684-7016
- Email: michaeljpowell@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: DSUP13-014 Re: T.C. William High School Tennis Courts

Please consider amending to the original request, to include lighting to support our student-athletes and the community.

The plan includes targeted lighting, in an area abutting a well lit street - King St. and a large lighted commercial lot - Lindsey. Impact should be zero and the discussion should relate to the plan, with no consideration to concerns of other fields.

Thank you.
Michael Powell

- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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Jackie Henderson

From: dsimpson@simpsondev.com
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 9:58 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #43547: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor & Council Members, I fully su

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Request Details:

- Name: Don Simpson Jr.
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-299-0029
- Email: dsimpson@simpsondev.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor & Council Members, I fully support the School Board SUP to install Tennis courts with lights at TC williams High School,if you are going to install the courts the lights will allow the students, tennis team and citizens to maximize the use of the courts. There will be zero negative impact to the city, the school or to the surrounding business and few residences in the area. Every high schoool in the State of Virginia requires night time activities to allow all of the student athletes to participate in meaningful extra curricular activities, thank you for your consideration, sincerly Don Simpson jr, TCW class of 1978
- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 20

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