



## Goodman Athletic Complex Improvements to the EHS Athletic Field



### Why does EHS want to improve its field?

- Enhance recruitment efforts and build enrollment
- Address safety and liability issues associated with high school students carpooling one another to practices
- Foster school spirit, increase sports participation, and promote our values of Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership among students and parents
- Eliminate confusion, logistics and cost associated with finding and playing at alternative locations for competitive events
- Maximize the use of our own land while reducing annual rental costs
- Adhere to WIAA playoff hosting requirements
- Adhere to Conference same location/single night for home games requirement
- Continue to engage in community-building by allowing neighbors to use the track and field when EHS is not; welcome youth sports activities by others
- Exercise Edgewood's rights to use its land according to its needs, like all of the city high schools with the same zoning



## Goodman Athletic Complex Original Discussion and Edgewood Proposal to Neighborhoods

1. Met with Neighborhood Liaison Committee to share plans and details
2. Held two Listening Sessions with neighbors to explain our needs and to hear their concerns
  - a. Presented a need for 25-40 night events requiring lights and sound; 20-32 of the events would have lights out by 9:00pm and 5-8 would have lights out by 10:00pm
  - b. Five concerns were expressed at the Listening Sessions: traffic, parking, usage, sound and lights, with lights being expressed as the primary concern
3. Worked with City and engineers to address all five concerns and provide solutions that would meet or exceed City standards or ordinances
4. Submitted amendment in November 2018 that included:



- a. Permanent structure with 1,200 seats to meet WIAA requirements for playoff games
- b. Four 80' light poles equipped with darksky compliant and zero lot spill LED technology, exceeding City lighting requirements
- c. Custom-designed directional amplified sound system focused towards the stands, not the field
- d. Equipment storage, concessions, ticket booth, and ADA accessible ramp
- e. Parking needs accommodated with existing 560 spaces

4. Neighborhood reaction to the proposal was a mixture of support and opposition
5. Media attention, misinformation insufficient dialogue and multiple neighborhood representation made collaboration difficult
6. Neighbors raised additional concerns about impact on the Arboretum and Zoo; an environmental impact study concluded there were no issues
7. Edgewood offered to reduce the number of games from 40 to 24; 18 of the games would have average attendance of 150 and lights out by 8:30pm; the remaining 5-6 games would have average attendance of 500 and lights out by 10:00pm
8. Edgewood agreed not to offer concerts and would not rent out its field for night events



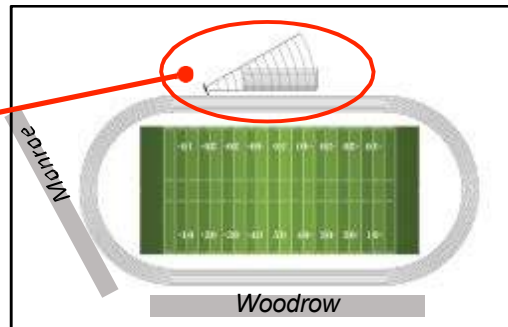
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### Revised Plan for Improvements Outside of Master Plan Amendment Process

1. In January 2019, Edgewood hired a new attorney who, in working with the City, determined that additional temporary seating and new lighting and sound systems do not require amendments to the master plan.



2. The EHS Board of Trustees voted to table the Master Plan amendment to build permanent stands, equipment storage, team rooms, concessions and ticket booth
3. Instead, the following improvements would be made:
  - a. Expand bleachers to 1,200 seats to meet WIAA requirements for playoff games
  - b. Install City-compliant lights
  - c. Install directional amplified sound system focused towards the stands, not the field
  - d. Continue using porta potties, setting up tables/chairs for ticket sales and concessions, and storing equipment on the field



4. Edgewood filed for a lighting permit in March; one was granted, but put on review days later based on the opinion of the City zoning director
5. Edgewood was also told that games could not be held on the field due to a restriction in the Master Plan; EHS and its attorney disagree with that interpretation, and games continue to be played and discussions are ongoing regarding the use of the field and the installation of lights
6. Edgewood and neighborhood representatives have formed a new collaborative working group (CWG) that meets weekly



## Goodman Athletic Complex Questions from CWG Members

### Miscellaneous

1. Please describe in detail what the “confusion associated with finding alternative locations for competitive events” entails.
2. Have alternative safer modes of transport been considered or implemented for transporting players to practices, for example using buses?
3. The Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association has enjoyed the spirit of collaboration that allowed for them to support the last 15 building projects on the Edgewood campus. Is the high school aware that this is the first time in 24 years in which support for a proposal has been withheld from Dudgeon-Monroe?
4. What are your enrollment figures looking like for fall 2019?
5. A Monroe St resident measured crowd noise generated by 50 fans at a soccer game with no band or sound system at 68 dB, which exceeds the city noise ordinance. Larger crowds have measured sustained noise levels over 70 dB, with peaks well over 80dB inside houses. In January 2019, EHS's own sound consultant, Talaske and TLC, reported that a stadium at this location would generate sound levels on neighboring properties that would exceed the City's legal limits.
6. Sound disruption and crowd noise is the #1 concern of the neighborhood. Why does this newest proposal not address the issue?
7. If you lived on Terry Place, West Lawn, Leonard, Woodrow or Monroe, and had young children that needed to be put to bed by 7-8 PM, how would you do that when a football game was slated to last until 10 or 11 PM?

*For example, EHS held “home games” on four different fields last football season. Other sports also played at multiple venues. It is time consuming and expensive to search for fields that are available for us to host home games after public schools have had their choices honored and for attendees to anticipate locations.*

*Yes, but all proved too expensive.*

*The last building construction project the high school did prior to the Performing Arts Center was in 1997.*

*At present, we anticipate 525 students.*

*We hired professionals with high-end equipment to monitor sound. They are well respected for their work and accuracy. We stand by their numbers.*

*EHS's proposed approach for sound amplification is unchanged from the Master Plan amendment process because it meets or exceeds City requirements.*