

From: [Brittany Seidensticker](#)
To: [Anthony Suber](#)
Subject: Regarding Public Hearing this evening
Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 5:05:57 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to note my disagreement with the request for the special event permit for Sacred Heart School allowing them to utilize temporary lighting during the week. With the sun setting early, this will create excessive hours of added light pollution in a residential area. As someone who lives in very close proximity to the school I am concerned that having bright lights for multiple hours in the evening every single day will create excessive light shining at or into my house and disrupting our lives. If it was only for an hour or so a day in the earlier evening or only for a week or two it would be different, but this request is for 3 hours of what will be darkness every night of the week for three months. It is an unreasonable request and places a burden on the surrounding neighborhood. It encroaches on our rights to quiet enjoyment and has the potential to decrease property values, especially for those homes in close proximity. For these reasons I think that the proposal should be denied or at the very least significantly limited.

Thank you,

Brittany

From: [John Knoll](#)
To: [Anthony Suber](#)
Subject: email in support of the request for both high schools to use lights temporarily on athletic fields
Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:18:03 AM

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Hi Anthony this is John Knoll from [REDACTED]. I look forward to joining the mtg today via zoom but i did want to submit a formal letter of support for Menlo School and Sacred Heart to be allowed to use athletic field lights on a temporary basis to facilitate some degree of physical exercise, mental relief, and socially distanced togetherness for our kids in a safe manner during this unprecedented time. We all know the toll this virus and the actions taken to combat have taken on our kids, especially those in high school that really have not had the opportunity for any in person schooling, community, or interaction. In the last 8 months we have come to realize that none of us really has any control of our situation except for our small actions, but collectively those small actions can make an enormous difference. I view this issue of temporary lights similarly - it is not a Herculean ask but instead a gesture of empathy and kindness that the Atherton community can make on behalf of its schools, students, and community. The trickle-down effect of more engaged, physically active, and socially integrated (albeit safely) kids will manifest itself in happier households, relieved parents, and general community goodwill.

I realize there may be those who believe this ask is far from small. Nevertheless I ask the board to consider the fact that in a world where it seems impossible to get everyone to agree on anything, the community benefit here far outweighs any individually oriented concerns. Our students, our families, and our broader school communities would be forever grateful.

Look forward to the meeting today.

Thank you!

John Knoll
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Elizabeth and Bruce	Dunlevie	
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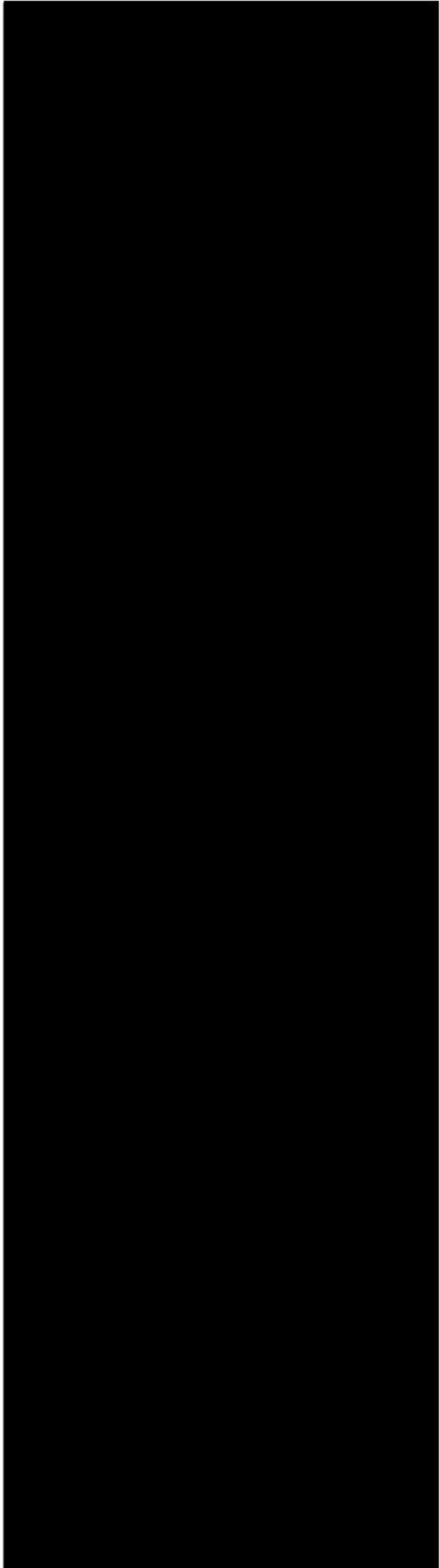
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Christine	Tanona
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Kevin	Taweel
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Jason	White
Kathy and Joseph	Yaffe



Resident Support for SHP Lighting Proposal

Comments

SHS has been a great neighbor and now is our turn to support the families of this community.

We support the use of outdoor lights. Thank you!

Kids need the interaction.

This seems very reasonable and a great way to support the kids

Very much support!

We strongly support providing extended outdoor hours for kids. This is a smart, healthy move as we continue to navigate challenges this winter.

The COVID pandemic is requiring sacrifice of all of us. As a resident of Atherton,

I support extending a helping hand to Sacred Heart Prep as they help their students get back to their activities as safely as possible.

Given our current situation, I hope that this is an easy request to approve.

Great idea!

We whole heartedly support the lights for wellbeing of all Sacred Heart students! This will be a big help for so many getting impacted by the pandemic.

Yes please!

A great idea to help keep our campus safe and students/staff healthy! Fully supportive of it.

I support lights in the evening.

It is important for the children in the community to be able to gather safely outdoors with other children their age.

We are close neighbors to the school, just around the corner on Britton, and we are highly supportive of this endeavor.

We are very appreciative of the effort Sacred Heart is doing allowing children to participate in outdoor activities after their academic day.

These after school offerings are so important to the health and well being of our kids.

During these unprecedented times, we hope the Town of Atherton will also be a good neighbor and help the Sacred Heart students during their time of need.

We hope our broader community will agree and lend support to our children. Please let us know how we can help!

Sacred Heart has been a good neighbor to the Atherton community over the years.

Great idea, hoping our community supports this request!

The lights would go a long way to ensure kids are staying outdoors and improving health as much as possible. We are 100% supportive.

Great idea!

I support the use of outdoor lights on SHS Atherton Campus.

Fully support!

Thank you, SHP, for keeping our students active during this stressful time!

Let's get our kids back at school and keep them socially distanced and safe. Thank you.

I am in Atherton and can't imagine how this could negatively impact anyone over there. It might make the walks along the street there safer for all

We appreciate the Town's support of the health of our children.

I would be supportive of this becoming a permanent change

Resident Support for SHP Lighting Proposal

Comments

Children and teens are suffering greatly due to the response of the pandemic. The least we can do is offer them an opportunity for outdoor, healthy activity.

I support this!

This is a terrific idea! It's so important to have kids playing outside.

I, Mike Murphy, 100% support the Sacred Heart lighting proposal. It's the least we can do for these kids to help bring some normalcy back into their lives.

Please keep students healthy and safe Thank you Hans Plesman and Samira Nawas

Please help give Sacred Heart students a more robust academic experience this year by allowing lights on the field for the limited time of 3 months. Thank you!

I am hopeful the city can be accommodating during this unique circumstances

Anything we can do to make the local schools deal with this crazy situation, especially short term, we should do.

Supporting children & their mental health should be a top priority at this time!

Very supportive! The students need to be able to return to playing sports!

This is such a great idea and these kids desperately need the after school programming for mental health reasons. Please please approve

I think the children should have any benefits we can give them through this time.

As we approach winter and the daylight becomes shorter, these lights can help our school and kids on campus activities.

I support this!!

I think it's really important to be able to install outdoor lights for outdoor classrooms on the SHP campus.

It's of utmost importance for the students on several different levels.

his is important so they don't fall more behind academically, it's important for their socialization

it will provide students with much needed structure/routine and more of a sense of "normalcy" in what has otherwise been a very disruptive year

As an Atherton resident and a parent of an SHP student, I am asking for your support on this very important issue. Thank you in advance for your support!

This is important for the mental health of students at Sacred Heart!

good idea for the students

I am fully supportive of this temporary measure to give the kids an opportunity to interact, exercise, and practice in a safe and effective manner.

Our kids desperately need to have ways to interact and learn together in person right now.

Thank you... having kids on campus is amazing. Thank you for your efforts.

Yes please allow the lights and everything to make it easier for kids to get back on campus

Happy to support this for our kids!

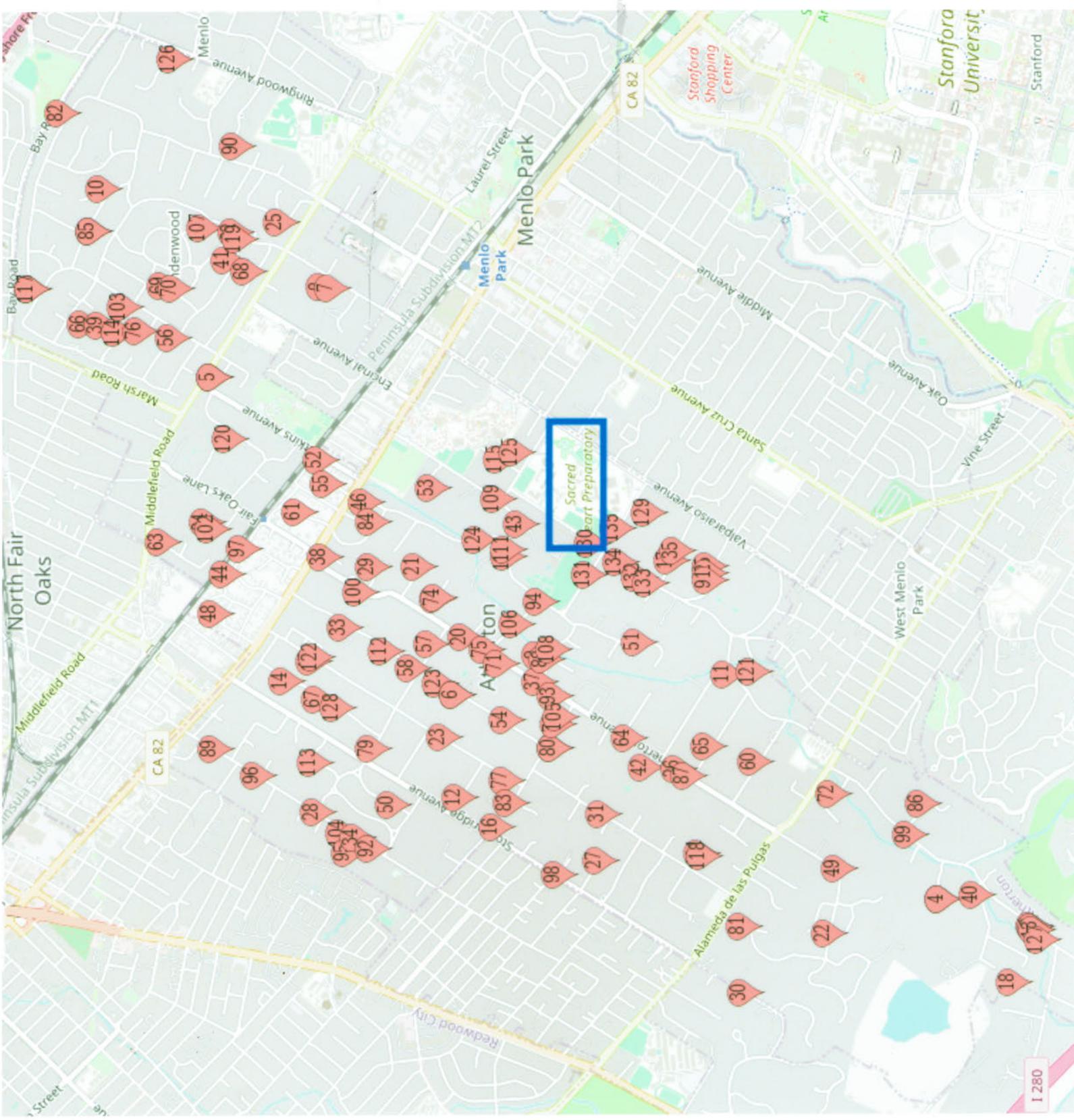
We are all in this together!

What a great way to help keep students connected and healthy.

Sacred Heart has 63 acres of outdoor space to make this happen for its students.

This request is an absolute must! I am in full support of this.

Allowing Sacred Heart to use outdoor lights so they can provide NEEDED programming for kids seems like an EASY decision.



From: [Byron Deeter](#)
To: [Anthony Suber](#)
Cc: [Allison Deeter](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: Atherton residents in support of temporary use of lights for Sacred Heart and Menlo Schools
Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 2:51:33 PM

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Esteemed members of the Atherton Town Council –

2020 has been rough on everyone. The world is collectively facing a health crisis, an economic crisis, and a related social crisis. The effects on adults and families are obvious on the nightly news, but it's likely the impact on our students will likely take years to fully understand. **As members of the Atherton community and immediate neighbors to both Sacred Heart Prep and Menlo School, we are writing in enthusiastic support of the request to provide temporary lights for student athletic activities to help these students have a small slice of “normal” back in their lives.**

One of the silver linings of this challenging year has been the outpouring of support and human kindness: We have seen communities respond in really powerful ways. Streets are partially closed to cars to allow local restaurants to facilitate safe outdoor seating, the sidewalks are expanded for local gyms and hair salons to allow outdoor services, and many facilities have been redirected to support local causes.

By simply allowing the temporary use of lights for athletics, we have a wonderful opportunity to provide a very positive benefit for our local students in these tough times, with very little adverse impact and no cost to the town. The lights would be turned off early in the evening so the incremental light or noise would mainly be in “business” hours. Besides, children playing outside are happy noises and always welcome. We knew we were moving next to two schools when selecting our home years ago, and continue to view the presence of kids as a feature not a bug.

Hybrid school is much harder on everyone involved, and at best represents “all of the work” and “little of the fun” for the students. These kids have seen many of the defining moments of school cancelled in rapid succession – including prom, homecoming, theater productions, and numerous welcome and social events. For mental and physical health, one steady directive is clear in these tough times: get outside and move around. We can facilitate this in a safe and social way.

This is our chance to inject a little bit of happy back into the daily lives of our Atherton youth through athletics. Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity, and for your service for our town!

Happy Holidays,
Byron & Alli Deeter
[REDACTED]

[Byron B. Deeter](#)

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From: [Elizabeth Daschbach](#)
To: [Anthony Suber](#)
Subject: Temporary Lights on the fields at SHP & Menlo
Date: Monday, November 30, 2020 2:03:06 PM

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To the Atherton Town Council--

We are writing to you as lifelong residents of Atherton regarding the proposal of temporary lights at both Sacred Heart Prep and Menlo School.

The COVID pandemic has had a tremendous impact on everyone. One way I think we can help our young teens is to give permission for the schools to have lights in the evening on their large open fields so the kids can have some sort of opportunity for physical activity and socializing in a responsible distanced way. I don't see this as having any negative impact on anyone, and it would certainly help the parents, students and teachers in these difficult times.

Liz and Mark Daschbach



Ms. Lisa Costa Sanders
November 25, 2020
Town Planner
Town of Atherton
Town Administrative Offices
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Atherton, California 94027

Dear Ms. Sanders,

My wife and I have been residents of 1 Brittany Meadows since it was built in 1991. We have had a long relationship with the high school having had multiple children matriculate there. I have a particularly good relationship with Than Healy who really goes out of his way to try to be a good neighbor. He cannot unfortunately impact the college which is a separate entity.

Several years ago Sacred Heart High School asked for a special use permit to have homecoming under the lights. I opposed the permit on the grounds that it would set a precedent. I was assured by Mr. George Rodericks that it would never be used in that manner. Imagine my surprise when Mr. Rodericks used the prior nighttime field lighting by Sacred Heart as a justification for Menlo School being granted a conditional use permit to use lights for their homecoming football game. We were also told that the request for lights would be a one time request. At that meeting, Mr. DeGolia and Ms. Lewis voted in favor of the lights but expressed concerns about the impact on the neighbors. My point is that Mr. Rodericks who has always been fair and honest to the neighbors forgot his promise. Clearly, there is no malice intended but it just goes to show that if it is said that this does not set a precedent, that in reality it does.

This certainly impacts the Thesings and Rosenbergs with increased noise. But the King family who live adjacent to the fence will be impacted the most. We all want the highest quality of life possible as neighbors and while Mr., Healy wants the same, he also wants what he feels is best for his student body.

If the council should decide in favor of granting the conditional use permits, whistles should be outlawed and the noise ordinance should be enforced. Night noise without daytime ambient background noise has the greatest impact. As Mr. Healy has stated, Wunderlich will only be lighted as a last resort if at all. There still remain neighbor issues with the field which hopefully can be addressed to everyone's satisfaction in the future.

Sincerely,
Stuart and Debbie Rosenberg