

Good Neighbor Program May 4, 2021 Meeting Notes

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Meeting held via Zoom

Staff Members Present: Fr. John McGarry, S.J. (President), La Roddric Theodule (Assistant Principal, Dean of Students), Anne Long (CFO), Elizabeth Sands (Director of Marketing and Communications), Ginny Clemmens (Marketing and Communications) Gerry Lane (Campus Safety Director), Maureen Longyear (Vice President for Advancement), Hank Weinberger (Athletic Director)

Board Members Present: Julie Nauman, Board Chair; Pete Deterding, Jim Donahue, Mitch Zak, Trustees

Neighbors Present: Ms. Elizabeth Hughes, Mr. Gaylord Moulds, Mr. Jim Doherty, Mr. Tim Riordan, Ms. Jennifer Hall, Mr. Joe Selewicz, Ms. Bridget Pittman and Mr. Bruce Pittman, Mr. Jesus Arredondo, Mr. Glen McWilliams, Ms. Barbara Dugal, Ms. Maral Hannenian, Ms. Maryam Smitheman and Mr. Michael Smitheman, Mr. Glen Seitz

Guests: Dr. Brandee Waite, UC Davis School of Medicine; Mr. Chandler Hancock, Techline Sports Lighting; Jake Hall, Jesuit High School Student Body Vice President

Rev. John McGarry, S.J., welcomed everyone to the meeting, affirmed Jesuit High School's commitment to be a good neighbor and opened the meeting with a prayer. He then asked that those participating to introduce himself or herself. Following the introductions, Jake Hall spoke to the neighbors, expressing his thanks for being at a school that cares about the students and one that has worked hard to provide activities for the students during a very difficult year. Having even a few senior events has helped to make the graduates feel cared for and provided a bit of normalcy in an otherwise abnormal year.

Mr. Theodule then provided information to the neighbors about the plans for Baccalaureate and Graduation events on our campus for both Jesuit and St. Francis High School. The events will take place on the evenings of May 19 and 20 for St. Francis and on May 21 and 22 for Jesuit. Jesuit has restricted the number of guests allowed to attend, per the County Guidelines for these types of gatherings. The lighting for the event will be the same as was used during the "Friday Night Lights" football game several years ago. The events should conclude by 9:00 p.m. each night.

Mr. Zak began a presentation about Jesuit's plans to explore installing permanent stadium lighting and the reasons for these plans.

Following is a summary of the primary points of the presentation:

- Dr. Brandee Waite from the UC Davis School of Medicine and Medical Director of UC Davis Health Sports Medicine shared with the neighbors the health risks that Jesuit athletes, coaches, and spectators face in the stadium due to the extreme heat Sacramento experiences in the late summer and fall when football practices and games are held. Serious, even life-threatening heat-related health conditions can affect anyone, whether they are an active participant on the field or are sitting in the stands where there is no shade. Preventing these conditions by playing after sunset is the best way to mitigate health concerns. A photo, taken on May 4, showed the difference between the air temperature for

Carmichael and the temperature radiating from the turf. The weather forecast indicated a current temperature of 90 degrees, while the heat from the turf registered at 160 degrees.

- Mr. Chandler Hancock of Techline Sports Lighting explained their company's experience in installing lighting systems that are respectful of the surrounding neighbors and the community in general. He provided visual representations of the scope of the lighting that they would recommend for Jesuit High School. The engineering study for Jesuit's proposed lighting indicates there will be no light "trespass" outside of the stadium.
- Mr. Mitch Zak, Trustee, reminded those who were in the Zoom meeting that there has been no formal application made to the county at this time. These meetings are intended as listening sessions. The County Planning Commission will make sure that Jesuit has sought the input of the neighbors before any permit may be pursued.
- Ms. Julie Nauman, Board Chair, explained the process for obtaining an amendment to Jesuit's Use Permit from the County. She noted that this is a lengthy process and is likely to require Lighting, Traffic and Noise studies to be completed before any action would be taken. Carmichael and Arden also have Community Planning Advisory Councils that will review the proposed Use Permit amendment and make recommendations to the County Planning Commission. Jesuit will comply with any and all County Land Use and Zoning requirements, including full compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The county will also notify the neighbors of Public Hearings, and neighbors are encouraged to take part in those. Further, if any significant impacts to the neighborhood by the project are identified, they must be analyzed and then mitigated to a level that is "less than significant" or the project cannot be moved ahead.

Questions from attendees:

How many events other than football will utilize the stadium and the lights?

The Use Permit, if granted, will specify the number and duration of events that utilize the stadium lights.

Will the school agree to abide by a maximum volume control for the speakers?

Fr. McGarry reminded the neighbors that the speakers in the stadium were moved two years ago at their request. The Use Permit will determine the parameters for the speakers' use and the school will comply.

If the lighting is installed, will it assist the school in spacing out the numbers of sports being played simultaneously and potentially reduce the noise and traffic?

Mr. Weinberger stated that having the lights will allow field sports—football, rugby, track and field, and lacrosse-- to have fewer instances of overlap and this is expected to result in less traffic and noise.

Will the stadium lighting be rented out to outside entities?

Fr. McGarry stated that as a nonprofit, we cannot rent out our facilities. Mrs. Long, Jesuit's CFO, affirmed this.

There will be noise, trash, vandalism and traffic problems affecting the neighborhood if this Permit goes through. What will the school do about this?

The County will require that Jesuit complete studies on the issues of traffic and noise that would arise from the installation of permanent lighting, and would require mitigation of any of those issues found to have a significant impact on the neighborhood.

Comments:

Mr. Arredondo spoke about the procedure that is mandated by the County for amendment of Use Permits. He noted that it is a lengthy and exhaustive process and may take several years for Jesuit to get through, with no guarantee of success. He asked Mr. Hancock, the Techline Representative, if his company had other lighting installations locally that neighbors could visit to see for themselves. Mr. Hancock referred him to their website where a portfolio of their work is available. Mr. Arredondo further commented regarding noise from the school. He reminded the neighbors that sound is variable by the speed and direction of the wind, and no one is able to control that.

Ms. Hall shared that she is fully supportive of stadium lighting, and asked that the neighbors be open to the process and provide constructive feedback.

Mr. Riordan stated that he understood that living near a school comes with some level of noise and traffic, and noted that the school was operating in this neighborhood long before homes were built.

Glen Seitz stated that he supports having a few games per year in the stadium but would be attentive to any issues of trash, noise, or vandalism encroaching on his neighborhood.

Concluding Remarks:**Jake Hall, Student Body Vice President**

Jake thanked the neighbors for their participation and asked that they think back to their own high school experiences of athletics and other activities. The installation of lights would allow for a safer season for football players, coaches and spectators, as well as others who compete in sports in the early fall and late spring in the stadium.

Rev. John McGarry

Fr. McGarry also thanked the neighbors for attending the meeting and assured them that the school will be respectful and transparent in its process for a permit application for lighting.