

Wolters Field Advisory Group Meeting
Wednesday, August 16, 2012
Minutes
Revised – 9/18/12

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Present – Brad Swanson, Paul Shafer, David Greenberg, Anne Helander, Kelly Schuler, Matt Castle, Nanette Goltz

Not Present – Marjie Sandlow, Jim Kirsch, Mike Muldrow, Jim Kirsch

No Longer a Member – Mary Anderson

Community Member Present – John Helander

II. Approval of 5/3/12 Minutes:

The group reviewed the minutes from the meeting on 5/3/12. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Paul. David seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a vote of 6-0 (Nanette showed up after the approval).

III. 2012-13 Fall Event Schedule:

Matt informs the committee that the athletic department has changed scheduling programs and currently the light schedule for 2012-2013 only contains the Fall sports season. The committee is informed that the Spring lighted events will be added soon and that the light schedule is still posted on the athletic website.

Brad explains that the school is still scheduling with the same parameters and guidelines with the lighting ordinance, as the proposal for changes have not made it to the city council.

David brings up the subject of teams practicing on the turf starting at 6 AM and the whistles can be heard by neighbors. David states that the neighbors have brought it to his attention. Anne makes a comment about a football game scheduled to start at 8 AM on September 8. Brad informs the committee that early morning practices are in place to help the athletes so they don't have to practice in the extreme heat of the afternoon, and we will reinforce to the coaches about early morning whistle blowing protocols.

David states that parking is still an issue on the neighborhood streets. Paul comments that no new parking recommendations have been brought forward to city council. David believes that the athletes practicing at Wolters field are parking on the side streets and Paul reinforces that it is legal to park on those streets as long you aren't blocking a driveway. David would like the school's help with deterring the athletes' parking on the neighborhood streets. Brad states that if there is a concern and the neighbors bring it to the attention of the school, it will be addressed.

IV. Old Business

A. Light/Sound Checks

1. Proposed Sound Check

- a. Soccer – 9/13/12 (game rescheduled for 9/8/12)**
- b. Football – 9/28/12:**

Brad informs the group that the sound checks will take place and asks if there are any concerns with the dates. There are no concerns with the dates. Anne wants to know who is going to do the check and Matt informs the group that it is Practical AV Solutions, the group that Anne recommended.

The committee wants to know the logistics of the checks, like: 1) how far out in the neighborhood they sound checkers will be, 2) the locations for the sound checkers, and 3) number of times during the events the sound will be checked. Brad informs the group that we don't have all the details, but will look into bringing in an expert to share the results and the interpretations of the results to the committee.

The question is asked to what are we going to do with the results. One member asked since it's a football field, are we going to discourage fans from cheering? Another committee member responded that you can't control how loud the crowd is, but we can control the mechanisms (i.e. PA system, music, drums, etc...).

2. Proposed Light Spillage Check

- a. Football – 10/5/12:**

The committee wants to know who the contractor is for the light spillage check and Matt states it's Musco Lighting, also suggested by Anne. Anne states that the ordinance for special use Ex B has a lot of good information.

B. Light Ordinance Proposal:

Brad reviews what the lighting proposal is (references page 3 of the annual report to the city council) and informs the group that it hasn't gone in front of the city council yet. The committee wants clarification on the 8 football games and the 10:30 PM slots. Brad informs the group that the 8 home football games have built in for play-off games and if we don't use them, they would move to the 9:30 PM time slots.

C. Parking Issues:

Kelly talked about where visiting teams' busses park at Wolters and suggested that we try to utilize the country club for bus parking.

V. New Business

A. The committee is made aware of the vandalism to the Andean Place fence. The neighbors on the committee were surprised and didn't realize it was gone. The fence was cut by someone so they could climb through it, and the district removed the cut fence. The district will replace the fence from the recommendation of legal counsel.

The committee wants to know: 1) will the insurance company reassess know that the curb has been cut and 2) will there be access in the new fence? The question is raised on how an ambulance gains access to the back fields of Wolters. Paul says that the ambulance would roll on the field in an emergency. The conversation then shifts to Centerfield and the large gap in the Centerfield fence.

Kelly states that it's not the players parking in the neighborhood, but most are parents on the other teams. Paul says most ticketed people reside in Highland Park. The question is posed to why the neighbors want access to the field and the neighbors say they want to use the facilities or cut through to go to Target. Paul states that the fence caused some negative feelings as the neighbors felt that a barrier set between the District and the neighbors.

Brad will look into the plans for the new fence. The committee wants the new fence to be less "unfriendly". David suggests dirt could be dumped and smoothed out at the end of Andean Place. Kelly says that

this is a tough issue, because parents like to use the areas for drop-offs. Paul says we want to discourage traffic on the side streets. Anne states that we should go back to the old days, having access but not making it more inviting and she doesn't want to see anyone getting hurt. The committee commented that the weather siren at Wolters seems quieter now. The neighbors don't want the fence closure at the end of Andean. The neighbors on Andean want the same access as all the other streets on the field.

VI. Annual Report to City Council:

The group reviewed the annual report. The committee applauded the districts efforts to conduct the sound checks, with the help of the city in sharing the cost, but request that the school post the contracts and specs on-line.

VII. 2012-13 Meeting Dates

- A. Thursday, November 1 – 7:00PM**
- B. Thursday, May 2 – 5:00PM**

The committee reviews the meeting dates for the school year. There is discussion on why the meeting times aren't consistent. Anne has motioned to change all meetings to 6 PM. David seconded the motion and the vote to change all future meetings to 6 PM was approved 7-0.

VIII. Round Table:

The committee asks if there is a conflict of interest for a community member/district employee being on the committee. Paul says there is nothing that says this can't happen.

Call to adjourn by Brad, seconded by Matt. Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.