

Wolters Field Advisory Group Meeting
Thursday, August 11, 2005
Minutes

- I. Welcome and Introduction** – The following Advisory members were present: Athletic Director Andy Butler, Police Chief Paul Shafer, Councilman Larry Silberman, Public Works Director Mary Anderson, District 113 Assistant Superintendent Barry Bolek, District 113 School Board Member Jeff Annenberg, and Community Representatives Jim Gaylord and Kevin Fassett. Highland Park Principal Jack Lorenz and community members Jeff Goldtz and David Greenberg were also present.
- II. 2005-2006 Event Schedule** – The 2005-2006 light schedule was distributed. There were no changes or updates since the May meeting.
- III. Amendment Process** – Andy Butler explained to the group the timeline and the process of amending the special use permit. The pre-application hearing for the plan commission is tentatively scheduled for September 6th.
- IV. Landscape/Fence/Event # Response** – The survey responses from the Wolters Field Neighbors were reviewed. There were 14 responses. The voting was 10-3-1 in favor of the fence over landscaping and 3-9-2 against the proposed event increase. Pictures of the proposed fence/landscape area were also reviewed. After discussion Mary Anderson suggested to give the 8 homes bordering Athletic Drive a choice of fence, landscaping, or nothing along their property. The group agreed that this was the best solution to the issue. Andy Butler will contact those neighbors affected and new architectural plans will be developed.
The school would like to increase from 25 lighted events to 35 lighted events. The advisory group proposed the following guidelines on the additional 10 events; the contest is during the months of October, March, and April, the contest started in daylight, the lights are needed to finish the contest safely, and the lights would be turned off by 7PM. The school can work with these guidelines.
- V. Bus parking** – The group discussed the issue of parking busses. The group decided that the most economical and least disturbing option regarding the busses is to park the fleet on the grassy area North of the Football field and East of Administration Building. The busses would not be allowed to back when parking after the game to eliminate the loud beeping noise.
- VI. Annual Report to City Council** – The annual report was reviewed by the group. The only revision is that no parking signs will be in place permanently on Centerfield, Cherry, Andean, and Sandwick.

VII. Communication – All information regarding the Wolters Field Advisory Group will be available on-line at www.dist113/HPHS. Andy Butler will look into the possibility of linking the website with the City of Highland Park website and including the lighted event schedule in the Highlander. Jim Gaylord will post the lighted event schedule on the Brook Estates bulletin boards.

VIII. 2005-2006 Meeting Dates

Thursday, November 10 – 7PM

Thursday, February 9 – 7PM

Thursday, May 11 – 7PM

IX. Round Table

Andy Butler stated that the gates to Wolters Field have been locked recently due to neighbors walking their dogs on the game field and failing to clean up their dog's droppings.

Jeff Goldtz suggested that Camp Cuamba relocate their portable bathrooms due to the proximity to the neighboring homes. Also, he suggested an alternative drop off and pick plan for Camp Cuamba.