

Watson, David F. - PDR

From: Jennifer Mullen <JMullen@rothjackson.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Addison, Andreas D. - City Council; Wagner, Daniel M. - City Council Office
Cc: Watson, David F. - PDR; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR; Saunders, Richard L. - PDR; 'Cristi Head'
Subject: FW: Neighbor Support for Campus Lighting Project

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Good afternoon – please see an email below from the Heads (Cristi Head is copied here) and add it to the SUP file for St. Christopher’s School.

Thank you in advance,
Jennifer

On Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 10:46 AM Cristi Head <cristihead@gmail.com> wrote:

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We believe this lighting project is good for the students and good for the neighborhood, and we trust the school to execute it well.

Thank you,
Cristi and Jamie Head

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From: Bruce Tyler <BTyler@baskervill.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Addison, Andreas D. - City Council
Cc: Wagner, Daniel M. - City Council Office; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR; Watson, David F. - PDR
Subject: Special Use Permit for St. Christopher's School

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Dear Andreas:

As a current and a twenty-one year resident at 611 St. Christopher's Road, I support the proposed special use permit for the lighting of the athletic fields for use by St. Christopher's School. The limits the school has set for use of lights and activities will have minimum impact on the community and allow for the school to continue to develop, educate, and prepare their students for their life journeys.

In closing, both as a resident and former Councilman, I have witnessed on numerous occasions St. Christopher's School meet and exceed the commitments they have made to this neighborhood. I am thankful to have St. Christopher's as a neighbor.

Bruce Tyler, AIA , LEED AP

Principal Emeritus

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From: Charles Hudson <hudsonc24@stcva.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:05 PM
To: Addison, Andreas D. - City Council
Cc: Watson, David F. - PDR; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR; Wagner, Daniel M. - City Council Office
Subject: St. Christopher's School field lights

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Good evening,

My name is Charlie Hudson and I'm a 10th grader at St. Christopher's School. I live at 714 St. Christopher's Road, which is across the street from the soccer and baseball fields. I'm writing in support of the proposed field lights on campus. The lights will promote more attendance at sporting events at St. Christopher's and allow for later games which would be enjoyed by all that attend. As well, student morale could greatly be increased for both athletes and spectators by being able to enjoy more games later (as the night games would allow for spectators to watch after their normal practice). I hope you will consider this proposal and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Charlie Hudson
St. Christopher's '24

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From: John Leitch <John.Leitch@harrison-bates.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 9:55 AM
To: Addison, Andreas D. - City Council
Cc: Wagner, Daniel M. - City Council Office; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR; Watson, David F. - PDR
Subject: St. Christopher's School Field lighting proposal

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Andreas,

My wife and I live at 702 St. Christopher's Road. We are literally a few feet from the school campus. We have no direct ties to the school as we both attended public schools and our children did not attend St. Christopher's.

We are in full support of the school lighting the fields. We are excited about being able to attend nighttime sporting events.

I attended a neighborhood meeting on this topic hosted by the school. The school made a very good presentation assuring neighbors of any concerns they might have.

Again, we are in full support of this and hope the City will approve the school's request.

John Leitch

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Gregory Glatt III
812 St. Christopher's Road
Richmond, VA. 23226

November 1, 2021

Andreas Addison
P.O. Box 7359
Richmond, VA 23221

Dear Mr. Addison,

Since 2017, our family has lived on St. Christopher's Road, across from St. Christopher's School. We have enjoyed being a part of the neighborhood and part of the vibrant and inclusive school community, having watched our son thrive as a student there over the past four years. Whether playing on the fields with friends on the weekends or cheering on the Saints at a home football game, our son has experienced the contagious school spirit that deepens meaningful relationships with his peers, teachers, and neighborhood friends.

We write to you today in support of St. Christopher's project to install field lights on the Knowles, Jacobs, and Massey fields. Having these lights would allow the school to meet the growing demands of the athletic program and accommodate all student teams who wish to use the school's fields. In addition to the practical scheduling needs, these lights would further boost school spirit and promote inclusivity in the community at large. We believe that the excitement of evening games along with fewer work conflicts at a later hour would draw more families from the school and neighborhood. St. Christopher's School has always welcomed visitors to use the campus on evenings and weekends. Having these new lights would allow visitors to engage with the school by collectively cheering on our young athletes in the Richmond community and celebrating and supporting their talents.

Thank you for considering our request for a special use permit for St. Christopher's School to install these lights and to add to the spirit and vitality of this special community.

Sincerely yours,

Leigh and Gregory Glatt

Watson, David F. - PDR

From: Maryn Massell <massellm@stcva.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Addison, Andreas D. - City Council
Cc: Wagner, Daniel M. - City Council Office; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR; Watson, David F. - PDR
Subject: Support for St. Christopher's School lighting project

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Good morning Mr. Addison,

My name is Maryn Massell, and I reside at 607 Henri Road. I am also a member of the administrative team at St. Christopher's School.

I would like to lend my voice of support for the proposed athletic field lighting at St. Christopher's School, not only as an employee and a parent but as a neighbor of the School. I see firsthand every day this school's commitment to bringing our boys (and the girls of St. Catherine's) a complete academic, athletic, artistic, and spiritual experience in an environment that is safe and welcoming for everyone on campus. I can also attest that this school is 100% committed to remaining a single campus in the city of Richmond. The field lighting will provide the school with increased flexibility in fulfilling these commitments.

I have also not heard a single complaint or concern from my fellow neighbors about how the school conducts its campus operations. On the contrary, feedback on the school's impact is positive, not only for the students but for the neighborhood. This campus is alive and vibrant from 7am to 7pm most days, and it gives our neighborhood a heartbeat. It keeps mostly everyone around it connected and engaged (what a critical time in our society to maintain that!) and so I fully support the next phase of that effort.

Thank you for your consideration,
Maryn

Maryn Massell, CPA
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From: Sarah Richardson <sallysallyrich@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 7:26 PM
To: Addison, Andreas D. - City Council
Cc: Wagner, Daniel M. - City Council Office
Subject: St. Christopher's School

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Dear Mr. Addison,
What a joy it has been living at 801 St. Christopher's Rd for the last 23 years!
I am on the corner of Henri and St. Christopher's Rd next to the soccer field and Baseball diamond.

How exciting that the fields will be lighted for extended play!
My only big concern has been the parking on Henri.
Mason Lecky has assured me that "no parking during special events"
Signs will be installed.

And that sounds wonderful as long as parking regulations are ENFORCED With parking tickets.
Emergency vehicles must be able to get through.

St. Christopher's School is a Richmond treasure.
I was there today for fall festival and was So impressed with kindness, focus, joy and exuberance from all The lower school boys I chatted with.

Warm regards,
Sally Richardson

Sent from my iPad



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December 7, 2021

VIA EMAIL: Andreas.Addison@richmondgov.com

The Honorable Andreas Addison
Richmond City Council
900 E. Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: St. Christopher's School
Special Use Permit Application

Dear Andreas:

I write in very strong support of the Special Use Permit Application of St. Christopher's School for lights for the contiguous football, soccer and baseball fields.

I attended the St. Christopher's information event about the project. The project is impressive, built to the appropriate scale, and will enhance the value of our St. Christopher's neighborhood and our city.

I live at 5903 Kensington Avenue and have lived there for almost 30 years. My house backs up to the football field. Over the years I have attended many St. Christopher's sporting events. St. Christopher's has done so much for our neighborhood: Landscaping, cultural and educational events, and the open use of its facilities to name just a few.

I grew up in Arlington and attended a large public high school (Washington-Lee). Friday night football was a great cultural event. It would be wonderful to have such events, under the lights, in our fine St. Christopher's community.

The scope and limitations of the lighting project are more than reasonable. Occasional evening events will have absolutely no negative impact on our neighborhood.

To the contrary, the occasional nighttime use for sports, will be an enhancement to the school and our community.

I encourage Richmond City Council to approve this application. Most of my neighbors are also in favor of this project.

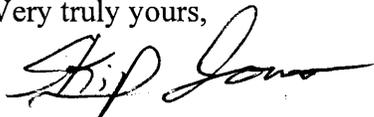
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The Honorable Andreas Addison
December 7, 2021
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Thank you for the opportunity to express this favorable opinion.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Skip Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hamill D. "Skip" Jones, Jr.

cc: Mr. Daniel Wagner via email: Daniel.Wagner@richmondgov.com
Mr. Richard Saunders via email: Richard.saunders@richmondgov.com
Mr. David Watson via email: David.watson@richmondgov.com

Watson, David F. - PDR

From: Will Paulette <wpaulette@kbsgc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 5:27 PM
To: Addison, Andreas D. - City Council
Cc: Wagner, Daniel M. - City Council Office; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR; Watson, David F. - PDR; jmullen@rothjackson.com
Subject: St. Christopher's School - Field Lights Letter of Support

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Councilman Addison,

I am writing to voice my strong support of the proposed SUP for high field lighting at St. Christopher's School on the Knowles, Jacobs and Massey fields. I feel I come from a unique place of knowledge on this issue. I was a thirteen year student at St. Christopher's, a high school athlete that competed on two of these fields, and a twelve year resident of the 5900 block of Kensington (behind Knowles Field). I recently moved (only a half a mile away and still within the City's First District) and miss the whistle of summer football practice or the ping of a baseball bat.

I believe that lights will add so much to the high school sports experience for the StC boys. Many of my favorite high school sports memories involve the few times we played road games at venues that had lights. There is nothing like Friday night lights for a football player or an evening spring baseball game with the sun setting in the distance. I was fortunate enough to play four years of Division 1 athletics, and my high school sports memories still stand out as my fondest. I've also been to a few afternoon games recently in early to mid September when the temperature reached the 90s and the sun was beating down. It was unpleasant for fans, and I can't imagine what it was like for the athletes in helmets and pads.

I'd also like to note how incredibly generous St. Christopher's has been with allowing public usage of their fields. I am a father to three young girls all of whom have spent countless hours running on the football field or playing tag around the bleachers. Throughout nearly all of the pandemic StC kept their campus open to families like mine. It was so important to our daughter's mental and physical health to have these play areas available to them when so much else has been closed down. Adding lights to the field will only add hours where young families like mine can kick the soccer ball, have relay races on the track or just enjoy fresh air.

Thank you for your time and please accept my full support of this proposed project.



Will Paulette

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The Honorable Andreas Addison
Richmond City Council
900 E. Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Richmond, VA 23219
Re: St. Christopher's School Special Use Permit Application

November 7, 2021

Dear Andreas,

We are writing in support of St Christopher's request for a special use permit from the City of Richmond to install lights on Knowles, Jacobs, and Massey fields. We have lived at 724 St. Christopher's Rd. directly across the street from Jacobs Field for over 12 years. Watching St. Christopher's baseball games on Jacobs Field is something we look forward to every spring. The boys play spirited games against teams from all over the state, and we always note the sportsmanship shown by the players and fans in attendance.

The idea of allowing a handful of night games each year will only enhance the experience with minimal impact on the surrounding neighbors. The School always manages traffic and limits noise. Night games will be a positive to the school and our community.

We encourage Richmond City Council to approve this request.

Sincerely,

Davis S. Wrinkle & Mara J. Wrinkle

724 St. Christopher's Rd.

Richmond, VA 23226

Watson, David F. - PDR

From: Abby Fishero <abby.fishero@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 10:25 AM
To: Addison, Andreas D. - City Council
Cc: Wagner, Daniel M. - City Council Office; Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR; Watson, David F. - PDR
Subject: St Christopher's Field Light Special Use Permit

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Hello,

As residents of Tuckahoe Terrace and parents of a St Christopher's student, we're enthusiastic about the proposed field light special permit. Having a thriving school in the community is nothing but a value add, and prime time sporting events will only further strengthen St Christopher's as an institution that the area is proud to have in the mix.

Regards,

Abby and Brian Fishero
202 Seneca Rd.
Richmond, VA 23226