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Re: STC Field map

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Ms. Masterson,

Thank you for this update regarding community response to the proposal. Here are the items that I see as cause for concern from most residents:

- 1. Parking** - impact on parking for residents during games has been a burden in the past. I have connected the manager of the Westhampton School development and asked to explore using their parking deck for games and that STC create a shuttle for parents and attendees of games.
- 2. Shut down neighborhood streets during games** - the streets you are referencing are narrow and not every home has a garage or alley. I respect protecting access to your homes and will see to how we might be able to close those streets during games to emphasize neighborhood only traffic during events. This would make only residents able to use the streets during games and events. Both #1 and #2 would create a protection of the impact of events on the adjacent residents on Kensington.
- 3. Security during events** - I have heard about issues with inappropriate behavior (which I am surprised has not been brought up previously with my office), given this proposal includes a change to operating hours and uses, I would like to see event security made available. For example, I recommend STC use RMC which helps manage many events across the city.
- 4. Limit and Enforce Number of Events** - if approved, it will be required that all events that require use of the lights be scheduled and communicated in advance of any scheduled events. I will also add the ability for submitting complaints for violations or other issues through RVA311 to be documented and addressed. I would also make myself available to be notified when or if there is a violation to the use of this proposal.

As for my Ordinance to allow for the implementation of wireless technology and other mobile access infrastructure to be allowed on city-owned poles in the right of way. That does not relate to this proposal as it is only for those city-owned utility poles that are in alleys or on the side of streets. As I understand the ordinance does permit wireless attachments that you reference however, not above the height as defined in the SUP. From the design of the lights at other high school fields I have seen, any attachment is smaller than the existing light fixture and is hardly noticeable and is not higher than allowed.

Lastly, I apologize that you feel slighted, unvalued, or disrespected during this process. Throughout your response you made several references that are not acceptable in any way. This process is one that invites opposing positions but should never result in anyone feeling the way you have shared. I apologize that you feel the way you have expressed.

Happy to serve.

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On Jan 24, 2022, at 4:14 PM, C Masterson <masterson2274@comcast.net> wrote:

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I updated the St. Christopher's map that the Planning Commission used in their decision making to provide context for the location of the fields and families supporting and opposing the STC project. Field locations were conveniently left off because they might just show the location and that homes with families will be significantly impacted. I don't understand why this type of detail was not required as a requirement for the project. The homes directly impacted by this project are on Kensington which was conveniently excluded from the Notice of Public Hearing as a bounding property. Makes it easy to push through the request because a few white privilege folks, living in surrounding counties, that are donating money are more important than City of Richmond tax payers. The Planning Commission doesn't have to worry about some white trash folks living on Kensington, our health, safety is secondary. There is rarely a STC event where Mason LeKy have someone sitting outside his house for security. A security camera had to be installed on the tree outside his house. But, no security is needed on the North side of the field, where males urinate in public. Where spectators were so troubled by a male wearing a long trench coat pacing the hill with his hands in his pocket, that a parent went over to ask STC Security to come over. Children and families could be dead by the time security got there. But Mason and his family will be safe. A slight imbalance in STC's security priorities. Moreso, since past STC leadership did not require such intense security.

As a average person can see, the supporters (red icon) of this project will NOT be impacted at all. The 8 families have off street parking, live on a wider road (St. Christopher's road has line painted down the middle) where lights, noise, safety (no spectators are peeing on their yards) will NOT be an issue. This includes 801 St. Christopher's Road because of the mature trees surrounding it. Two are direct neighbors of Mason LeKy, the rest have some affiliation with the school...one being a 10th grader.

12 families (5 have ties to STC) NOT supporting the project (blue icon) are immediately adjacent to the proposed lighted fields. Residents that include elderly 90, mid 80s, and young children (13, new born to grade school). Families that enjoy the students, but do not want exposure to extended LED lighting and loud noise exceeding City of Richmond limits that will harm their health and disrupt family life. The black X icon shows a few of the STC-owned properties.

The map speaks for itself, showing a densely populated single-family neighborhood. Not somewhere the average person would expect to see a beacon shining 365 nights, with tech equipment as an extra bonus. Since Mason LeKy, the BOD, the donors... and the City of Richmond will not have to look at the poles 7/24, disregard the impact on the Kensington residents. When I met with David Watson and Matthew Ebinger last year to express concerns related to the project and with tech equipment being installed in our backyards, I was told how wrong I was to assume the updated SUP with "wireless facilities" was for tech equipment, it was for STC internet. My concerns were ignored... why, because I'm female, not smart enough, wasn't going to pay to get what is right?

Only to learn the 1st District Councilman introduced Ordinance 2020-014, to allow tech companies to install their equipment on light poles in the City of Richmond, specifically referring to it as "wireless facilities". What are the incentives the tech companies have with the Planning Commission and City Council to warrant approving 70' poles. 35' poles are

adequate to light a field, but not to hold the wireless facilities. Is there a conflict of interest? 2020-014 does apply to City of Richmond poles, but like the Richmond 300 Master Plan can be easily tweaked to allow equipment on the STC poles. Someone will argue how wrong I am and it will never happen... just like "wireless facilities" only applies to STC intranet.

Sharing the information that I will be giving to the media. Unlike my experience with Planning and City Council, I believe in open honest communication.

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