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Ms. Helen Morris, Vice Chair  
Alexandria School Board  
200 N. Beauregard Street  
Alexandria, VA 22311

Ms. Morris:

Thank you for your response to the 30 April 2012 letter of Seminary Hill Association, Inc. (SHA). While the members of SHA's Board of Directors agree with Dr. Sherman that we had a very good meeting with the school's facilities staff; the information discussed during that meeting and in your 2 May 2012 email response is inconsistent with the minutes of the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting on 16 February 2012, which clearly refer to funds for stadium lighting at Hammond somewhere in the ACPS CIP budget. We appreciate the clarification that there is no plan for lighting at Hammond and there is no funding request in the FY13 budget. While that is helpful, it does not address the concerns we raised, especially future plans.

In addition, SHA remains very concerned that the information in the PRC minutes suggested that ACPS has already identified funding for lights at Hammond in the ACPS CIP budget and is waiting until after the elections in November 2012 to act on that information. Specifically, the PRC minutes noted that "some members" of the School Board are waiting until they are safely re-elected before adding Hammond lighting to the budget next year. They also advised that the PRC "should give credit to ACPS for including these items," including stadium lighting at Hammond, "below the line." The minutes also referred to "staff" looking into boring deep holes for stadium lighting but did not identify which staff; whether school or City; and if City, whether T&ES or RPCA.

Finally, the proposed FY2010 budget stated that there would be no stadium lighting at Hammond. SHA members believed this document was official and appeared to resolve the issue, only to discover in 2012 the Hammond lights had materialized at the 11th hour in an obscure budget session without any community notification or input.

We believe the ACPS should resolve the issue of lighting at Hammond with clarity for the benefit of all Alexandrians.

Sincerely,



Nancy R. Jennings  
President, SHA

Cc: School Board, City Council, City Manager, SHA members