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December 19, 2003

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Re: T.C. Williams High School

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to the memorandum dated November 23, 2003, provided by John Salmon on behalf of the Task Force, and the meeting at City Hall on November 17, 2003, held to discuss the new T.C. Williams High School construction project. Attending the meeting were members of the planning staff, representatives of the Alexandria City Public Schools ("ACPS") and members of the Task Force, consisting of neighbors from the Bishop Lane and the Woods Avenue areas.

Superintendent of Schools
Rebecca L. Perry

At the meeting, it was agreed to divide the issues presented by the neighborhood representatives into two categories: (1) issues appropriate to be addressed in the special use permit and site plan process; and (2) operational principles appropriate for an understanding between ACPS and the adjacent neighborhoods. At the meeting, it was agreed that the planning staff would include the City Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Activities ("DPRCA") in the process.

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We agree that issues specified as site plan conditions in the November 23 memorandum, including stadium lighting, the advisory committee, buffer zone planting generally, outdoor lighting, sound, and the Woods Avenue entrance, are to be addressed as site plan conditions. As you are aware, these conditions will be drafted by the City planning staff and provided to both the ACPS and to the public in a staff report.

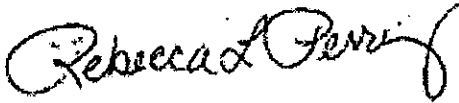
Operational issues are a matter between the ACPS, including the administration of T.C. Williams High School, the City and the neighborhood. It is our hope that the dialogue begun in the planning and construction process will serve as a basis for an on-going relationship between the high school and the neighborhood. Many of the issues that we are now discussing will of necessity be considered on a continuing basis in the context of an advisory committee to be established. At this time, however, we would like to respond to the comments made in the November 23 letter regarding various operational issues. Our response is as follows:

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It is our hope that the discussions regarding T.C. Williams High School operations and the statements made in this letter constitute the basis of a continuing relationship between representatives of the neighboring community and school officials. We believe the establishment of an advisory committee of ACPS staff, DPRCA staff and neighbors will be an important aspect of the relationship. There will be changes in circumstances over time which may require new arrangements, and a continuing dialogue within the advisory committee will be an important part of maintaining good relations between the school and the neighborhood. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Yours truly,



Rebecca L. Perry
Superintendent

cc: Barbara Ross
J. Howard Middleton

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FYI - we decided not to get into the differences between Rec and Schools athletic field land use approvals in this memo.

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Pat,

Thank you for the notice about the public meeting on 8 Feb about improvements and lights on the athletic field at Hammond School. Seminary Hill Association, Inc., is aware of the public meeting and will have this item on its agenda at its regular monthly meeting the Thursday after this meeting. Below are some questions that I hope this public meeting will answer. I also hope that we will hear from the Chief of Police, Superintendent of Schools, and the head of Parks and Recreation during the public meeting.

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1. How many youth in Alexandria cannot get access to athletic fields?
2. How does City staff prioritize requests to the use of City fields?
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Subject: Hammond School - Proposed lighting of the track/athletic field

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Mark Jinks

From: Mark Jinks
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:51 AM
To: mark.krause@acps.k12.va.us; James Spengler; Ron Kagawa
Subject: Fw: Hammond School - Proposed lighting of the track/athletic field

FYI

----- Forwarded by Mark Jinks/Alex on 02/02/2011 08:50 AM -----

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To: <Patricia.Escher@alexandriava.gov>
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Date: 02/02/2011 05:34 AM
Subject: RE: Hammond School - Proposed lighting of the track/athletic field

Pat,

Thank you for the notice about the public meeting on 8 Feb about improvements and lights on the athletic field at Hammond School. Seminary Hill Association, Inc., is aware of the public meeting and will have this item on its agenda at its regular monthly meeting the Thursday after this meeting. Below are some questions that I hope this public meeting will answer. I also hope that we will hear from the Chief of Police, Superintendent of Schools, and the head of Parks and Recreation during the public meeting.

Nan

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Mark Jinks

From: Mark Jinks
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 1:19 PM
To: Barbara Ross
Subject: Re: Fw: Hammond/TC Fields

Thanks for the update. I heard about a school board member's interest from Spengler

From: Barbara Ross/Alex
To: Mark Jinks/Alex@Alex
Cc: Faroll Hamer/Alex, Gwen Wright/Alex@ALEX
Date: 12/06/2010 01:14 PM
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From: Barbara Ross/Alex
To: Gwen Wright/Alex@ALEX, Patricia Escher/Alex@ALEX
Cc: Faroll Hamer/Alex
Date: 11/23/2010 04:22 PM
Subject: Hammond/TC Fields

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From: Barbara Ross
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 1:09 PM
To: Mark Jinks
Cc: Faroll Hamer; Barbara Ross
Subject: Re: Fw: TC Williams/other high school lighted fields

The Perry agreement is AFTER the DSUP...came about as a result of it. But I will be happy to supply it.

From: Mark Jinks/Alex
To: Faroll Hamer/Alex, "Barbara Ross" <barbara.ross@alexandriava.gov>
Date: 11/19/2010 01:06 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: TC Williams/other high school lighted fields

I had asked that the history of lighting at TC prior to the current DSUP (such as the Supt Becky Perry agreement she signed with the neighborhood) be included in the memo and that is not covered

From: Faroll Hamer/Alex
To: Jim Hartmann/Alex@Alex
Cc: Mark Jinks/Alex@Alex, Barbara Ross/Alex@ALEX
Date: 11/19/2010 12:55 PM
Subject: Fw: TC Williams/other high school lighted fields

Jim and Mark, here is Barbara's memo on lighting the fields at TC Williams and other high schools in Alexandria. It turns out we are processing an SUP for new lights at Hammond Middle School -- the lights are part of the package with the new artificial turf. I don't think that will materially change our recommendation in the memo, that each site be looked at on a case by case basis as part of an SUP so the particulars of the neighborhood and site can be addressed.

By the way, there is also an item on the school board-city council meeting on Monday for field lighting.

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From: Barbara Ross/Alex
To: Faroll Hamer/Alex
Date: 11/17/2010 03:53 PM
Subject: TC Williams/other high school lighted fields

Here is a memo summarizing our research. We can discuss at 5pm.

[attachment "HS Athletic Fields 11-16-2010.doc" deleted by Mark Jinks/Alex]

Mark Jinks

From: Mark Jinks
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 12:08 PM
To: Jim Hartmann; Debra Collins
Subject: Fw: Lighted fields

More....I will get Spengler's take

----- Original Message -----

From: Barbara Ross
Sent: 11/19/2010 12:04 PM EST
To: Mark Jinks; Faroll Hamer
Subject: Lighted fields

I spoke with Mark Krause at Facilities and learned that the lights at Hammond idea because RP&CA has an absolute policy that in every instance where a field is being replaced with artificial turf, lights must be added for nighttime activities. The Schools are paying for the field work and the lights at Hammond but want it to be very clear that lights are not required for a middle school program. If Parks were not insisting, they would not be doing it. Assuming lights are installed there, then the TC boys and girls soccer teams may hold matches there, but this is not at all definite yet.

He has been asked by Mort S to price the cost of adding lights at TC but no decision has been made on their side about whether to add that item to their proposed budget. That decision will be made by Dec 9. The cost is in the \$300,000 to \$400,000 range.

At GW, there is a CIP item for replacing the field with artificial turf in FY16 but the CIP states that no lighting is planned. Not sure how this will change given the RPCAs position.

Mark K states that the schools understand that an SUP or SUP amendment will be required to install lights any where.

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Subject: Fw: Field Lighting at Hammond Middle School

FYI

----- Original Message -----

From: Barbara Ross
Sent: 11/19/2010 11:24 AM EST
To: Mark Jinks; Faroll Hamer
Subject: Fw: Field Lighting at Hammond Middle School

fyi...lights request at Hammond. I am going to get with Facilities (Mark Krause) and start a larger discussion so we know if this is a one school request or there is a series coming.

----- Forwarded by Barbara Ross/Alex on 11/19/2010 11:20 AM -----

From: Nathan Randall/Alex
To: Barbara Ross/Alex@ALEX, Gwen Wright/Alex@ALEX
Cc: Patricia Escher/Alex@ALEX
Date: 11/19/2010 10:12 AM
Subject: Field Lighting at Hammond Middle School

Barbara and Gwen-

Representatives from Kimley Horn called me yesterday to say that Hammond Middle School is interested in adding field lighting. This is the first I've heard of it and I don't know any specifics about the proposal, though I understand they've also talked with Pat recently. The person who called me specifically asked whether this request should be applied for as a DSUP or as an SUP with a grading plan like the lights at Ben Brenman Park. Do you have a sense of which process such a request should follow? Do you need more information?

The timing is very interesting given that I've just worked with Barbara on a memo regarding field lighting and given TC William's recent trial run of temporary field lights for a football game.

Nathan

Dorothy Juchnewicz

From: Komoroske, John <John.Komoroske@finra.org>
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 3:01 PM
To: Dorothy Juchnewicz
Subject: In response to the Jennings 6/29/11 FOIA Request

From: Faroll Hamer [mailto:Faroll.Hamer@alexandriava.gov]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2011 9:04 PM
To: Judy Noritake; Komoroske, John
Cc: James Spengler
Subject: RE: Hammond Lights

Judy – I wrote an email to Jim Spengler last week, posing the question, what would happen if we did not hear it in June, but rather in September? I was not proposing to postpone it, I was asking a question to which I did not know the answer. The reason for the question was simple docket management. The waterfront plan will likely be on the Council (not the Planning Commission) docket for the end of June, and between the waterfront plan and Harris Teeter bringing out lots of people on the east end, and Hammond field bringing out lots of people on the west end, June 25 is going to be a very long and ugly day, with a lot of difficult decisions for Council. Too bad. Thank you for responding. That's all I was waiting for. I'm not opposed to putting it on the docket.

Faroll

From: Judy Noritake [mailto:jnoritake@nka-arch.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2011 8:32 PM
To: Faroll Hamer; Komoroske, John
Cc: James Spengler
Subject: Hammond Lights

Faroll and John:

I have had some emails over the weekend from the sports community where news is circulating about an effort for your department to potentially back away from the timing on the SUP hearing for the lights at Hammond – punting it from June 7th until fall. I don't know the reason why this is circulating, but if the hearing and the SUP do not occur June 7th we will not have the lights at Hammond and it will make it exponentially more difficult to get lights on any field associated with ACPS. The need to put in lights at some of those locations is critical.

The artificial turf field at Hammond has been bid already, with the lights and the underground conduit bid as a separate item. The field will be built in July and August – that is for certain. If the SUP for the lights has not been granted then the electrical supply and the lights will not go in – now and likely not ever. Spending a million bucks to put in an artificial turf field without lights is fiscally irresponsible. Pretty much a waste. Hammond is the line in the sand for a part of our community who is stuck on our City remaining the suburban when that time is long gone. It will hobble efforts not just here but in other locations where the installations of lights is critical to meeting the current and future recreational needs. I don't know how much more strongly I can underline the necessity to carry on with this hearing and the vote as scheduled. This is about looking to the future and not the past. The June 7th hearing and vote is already a product of delay and a last minute accommodation. There is no more time for this SUP.

I have spoken directly with Donna Fossom about the lights and I believe she will support them. I also believe we will have support at City Council to pass it. John, if you don't mind I would like to have a short phone call with you about your Commission on this topic – if you get a chance.

Please let me know ASAP so I can let the sports guys no emailing me know what the situation is. It's already appeared on the draft agenda. If it gets pulled I believe there will be a storm from the sports people.

I have not spoken with Jim Spengler as he is out of town for a family event.

Judy

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Judy Stack

From: Robin DeShields
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2011 3:08 PM
To: William Eulle; City Council; Donna Fossum; Eric Wagner; H. Stewart Dunn, Jr.; J. Lawrence Robinson; Jesse Jennings; John Komoroske; Mary Lyman; Mary Lyman
Cc: margaret.byess@ACPS.K12.va.us; James Spengler; Ron Kagawa; Robin DeShields
Subject: Memo Number 2- Hammond Lower Field - Response to Email of May 18 from Nancy Jennings
Attachments: francishammondfield2jennings.pdf

Hello:

Attached is another response from Mr. James Spengler, Director, RPCA to an email of May 18- from Nancy Jennings, President of the Seminary Hill Association regarding the Athletic Field at Francis C. Hammond Middle School.

Thank you

Robin L. DeShields
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