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Comments/Feedback: Dear Planning Commission Members:

Authorizing Capital University to intensify the light and sound that emanate from Bernlohr Stadium will diminish the thriving community that exists in South Bexley. Accordingly, I write this letter as an appeal that Capital's proposal for expanded lights, sound, and evening athletics be denied in its entirety.

The impact of evening games at Capital will be unlike the impact of evening games at St. Charles and Bexley High School. Fans who attend evening games in North and Central Bexley call those areas home. After games they return to their houses where their parents await them and where their neighbors know them. In contrast, Capital's students only temporarily reside in South Bexley. An early morning drive down Sheridan Avenue—littered with fast food packaging and beer bottles—on a Saturday or Sunday illustrates the impact of this disparity.

As a former Sheridan Avenue resident, I witnessed firsthand the misbehavior of Capital students. The entire time I lived on Sheridan, Capital students lived next door to me. I saw students leave my neighbors' house in order to urinate on my garage. After the Bexley Police Department interrupted a large party at my neighbors' house, an underage student attempted to evade the responding officers by jumping my fence. The student broke my fence in the process. On another occasion I witnessed a student take just seconds to drink an entire beer, shatter the bottle on the ground, and then get in his car and drive. I routinely cleaned broken beer bottles on the weekends and awoke to items, such as flowers and flags, missing from my front porch.

The Bexley Police were called on several of these occasions. Yet, Capital made no apparent effort to adjust the destructive behavior of its students. Capital's indifference to the poor behavior of its students in areas where they currently reside belies any claim that it will make good faith efforts to protect South Bexley from unnecessary intrusions related to evening athletic events.

Nonetheless, a proposal by Capital to attract students to a louder and brighter Bernlohr Stadium, well past the bedtime of neighborhood children, is being entertained. Moreover, Capital proposes that it be permitted to host evening football—a sport for which tailgating and alcohol consumption have become commonplace. Simply stated, resulting conditions are incompatible with the lifestyles of the young families living in South Bexley.

As a South Bexley resident, a mother of two, and a graduate of Capital, I urge you to preserve the existing South Bexley community by denying Capital's proposal to enhance the sound and lights that it emits.

Very respectfully yours, ;`
Erin C. Reed
814 Francis Avenue



Study of Parking at Capital: Comparison of Non-game Day with Game Day

This is two observations based on asking the question, “How does a Capital football game change parking space on campus and the number of cars on Bexley residential streets near the campus?” The observations were done on 9/27/2014, Saturday at 1:00 pm which was a non-game day for Capital and on 10/4/2014 which was a Capital football game Saturday. also done at 1:00 pm. Empty parking spaces were counted in the Capital parking lots, S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4, F-4 and F-5 on both days and the numbers are reported below. Cars were counted on the streets from Pleasant Ridge to Montrose from Main to Livingston and on Astor between Pleasant Ridge and College on both days and are recorded below. Cars parked on Mound street were not included. The counts were done on 9/27/2014 by Ben Kessler, Eloise Buker and Robert Cahill and on 10/4/2014 by Jason Sudy, Eloise Buker and Robert Cahill. This was a home game against Mount Union.

On October 4, 2014. the “Event Parking Signs” directed Capital sporting event traffic to S-1 and S-2. S-3 was labeled “Raiders” (the opposing team). Parking attendants directed traffic to S-1, S-2 and S-3. S-4, F-4 and F-5 were not labeled, and so visitors, alumni, and those less familiar with the campus would not have been directed to those lots.

Regular Capital students know that they can park in S-4 and all faculty lots including F-4 and F-5 on the weekends. S-7 was not marked for game day parking, but was filled with only five spots remaining on game day at the 1:00 hour count; it is located between two dormitories.

Conclusion: There were **95** additional cars parked on Bexley residential streets as indicated below on the game day Saturday. At the same time, there were a total of **36** empty parking spaces on campus, not including the S-7 lot.

Note: Total in attendance at the game, according to the Capital University Box score count was 2,356 (see Box Score under football on 10/4/2014, Athletic Program, http://athletics.capital.edu/sports/fball/2014-15/boxscores/20141004_g1x1.xml). Some of those cars parked on campus may be by students who live in the dormitories or who are students or visitors who are on campus for purposes other than to attend the football game. There was an away Ohio State University football game on October 4, 2014, at the same time as the Capital game, and so a few extra cars may be due to visitors to homes on south Bexley streets to watch the game together.

Parking and Cars Counts:	9/27/2014	10/4/2014	
	Empty Spaces No game Sat	Empty Spaces Game day Sat.	
S1 & S2	284	2	
S-3	85	1	
S-4	16	0	
Totals	385	3	
F-3	43	30	F-3, F-4
F-4	16	3	

Eloise Buker, October 23, 2014

S-7	38	5
Totals for F3, F4, S7	97	38

Totals on Each Street

Astor, College to Pleasant Ridge	4	9
Pleasant Ridge	12	65
Francis	29	41
Euclaire Total	42	57
Cassingham	51	54
Montrose	49	56
Totals:	187	282
Game Day:	282-187=	95
Additional cars on streets=	95	

Implications from observations: if parking lots which are clearly marked "faculty" only or "student" parking are not remarked with "event parking" signs, they will not be used by those attending athletic events and so attendees will use residential streets.

There was an attendee at 1:00 who had an orange flag who tried to wave College avenue drivers into F-3 and F-4 but without directional signs and/or attendants at S-3 to move traffic to F-3 and F-4, these lots does not work well.

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From: **Lisa Dahill** <ldahill@tlsohio.edu>

Date: Wed, Jun 19, 2013 at 3:07 PM

Subject: Concerns about Capital's proposal

To: citycouncil@bexley.org, bkessler@bexley.org

Dear Mayor Kessler and Bexley City Council Members:

I am writing as a resident of south Bexley (840 Euclaire Ave.) regarding Capital University's proposed light and sound system for evening/night outdoor events.

Like many of my neighbors, I am deeply concerned about the plans Capital is proposing for our neighborhood. As numerous others have pointed out, this plan does not contribute positively to our neighborhood or quality of life. Instead, it harms us – both psychically (in terms of noise pollution, light pollution, trash, and the increased presence of strangers at all hours) and financially (in terms of potentially reduced property values and increased crime). Therefore I urge you to add my voice to those asking that the Planning Commission **deny the proposal for night lighting and evening/night outdoor events at Capital University.**

In order to address these concerns constructively, however, I have also developed a **counter-proposal** that would honor residents' needs for quiet, darkness, and safety in the evening and night hours in south Bexley.

My counter-proposal is that Capital be allowed to hold evening/night events only if the following two requirements are also enacted:

1) **All new outdoor night lighting to be installed at Capital must abide by the protocols outlined in the Dark Sky Initiative's lighting specifications:** <http://www.darksky.org/outdoorlighting/79-mlo>. South Bexley citizens are not over-reacting in our alarm at the proposed stadium lighting. Numerous scientific data show the deleterious effect of night lighting on human health and well-being, as well as on wildlife. See, e.g., <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2008/11/light-pollution/klinkenborg-text>, as well as the many studies cited and linked at <http://www.darksky.org/resources/84-reports-a-studies>. Some of the most sobering studies noted here (and cited in the *National Geographic* article, as well as in many other current resources on light pollution) are those that show clear correlations between increased outdoor lighting and neighborhood rates of breast cancer. Does Bexley want to become known as a city that knowingly disregards its citizens' health? The harmful effects of night lighting don't stop at human well-being. For more information on the ecological dimensions of light pollution, and impact especially on migratory bird populations, see e.g., C. Rich and T. Longcore, eds., *Ecological Consequences of Artificial Night Lighting* (Washington, DC: Island Press, 2006).

The increasing consensus about the risks of such lighting – and the spate of recent publicity on these questions (cf. the "All Things Considered"/NPR report in March: <http://www.npr.org/2013/03/03/173365741/turning-it-down-cities-combat-light-pollution-by-going-dim>) – means that Bexley is in a unique position precisely with regard to this Capital proposal. By insisting that Capital use Dark-Sky-approved

Summary of Comparison: St. Charles, Bexley, Capital Request , Staff Report
by Eloise Buker, October 23, 2014

This summary based on my reading of the Capital University application submitted to the City of Bexley, October 6, 2014 and the Bexley City Staff report posted on line October 20, 2014 along with interviews I conducted in the spring of 2014 with the Bexley (Corrine Taylor, Athletic Director for Bexley) and Saint Charles (Dave Lawler, Athletic Director for Saint Charles) conducted on February 13 and subsequent interviews with parents of team players. The chart indicates that the total night sporting events for St. Charles is 17, for Bexley is 45, for Capital is 131 (plus possibility of 5 tournament games) and for the staff report 117 with games and sound limited to 27 (plus possibility of 5 tournament games). Earlier drafts were shared with Capital University staff.

Management	St. Charles	Bexley H.S.	Capital Request	Staff report Oct. 20, 2014
Night Games	17	39	115	27 (Friday and Saturday only)
Night Practices	0	6 ¹	16	90 to 8:00 pm practices
Total night events	17	45	131 perhaps 136 with tournament	27 with sound; 90 additional with lights only (plus 5 for tournament)
Lights out, and lights permitted	10:15 pm for football lights out	Lights out at: 11:00 pm football, 9:00 other sports	90 at 8: 00 pm, 24 at 9:30 pm, 1 at 11:00 pm, unlimited 4:00 pm to 7:00, M-F 7:30 am to 9:00 am.	90 at 8:00 pm, 26 to 9:30 pm 1 to 11:00 pm unlimited 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm M-F: 8:00 am to 9:00 am
Security for football	3 police officers 2 administrators	5 police officers plus some teachers	5 police officers	5 police officers
Typical fans numbers	700-1000 fans	900 fans	5 officers for all football and 5 officers for games over 1000 fans	5 officers for all football and 5 officers for games over 1000
Parking	Lots with attendants	Mainly on street parking	Some lots available, limited, with attendants and plan with City ad hoc. each semester	Parking management with attendants and plan with Capital ad hoc. each semester
Rental of stadium	seldom	seldom	possibly	possibly

¹ If Bexley is involved in a football play-off, then they may do an additional 2-3 practices under the lights from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Because the Bexley lacrosse club begins in early spring, they may use the Bexley lights if they are practicing on this field with the average use per year at 6 times.



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Comments/Feedback: Dear Planning Commission Members:

I have two studies which I believe would be helpful to you. I will ask Kathy Rose to send them to you as files but I will also have copies of the tables at the meeting for you to review which includes the methodology used. Some testimony will draw from them.

1. The first is compares light use at Bexley High School, at Saint Charles, in the Capital request, and in the Bexley City Draft of Oct. 20, 2014. The basic work for this was done earlier in the year and presented to Capital and the City during our conversations.

Results of this Analysis: This summary based on my reading of the Capital University application submitted to the City of Bexley, October 6, 2014 and the Bexley City Staff report posted on line October 20, 2014 along with interviews I conducted in the spring of 2014 with the Bexley (Corrine Taylor, Athletic Director for Bexley) and Saint Charles (Dave Lawler, Athletic Director for Saint Charles) conducted on February 13 and subsequent interviews with parents of team players. The results are that the total night sporting events for St. Charles is 17, for Bexley is 45, for Capital is 131 (plus possibility of 5 tournament games) and for the staff report 117 with games and sound limited to 27 (plus possibility of 5 tournament games). Earlier drafts were shared with Capital University staff.

2. The second is a fall 2014 analysis of observations of parking on a non-game day Saturday with a game day Saturday to ask the question, "How many more cars are parked on Bexley Residential Streets near Capital on a game day Saturday? How many empty parking spaces are there on a football game day Saturday on Capital's campus compared to a non-game day? This was done with Mayor Kessler and with Jason Sudy.

The results of these observations are: There were 95 additional cars parked on Bexley residential streets as indicated on the game day Saturday. At the same time, there were a total of 36 empty parking spaces on campus, in lots easily accessible for sports day parking, not including the S-7 lot.

When I swear in I will also swear that the information in these two analyses is truthful and accurate.

I will ask Kathy Rose to send you a full report of the study, but because it has tables in it, I cannot upload it through this web page.

Thank you,

Eloise Buker, 720 Grandon Ave. , 239-1066, bukerea@gmail.com

**LANCE BROWN
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Mayor Ben Kessler and the Bexley Planning Commission
City Hall
Bexley, OH 43209

October 15, 2014

RE: Capital Stadium Lights

Dear Mayor Kessler and Planning Commission Members:

My name is Lance Brown and I live at 714 Francis Avenue which is the first house on Francis south of Bernlohr Stadium. I also work in Bexley at Main-Bexley Barbers.

Several months ago, one my customers came to my door and asked me sign a petition opposing the new lights and sound system planned by Capital at Bernlohr Stadium. He was quite emphatic in his views which seemed to be somewhat overstated. But, not wanting to offend a customer, I signed the petition. However, I did not agree to place a sign in my yard because I did not want to risk offending those who might favor the lights. Basically, even though I took a position, I did not really have one.

However, since that time I have followed the matter closely. In reading This Week, it is my opinion that Capital has reacted positively to make changes that will improve their game management and minimize any community inconvenience. The letters supporting Capital have been positive and express a true appreciation for the many things Capital does for our community. Those of the opponents, on the other hand are unduly harsh, and demonstrate no willingness to work with Capital.

We have many young men who attend Capital as our customers. We find them all to be fine young gentlemen who are a credit to both their University and the City of Bexley. Many of them play football and since I cannot watch them play on Saturday afternoons, I am looking forward to seeing them play on Saturday evening.

As for the other sports that will be played in the early evenings, they will permit Bexley families to witness college athletics at no cost. These games will also permit parents and grandparents to see the games of their offspring and will bring more customers into our many businesses on Main Street.

If you ever want to know the sense of the community, just walk into our shop and listen to the daily dialogue. On this issue you will find that dialogue overwhelmingly supports Capital University while describing the opposition words that I dare not use here.

So, my position has changed. I now most emphatically support the proposed changes to Bernlohr Stadium.

I hope to attend the next meeting of the Planning Commission but public speaking is not my thing.

Thank you for your time,

Lance Brown





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Comments/Feedback: Ladies and gentlemen:

I write with concerns about the Capital University Proposal and Memorandum of Understanding that includes enhancements to the lighting and sound systems.

A review of the studies and documents available on Bexley.org provided some disturbing conveniences. What's more, the recent City Council meeting review of the Noise Ordinance clearly exempts Capital and all other schools, both public and private, from the provisions contained therein.

Although Council stated that the Planning Commission is addressing the Capital issue, it appears the studies, proposal and MOU do not effectively deal with concerns of South Bexley residents in regards to noise, light and traffic.

From: the Proposal Section of the Traffic Impact Study, in particular,

"2e. The City of Bexley will further restrict parking as follows:

- Francis Avenue to exclude non-permit parking on weekends;
- Euclaire (south of Main and north of Charles),
- Cassingham (south of Main and north of Charles),
- Astor (between Pleasant Ridge and College), and Pleasant Ridge (south of Astor) to exclude non-permit parking on evenings and weekends."

The study also:

"Recognizes the potential parking problems in our neighborhood. In addition, we have an elementary school on Montrose Ave, where I live. Expecting visitors to events at Capital to be aware of all the children actively moving on the streets is doubtful at best."

Capital's MOU does not address parking, lighting or sound levels. Being exempt from the city ordinance gives them carte blanche to establish and maintain whatever sound and light levels they wish. They can invade my privacy during every game, both day and night.

From: Athletic Event Traffic Impact Study and Review of the Conceptual Traffic Management Plan

"Capital University does not reserve parking spaces for athletic event (special event) visitors; visitors must search for any open space. Campus Security does not ticket vehicles without a valid parking permit during event periods.

"The hourly and/or daily restrictions of the Residential Permit Parking signs are not appropriate to prevent the Capital University "special event" visitors for many events from parking on the adjacent neighborhood streets, particularly if events are held after 6:00 pm.

"The City of Bexley should work with the adjacent residents on a street-by-street basis to determine and post what they determine to be more appropriate Residential Permit Parking restrictions."

The discussions recommended by the study point to a significant area of concern. South Bexley is a residential neighborhood with an elementary school. As such, there are many young children on our streets. Jamming visitors onto side streets that are reserved for residents puts these children at risk from increased traffic. Expecting event goers to be cautious and drive safely through the neighborhood is a stretch, at best.

From: the Proposal Section of the Traffic Impact Study

"The traffic management plan will have the primary goal of restricting traffic on the nearby residential street, directing traffic immediately into and out of the designated parking lots. The means of ingress and egress to these lots should be limited to Main Street, Pleasant Ridge north of Astor, Astor west of Pleasant Ridge, and College north of Astor.

"We concur the Residential Permit Parking prohibitions should be modified to better deter traffic from parking in the adjacent neighborhood.

From: the KLH sound and lighting study

"Four 110 foot poles for lighting

"The foot-candle information indicates that the residences on the east side of the stadium, along Euclaire Avenue, will experience light levels in the range of 5 foot-candles at the western most curb to 0.5 foot-candles in the front yard. For comparison purposes, most non-retail parking areas are illuminated to approximately 1 foot-candle, shopping center parking areas are generally illuminated to 3 foot-candles.

"Our recommendation is to minimize the height of the poles while paying careful attention to the spill onto the adjacent properties."

From: the Capital proposal

"Note: maximum total of 3 lighted games per week for all sports combined."

Personally, I can here and understand the complete play-by-play of every Capital football home game from my Montrose Ave. home. Although a council member may enjoy this in his back yard, I do not.

I would like to put forward several recommendations that do not appear in any of the studies or proposals.

Make Capital take more responsibility for the changes they want to implement.

1. Require the construction of solid walls around the stadium of sufficient height and density to mitigate the sound cascading into the neighborhood. This is done on major highways around central Ohio and should be mandatory for Capital.
2. Recommend the construction of a multi-level parking facility on the university's property. The lot(s) at Mound and Pleasant Ridge could be converted with two lower levels and two raised levels. This would provide additional event parking. The structure should be designed to blend in with the existing campus buildings.
3. A more radical proposal involves Capital building a domed stadium. Solid, sound insulating walls, proper ventilation and lighting would then control and contain the disruptive elements within the structure.

I realize these recommendations mean that Capital would have to spend more money, but frankly, the administration needs to be held accountable for their actions. Most students are not Bexley residents. They have no skin in the game. Further, I expect that many faculty and staff are not Bexley residents. Their neighborhood is not at stake.

In the recent City Council meeting, the woman explaining the new Sound Ordinance referred to Bexley as an "urban" environment. I strongly disagree. Bexley is a suburban community built on neighborhood integrity. We do not have the population density of an urban environment, the industry or the blight expanding through the City of Columbus.

We are home owners and tax payers. We are citizens of a community that expect our officials to have our best interests at heart, protect us, and not simply give in to a special interest within our borders. If I have friends visiting

when there is an event at Capital, where will they park if my street is clogged with non-residents? No one is going to tell me that I should park in my garage or in my drive way so others can have the privilege of using my street. With the university exempt from a noise ordinance that affects all residents, what recourse do I have to an intrusion of my space? Essentially, none.

I ask that you take another look at the overall impacts the Capital University lighting and sound plan will have on our neighborhood. The university is already buying homes for student housing. Are we destined to see our neighborhood become an annex to fuel their expansion plans? Will our neighborhood become the mess that borders the Ohio State University? What will happen to our property values and our investment values? I ask for your help in preserving our rights as families, property owners and voters.

Your truly,
Neal Oxman



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Comments/Feedback: If residents could vote; I would vote against letting Capital put up light. I hope you do the same. Thank you.



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Comments/Feedback: I am very concerned about the culture change in the neighborhood after night games on Fri and Sat night.

So far this year I've experienced a broken front window and multiple collections bottles tossed in the front yard on the w/e nights.

Besides tailgating, night games bring more intense partying after games on weekends.

We are a family neighborhood. Please consider the culture and safety of our neighborhood in your deliberations.

Thank you for your time.

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Charlotte Theibert

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Comments/Feedback: To the Mayor and members of the Planning Commission,

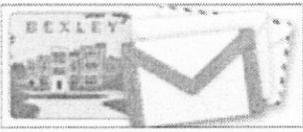
Things we know for certain surrounding the issue of Capital stadium lights:

1. Capital is in the best financial shape in their history and their enrollment is stronger than ever. Clearly, stadium lights are not needed for a vibrant successful Capital University.
2. If the stadium lights are installed, there will be a significant negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood. That is certain. The only uncertainty is how large that negative impact will be.

I live 1/4 mile from the stadium at 850 Euclaire. The shouts from the weekend soccer game came through loud and clear. I could actually hear individual people screaming. If the lights are installed, the screaming will be multiplied by 50 times or more. Everyone knows fans are encouraged to scream as loud as possible and the behavior of crowds of young people is always worse at night.

Noise pollution, light pollution, parking problems, more night traffic, more trash on sidewalks, property value decline, these are some of the reasons why I ask that you reject the Capital stadium lights.

Thank you,
Lawrence Ferraris
850 Euclaire



Ben Kessler <bkessler@bexley.org>

Stadium lights

Lawrence Ferraris <lawrenceferraris@sbcglobal.net>
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Mon, Oct 13, 2014 at 12:34 PM

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Thank you,
Lawrence Ferraris
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Comments/Feedback: I oppose the lights at Capital stadium. There is not one positive thing for home owners who live around Capital. I moved here before the stadium and the SW agreement should have prevented the stadium from being built next to a residential area. Since studies show a decrease in home values when stadium lights go up, I would hope you deny Capital lights in favor of homeowners who make Bexley a wonderful place to live. My concern is that lights used just about every night would give criminals an excuse to be around our homes. I can hear them now tell the police that they were just taking a short cut to go watch intramural games at Capital. Right now there is no reason for non residents to be going up and down our alleys at night. Lights would give them a reason. Why is Capital's want of lights so they students can play intermurals at night, more important than the resident's quality of life? I am amazed that this light business has not been stopped the minute the residents complained. No lights, no nights, Keep Bexley safe and peaceful!



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Comments/Feedback: Dear Bexley Planning Commission Members,

As a resident of the south side of Bexley and having enjoyed a peaceful, tranquil way of life for 37 years, I am appalled at Capital University's plans to destroy our quality of life. The proposed expanded use of Bernlohr Stadium for a possible 131 nights of the year is atrocious. It could turn out to be every-other night! Can you imagine living with the increased noise, trash, traffic, more parking on narrow streets, crime, lights, alcohol consumption, danger, especially to children, and mayhem such as this much increased use of the stadium will likely bring? The LED lights they propose are proving to be a toxic health hazard as they emit a blue wave length which suppresses melatonin in the brain and so interferes with sleep and the production of leptin. Leptin suppresses our appetite during sleep, so without it, we get up and over eat. (As if we needed any more encouragement!) The blue light leads to poor quality of sleep. It is also toxic to the retina, so over time impairs vision. Therefore college students will have their sleep impaired, which they do not need, as well as the adults and children of Bexley. (LED lights are also connected with other negative physical conditions.)

Bexley seeks to be a community of learners which means that children, and adults, need a restful environment as many studies have shown the need for more sleep for almost everyone, especially children. They need to be asleep long before "lights out" for Capital. And the increased traffic at night will make it more dangerous for the older children who may still be up and about.

Who will buy our houses, even at bargain prices, when it is time to re-locate? Will it be the members of the Bexley Planning Commission? Even more to the point, will it be the president and other officials of Capital to live in, rather than renting the houses out so there is even more unkempt property than at present? Who would want to live under such conditions?

I am much shaken at the prospect of all this projected destruction of the quality of life to which Bexley residents have a right. It is the responsibility of the Bexley Planning Commission to protect its citizens from harm by saying NO to Capital. Capital is NOT "too big to fail," but Bexley will experience failure of its citizens' rights to enjoy their property if Capital is allowed to go forward.

I call on the Bexley Planning Commission to deny Capital's plans to cause harm to our city, for the above undesirable activities will spill over into the rest of Bexley through time. This has happened in similar communities under comparable conditions. The repercussions of permitting Capital to fulfill its plans will be long lasting and probably irreversible

I know many residents feel that Capital's plans are a "done deal" and may not be actively involved in efforts to thwart its further intrusion into the community. I have more faith in the Bexley Planning Commission's willingness to provide protection for Bexley citizens and defend our quality of life.

I appreciate your willingness to serve on this most important commission.

Thank you.

Ginny Christopherson

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Name: Erin Reed
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Comments/Feedback: Dear Planning Commission Members:

Authorizing Capital University to intensify the light and sound that emanate from Bernlohr Stadium will diminish the thriving community that exists in South Bexley. Accordingly, I write this letter as an appeal that Capital's proposal for expanded lights, sound, and evening athletics be denied in its entirety.

The impact of evening games at Capital will be unlike the impact of evening games at St. Charles and Bexley High School. Fans who attend evening games in North and Central Bexley call those areas home. After games they return to their houses where their parents await them and where their neighbors know them. In contrast, Capital's students only temporarily reside in South Bexley. An early morning drive down Sheridan Avenue—littered with fast food packaging and beer bottles—on a Saturday or Sunday illustrates the impact of this disparity.

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The Bexley Police were called on several of these occasions. Yet, Capital made no apparent effort to adjust the destructive behavior of its students. Capital's indifference to the poor behavior of its students in areas where they currently reside belies any claim that it will make good faith efforts to protect South Bexley from unnecessary intrusions related to evening athletic events.

Nonetheless, a proposal by Capital to attract students to a louder and brighter Bernlohr Stadium, well past the bedtime of neighborhood children, is being entertained. Moreover, Capital proposes that it be permitted to host evening football—a sport for which tailgating and alcohol consumption have become commonplace. Simply stated, resulting conditions are incompatible with the lifestyles of the young families living in South Bexley.

As a South Bexley resident, a mother of two, and a graduate of Capital, I urge you to preserve the existing South Bexley community by denying Capital's proposal to enhance the sound and lights that it emits.

Very respectfully yours,
Erin C. Reed
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Resident Comments Re Capital Lighting

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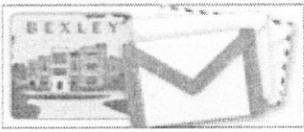
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Capital Lighting Meeting

Gail Spirit Sky <gail@davesky.com>
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Sat, Oct 25, 2014 at 12:28 AM

Dear Mayor Kessler,

I love Bexley and have lived here for 25 years. My husband David Sky and I love the walking neighborhood that is around us.

We live on Euclaire Ave. a block and 1/2 from Capital. The noise, etc. is going to be a Huge disruption to our lives and those around us. I sure hope we don't have to **move** because of this...and worry about the value of our home going down due to lights, noise all those nights. The score board beeping at any given moment, etc.

My neighbors won't be able to get their babies and toddlers to sleep with all the noise till 10:00 or 11:00 at night.

I won't feel safe to walk around with various people coming to these events roaming around, etc. Especially after tailgating, etc.

I worry about the Bexley police being spread thin if any disruptions occur, etc.

The short of this is...why is Bexley even considering letting Capital get what they want at the **cost** of so many peoples lives being disrupted?

Please forward this to the planning commission.

Thank you for all you do. I have been a fan of yours ever since I saw you doing a tug of war with many kids at the Main Event. I am a retired school teacher and would be at the meeting, but can't due to teaching a Yoga class.

For your consideration,
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Concerns about Capital lights

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Sun, Oct 26, 2014 at 11:43 PM

Could this e-mail please be forwarded to members of the Planning Commission? It doesn't fit into the space provided on the City's web-page for comment...

Dear Mayor Kessler and Members of the Bexley Planning Commission:

I am writing with regard to the Capital lights proposal, toward the Planning Commission's meeting on Monday, October 27, 2014. I first expressed my concerns about this proposal in a June 2013 e-mail, forwarded below. There I articulated my hope that the permit for night lighting of Bernlohr Stadium be denied for the sake of residents impacted by these lights and concomitant crowd noise, amplified music, increased traffic and litter, and potential vandalism. I have seen no evidence that Capital's desire for night lighting outweighs these concerns of South Bexley residents, nor that the proposed or revised plans fully address them. The present volume of ambient noise in South Bexley (such as from I-70, overhead aircraft, and Livingston Ave. traffic) already raises the neighborhood stress level. Additional noise, traffic, and litter in our neighborhood can only push us closer to a tipping point past which Bexley simply ceases to be a desirable place to live.

In the 2013 e-mail I therefore also articulated a proposal that, if lights are in fact approved for Bernlohr Stadium, the city consider **1) obliging Capital to install "Dark Sky" certified lights** and **2) prohibiting the use of amplified sound after 6 PM (see e-mail below)**. With this proposal -- which I hope will be received as a constructive contribution -- I urge the Commission to enact measures that first and foremost protect the citizens of Bexley from these new incursions of noise and light. The expansion of Capital's sports program into the night is surely a minor "good" compared with the qualities that allow neighborhoods (and neighbors) to thrive.

I am grateful for the time and considered attention the City of Bexley is giving these questions, and I trust that members of the Planning Commission will act for the good of all. I wish you wisdom and clarity in the process!

Sincerely,

Lisa Dahill

The Rev. Lisa E. Dahill, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Worship and Christian Spirituality

lighting, thus ensuring that all stadium lighting be directed solely downward onto the field, without any leakage out to surrounding streets or housing, nor upward into the sky, Bexley and Capital can jump on the anti-light-pollution bandwagon and perhaps even springboard the process of retrofitting streetlights and other outdoor lighting in the city as well, in this direction. Taking action in this way would **bring both Capital and Bexley positive publicity, perhaps even nationally.**

2) Second, **Capital must refrain from using its PA system or any other form of amplification after 6:00 PM.** Since the additional noise level is the most visceral concern neighbors are raising – more so even than that of lighting – this additional provision makes an enormous difference for residents. It would have the positive effect not only of eliminating amplified noise in the evenings but also of limiting the crowd size for Capital's outdoor evening events, since without amplification large-scale events are more difficult. For its part, Capital can then use its Dark-Sky lights to hold evening athletic practices, small sporting events, or concerts devoid of amplification.

This second provision to forbid amplified sound at Capital after 6 PM might seem draconian, but in fact it only makes sense: it simply obliges Capital to abide by the same noise rules as any other Bexley residents who are not allowed to run loud machinery, etc., after 6 PM. In effect, it asks Capital to be a good neighbor among neighbors, rather than allowing the university to impose its demands without regard for the health and well-being of the rest of us.

If Dark-Sky lighting and a 6 PM deadline for amplified sound are included as essential provisions of the plan approved for Capital, then I would consider supporting this plan as well. These two additional provisions positively allow Capital to use its stadium in new ways while still allowing south Bexley to remain quiet, dark, and safe at night: a place that feels like home, a place people will want to come and raise their children for years to come. Without these provisions or similarly effective responses to citizens' concerns about noise, light, and traffic, however, I will continue among those in opposition to the plan.

Thank you for your leadership in our city and for your attention to these considerations.

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Comments/Feedback: I cannot attend the Planning Commission meeting tonight where the Capital University Field Lights will be discussed. As a member of the Bexley community and a North Bexley resident (we lived in South Bexley for 5 years), I want to share that I value and support Capital University. I think Capital is a huge asset to Bexley and a good partner. The South Bexley Neighborhood Association doesn't represent my broader-Bexley views and values and I believe they don't represent the majority of Bexley residents. Furthermore, Capital has been up-front in the talks and negotiations with the Bexley Neighborhood Association and have done much compromising in the process.