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| 2024-10-27 16:21:51 | Matthew | H | Annapolis | MD | 21401 | Yes | | <p>Hello!</p> <p>I wanted to raise safety concerns in relation to Severn Run high school and its safety implications and conflicts toward Southbound Interstate 97 traffic. The issue is with the field lighting. This new high school was built without adequate consideration to how the bright lights might interfere with the safe operations of motor vehicles on the federally funded interstate. There are practically no trees in between one of the fields and the lights are a massive distraction.</p> <p>This distraction comes amidst an ADHD medication supply shortage that is very volatile and that started in 2022 and is still concurrent to this day. This also comes with new bright TV / LED advertising screens. Or as the planning and zoning committee calls it, "off-site directional signs." These off site directional signs are even more distracting, regardless of how bright they may be, and they have also been erected on the interstate, and everywhere really. Around the same time (sometime 2023) amidst the lack of ADHD medication. These illumination hazards when combined with the medication conflicts, will surely cause loss of life! It's only a matter of time, and it will plausibly be Anne Arundel's fault for the allowance or causation of such hazards (allowing for the advertising screens and for making the field lights).</p> <p>So far, each time the field lighting is on, I have observed no one using the fields. This is also a public health and environment hazard. As noise and light pollution accounts for at least 65% of the causations and/or exacerbations of American's mental health problems according to phycological studies and estimates. Admittedly, noise pollution is difficult to mitigate (excluding mufflers), but light pollution generally is not. Just turn off the light! (or provide natural colors of light, which is bluish-purplish during the nighttime, and supplement it with adequate light shielding/control) It's fairly not hard at all. Not to mention the environmental concerns to natural life. The field lighting will plausibly encourage deer to approach or enter the interstate.</p> <p>So please, turn off these field lights and discontinue their use. Or at least, put them on a manually activated timer switch so it's impossible to forget to turn them off. Or for them to be one when no one needs them on. E.G. a switch accessible to all users where you turn it clockwise and it starts ticking down counter-clockwise, for about 60 minutes until it turns off or someone turns it to adds more time. Such a switch could be used in supplement to grandmaster key operated switches to prevent unauthorized operation.</p> <p>The field closest to the I-97 travel lanes should be locked out (prevented from being used altogether) and de-energized. The other neighboring fields can be used (with a timed switch) for the once in a blue moon occasion that requires the lights use. Also consider erecting rows of additional, tall pine trees to obstruct drivers' view of the lights all year long, around the edge of AACPS property that parallels I-97.</p> <p>Lastly, please give words of encouragement to AACPS to be more proactive and to consider these possible hazards before they spend millions of our dollars building it. I think fields are overrated and underused anyways! We could have used that money to teach our children how to drive (free semester long class) while in high school, or to provide OSHA courses. Something that would have saved lives instead of putting them at risk. It's especially disappointing knowing the lights that were installed using my money, will have to be left disused. I really would have preferred if these lights weren't installed in the first place.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your time and all that you do for our safety, truly! P.S. sincere apologies for lapses and errors in my most recent submission, I never proof-read it.</p> | https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/41080/screenshot-2024-10-27-161841.png |

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| 2024-11-03 15:12:43 | Jim | Bongiorno | Odenton | Maryland | 21113 | Yes | | <p>DON'T CALL US, WE'LL CALL YOU???</p> <p>I am submitting testimony once again regarding costly field light mismanagement at GORC. Please note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Field lights are still be used to light empty fields at GORC Park every weeknight; * The County has still not taken any action to resolve the issue despite my efforts to work with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The leadership of the GORC Council and Recreation & Parks since May 2024; * The County Auditor since 10/05/24; * The County Council since 10/14/24. <p>Over the past month, the County's attitude has been: Don't call us, we'll call you. That attitude runs counter to this tag line on the County's website: "The Best Place – For All".</p> <p>Throughout this time, I have strived to be a good neighbor by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Respectfully presenting overwhelming evidence that the GORC Park field lights are being abused (please see the new photo evidence on the following pages); * Offering reasonable solutions that will reduce light pollution and save the taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars in utility costs; * Continuing to pick up litter at the park on a daily basis as I have for the past 11 years (please see the photo evidence on the last page of an unsafe situation). * Regularly reporting safety issues including the abandoned restroom Facilities - Issue #17603275 - Odenton, MD - SeeClickFix and the failure of the back parking lot lights Facilities - Issue #17667372 - Odenton, MD - SeeClickFix (both of which are still awaiting responses). <p>What will it take for common sense to prevail and for the neighbors of GORC Park to be heard?</p> <p>Attachment</p> | https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/41634/gorc-field-lights-testimony-2024-11-04.pdf |
| 2024-11-04 8:12:24 | Kristin | Engleman | Severna Park | Maryland | 21146 | Yes | | <p>Bill 73-24 is not listed in the drop down for tonights meeting. Please accept this testimony for the record as I cannot get to the drop box or the meeting.</p> <p>I attended the last County Council Meeting and was surprised that Bill No. 73-24 was not voted on based on the actual Bill and the overwhelming support it has received by the community. The county requirement is support from 279 owners and that was exceeded significantly with 358 owners supporting the update to the community's charter. I hope that the County Council Members will vote based on the Bill and will not conflate it with other issues.</p> <p>Thank you, Kristin Engleman</p> | |