Athletic Field Lighting Proposal
Park & Recreation Commission
Public Hearing
July 21, 2022

Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities
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Topics for Discussion

- Project Need
- Proposed Locations
- Fiscal Impacts
- Implementation Schedule
- Community Engagement
- Community Concerns
- Questions & Discussion
Project Need

- Provide additional capacity to accommodate current and increasing scholastic and community program needs within the City’s fixed field resources.
  - Athletic field lighting combined with synthetic turf provides for up to approximately 1,100 additional hours of use per field annually.

- Support the City Council 2022 Community Priority to Support Youth and Families by expanding for capacity for youth programs.

- Support City’s goal of Providing Equitable Access to facilities and services.
Proposed Locations

1. Francis C Hammond Middle School
   4646 Seminary Road

2. Patrick Henry K-8 School & Recreation Center
   4643 & 4653 Taney Avenue

3. Jefferson Houston K-8 School
   1501 Cameron Street

4. George Washington Middle School *
   1005 Mt. Vernon Avenue

5. Eugene Simpson Stadium Park
   426 East Monroe Avenue

**Note:** All locations compliant with the International Dark-Sky Association's Community Friendly Outdoor Sports Lighting Program

* Addition to ACPS project to convert one of the two existing fields to synthetic turf
City Athletic Field Lighting Distribution Map

- F.C. Hammond
- Patrick Henry
- G. Washington
- J. Houston
- Simpson Park

Legend:
- Green: Shared Use
- Red: Diamond
- Blue: Synthetic Rectangle
- Light Blue: Natural Turf Rectangle
- Orange: Proposed
Patrick Henry Lighting Exhibit

LEGEND:
X = 0 FOOTCANDLES; NO LIGHT SPILL FROM ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING
Jefferson Houston Lighting Exhibit

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Simpson Park Lighting Exhibit

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FY 2023 Project Funding: $804,000
City Council approved funding for two (2) rectangular field lighting *

Additional Funding Requests: $402,000 per field (FY 2023 dollars) *

* Pending SUP approval
FY 2023 (up to two funded)
- Francis C Hammond Middle School
- Jefferson Houston K-8 School
- George Washington Middle

FY 2024
- Patrick Henry K-8 School & Recreation Center

FY 2025
- Eugene Simpson Stadium

* Pending SUP approval & City funding
May 16 - June 30: Individual Community Group Meetings (invitation)
June 2: ACPS Schoolboard Update (completed)
June 8: Community Meeting #1 (completed) - meeting recording available
June 9: Seminary Hill Civic Association (completed)
June 13: Youth Sports Advisory Group (completed)
June 16: Park and Recreation Commission (completed)
June 21: Community Meeting #2 (completed) - meeting recording available
June 29: Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations (completed)
July 21: Park & Recreation Commission Public Hearing
Oct 4: Planning Commission Public Hearing
Oct 15: City Council Public Hearing

- Community comments were received through 2 p.m. July 21 for the Park & Recreation Commission Public Hearing.
- Comments will continue to be received through the schedule Planning Commission Public Hearing on October 4 and City Council Public Hearing October 15 at Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov
- Additional Information is Available on the Project Website: 2022 Athletic Field Lighting Proposals
Civic Association Distribution List *(Community Association Viewer)*

1. Seminary Hill Civic Association
2. Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association
3. Seminary Ridge Civic Association
4. Strawberry Hill Civic Association
5. Wakefield Tarleton Civic Association
6. Del Ray Citizens Association
7. Rosemont Citizens Association
8. Braddock Metro Citizens' Coalition
9. Braddock Station Civic Association
10. West Old Town Citizens Association
11. Upper King Street Neighborhood Association
12. Old Town Civic Association
13. Potomac Yard Civic Association
Community Engagement
Community Concerns

- Lighting will result in increased levels of trash, noise and illegal parking
  - Lighting at all fields is by permitted use only.
  - Staff will monitor use and adjust staff supervision and trash collection consistent with permitted use.
    - Trash Collection is performed daily with removal by or before 8 a.m.
    - Permit Holders are encouraged to help
    - Additional Recycle Containers will be installed by end of August
  - Permits can be revoked.
  - Parking Violations may be reported to Traffic Enforcement at 703.746.4444.

- Synthetic Turf Use is Dangerous
  - Information may be found by visiting Synthetic Turf Use in Alexandria

- A Noise Variance Permit is not needed for installation.
Questions & Discussion

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[2022 Athletic Field Lighting Proposals](https://example.com) Project Page