

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Case #20643: Maret School
Date: 15 January 2022

Dear ANC 3/4G Chairman, Mr. Randy Speck: Commissioner John Higgins

We are writing to express our serious objections to the Maret School multi-sport commercial complex proposed for our residential neighborhood.

1. Use of the sports complex by Maret and the other organizations that it expects to rent it to would result in seven days a week disruption of noise and traffic, safety problems, noise and air pollution, and significant destruction of trees and natural vegetation.
2. The proposal would greatly contribute to the existing safety problems of speeding traffic on Nebraska Ave. and Rittenhouse Street, by making them seven days a week.
3. The proposal requests a 50-car parking lot facing Nebraska Ave. This is totally inappropriate in the middle of single-family houses.
 - On school game days, there would be buses coming and going as well as the cars of players and spectators.
 - On weekends, when the fields are rented out, there would be games scheduled all day long with a constant churn of 40-50 cars coming and going every hour as games start and end for 12 or more hours of daylight
4. Environmental problems are many – including too much lot coverage, too much hard surface, too intense use, inadequate visual and sound buffers, traffic related pollution, too high retaining walls.
5. We strongly object to this proposal for a commercial sports facility that would operate seven days a week and create significant negative social and environmental impacts as described, in part, above. While it happens to be proposed by a school, it is nonetheless a commercial venture that does not belong in an R1B neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

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