

Dear Jocelyn,

I attended the KPAB meeting on 1/27 at C.O M. regarding the proposal for the installation of stadium lighting at the Marin Catholic Football field. Lots of opinions we expressed from various parties but I feel that the overall application and reason for lighting implementation is incomplete and does not take into account how sound, light, and additional traffic will affect the residence and natural habitat of the area.

My wife and I have been home owners and living at the base of Vista Grande since 2011 and have already felt the negative sound impacts of the microphone system that was installed a few years back since we have an up-close, clear view of the lovely valley and MC campus (primarily sports fields). It is very concerning that extended use of these fields when it would otherwise be dark and unusable deepens the negative impact to its nearby surroundings, neighbors and the wildlife in the marshland such as the clapper rail (endangered).

I am actually an alumni of MC and attended 1997-2001. During that time I played varsity sports (soccer and golf) all four years and I do not ever recall the need for field lighting? Back then the soccer team had the lowest priority for field use (vs football etc.) and we were able to make it work and in fact won a series of MCAL championships. The proposed needed use of lighting just does not make any sense to me...

I hope that you consider the voices of the neighbors/residences opposing the lights and can have a better appreciation of the negative impacts it will have.

Thank you for your consideration.

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