

Hoover High School  
Post Event Reports  
Submitted to SDUSD  
and BOE regarding  
Football Season 2012

## Post Event Report

Hoover football game played on 09-07-2012

Last night's first game under permanent lights was a stark contrast from past night events at Hoover's football field under portable field lights and other second party events that took place on the field during the day:

The new Loudspeaker system worked great in fact I could not even hear the announcer while standing outside of my home at the North end of Highland. The old system was loud enough that we couldn't even enjoy a movie in our home behind double pane windows that were closed. Some have given the PA system an A+ and I do as well. Granted, I live to the North – others that live to the West may have had a different experience. One thing to note; the 4-Channel PA system was installed as a mitigation measure for the one significant environmental impact discovered and documented on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). One thing that was missing from the mitigation measure was how the 4-Channel PA system would be used or restricted. We need to keep that in mind and work on getting some firm restrictions implemented.

All foot traffic was directed to El Cajon Blvd and Red Shirt Security personnel were present at all entrances to the campus. This greatly reduced the amount of folks parking in our part of the community and loitering about.

I have received reports from neighbors that alignments of the field lights need to be conducted. The field lights need to be aligned to reduce the glare and spillage onto neighboring properties. The lighting effect needs to match the environmental lighting study that was developed for the purpose of mitigating the effect on the environment of the surrounding community.

The school placed screening along the inside of the new perimeter fencing to reduce the field glow effect and to the reduce lookie-lews from hanging out along Monroe Ave and along Highland Ave. It may have looked a little tacky but it worked very well even though you could still see pretty well through the green screening with the field illuminated, but it provided enough screening to deter folks from hanging out.

The wall behind the visitor bleachers greatly reduced the sound level to the north. Of course nothing restricted the sound level to the west other than the new sound system. This was quickly evident when walking west on Monroe Ave and turning south toward El Cajon Blvd. It should be noted that I have not received any negative reports from those that live west of the field.

No buses were parked on Highland Ave which was an ongoing issue in the past which affected traffic flow.

I can not report any trash issues because the Hoover football team came through the neighborhood Saturday morning wearing their football jersey's picking up trash. This was greatly appreciated by all. Those of us that have lived through those field events in

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the past still remember the mounds of trash, dirty diapers, beer cans/bottles, etc...left behind after a field event whether it was an evening or day event and seeing the school take no responsibility of the field event and the impact it was having on the surrounding community. This positive change is most welcome.

Parking in our neighborhood was very lightly used by the visitors to the game. Granted, this was a lightly attended game. This will change for the well attended sold out games due to the school being under parked by 1,100 cars if each car carried 3 persons. It would be under-parked by more if there were fewer riders per car. This is based on city code requirements and existing parking available on campus. El Cajon Blvd will not be able to provide parking for that many cars and inevitably the cars will park throughout our residential neighborhoods unless other mitigation measures are implemented.

One thing you may see missing from this report. There was no crime reported other than a few yahoos driving along Monroe Ave a little faster than they should honking at the opposing visitor stands that are adjacent to Monroe Ave.

It was a very successful event due to the school taking ownership of their event and mitigating the impact to the surrounding community. This is a giant step forward in healing the relationship between the neighboring community and the school.

## Post Event Report - Hoover football game played on 09-14-2012

The 4 Channel Loudspeaker system worked fine but was louder than the previous week. As reported after the game played on 9/7/12, the school needs to institute restrictions/limitations in its use. Again, noise was the single significant impact identified in the environmental studies conducted by the district. Mitigation measures now need to be implemented in the use of the Loudspeaker system to fully reduce the impact to the surrounding neighborhood.

The band was a welcome addition to many but unfortunately the drums were loud (as drums are intended to be) and posed a significant impact to those living on the North/East side of the field where sound is not restricted. This area also marks the start of a canyon where the sound travels freely. Since it was a very hot day, there weren't many options for the folks living in this area with the exception of vacating their homes until the game was finished.

This night game had more attendees than the one played on 9/7 but was still not well attended. One of the primary reasons the district installed lights was for better attendance by the parents of the players.

All foot traffic was directed to El Cajon Blvd and Red Shirt Security personnel were present at all entrances to the campus. This greatly reduced the amount of folks parking in the surrounding community and loitering about.

I am still receiving reports from neighbors near and far from the field that alignment of the field lights need to be conducted. The field lights need to be aligned to reduce the glare and spillage onto neighboring properties and across the canyons. Verification of the proper light fixture shrouds are also in order. The lighting effect needs to match the environmental lighting study that was developed for the purpose of mitigating the effect on the environment of the surrounding community:

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The screening along the inside of the new perimeter fencing is working well to reduce the field glow effect and to reduce lookie-loos from hanging out along Monroe Ave and along Highland Ave although screening is still needed on the perimeter fence at the East end of the Visitor stadium. The effects of the misaligned lights are amplified with the field glow and are really intense to the community near and far from that side of the field. This section of fencing also had lookie-loos present that trampled the new landscaping that was installed in that area to reach a point on the ridge to watch the game. One additional observation – there was a large amount of water that was coming out of a drain from the school property and onto the street. Since the irrigation was on during this time, I suspect the irrigation pipes were damaged when folks trampled through the new landscape to reach their viewing area.

Once again, I can not report any trash issues because the Hoover football team came through the neighborhood Saturday morning wearing their football jersey's picking up trash. This was greatly appreciated by all and many of the residents took the time to thank the players for doing this. Again, those of us that have lived through those field events in the past still remember the mounds of trash, dirty diapers, beer cans/bottles, etc...left behind after a field event whether it

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was an evening or day event. Seeing the school take responsibility of the field event and the impact it has on the surrounding community is a welcome addition. This positive change is most welcome!!

Parking in our neighborhood was lightly used by the visitors to the game. Once again, this was a lightly attended game. This will change for the well attended sold out events due to the school being under parked.

No crimes to my knowledge were reported.

## Post Event Report - Hoover football games played on 09-21-2012 and 09-28-2012

The 4 Channel Loudspeaker system was reported to be about the same volume as the previous week. The band's drums were again reported to have posed a significant impact to those living on the north/east side of the field. It was also reported that the sound emanated down the canyons and could be heard inside homes. As reported in the previous post-event report, the north/east side of the field area marks the start of a canyon where the sound travels freely. Sound was also reported in the neighboring community of Kensington as far away as the corner of Madison and Marlborough Avenues (which is located seven (7) blocks to west and three (3) blocks north of the stadium).

Attendance seemed to equal the game played on 9/14.

Foot traffic was again directed to El Cajon Blvd and Red Shirt Security personnel were present at all entrances to the campus. This greatly reduced the amount of foot traffic and visitor parking in the surrounding residential community.

Reports are still being received regarding the misalignment of the field lights. The field lights need to be aligned to reduce the glare and spillage onto neighboring properties and across the canyons. Glare and spillage is being reported on 44<sup>th</sup> St, Max Dr, Highland Ave, and at distances blocks from the stadium (7 blocks away at the corner of Madison and Marlborough Ave). Verification of the proper light fixture shrouds are also in order. The lighting effect needs to match the environmental lighting study that was developed for the purpose of mitigating the effect on the environment of the surrounding community:

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Although there was red screening along the inside on the west fence bordering Highland Ave, there were approximately 10 people loitering and looking through the screening. Unfortunately the newly planted vegetation, although a deterrent, isn't at a size to prevent lookie-loos; and therefore as a result some of the plants are being trampled. Due to the glare, screening is still needed on the perimeter fence at the East end of the Visitor stadium. The effects of the misaligned lights are amplified with the field glow and are really intense to the community near and far from that side of the field.

The Hoover football team has picked up trash on the Saturday mornings following each of these two events. They continue to receive praise for their efforts and seem to enjoy their contribution to the community and receiving the compliments. Pictures were taken of them with neighbors as they continued their community service.

Parking in our neighborhood was lightly used by the visitors to the game. Once again, this was a lightly attended game. This will change for the well attended sold out events due to the school being under parked.

Post Event Report - Hoover football game played on 10-12-2012  
This was the 5<sup>th</sup> night event played under permanent lights.

The 4 Channel Loudspeaker system was reported to be about the same volume as the previous week. The band with drums did not attend this event so those sounds did not reverberate throughout the canyons.

Attendance seemed to equal the previous games played.

Foot traffic was again directed to El Cajon Blvd. This greatly reduced the amount of foot traffic and visitor parking in the surrounding residential community.

Reports are still being received regarding the misalignment of the field lights. The field lights need to be aligned to reduce the glare and spillage onto neighboring properties and across the canyons. Glare and spillage is still being reported on 44<sup>th</sup> St and Max Dr. Resident has submitted photos pointing out the specific group of lights that need to be addressed. Verification of the proper light fixture shrouds are also in order. The lighting effect needs to match the environmental lighting study that was developed for the purpose of mitigating the effect on the environment of the surrounding community:  
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Although there was red screening along the inside on the west fence bordering Highland Ave, there were half dozen people loitering and looking through the screening and standing on the curb borders and looking over the screening. Unfortunately the newly planted vegetation, although a deterrent, isn't at a size to prevent lookie-loos; and therefore as a result some of the plants are being trampled. This happened from midpoint of the game and thereafter. It was also noticed that the Red Shirt Security was not visible at these areas or gates at that time. Due to the glare, screening is still needed on the perimeter fence at the East end of the Visitor stadium. The effects of the misaligned lights are amplified with the field glow and are really intense to the community near and far from that side of the field.

The visitor team bus was parked on 46<sup>th</sup> Street blocking the southbound lane. There appears to be more than enough room for a bus to park off the street within the school property at the gates located at the Norwood Street.

No crimes were reported.

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Hoover Football Game Played on 10-19-2012 (Homecoming Game)

**Noise**

The 4-Channel PA system was installed as a mitigation measure for the one significant environmental impact discovered and documented on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the football field improvements. One thing that was missing from the mitigation measure was how the 4-Channel PA system would be used or restricted. Although this new PA system itself is a definite improvement over the old PA system, with a comment from the first event rating the new system “as an A+”, the rating has been going down hill at each event since then, culminating with this recent event being the worst. Comments received stated that the PA system was “very loud”; “the PA system WAS louder, the crowd noise was louder”; “at the 44th/Highland curve and didn't hear anything the first game. Since then, the noise has increased--especially the drums”; “for those of us on Monroe, it really feels like the entire event is in our living rooms”; “Despite double-paned windows, the drums and band, and tonight the PA system makes me feel like I am sitting at the 50 yard line...”; and “the PA tonight is VERY AUDIBLE and adds to the noise ...”. These comments were from residents on 44<sup>th</sup> St, on Highland Ave, 45 St, and on Monroe Ave east and west of the stadium. It is clear that testing needs to be done, not only at locations behind the visitor wall but further into the community, especially taking into account the canyons. Also, restrictive procedures need to be implemented on how the PA system is used.

**Attendance**

Attendance definitely increased this week due to it being Homecoming. From visual perspective, the home stadium looked to be maybe 50% full.

**Entrance**

The majority of foot traffic used the entrance on El Cajon Blvd where a couple of Red Shirt Security was visible. However, there were attendees (who parked in the neighboring streets north of the stadium) who had trouble finding the entrance and went to each gate trying to find a way to enter the campus. Unfortunately there wasn't any Red Shirt Security visible or signage to direct them to the front entrance. This same issue has been documented after each of the last two homecomings with no signage implemented to this date.

**Athletic Field Lighting**

Reports are still being received regarding the misalignment of the field lights. The field lights need to be aligned to reduce the glare and spillage onto neighboring properties and across the canyons. Glare and spillage is still being reported on 44<sup>th</sup> St, Max Dr, Monroe Ave, and across the canyons. Comments state “my house is very well lit without lights” and “the lights still are not adjusted”; “very bright”; “I live across the canyon on Norma Drive and we could not sit on our front porch due to the glare. Those are some lights!”. Verification of the proper light fixture shrouds are in order. The lighting effect needs to match the environmental lighting study that was developed for the purpose of mitigating the effect on the environment of the surrounding community:

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It should also be noted that the use of field lights at this field has slowly increased to now several times a week.

### **Security**

Red screening was again put up along the inside of the west fence bordering Highland Ave; however there were people loitering again at the fence and some sitting on cars with no Red Shirt security folks in sight. At the north-east end of the field, event viewers had climbed up the hill trampling on the new landscaping to watch the field event. Screening has repeatedly been requested to be placed along this fence line. Comments received addressing this: "I also saw several people climbing the new landscape to get to the uncovered bars at the north-east end of the field"; "Not so clear on the fall-down on the landscaping on my end of the field, or the lack of those mesh barriers that keep people from climbing up the hill on our end to watch the game...". It was also noticed that the Red Shirt Security was not visible at these areas or gates at that time. Due to the glare, screening is still needed on the perimeter fence at the East end of the Visitor stadium. The effects of the misaligned lights are amplified with the field glow and are really intense to the community near and far from that side of the field.

### **Visitor Bus**

The visitor team bus was parked on the northbound lane of Highland Ave blocking traffic. There appears to be more than enough room for a bus to park off the street within the school property at the gates located at the Norwood Street. This same offense was reported after last year's Homecoming game.

### **Crime**

No crimes of any significance were reported.

### **Trash/Cleanup**

The community has really appreciated the football players cleaning up trash the morning after an event. For this event, trash was not picked up. Not even around the perimeter of the campus. There was visible trash on the perimeter grass areas on the west end of stadium on Highland Ave and in the landscaping in front of the wall behind the visitor bleachers. Placing trash cans along the perimeter of the field on game days would make it so much easier to keep the area tidy. This suggestion has been made numerous times but has fallen on deaf ears.

### **Parking**

For all of the previous events held this Fall, parking has been light due to the low attendance to the games. Unfortunately, with the increase in attendance to this event (approx 50% full), there was a large increase in parking in the neighborhood north of the school on 44<sup>th</sup> St, Highland Ave, 45<sup>th</sup> St, and Monroe Ave. Comments stated: "What I did notice was a big increase in street parking..." "There were also cars lining Monroe that we have not had at previous games. So, parking is still a big issue."; "a woman pulls up to park with her tail end parked in one of the neighbor's driveways"; "the people who parked over the red zone and about two feet over our driveway. Parking Enforcement Officers should come around during these types of events. We don't know if Hoover isn't

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doing a good job of letting visitors know how to access the field or if the visitors are not paying attention...that communication needs to be improved.”

This consolidated input by the neighbors of Hoover High School is being submitted to the school district.