

## Bexley Planning Commission

Planning Staff Update – November 23, 2015

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### Capital Stadium preliminary Game Day observation

Staff conducted a preliminary Game Day observation of general conditions on November 14, 2015. This was not the official annual audit required in the Conditions of Approval, which will yet be conducted at a game using the lights with anticipated attendance over 700. Instead, this was an informal “preliminary audit” to look at how overall conditions are being followed along with general observations regarding parking, in both on-campus lots and on adjacent neighborhood streets.

#### Game Day:

Observations were made between 12PM and 3PM both before and during a Capital home football game versus Marietta College. Kickoff was scheduled for 1:30PM. The attendance was 2087 according to the university website.

<http://athletics.capital.edu/sports/fball/2015-16/teams/capital?view=attendance>

The weather was cool, but very clear and pleasant.

#### Conditions of Approval conformance:

1. Game Day and Night Traffic Management
  - The Main Street permanent parking signage has been installed. Through collaboration with staff, the signage is purple and white instead of green and white.
  - Updated wayfinding signage, in collaboration with ODOT and the City of Columbus, has met with initial approval pending installation agreements.
  - The required temporary signage for games with an anticipated attendance over 700 was observed to be in place.
  - No buses were observed to be staging outside the designated areas.
  - Attendants were in place before the game to direct traffic to designated on-campus lots (observations made at approximately 12:30 PM).
  
2. Game Day and Night Traffic Management
  - Designated on-campus lots were utilized.
  - Staff made the following parking observations at the beginning of halftime of the football game. For the lots, specific open spaces were

counted. For the streets, approximations of available capacity were made based on visual estimates since on-street spaces are not marked in many areas.

- Parking lots
  - S1: 2 empty spaces; 6 spaces used by tailgating
  - S2: 11 empty spaces; 1 ROTC designated spaces empty; 1 space taken by a trailer
  - S3: 16 empty spaces (4 handicap accessible)
- On-street parking
  - Pleasant Ridge adjacent to stadium and lots: 8-10 empty spaces
  - Astor: almost all open – 4 total cars parked here
  - Mound – adjacent to field to Euclaire: 0 empty spaces
  - Mound – block east of Euclaire: 2 empty spaces
  - Euclaire – Main to Mound: 1 empty space
  - Euclaire – south of Mound: full for first seven or so houses, then about 80% full for a portion, then almost all open

### 3. Stadium Light Management

- Not applicable to this observation.

### 4. Stadium Sound Management

- Staff was observing traffic management before the game, so cannot confirm that the sound was not used until 45 minutes prior, but no sound usage was noticed before this time.
- No specifically prohibited sounds such as cannons or air horns were observed.
- Specific readings cannot be confirmed as per the conditions of approval since testing is still in process.

### 5. Safety Management

- Staff spoke directly to members of the Franklin County Sheriff's Department who were on duty at the game. A minimum of 5 officers was observed throughout the entire first half, in conformance with the conditions of approval. Staff was outside the stadium during halftime and during second half play, observing the surrounding parking and traffic conditions. The Sheriffs on duty indicated that they would be there throughout the duration of the contest.
- Several campus officers were observed driving around campus before the game and at halftime.