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<b>Committee:</b> Plan Commission	<b>Date:</b> 7/22/2020
<b>Item Number:</b> PC20-0058 & PC20-0059	<b>Date:</b> 7/22/2020
<b>Submitted By:</b> Doug Koehler, City Planner	<b>City Administrator Approval:</b> Kevin Lahner, City Administrator
<b>Finance Department Review:</b> Diane Gard, Finance Director	<b>City Attorney's Office Review:</b> Brian Running, City Attorney
<b>Subject:</b> Public Hearing: Catholic Memorial High School, 601 E. College Avenue - Conditional Use Permit – Proposed installation of athletic field lights around the track and football/soccer field behind the school.	

**Details:** The applicant, Catholic Memorial High School, is seeking a Conditional Use Permit for installation of new field lights at it's main athletic field facility. Catholic Memorial's property is zoned RS-3 Single Family Residential, like the surrounding neighborhood, and the school operates under a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed new lights constitute a modification to the school's operations, so they must be reviewed by the Plan Commission.

The school plans to install four new light fixtures, two on either sideline of the field. The poles will be galvanized steel, with a height of 70 feet. The light fixtures will each include seventeen floodlights. The lights will be shielded so they light up the field only. The photometric plan shows no light spillover at the property boundary.

Catholic Memorial is requesting this approval in order to allow football, soccer, and other sports programs to use the field at night. In the past they have used Carroll University facilities for those purposes, but they will no longer have access starting this school year. They plan to install temporary bleachers for night football games. The school has over 400 parking spaces and they hope to reach an agreement with St. Mary's Parish to use spaces on the church property as well.

The application includes a request to use temporary lights for games until the installation of the permanent lights is complete. Staff is recommending that temporary lights be approved through the 2020 fall sports season only. The applicants have stated that this condition is acceptable. They believe they will most likely not need to use the temporary lights at all due to cancellations in the 2020 fall sports schedule.

**Options & Alternatives:**

**Financial Remarks:**



**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff Recommends approval of a Conditional Use Permit for new field lights at 601 E. College Ave. with the following conditions:

- Lights will be turned off no later than 10:00 PM.
- Temporary Lights may be used only until construction of permanent lights is completed, or until the end of the 2020 fall sports season, whichever is sooner.
- The school's Reader Board sign will not alternate, flash, scroll, move, or show video, and will not change messages more often than every two minutes, in compliance with the city sign ordinance.