Re: Proposed CHS Stadium Lights

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Dear Mr. Cowen,
Thank you for taking the time to thoroughly review the DEIR and submit your feedback. We will add your thoughts, concerns and feedback to our database.

Best,
Sara

On Sep 22, 2022, at 4:13 PM, Thom Cowen <thomcowen@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear School Board and Superintendent Knight

Here is my response to the latest EIR regarding the Stadium Lighting project

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Thank you for your attention

Sincerely

Thom Cowen

Attachments

- CHS Stadium Lights Letter.pdf
September 18, 2022

TO: Carmel School Board and Administration  RE: Stadium Light Project and EIR

Thank you for doing a more thorough EIR for the proposed Stadium Light Project. The new EIR shows clearly that the Carmel High School campus is too small, too close to town and nearby neighborhoods, too close to the scenic corridor of Hwy 1, with ingress and egress onto Hwy 1 that are too limited to accommodate the stadium lights and traffic described in the school districts proposed improvements at the High School. The fact that the high school is located on top of a hill only makes all of the potential light pollution impact worse. In addition there is a serious question as to the educational value of the new late start law especially in such a large district with the high school at the very north east end of it. These limitations and concerns should cause the school administration, school board and the community to find other solutions to satisfy the need for high school sports activities. **School spirit doesn't come from 6 nighttime football games a year but from embracing the environmental ethos of our time (to take on the climate crisis and save the planet) and embracing the special qualities of our community (preserving the dark nights).**

**New Stadium Lights**

Map of the extent of the light pollution (only covers the first 3.5 miles)
This is the map from the EIR of the extent of the impact of the stadium lights on our community, it only extends 3.5 miles and obviously there would be an impact much further down into Carmel Valley. Combine this with the amount of days and hours the stadium lights will be in use, according to the EIR the lights will be turned on not only for the 44 games days but for an additional 103 practice days for a total of 147 days of the year starting in August and extending to May, the amount of time the stadium lights will be on is at least 281 hours over these 147 days, this doesn’t include the dramatic increase in days and hours of use of the pool lights as well. This map and impact and the days and hours the impact will be felt should cause any responsible school board member, administrator, student or community member to reject this solution in no uncertain terms. In addition the EIR should not mention the practices only as an insignificant addition to the 44 games, the **EIR should address the impact of the 103 practice days directly and honestly present their conclusions to the community.**

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**Goals**

Many of the goals described in the EIR need to be reexamined

1. Enhanced Learning – It is questionable if this is actually a goal, having Friday night football games instead of Saturday daytime football games does not enhance learning.  

2. Late Start Law – It is questionable whether late starts will actually improve the quality of student learning or experience. Having parents who work at 8am also drop their kids off at the same time is a hardship. Having students after school programs both sports and other activities run until 8pm makes it impossible to have family dinners together and requires that students are picked up after dark much of the school year. Because CSUD is so large and the high school
is at the north east corner it requires many parents and students commute long distances late at night which is more dangerous. Late practice makes it more difficult to get homework done in time to get a good night’s sleep and thus defeats the whole purpose of the late start law.

5. Operate an athletic stadium facility that is equal to other schools. – It is questionable whether this goal is desirable any longer. Since the climate crisis is upon us it does not make sense to add all the 147 additional days of the excessive energy use of the new stadium lights as well as the additional lighting for the pool and all the new parking and driveways. This is not 1990 and the new standard for high school development in 2022 should be net zero energy use not huge increases. The school board could make the high school a model of no light sports events and net zero energy that both the students and community could be proud of.

8. Implement green building practices. – This is a good goal but nothing about the present development plan is doing this. The dramatic increase in energy use for stadium lights, the increase in use of pool lights and the new parking lights as well as paving over so much open land on the campus and threatening the mature Monterey pine and cypress. The result of the present plan is the opposite of green building practice. Night Sky certification will not stop the devastating effects of the 147 days of stadium light use on our community and the environment. Because the high school is on a hill above much of the community there will be no dark sky on those 147 days.

11. Create new healthy weekend social opportunity. – Having 6 Friday night games instead of 6 Saturday day games does not create any new social opportunities it just shifts existing ones to another time. Carmel High already has school spirit as one of the top public high schools in the state. There is no evidence that having the same number of football games on friday night instead of Saturday afternoon would increase school spirit. The High School would be better served spending the resources on academics as a way to increase school spirit. It seems that this is mostly for the coaches and sports boosters, not the students.

13. Achieving the objectives of the 2019 masterplan would involve shifting the high school sports events to the new middle school sports complex. Any development at the high school does not meet this goal.

**Expanded parking at the High School**

The potential for the death and removal of mature trees that will be caused by the installation of the additional on campus parking places is a serious danger. The EIR states that there are no plans for tree removal, but even without any plans for removal, paving over the root systems of mature Monterey Cypress along Hwy 1 in front of the stadium and mature Monterey Pine in the back of the campus will endanger the life of these trees which at present provide a visual buffer to the community from the existing pool lights and any future stadium lights. Replacing the mature trees with new trees if they die or need removal is no solution because the new trees won’t grow to the same size for 30 years or more. The addition of these new parking areas and driveways will only increase the future effects of the stadium and pool lighting on the
community. Having an arborist present during construction is important but having one involved in the design of the parking and drives is much more important. It doesn’t appear that any consideration has been given to protecting the trees in the proposed new parking scheme. The new on-campus parking should be eliminated from the project and all parking should occur in the exiting spaces and at the middle school with shuttles to the football games. The fact that the EIR states that the parking at the middle school is a recommendation instead of a requirement only means that it is unlikely to be used. It needs, at the very least, be a requirement that all Carmel fans park at the middle school. The EIR should honestly address the impact of the removal of all these threatened trees and not just say none are planned for removal at this time.

**Alternatives**

The whole development plan described in the EIR is not solving a problem but rather it is creating a problem that doesn’t need to exist if more forethought had been put into the design process.

**Alternative 1** is obviously the most environmentally sound, common sense, community friendly solution, and since it has been working well for years makes sense to keep with whatever improvements the district can make.

All the alternatives are preferable to the proposed development especially if the EIR reexamines the value of the goals they are trying to meet.

**Conclusion**

The EIR states that the impact of the new stadium lights would be “significant and unavoidable”. This includes the 147 days with the new stadium lights on, the dramatic increase in the use of the pool lights, the threat to the family life of the students of late nights at school, the dangers of driving so much more at night, the potential for killing so many of the mature trees that make the CHS campus what it is and the limitations due to the siting and access to the high school. There is not any compelling evidence that the proposed stadium lights are better than the alternatives presented in the EIR and that a "statement of overriding consideration" explaining that the project and its objectives are more important than the negative environmental impacts is not an appropriate response to this project. The fact of the “significant and unavoidable” impacts should be enough to cause the school board, school administration, students and community to reject the present plan in no uncertain terms and find another solution that is more environmentally intelligent and community friendly and that will better serve the CHS students and families in the future.

Sincerely

Thomas Cowen
Make up your minds CUSD Trustees! 
This Special Meeting has been noticed for 6:30 pm for the last 8 days! Waiting to the last moment, on a Friday evening when many families are heading out for the weekend is despicable. Last minute changes and scheduling right after a National Holiday and 3 day weekend appear to be devious tactics to confuse the public, limit participation and further control the narrative of this boondoggle of a Plan... that benefits few and impacts all of the Carmel and Carmel Area environment.
I demand a second meeting, properly noticed and in accordance with the Robert M. Brown Act.
Like the 1st thin DEIR, how 'bout a do-over to get it right? You should be better than this.
Remember what we all learned in kindergarten: Be kind, share your toys, protect the environment, tell the truth.
Larry Arthur

On 2022-09-02 18:38, Tricia Zarevich via ParentSquare wrote:

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Tricia Zarevich posted in Agenda Recipient List, CUSD AC Assistants, CUSD Administrative Council, CUSD Board Members, CUSD Cabinet

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**September 6, 2022**

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**4380 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA. 93923**

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Think about it - you want to put up stadium lights in an environmentally sensitive and highly visible area that is often fogged in - that will produce more candlepower, in aggregate, than most likely all the current lights in Carmel and the surrounding area put together. How stupid is that - especially when there are better options available - regardless of what your Hanna-Barbera produced EMC report says. (extraordinarily mis-characterized)

Ted, for you to commission this latest DEIR and offer it up to the community with a straight face - due to its lack of rigger, use of creative liberties and the clearly misleading figures and photos illustrates that you are a bit simple - let alone underestimate the many extremely talented, driven and accomplished community members that care about our environment, quality of life - and believe in education for the young and old. I couldn’t be more proud of our community members that have stood up in the face of the bullying by you and your colleagues. How much did you pay EMC again… so sad. Such a waste.

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You are supposed to provide leadership - so lead or leave - so someone can pull the community together and do the right thing - of seeking a viable solution for all stake holders.

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Borrowing a cartoon from my wife - per her dressage riding passion - let alone her horse. A perspective on your process.

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Be safe,

Robert

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First she wants circles, then it's more circles, and more circles, and OMG then they're never freakin' round enough...

Dressage Horse Therapy
Mrs. Dillard,

The Board identified a capital outlay list through Board Resolution No. 22-02 on March 9, 2022. The list is specific to the earmarking of funds for the proposed projects set forth therein (See attached), and is necessary for planning and budget purposes.

The proposed CHS Stadium Lighting Project has an estimated budget of $1,879,469. We previously transferred $1,479,469 for an estimated total project cost of $1,879,469. This includes costs necessary to cover all components of the proposed project and a sufficient degree of analysis in the environmental review documents to provide decisionmakers and the public with enough information to ascertain the project’s environmental impacts, assess ways of mitigating them, and consider project alternatives. For this reason, it is generally necessary for a lead agency to enter into contracts with architects and other consultants as part of the CEQA process for plans, studies, surveys, reports, and other scopes of work to ensure that the project description and environmental analysis contained in an EIR are accurate.

The District carefully considered all public comments received during the public comment period for the draft EIR for the proposed Project, and opted to revise the draft EIR based on community input. The additional $400,000 was for added work related to revising and recirculating the draft Environmental Impact Report.

Yvonne Perez  
Chief Business Official  
Carmel Unified School District  
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Carmel, CA 93922  
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Yvonne Perez, Chief Business Official

While you are providing a "broad" that statement is required by ED Code Section 42127(a)(2)(B) to substantiate a need to assign and unassign ending fund balances in excess of the minimum reserve standard (3%) for CUSD, we don’t see a specific Capital Project that is allocated for the $4 MM. Is this associated with the proposed stadium lights? Is there an attachment that is missing as part of this week's budget adoption that is more specific to what is the Capital Project?

Will School Board Members move to adopt the budget without details to the Capital Project?

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01 General Fund/County School Service Fund $4,137,998.00 Set aside for Capital Projects
I am not able to attend this week's upcoming School Board Meeting. Can you please provide more details?

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- Reso #22-02 Authorizing Transfer of Funds.pdf
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the CARMEL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT has determined that there is a need to transfer funds from Fund 01 – General Fund to Fund 40 – Special Reserve for Capital Outlay; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board finds there are available General Fund Reserves that can only be used for one time purposes; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be designated as Committed Funds of the General Fund until transferred to Fund 40; and

WHEREAS, the following Capital Improvement Projects have been identified; and

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**Savings from Actual Project Cost will be allocated to Central Kitchen estimated at $7 million

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Governing Board, authorizes the transfer of $8,000,000 from Fund 01 – General Fund Reserves to Fund 40 - Special Reserve for Capital Outlay.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Committed Funds of the General Fund will be transferred at the time design services and project budgets are approved by the board for each project.
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Tess Arthur:  
Sarah Hinds: 
Seaberry Nachbar: 
Karl Pallastrini: 
Anne-Marie Rosen:  

Dated: March 9, 2022

Ted Knight, Ed.D., Superintendent

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY:

[Signature]

Tess Arthur
Clerk of the Board
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To: Sara Hinds <shinds@carmelunified.org>  
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Tue, Sep 6, 2022 at 3:31 PM PDT (GMT-07:00)

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On Sep 2, 2022, at 7:59 PM, wrote:

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2). Question: Was it deliberate or a mistake that you "Changed the Starting Time to from 6:30 - 5:30 PM" for the Special Meeting on Stadium Light. On a Friday before a 3- day holiday.

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Tricia Zarevich posted in Agenda Recipient List, CUSD AC Assistants, CUSD Administrative Council, CUSD Board Members, CUSD Cabinet

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Re: Resolution/reset of processseeking a positive outcome. Stadium Lights.

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To: Robert Kahn <ruby@aol.com>  
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Dear Mr. Kahn,

Thank you for reaching out about this evening’s Special Meeting. Separate notices were issued, and in some, the start time was listed at 5:30pm, whereas in others, the start time was listed at 6:30pm. To make sure that everyone has a chance to hear the presentation from our CEQA consultants and provide comment on the Revised Draft EIR, our CEQA consultants will present at 5:30pm for those in attendance, and public comments will follow. Our CEQA consultants will then repeat their presentation again at 6:30pm, and an opportunity for public comment at that time will be provided for those arriving at 6:30pm as well. All members of the public will have the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

Thank you for your feedback,
Sara

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On Sep 3, 2022, at 10:04 AM, Robert Kahn <ruby@aol.com> wrote:

Karl and Board members,

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Robert Kahn
BOE meeting August 17th.

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Ted, Karl and members of the board.

Ted - please stop playing the victim role - Perhaps you are practicing writing for Hollywood, but your comments were out of line. For you to twist words about not moving your family out from Colorado, which you have not done - into "harming your family" is distasteful, irresponsible and wrong. To be clear, it simply had to do that CUSD running through so many superintendents and that you have so bungled your job of managing all stakeholders that it’s good that you have not disrupted your most likely very nice family. Karl even said you were his 217th hire. Your comments were offensive.

For you to suggest that tax funds are being misused in pursuit of information when you, your board and the the CUSD organization, under your leadership, continue to pursue your own agenda at the expense of the environment and our community was one of the more humorous statements. We all appreciate that you are attempting to suck up to your board to maintain your $270k salary, but at some point, you need to put on your “big boy” pants - and appreciate that there is a large contingency of the community that want to preserve the environment and the community near and far from CHS. Perhaps you need to take a look around and count the number of street lights in Carmel or other areas - and here you want to put up stadium lights that most likely would have more candlelight power than all the lights in Carmel and the surrounding area in aggregate. Really now Ted? And your comments about meeting with people, then suggesting that they now are attacking you - when you were generous with your time - OMG, please. Please save that nonsense for people who care - perhaps your elementary school kids.

Have you ever thought about taking into consideration long time residents near and far who have worked hard to participate in the natural beauty of Carmel as you attempt to slam the environment and the quality of life enjoyed by the community. Are you interested at taking care of the kids in the best way, it just needs to be done in a thoughtful, environmentally and community sensitive way by using all CUSD assets.

Hey Ted - how did the traffic plan go for the PG shoe game. I hear your unauthorized signs went over well with the cops. Off to the principal’s office you go. Been there - they don’t use a paddle any more - although I just read that a Missouri school district is bringing it back. Perhaps you may want to champion that too - as you like to champion causes and polluting developments that we don’t pursue anymore. To remind you its 2022 - we take care of the environment and attempt to improve the quality of life within communities. ( I hear Caltrains wants to put a freeway through Hatton canyon…)

Perhaps underwater lights at Point Lobos would be fun… We can call it “Ted’s most excellent night adventure at Point Lobos.”

Karl - you’re reaching the end of your rope over push back from community members against the stadium lights that you are championing - how quaint. Perhaps you need a longer rope. To unpack this, you are pissed off at people that would like to preserve the environment, preserve their safety and quality of life adjacent to CUSD and the hundreds of people that have views that would be affected by your lights. You are the one making the change, not them. You, Ted and your colleagues unfortunately have now manipulated impressionable young people with out providing context - setting expectations that may not be met - at least at CHS.

And your comment about being a principal and having nothing to do with the pool and pool lights was amazing - and you said it with a straight face and level of indignation. I thought those “alternative reality” comments went away with the last administration, but I guess not. Really Karl? Perhaps you should be trying out for the Forest theater. Sorry - but as principal, you certainly knew that a CEQA study should have been done. In my view, what you did was as best, unethical at worst, criminal. To develop and execute the construction of a new performing arts center, enlarged library, enlarged pool and put up bright pool lights that can be seen for miles around with going through the CEQA process is astounding, arrogant and wrong. We will find out - won’t we.

Karl - your comments tying together CEQA and your new hire, Ted - not meeting with the community were silly or goofy. They have nothing to do with each other - unless you are attempting to hide something. Perhaps that is how you were able to sneak your pool lights in…just saying. Your involvement is noble, your manipulation, apparent dishonestly and lack of
condor is not.

It's a shame that you named the pool after Bob Walthour. I knew Coach Walthour. He was a man of integrity, compassion and encouraged good old hard work. He somehow made the hard work fun. I'm sure he would be very disappointed at your current actions. You sir, are no Walthour.

And your comments about Ms. Tess Authur raising $600k (congrats Ms. Arthur and your involvement - it is to be celebrated), which wonderful. Unfortunately and inconveniently - your noble, but misguided execution of not pursuing all regulatory and appropriate CEQA protocol takes away from your efforts. For you to have pursued putting up the Performing Arts center, pool and very bright, tall pool lights without following the law (sorry but the BOD exempting CUSD does not cut it) was wrong, insensitive and perhaps crossed the legal line.

And if you all stand behind the EMC planning group DEIR, I have some land for you in Florida - ocean view! When I want to build a home on the ocean side of scenic - perhaps next to the “Butterfly” house, I will call them to create my own fiction, just as you paid them close to $400k to write such nonsense. My opinion, they should volunteer to write for “Big Little Lies” if it comes back to the Peninsula. Or perhaps, it should just be called “Big Lies?” (In my opinion, of course).

You all have a great day now. Btw - Ted, do you have any extra traffic signs…

Best,

Robert

Robert Kahn
Re: Meeting over the next few weeks to find common ground.

From: Robert Kahn <rkh@pacific.net>  
To: Jessica Hull <j hull@carmelunified.org>; <tknight@carmelunified.org>; Anne-Marie Rosen <arosen@carmelunified.org>; <Kpallastrini@carmelunified.org>; <shinds@carmelunified.org>; <snachbar@carmelunified.org>; <tarthur@carmelunified.org>; Tricia Zarevich <tzarevich@carmelunified.org>; Dan Paul <d paul@carmelunified.org>; Jon Lyons <jlyons@carmelunified.org>; Yvonne Perez <yperez@carmelunified.org>  

Wed, Aug 10, 2022 at 6:03 PM PDT (GMT-07:00)

Ms. Hull - and to the rest of board, thank you reaching out. Unfortunately, I will be in NYC on business. I suspect we will have many people from the community in attendance.

I look forward to hearing about your colleagues ideas and mechanisms for mitigating the negative impact on the environmental and the community that your proposed lights will have on CHS adjacent residents and the many homes that have been built during the last 80 years that have a direct visual of the football field. Our area has been a leader within California, which has been a leader within the nation at not only preserving our environment (with global warming now even more important), but also seeking to push back and correct past lapses in judgement. Now you want to light up the sky with light pollution, which with our wonderful moisture, magnifies and multiplies the negative impact that any type of light will have.

Ms. Hull, I have become extremely dedicated to not allowing your colleagues repeat what you did with the performing arts center and the incredibly disruptive pool lights - that are truly terrible and created blight (in Carmel of all places), essentially in secret and without community input. Candidly, I am not sure what is more disturbing - the lights themselves or the way that your colleagues went about selfishly implementing their plan. The similarities to their behavior and how David Rockefeller created Standard Oil are astounding. (I’m halfway through Chernow’s biography - highly recommend it.)

And to be clear and repeat - this is not about residents vs the CUSD or the young people. Rather, it’s very simple - and that is how to create the best solution in pursuit of your objectives while preserving the environment and the current way of life for people living near and far from CHS. CUSD blew it with the performing arts center, pool and pool lights. Really? 70 plus feet light poles with super bright lights. And now you want to continue your ruse. When are you going to stop putting lipstick on a pig and take the long view. It’s time.

Mr. Knight - as our community pays your salary, if you don’t want be the 7th, 8th or 9th superintendent to be blown out in as many years, please start thinking creatively and have compassion and concern for all stakeholders in your pursuit of your ambitions.

Again, thank you Ms. Hull for the invite.

Have a nice evening.

Best,

Robert

Robert Kahn

On Aug 10, 2022, at 4:30 PM, Jessica Hull <j hull@carmelunified.org> wrote:

Mr. Kahn,

We invite you to attend the upcoming public meeting on the revised draft EIR and proposed project that will be held once the second public review and comment period commences. At this time, the District anticipates that this public meeting will occur at a Special Meeting of the District’s Board scheduled for September 6, 2022, starting at 5:30 p.m. In order to ensure meaningful participation in the environmental review process, this meeting will be open to all. The District values your input, and we encourage you to join us for this meeting. Following this process supports a well-informed community and provides an equal opportunity for input by all.
On Wed, Aug 10, 2022 at 1:25 PM Robert Kahn (redacted) wrote:

Ms. Hull,

Really? Ms. Hull, as a professional in communications, you know that reducing communication and minimizing collaboration usually produces poor results.

Mr. Knight,

Your effort to slam and railroad your lights onto the community is truly lacking in form, graciousness, sensitively and appears stupid. Or not.

For you and your colleagues to hide behind these procedural processes either produces a tear or a smile. Not sure, but I am sure that your current strategy, tactics and lack of respect for the community (not to mention our effort to work with you) is astounding, arrogant and really silly. It’s a head shaker. Perhaps it’s wise you have not moved your family from your hometown.

Good day Mr. Knight.

Best,

Robert

Robert Kahn

On Aug 10, 2022, at 12:54 PM, Jessica Hull (jnhull@carmelunified.org) wrote:

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At the appropriate time, the District will provide public notice of the availability of the revised draft EIR, at which time members of the public are encouraged to submit comments during the 45-day public review and comment period. Please be advised that, in order to be included as part of the administrative record and receive a response as part of the final EIR, comments must be received during the 45-day public comment period. Comments or other input received outside of this public review and comment period are untimely. Therefore, the District encourages you to submit any comments on the revised draft EIR and/or proposed project once the second round of public review commences to ensure informed and meaningful participation in the environmental review process.

Thank you.

Jessica Hull (she/her/hers)
Chief Communications Officer
Carmel Unified School District

On Wed, Aug 10, 2022 at 12:41 PM Robert Kahn (redacted) wrote:

Mr. Knight, Board members and Ms. Hull.
First - a shout out to Ms. Hull. Although I have been hoping she would come over from the light side to the dark side (my bad humor - sorry all), her effort to communicate and increase transparency continues - and is greatly appreciated by all. Strong work Ms. Hull - and thank you.

Second - to be direct Mr. Knight, your continual insistence on putting up stadium lights at CHS, after 80 years of dark sky's is a non starter when there are other options available. We will seek every political, financial, legal, regulatory and all other mechanisms to stop you from negatively impacting the environment and our community. Your board, unfortunately previously felt entitled by putting up the Performing Arts Center, expanding the pool and putting up 70 to 80 foot tall pool lights - which as you viewed with your own eyes, are obnoxious while impacting views from just about every point east of CHS - especially when the fog rolls in. Perhaps the contractor was confused and thought he was working on an airport. Just saying.

Fortunately, they will be litigated with those responsible being held liable for the negative impact that they have had on the environment and our community. (Really? No EIR?)

I am sure that I can convince a few people to join me to sit down next week with you and any members of your team (perhaps Mr. Paul, Ms Hull, Ms. Nachbar) to discuss a mutually advantageous path forward so that we may support you with a thoughtful, environmentally sensitive solution that will be good for the community rather than for you to pursue a path will hurt and negatively impact the community. We would much rather support you as a community and financially for the benefit of the CUSD students rather than oppose you.

You name the wine and I will be happy to supply it. Let's try to make this work as a community.

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Sincerely, Ted Knight

On Fri, Aug 5, 2022 at 3:37 PM Robert Kahn <reddacted@o.com> wrote:

Thank you Ms. Dillard

Mr. Knight and Mr. Paul,

We look forward to your explanation of how this environmental and community disaster occurred and your planned mitigation efforts. In the meantime, to minimize environmental, community and monetary damages, it may be wise to keep the pool lights off - as it appears you have been doing.

And with the proposed stadium lights producing 5-10x lumens, how do you intend to control the refraction and dispersion of the light die to the high moisture context of our local coastal weather? As you know - you will not be able to control the refraction caused by simple moisture at the lower spectrum and fog at the higher end. You will disrupt the environment, the community ( adjacent and view properties ) causing monetary damages that the CUSD will be liable for. For the benefit of the young people, the environment and our community, please stop with this nonsense.

Please come up with a plan B, such as an environmentally and community sensitive sports arena at CMS that all can and would like to get behind. After 80 good years, CHS has maxed out its current physical plant relative to its wonderful mission of educating and supporting our young people.

Thank you.

All have a nice weekend.

Best,

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Robert Kahn

( iPhone: Please excuse any typos or dictation errors that may be present. Thank you)

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Meeting over the next few weeks to find common ground.

Mr. Knight, Board members and Ms. Hull.

First - a shout out to Ms. Hull. Although I have been hoping she would come over from the light side to the dark side (my bad humor - sorry all), her effort to communicate and increase transparency continues - and is greatly appreciated by all. Strong work Ms. Hull - and thank you.

Second - to be direct Mr. Knight, your continual insistence on putting up stadium lights at CHS, after 80 years of dark sky’s is a non starter when there are other options available. We will seek every political, financial, legal, regulatory and all other mechanisms to stop you from negatively impacting the environment and our community. Your board, unfortunately previously felt entitled by putting up the Performing Arts Center, expanding the pool and putting up 70 to 80 foot tall pool lights - which as you viewed with your own eyes, are obnoxious while impacting views from just about every point east of CHS - especially when the fog rolls in. Perhaps the contractor was confused and thought he was working on an airport. Just saying.

Fortunately, they will be litigated with those responsible being held liable for the negative impact that they have had on the environment and our community. (Really? No EIR?)

I am sure that I can convince a few people to join me to sit down next week with you and any members of your team (perhaps Mr. Paul, Ms Hull, Ms. Nachbar to discuss a mutually advantageous path forward so that we may support you with a thoughtful, environmentally sensitive solution that will be good for the community rather than for you to pursue a path will hurt and negatively impact the community. We would much rather support you as a community and financially for the benefit of the CUSD students rather than oppose you.

You name the wine and I will be happy to supply it. Let’s try to make this work as a community.

Thank you,

Robert

Robert Kahn

On Aug 8, 2022, at 8:18 AM, Ted Knight <tknight@carmelunified.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Kahn,

Thank you for your continued interest in the proposed Carmel High School Stadium Lights Project. As you know, the District is in the process of revising the draft EIR for recirculation in response to timely comments received during the original public review period. Any comments on the revised draft EIR or proposed Project before the revised draft EIR is circulated for public review and comment are premature and untimely.
At the appropriate time, the District will provide public notice of the availability of the revised draft EIR, at which time members of the public are encouraged to submit comments during the 45-day public review and comment period. Please be advised that, in order to be included as part of the administrative record and receive a response as part of the final EIR, comments must be received during the 45-day public comment period. Comments or other input received outside of this public review and comment period are untimely. Therefore, the District encourages you to submit any comments on the revised draft EIR and/or proposed Project once the second round of public review commences to ensure informed and meaningful participation in the environmental review process.

Sincerely, Ted Knight

On Fri, Aug 5, 2022 at 3:37 PM Robert Kahn @aol.com wrote:

Thank you Ms. Dillard

Mr. Knight and Mr. Paul,

We look forward to your explanation of how this environmental and community disaster occurred and your planned mitigation efforts. In the meantime, to minimize environmental, community and monetary damages, it may be wise to keep the pool lights off - as it appears you have been doing.

And with the proposed stadium lights producing 5-10x lumens, how do you intend to control the refraction and dispersion of the light due to the high moisture context of our local coastal weather? As you know - you will not be able to control the refraction caused by simple moisture at the lower spectrum and fog at the higher end. You will disrupt the environment, the community (adjacent and view properties) causing monetary damages that the CUSD will be liable for. For the benefit of the young people, the environment and our community, please stop with this nonsense.

Please come up with a plan B, such as an environmentally and community sensitive sports arena at CMS that all can and would like to get behind. After 80 good years, CHS has maxed out its current physical plant relative to its wonderful mission of educating and supporting our young people.

Thank you.

All have a nice weekend.

Best,

Robert

Robert Kahn (iPhone: Please excuse any typos or dictation errors that may be present. Thank you)

On Aug 5, 2022, at 2:58 PM, Frances Dillard@gmail.com wrote:

Thank you Mr. Kahn for your consistent inclusion in follow-up with significant community complaints and "injuries". If helpful to further recap background on the pool lights:
In a December 2021 Listening Session with the Carmel Community, Superintendent Ted Knight and Dan Paul, Facilities Manager presented the below bullets in a PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint was sent to those in attendance; thus a record (photos, presentation and audio recording) is available. The below acknowledges damages AND promises “fixing” the wrong doing in a very overt and public record:

- **District legal counsel is currently revising Board Policy 1330 and an updated policy that prohibits the renting out of facilities that require lights will be presented to the Board in Dec, 2021. Currently we rent out the aquatic facility approximately 75 times a year when light lights are utilized. This change in policy will eliminate these rental and their use of lights.**
- **The district has applied for dark sky certification and have received certification of the plans. The district will also be applying for field verification if and when the lights are installed.**
- **The district is currently in the design phase of replacing our current pool lights with dark sky certified lights that we anticipate will be installed in 6-9 Months.**

For those in attendance, we felt vindicated we had evidence and acknowledgment that an EIR should have been conducted for both the swimming pool lights and the performing art center. The current pool lights are causing light pollution harming the environment and devaluing home prices. In addition, during the December Listening Session, CUSD leadership acknowledged they had a severe problem with lack of parking and traffic flow challenges which should have been solved as part of the performing art center assessment.

Since the Listening Session, we’ve made several attempts to put at least the pool lights on the school board agenda. We have been consistently shut down and then there was indication CUSD was going to hold the pool light solution hostage to the proposed stadium lights (similar hostage strategy to Late Start).

Problem solving key issues identified by the community of how CUSD is being a “bad neighbor” should be the role of the Superintendent. The lack of creativity, urgency and outreach is inexcusable. Legal action is the only option that is being left on the table. Conversations have stopped.

In addition, there is no forward thinking or vision of properly building out the next generation of education - on a site more appropriate for what they want to accomplish.

On Fri, Aug 5, 2022 at 1:12 PM Robert Kahn <[redacted]@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Shannon,

Thank you for your response on behalf of the CUSD to my inquiry about information pertaining to the CUSD EIR/CEQA process pertaining to the pool lights, pool and the performing arts center. After your legalese (no disrespect intended), you said (as per your attached letter and noted below) that the Board had voted that they were exempt from CEQA and moved on. Apparently, the board did not undertake any process, do any EIR or reach out to the community in any way.

To be clear, please advise:

1) What expertise did the board have to decide that they were exempt? The minutes, votes and other dribble does not answer the “how” they came to the conclusion. Noting the pictures below, for the board to not have done it’s homework and do the right thing is disappointing at best.

2) Please advise what makes this current situation (stadium lights) where you and your team are now on your second DEIR from the pool light situation in 2008. Although I am not an expert, I don’t believe any laws or necessary processes have changed.

Please note this is the last paragraph in your attached letter that you sent yesterday.

Mr. Shannons letter: (a portion of)

With respect to the records that you seek concerning the Modernization and New Construction Project, please note that this Project was deemed exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) in 2008.1 In general, please be advised that a public agency is not required to file a notice of exemption, provide notice to the public, seek public comment, or hold a public hearing before deciding that a project is exempt from CEQA or before approving an exempt project. (San Lorenzo Valley Community Advocates for Responsible Educ. v. San Lorenzo Valley Unified Sch. Dist. (2006) 139 Cal.App.4th 1356, 1385; see also 14 Cal. Code Regs., §15062(a).)
Accordingly, apart from the Board Agenda records previously provided to you, the District does not have any other disclosable records responsive to this particular component of your request.

And for your reference as well as the other members of the board, I am including pictures of the pool lights that dramatically affect the beautiful natural view shed of from the hills to the sea!

1) The top one was taken on 12/7/21 from Outlook. From my understanding it was with any enhancements. In short, 1x.

2) The bottom one was taken from Pine Hills drive on the same evening. Again, from my understanding it was done without any enhancements.

Please feel free to speak with Mr. Ted Knight and Mr. Dan Paul as they were kind enough to turn the lights on for review. They were also present with the residents at their homes so they would have first hand knowledge of the impact that the pool lights currently have and how the Stadium Lights will also impact the community. Thank you Ted and Dan for your assistance on illustrating the unfortunate impact that the current pool lights have on the environment and view shed and proposed stadium lights will have.

For the the other members of the Board, I am sure current residents will be be happy to accommodate you so that you can see yourself. Please make sure to bring sunglasses!

Mr. Shannon - I look forward to the above information and the most recent information requested.

Have a nice day all. And thank you.

Robert

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On Jul 11, 2022, at 12:50 PM MTntools.com wrote:

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Update on “take two” of the DEIR report.

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To: Ted Knight <tknight@carmelunified.org>; Jessica Hull <jhull@carmelunified.org>
Cc: Charlie Wahle <cwahle@gmail.com>; Anne-Marie Rosen <arosen@carmelunified.org>; Karl Pallastrini <kpallastrini@carmelunified.org>; Sara Hinds <shinds@carmelunified.org>; Seaberry Nachbar <snachbar@carmelunified.org>; Tess Arthur <tarthur@carmelunified.org>; Tricia Zarevich <tzarevich@carmelunified.org>; JoAnn Holbrook <joholbrook@sbcglobal.net>; Jon Lyons <jlions@carmelunified.org>; Dan Paul <dpaul@carmelunified.org>

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Re: Meeting week of July 11th.

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Wed, Jun 22, 2022 at 12:36 PM PDT (GMT-07:00)  

Thank you Mr. Kahn for trying your best to bring a more civil and community minded discussion to the forefront of how we can collectively work together for solutions.

Ted - I would encourage you not to hide behind the CEQA process. You will only be spending millions of dollars in legal fees to push this uphill. I hope you are being transparent to the Board on what costs they can expect on lawyers and the actual costs of the stadium lights and other improvements such as pool light improvements. If this goes to court (and folks have been upfront that legal representation has been engaged) - CUSD is liable for all court cost.

To Board Members - we need your leadership to more effectively manage this process. We heard at the last board meeting more than $400k in legal fees have been accrued. It is CUSD taking away these funds from students and educational needs. You are our only representation to ensure Ted is being a good partner and neighbor. This is our community collectively.

Leadership requires connecting and listening to the community- not ‘weaponizing’ the CEQA process…you have nothing to lose by meeting with those proactively outreach to you.

On Jun 22, 2022, at 12:01 PM, Robert Kahn <Robert_Kahn123@aol.com> wrote:

Mr. Knight,

Thank you for your response. It is appreciated. That said, your continued focused on the stadium lights as the solution and the procedural mechanism and process for interacting with you and your colleagues is confusing, disappointing and dispiriting at best. Perhaps you and your fellow board members feel you have feel that you have your objective goal in the “zone” with your legal counsel giving you the confidence that this will be an easy “touchdown.” To be clear, that would be a fumble on your part.

CEQA as you know, does not prevent you from meeting with those in the community that are well aware how your stadium light concert will negatively affect the environment, community members nearby CHS and community members among home far and wide - as I remind you that the landscape and community has developed substantially in the 80 years since the high school was created on the bluff at Highway 1. Unfortunately you proposal will impact the area by a much larger factor than the current pool lights and performing arts center. For those to be permitted by the board without the appropriate EIR and community input remains a head shaker.

Again, I would encourage you to be the leader that I know you can be - and seek community input to provide a creative solution for the young people and the community that treats the environment with respect, that treats you immediate CHS community with respect to minimize their congestion and light pollution and treats your larger community with
homes that have been built over the last 80 years with natural and beautiful views that will also be greatly and negative impacted by your proposed lights - just as your current pool lights do. Mr. Knight - to you and your colleagues - this is 2022, bullying your way towards an outcome that negatively affects the environment and the quality of life for one group over another is fortunately over - or not. We will find out.

CEQA does not prevent you from engaging with the community to find an alternative solution (and perhaps different location) that will allow you to have your your night games, improved facilities and a sports complex set for the next 50 years. We all know that the high school is impacted, that CUSD has substantial land resources, is financially well positioned - so why not be a visionary a seek a solution good for the young people and the community collectively.

Please step up and lead the way towards a solution that we all would like to get behind you on - for the benefit of your students and Carmel extended family. We want to support you for a thoughtful, innovative and community focused solution.

Thank you and have a good day.

Best,

Robert

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On Jun 22, 2022, at 9:58 AM, Ted Knight <tknight@carmelunified.org> wrote:

Mr. Kahn,

The District appreciates your continued interest in the proposed CHS stadium lights project, and your repeated offer to meet in person on this matter. At this point, and as you know, the District is currently undergoing a revised environmental review that is not yet complete. As I’ve stated previously, CEQA sets forth specific and exhaustive public review and comment procedures that must be followed by both the lead agency and members of the public wishing to provide input. Accordingly, meeting before the revised draft EIR is recirculated for public review and comment would be premature and not adhere to CEQA’s stringent public review and comment processes.

In case you missed it, I issued a public update regarding the status of the environmental review process on June 10th, informing the public that the District anticipates that the revised draft EIR will be ready for recirculation and made available to the public for review and comment in late July. Once the second public review period commences, the District intends on scheduling a public meeting that will be open to all to ensure meaningful participation in the environmental review process. The District values your input, and we encourage you to take the opportunity to join us for that meeting. Likewise, if the revised draft EIR does not address your concerns, CEQA provides you the opportunity to share your perspective with the District and requires the District to respond at the appropriate stage of the environmental review process. Following this process supports a well-informed community and opportunity for input.

For your convenience, please find the June 10th public status update at the following link: Public Status Update (6.10.22).
Thank you, Ted Knight

On Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 12:01 PM Robert Kahn <redding@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Knight.

As I have offered numerous time in the past to meet in person, I am offering again to meet the week of July 11th at a convenient time for you (and perhaps one of your colleagues).

It’s confusing why you have not attempted to meet with people in the community besides your normally scheduled community meetings. Although I appreciate that you are receiving legal counsel, you are the superintendent and they work for you. Please keep in mind that they are focused on purely the technical legal landscape, not the hearts, minds, emotions and needs of the community. And, as you are new to the community, its a small town that operates much like a family - a bit of a dysfunctional family with the typical sibling issues, but nevertheless less a family with all the good and bad that goes with it.

Currently, you have many problematic issues going on:

1) Tremendous negative community response to your suggested football lights due to the negative impact that the light pollution they will have on environment, the increased congestion around the CHS and the negative impact on the many homes that have been developed over the last 80 years. And of course - the limited parking.

It’s confusing and disappointing that you continue to push your agenda (and perhaps a few others within the system) while not engaging with the community in a more meaningful way. The DEIR was nonsense and now rather than engage, you and your board members are attempting to push through another DEIR as your ticket. To be clear - the moment that comes out, it will be a “E” ticket ride - as you and your colleagues have minimized contact or any effort to find a viable solution that everyone can get behind. And to be clear, we all want what is best for the young people, but just want it done in a way that take into account, the environment and long time residents near and far. So far your lack of appreciation for the wellbeing of longtime residents and community at large has been very disappointing and counter to seeking a viable solution. We have encouraged you to take an enlightened, innovative and comprehensive perspective to manage and seek the best solution for all community members. Please keep in mind that this can be a win, win situation for all. And to originally tie it to late start, then not, then do so - silly. Really - this is 2022.

2) The lack of religious inclusivity at the River School. As I had my bar mitzvah in a church (as we didn’t have a temple), and due to the fact that my parents helped and participated at developing the temple in Carmel Valley, I take your Principal’s insensitively personally - of only focusing on a Christian world when the world holds so many other beliefs. Diversity brings richness, understanding and tolerance. For this to happen under your watch is inexcusable. Really - this is 2022.

3) Although not on your watch, but as you run the organization that supported the current pool lights and development of the performing arts center - voting internally that the current regulatory environment didn’t apply is beyond arrogant and privileged. Although well meaning and gracious on behalf of the benefactors, for the school board to completely vacate their fiduciary responsibility to the community to follow the appropriate rules and regulations is an astounding level of insensitively to the community at large - if not actually crossing over legal regulations and laws. We shall find out.

Mr. Knight, this is not meant to be personal, as I want to give you the benefit of the doubt as being a good person with good intents, but unfortunately from a leadership standpoint, you have not constructively engaged with the community, you have not presented innovative, thoughtful ideas that the community can get behind, you have been all over the board on this late start issue and used it disingenuously to support your “knights lights.” You turned the River school into a church - “in light” that you have many kids that attend there with varied backgrounds.

Please be a visionary; please communicate much more effectively and genuinely and please work to pull the entire community together in a way that we can support you. Although there many challenges, with the appropriate vision, creatively and viable solution you will find the community family lining up behind you.

Have a good day. And thank you for your efforts on behalf of the young people. They are our future.

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Cc: Charlie Wahle <cwahle@gmail.com>; Anne-Marie Rosen <arosen@carmelunified.org>; Karl Pallastrini <kpallastrini@carmelunified.org>; Sara Hinds <shinds@carmelunified.org>; Seaberry Nachbar <snachbar@carmelunified.org>; Tess Arthur <tArthur@carmelunified.org>; Tricia Zarevich <tZarevich@carmelunified.org>; JoAnn Holbrook <jholbrook@gmail.com>; Justin <jEly@gmail.com>; Jim Suchan <jsuchan@aol.com>; Bonnie Gillooly <bgillooly@sonic.net>; Laura Tryon <lTryon@comcast.net>; Frances Dillard <fdillard@gmail.com>; Noel McNamee <jmcnameeco@gmail.com>; Joe Krings <jKrngs@francoconn.com>; Sinotte Robert <sinotterobert@gmail.com>; Longo Marjorie <lMorgie@aol.com>; Lynn Berardo <lberardo@gmail.com>; Moya Hesselbein <mhesselbein@sbcglobal.net>; Joe Longo <jlongo@gmail.com>; Allen Miller <amiller@earthlink.net>; EA Chornesky <echornesky@gmail.com>; Lindsay Ann <lAnn@gmail.com>; Larry Arthur <lArthur@mtntools.com>; Darrah Blanton <dblahanan@sbcglobal.net>; Will Falls <wfalls@gmail.com>; Tucker Ramsey <tramsayj@gmail.com>; Jane Goldcamp <goldcamp@gmail.com>; William Duarte <wduarte@yahoo.com>; Patricia <ppatricia@gmail.com>; Mark Holbrook <mHolbrook@pacbell.net>; Ziona Goren <zGoren@yahoo.com>; Stevan Berardo <stevanberardo@gmail.com>; <juliaJ@comcast.net>; Alexis Delehanty <julyaJ@comcast.net>; Lynda Strand <lstrand@sbcglobal.net>; <julieJ@comcast.net>; Jessica Hull <jhull@carmelunified.org>; Jon Lyons <jlyons@carmelunified.org>; Dan Paul <dpaul@carmelunified.org>

Mr. Knight,

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To: Frances Dillard <daol.com> 
Cc: Karl Pallastrini <kpallastrini@carmelunified.org>; Tess Arthur <tarthur@carmelunified.org>; Sara Hinds <shinds@carmelunified.org>; Anne-Marie Rosen <arosen@carmelunified.org>; Seaberry Nachbar <snachbar@carmelunified.org>; ********@yahoo.com

Thank you Fran.

Team, please do better for the sake of the community. We all want good things for the kids and our community, but we just need to go about it in a thoughtful, creative and respectful way. Thank you.

Have a nice weekend.

Robert

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(iPhone: Please excuse any typos or dictation errors that may be present. Thank you)

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Thanks for letting me know when your Revised Draft EIR Schedule will be updated and replace the earlier one on CUSDs webpage.
Best,
Larry Arthur

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On 2022-06-02 16:43, Ted Knight wrote:

Good afternoon, Larry, and thank you for your email. We are currently revising an updated public notice on this project and anticipate communicating it out next week.

Thank you, Ted Knight

On Tue, May 31, 2022 at 12:35 PM <mtn@mtntools.com> wrote:

Hi Ted,
I read Riley Palshaw’s article "Postponement of stadium lights making CHS students unhappy" in last week’s Pine Cone and am baffled by this statement and quote which was attributed to you:

"THE INSTALLATION of stadium lights at Carmel High School has been postponed until at least fall 2023, prompting widespread disappointment among the CHS student body as the 2021-22 school year comes to a close. Based on the school board’s decision not to implement Gov. Gavin Newsom’s later start time for California high schools for at least a year, and the anticipated timeline for a revised stadium lights environmental impact report, Carmel Superintendent Ted Knight has made a recent recommendation to take until December 2022 to make a final decision on late start, tabling the lights conversation for now." (The Carmel Pine Cone, 5/27/22; https://pineconearchive.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=422e88fa64bd38ff3aa40ae0a&id=70f0385dd0&e=96ba0c82f4)

I realize you may have had your statement(s) taken out of context or were even misquoted, so please clarify.

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Charlie

Charles M. Wahle, Ph.D.
Carmel, CA

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Seeking clarification on DEIR timeline

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To: <arosen@carmelunified.org>; <kpallstrini@carmelunified.org>; <shinds@carmelunified.org>; <snachbar@carmelunified.org>; <tarthur@carmelunified.org>; <tknight@carmelunified.org>; Tricia Zarevich <tzarevich@carmelunified.org>
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Notice of Completion and Availability of a Revised/Recirculated Draft EIR (RDEIR)

Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 1:32 PM PDT (GMT-07:00)

From: CUSD Feedback <feedback@carmelunified.org> (sent via <jhull@carmelunified.org>)
To: CUSD Feedback <feedback@carmelunified.org>
Bcc: <dpaul@carmelunified.org>

Dear Community Member,

Please see attached Notice of Completion and Availability of a Revised/Recirculated Draft EIR (RDEIR).

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Carmel Unified School District

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Attachments

- NOA Letterhead - RDEIR_FINAL.pdf
Fwd: Tennis Courts turned into a parking lot?

From: Ted Knight <tknight@carmelunified.org>                    Fri, Sep 2, 2022 at 11:47 AM PDT (GMT-07:00)
To: CUSD Feedback <feedback@carmelunified.org>; Dan Paul <dpaul@carmelunified.org>; Jessica Hull <j hull@carmelunified.org>

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: [redacted]@gmail.com  [redacted]@gmail.com
Date: Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 9:29 AM
Subject: Re: Tennis Courts turned into a parking lot?
To: Ted Knight <tknight@carmelunified.org>

Ted,

Oh, I understand. Thanks for your email and explaining. It definitely makes things easier to understand why CUSD hasn’t made any of these details available for the CUSD families through an email from the superintendent. While I really don’t like learning stuff from social media and I believe transparency builds trust with our community, I understand that the lawyer has advised CUSD/you against such communication. At some point, if you are allowed to communicate more, please do. I would love a survey on how many people want those tennis courts gone. Meanwhile, please add these comments:

1) Please do not remove high school tennis courts. High school students should have tennis courts on campus to play tennis during PE, after school, and two (2) tennis seasons (fall and spring). It makes no sense to add lights for one (or two) sport(s) and take it away from another two (girls and boys tennis). I think lights can be added without removing the tennis courts as those are used by too many high school groups.

2) I am concerned about Title IX in terms of where female players practice (e.g., softball, now girls tennis, and whether girls soccer will get the lights). For instance, why wasn’t the baseball fields removed instead? It seems that the male dominated sports are being favored.

3) I want to ensure CUSD uses LED lights that lead to minimal light pollution. There has been amazing technological advances where the lights can be focused on the field only.

4) I believe CMS should be considered as an alternative site if all of numbers 1-3 are not viable.

5) I believe the CHS site council which is a group of parents, teachers, admin, staff, and students should have been consulted and they were not. This is the entire purpose of the site council and it seems unethical to exclude them from the decision to eliminate the tennis courts. That is a huge decision and no one was informed.

Thank you for allowing me to add my comments to the record. Of note, I do not live by the high school so I have no personal or economic stake in the decision but I have 4 kids in CUSD schools so the decision to eliminate CHS tennis courts will negatively affect my children for the next 10 years.

Warmest regards,

Shel

On Thu, Sep 8, 2022, 9:02 AM Ted Knight <tknight@carmelunified.org> wrote:

Good morning Shel,

Thank you for volunteering for Ohana Day, it is always great to be around our wonderful students. Also good to hear that that's what we want for every student. As for the DEIR feedback, what we are doing now is taking feedback and that feedback will be entered into our database to be used by staff and consultants in the final EIR. As much as I would like to respond directly to questions and informally help our community understand what we are doing, that changed when some members of our community threatened to sue us. As I am sure you can understand, we are now following the formal process. With that being said, we will add your comments to the record.

Thanks as always for the feedback, Ted
It was great to see you at Ohana Day. You are such a good sport! I wish I had my camera though because it was awesome photos!

I’m highly concerned about these lights after reading a local article. I had no idea that CUSD is eliminating the tennis courts. The CHS PE (which is expanding to 10th grade) and the tennis teams use them, besides other students in the off-season. I thought these lights were supposed to help sports at CHS but I (and other parents) are really scared it’s going to be a huge cost to more students than it will benefit. I really hope you consider putting the lights at CMS where there is more room for parking (and much more parking available), where it will benefit more students for many more sports. I know that it’s not about football anyway but winter sports, but there is a football field there too.

With all these changes, please reach out to the entire CUSD population and let them know. There’s no way that most of the CUSD families and students know that the cost of these lights are all the tennis courts and the beautiful trees that run alongside Highway 1. That is heartbreaking to me, but mostly I am concerned about what the students and other families think. I hope you decide to run a survey and ask families if they prefer lights at CMS which won’t have these non-monetary costs.

Also, can you confirm that CUSD will be using LED targeted lights with the least amount of light pollution? And if so, can you please let the entire CUSD population also know this fact, too, because I think it will provide a lot more support for lights (yes at CMS but lights in general). I noticed that the light pollution issue has really been reduced with new technology and that’s a great fact to advertise!

Thank you for your service.

Warmest,

Shel

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Fwd: Sept. 6th Hearing on the DEIR

From: Ted Knight <tknight@carmelunified.org>  Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 8:55 AM PDT (GMT-07:00)
To: Dan Paul <dpaul@carmelunified.org>; Jessica Hull <jhull@carmelunified.org>; CUSD Feedback <feedback@carmelunified.org>

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Ted Knight <tknight@carmelunified.org>  Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 8:55 AM
Subject: Re: Sept. 6th Hearing on the DEIR
To: <blank>@aol.com

Sorry to hear [redacted]
Ted

On Wed, Sep 7, 2022 at 6:22 PM <blank>@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Ted,

[redacted]
kept me from the September 6th meeting. I hope it went smoothly.

Wanting a picture of the high school campus, I brought up a picture and clicked print. After a while I went upstairs to fetch the copy. To my surprise, it was still printing out the DEIR. It looks like my sister knew what she was talking about when she called me "dim bulb" over 70 years ago. Since about half had printed, I decided to print out the entire document.

I prefer to examine documents I can hold in my hands and which I can annotate.

The EIR on the 1971-72 Odello project south of the river contemplated an 1800 unit new community with all the amenities 1800 new homes needed. It was not as lengthy or detailed as the Lights DEIR.

It is a shame that the CEQA process has been so weaponized.

Blessings.

George

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Fwd: BOE meeting August 17th.

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To: Jessica Hull <jhull@carmelunified.org>  
Thu, Sep 1, 2022 at 12:00 PM PDT (GMT-07:00)

-------- Forwarded message --------  
From: Robert Kahn <daol.com>  
Date: Thu, Sep 1, 2022 at 11:52 AM  
Subject: BOE meeting August 17th.  
To: Ted Knight <tknight@carmelunified.org>, Karl Pallastrini <kpallastrini@carmelunified.org>, Tess Arthur <tarthur@carmelunified.org>, snachbar@carmelunified.org <snachbar@carmelunified.org>, Anne-Marie Rosen <arosen@carmelunified.org>, Dan Paul <dpaul@carmelunified.org>, Yvonne Perez <yperez@carmelunified.org>, Tricia Zarevich <tzarevich@carmelunified.org>, Sara Hinds <shinds@carmelunified.org>

Ted, Karl and members of the board.

Ted - please stop playing the victim role - Perhaps you are practicing writing for Hollywood, but you comments were out of line. For you to twist words about not moving your family out from Colorado, which you have not done - into “harming your family” is distasteful, irresponsible and wrong. To be clear, it simply had to do that CUSD running through so many superintendents and that you have so bungled your job of managing all stakeholders that it’s good that you have not disrupted your most likely very nice family. Karl even said you were his 217th hire. Your comments were offensive.

For you to suggest that tax funds are being misused in pursuit of information when you, your board and the the CUSD organization, under your leadership, continue to pursue your own agenda at the expense of the environment and our community was one of the more humorous statements. We all appreciate that you are attempting to suck up to your board to maintain your $270k salary, but at some point, you need to put on your “big boy” pants - and appreciate that there is a large contingency of the community that want to preserve the environment and the community near and far from CHS. Perhaps you need to take a look around and count the number of street lights in Carmel or other areas - and here you want to put up stadium lights that most likely would have more candlelight power than all the lights in Carmel and the surrounding area in aggregate. Really now Ted? And your comments about meeting with people, then suggesting that they now are attacking you - when you were generous with your time - OMG, please. Please save that nonsense for people who care - perhaps your elementary school kids.

Have you ever thought about taking into consideration long time residents near and far who have worked hard to participate in the natural beauty of Carmel as you attempt to slam the environment and the quality of life enjoyed by the community. Are interested at taking care of the kids in the best way, it just needs to be done in a thoughtful, environmentally and community sensitive way by using all CUSD assets.

Hey Ted - how did the traffic plan go for the PG shoe game. I hear your unauthorized signs went over well with the cops. Off to the principal’s office you go. Been there - they don’t use a paddle any more - although I just read that a Missouri school district is bringing it back. Perhaps you may want to champion that too - as you like to champion causes and polluting developments that we don’t pursue anymore. To remind you its 2022 - we take care of the environment and attempt to improve the quality of life within communities. ( I hear Caltrains wants to put a freeway through Hatton canyon…)

Perhaps underwater lights at Point Lobos would be fun… We can call it “Ted’s most excellent night adventure at Point Lobos.”

Karl - you’re reaching the end of your rope over push back from community members against the stadium lights that you are championing - how quaint. Perhaps you need a longer rope. To unpack this, you are pissed off at people that would like to preserve the environment, preserve their safety and quality of life adjacent to CUSD and the hundreds of people that have views that would be affected by your lights. You are the one making the change, not them. You, Ted and your colleagues unfortunately have now manipulated impressionable young people with out providing context - setting expectations that may not be met - at least at CHS.

And your comment about being a principal and having nothing to do with the pool and pool lights was amazing - and you said it with a straight face and level of indignation. I thought those “alternative reality” comments went away with the last administration, but I guess not. Really Karl? Perhaps you should be trying out for the Forest theater. Sorry - but as principal,
you certainly knew that a CEQA study should have been done. In my view, what you did was as best, unethical at worst, criminal. To develop and execute the construction of a new performing arts center, enlarged library, enlarged pool and put up bright pool lights that can be seen for miles around with going through the CEQA process is astounding, arrogant and wrong. We will find out - won’t we.

Karl - your comments tying together CEQA and your new hire, Ted - not meeting with the community were silly or goofy. They have nothing do with each other -unless you are attempting to hide something. Perhaps that is how you were able to sneak your pool lights in…just saying. Your involvement is noble, your manipulation, apparent dishonesty and lack of condor is not.

It’s a shame that you named the pool after Bob Walthour. I knew Coach Walthour. He was a man of integrity, compassion and encouraged good old hard work. He some how made the hard work fun. I’m sure he would be very disappointed at your current actions. You sir, are no Walthour.

And your comments about Ms. Tess Authur raising $600k ( congrats Ms. Arthur and your involvement - it is to be celebrated), which wonderful. Unfortunately and inconveniently - your noble, but misguided execution of not pursuing all regulatory and appropriate CEQA protocol takes away from your efforts. For you to have pursued putting up the Performing Arts center, pool and very bright, tall pool lights without following the law ( sorry but the BOD exempting CUSD does not cut it) was wrong, insensitive and perhaps crossed the legal line.

And if you all stand behind the EMC planning group DEIR, I have some land for you in Florida - ocean view! When I want to build a home on the ocean side of scenic - perhaps next to the “Butterfly” house, I will call them to create my own fiction, just as you paid them close to $400k to write such nonsense. My opinion, they should volunteer to write for “Big Little Lies” if it comes back to the Peninsula. Or perhaps, it should just be called “Big Lies?” ( In my opinion, of course).

You all have a great day now. Btw - Ted, do you have any extra traffic signs...

Best,

Robert

Robert Kahn

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Dan Paul
Chief Operations Officer
Carmel Unified School District
831-624-6311
To: Dan Paul <dpaul@carmelunified.org>

Goeff,

Thank you for reaching out and for sharing your thoughts. We will be releasing the new draft environmental impact report in the coming days and at that point we can accept comments. It would be great to hear from you again.

Thank you, Ted

On Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 2:15 PM GEOFFREY JOHNSTON <gjohnson@aol.com> wrote:

Got the attached in the mail yesterday. Thought you’d be interested. One suggestion…revise any deal you have with facilitron.com so that the football field cannot be rented after 5:00 pm.

Continued luck with the fight.

Sent from my iPhone

Geoff Johnston

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Re: CHS baseball training facility

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Mon, May 2, 2022 at 8:26 AM PDT (GMT-07:00)
To: <tknight@carmelunified.org>; Dan Paul <dpaul@carmelunified.org>; Jonathan Lyons <jlyons@carmelunified.org>
Cc: <________@gmail.com>; <________@sbcglobal.net>

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From: don@bogus.com
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 12:57:15 PM
To: taktion@carmelunified.org <tknight@carmelunified.org>; Dan Paul <dpaul@carmelunified.org>; Jonathan Lyons <jlyons@carmelunified.org>
Cc: ___________@gmail.com <________@gmail.com>; __________@sbcglobal.net <________@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: CHS baseball training facility

Ted Knight, Ed.D. Superintendent
Carmel Unified School District

Dear Dr. Knight,

My wife Darrah and I live on ___________ adjacent to the west side of the Carmel high school baseball Field. We have lived in our house here for 38 years. Our twin daughters graduated from CHS with honors, In 2005.

I am writing to you to express our concerns regarding the construction and daily operation of the baseball training facility immediately adjacent to our property and that of our neighbors. Prior to its construction 2 years ago we enjoyed having CHS as our neighbor. However the continual unfettered use of the facility and the loud noise emanating from it is disturbing the quiet enjoyment of our property and that of our neighbors.

My initial research indicates that the facility, consisting of 5 batting cages, 2 wooden rebound walls and pitching mounds, was constructed without an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Given the scope of the project and the obvious impact on the surrounding environment, an EIR is and was required. My initial research indicates that construction of these types of facilities have first complied with the EIR requirements.

Accordingly, the CHS baseball training facility immediately adjacent to our property must be dismantled and moved to a location where it will not so adversely affect a residential neighborhood. In the interim we ask that you restrict the use of the training facilities to CHS students and that the hours of use be limited to 3-6 pm weekdays and Saturday day games.

I need to add that I am a "sports junkie", having played them all in high school and 3 years of college football. I regularly attend CHS games and I think highly of the baseball program.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Don Hubbard
Good morning Shel,

Thank you for volunteering for Ohana Day, it is always great to be around our wonderful students. Also good to hear that that's what we want for every student. As for the DEIR feedback, what we are doing now is taking feedback and that feedback will be entered into our database to be used by staff and consultants in the final EIR. As much as I would like to respond directly to questions and informally help our community understand what we are doing, that changed when some members of our community threatened to sue us. As I am sure you can understand, we are now following the formal process. With that being said, we will add your comments to the record.

Thanks as always for the feedback, Ted

On Wed, Sep 7, 2022 at 2:26 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

Ted,

It was great to see you at Ohana Day. You are such a good sport! I wish I had my camera though because it was awesome photos!

I'm highly concerned about these lights after reading a local article. I had no idea that CUSD is eliminating the tennis courts. The CHS PE (which is expanding to 10th grade) and the tennis teams use them, besides other students in the off-season. I thought these lights were supposed to help sports at CHS but I (and other parents) are really scared it's going to be a huge cost to more students than it will benefit. I really hope you consider putting the lights at CMS where there is more room for parking (and much more parking available), where it will benefit more students for many more sports. I know that it's not about football anyway but winter sports, but there is a football field there too.

With all these changes, please reach out to the entire CUSD population and let them know. There's no way that most of the CUSD families and students know that the cost of these lights are all the tennis courts and the beautiful trees that run alongside Highway 1. That is heartbreaking to me, but mostly I am concerned about what the students and other families think. I hope you decide to run a survey and ask families if they prefer lights at CMS which won't have these non-monetary costs.

Also, can you confirm that CUSD will be using LED targeted lights with the least amount of light pollution? And if so, can you please let the entire CUSD population also know this fact, too, because I think it will provide a lot more support for lights (yes at CMS but lights in general). I noticed that the light pollution issue has really been reduced with new technology and that's a great fact to advertise!

Thank you for your service.

Warmest,

Shel
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he/him/his  
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Fwd: Meeting over the next few weeks to find common ground.

From: Jessica Hull <jhull@carmelunified.org>  
To: Ted Knight <tknight@carmelunified.org>  

Wed, Aug 17, 2022 at 3:51 PM PDT (GMT-07:00)

Jessica Hull (she/her/hers)  
Chief Communications Officer  
Carmel Unified School District

-------- Forwarded message --------

From: Robert Kahn <rkahn@aol.com>  
Date: Wed, Aug 10, 2022 at 1:25 PM  
Subject: Re: Meeting over the next few weeks to find common ground.

To: tknight@carmelunified.org <tknight@carmelunified.org>, Jessica Hull <jhull@carmelunified.org>, Anne-Marie Rosen <arosen@carmelunified.org>, Kpallasrini@carmelunified.org <Kpallasrini@carmelunified.org>, Sara Hinds <shinds@carmelunified.org>, snachbar@carmelunified.org <snachbar@carmelunified.org>, tarthur@carmelunified.org <tarthur@carmelunified.org>, Tricia Zarevich <tzarevich@carmelunified.org>, Dan Paul <dpaul@carmelunified.org>, Jon Lyons <jlyons@carmelunified.org>, Yvonne Perez <yperez@carmelunified.org>

Ms. Hull,

Really? Ms. Hull, as a professional in communications, you know that reducing communication and minimizing collaboration usually produces poor results.

Mr. Knight,

Your effort to slam and railroad your lights onto the community is truly lacking in form, graciousness, sensitively and appears stupid. Or not.

For you and your colleagues to hide behind these procedural processes either produces a tear or a smile. Not sure, but I am sure that your current strategy, tactics and lack of respect for the community (not to mention our effort to work with you) is astounding, arrogant and really silly. It’s a head shaker. Perhaps its wise you have not moved your family from your hometown.

Good day Mr. Knight.

Best,

Robert

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Jessica Hull (she/her/hers)
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On Wed, Aug 10, 2022 at 12:41 PM Robert Kahn <...@aol.com> wrote:
Mr. Knight, Board members and Ms. Hull.

First - a shout out to Ms. Hull. Although I have been hoping she would come over from the light side to the dark side (my bad humor - sorry all), her effort to communicate and increase transparency continues - and is greatly appreciated by all. Strong work Ms. Hull - and thank you.

Second - to be direct Mr. Knight, your continual insistence on putting up stadium lights at CHS, after 80 years of dark sky's is a non starter when there are other options available. We will seek every political, financial, legal, regulatory and all other mechanisms to stop you from negatively impacting the environment and our community. Your board, unfortunately previously felt entitled by putting up the Performing Arts Center, expanding the pool and putting up 70 to 80 foot tall pool lights - which as you viewed with your own eyes, are obnoxious while impacting views from just about every point east of CHS - especially when the fog rolls in. Perhaps the contractor was confused and thought he was working on an airport. Just saying.

Fortunately, they will be litigated with those responsible being held liable for the negative impact that they have had on the environment and our community. (Really? No EIR?)

I am sure that I can convince a few people to join me to sit down next week with you and any members of your team (perhaps Mr. Paul, Ms Hull, Ms. Nachbar to discuss a mutually advantageous path forward so that we may support you with a thoughtful, environmentally sensitive solution that will be good for the community rather than for you to pursue a path will hurt and negatively impact the community. We would much rather support you as a community and financially for the benefit of the CUSD students rather than oppose you.

You name the wine and I will be happy to supply it. Let's try to make this work as a community.

Thank you,

Robert

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Sincerely, Ted Knight

On Fri, Aug 5, 2022 at 3:37 PM Robert Kahn <karl@com> wrote:

Thank you Ms. Dillard

Mr. Knight and Mr. Paul,

We look forward to your explanation of how this environmental and community disaster occurred and your planned mitigation efforts. In the meantime, to minimize environmental, community and monetary damages, it may be wise to keep the pool lights off - as it appears you have been doing.

And with the proposed stadium lights producing 5-10x lumens, how do you intend to control the refraction and dispersion of the light die to the high moisture context of our local coastal weather? As you know - you will not be able to control the refraction caused by simple moisture at the lower spectrum and fog at the higher end. You will disrupt the environment, the community (adjacent and view properties) causing monetary damages that the CUSD will be liable for. For the benefit of the young people, the environment and our community, please stop with this nonsense.

Please come up with a plan B, such as an environmentally and community sensitive sports arena at CMS that all can and would like to get behind. After 80 good years, CHS has maxed out its current physical plant relative to its wonderful mission of educating and supporting our young people.

Thank you.

All have a nice weekend.

Best,

Robert

Robert Kahn
( iPhone: Please excuse any typos or dictation errors that may be present. Thank you)
Thank you Mr. Kahn for your consistent inclusion in follow-up with significant community complaints and "injuries". If helpful to further recap background on the pool lights:

In a December 2021 Listening Session with the Carmel Community, Superintendent Ted Knight and Dan Paul, Facilities Manager presented the below bullets in a PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint was sent to those in attendance; thus a record (photos, presentation and audio recording) is available. The below acknowledges damages AND promises "fixing" the wrong doing in a very overt and public record:

- **District legal counsel is currently revising Board Policy 1330 and an updated policy that prohibits the renting out of facilities that require lights will be presented to the Board in Dec, 2021. Currently we rent out the aquatic facility approximately 75 times a year when light lights are utilized. This change in policy will eliminate these rental and their use of lights.**
- **The district has applied for dark sky certification and have received certification of the plans. The district will also be applying for field verification if and when the lights are installed.**
- **The district is currently in the design phase of replacing our current pool lights with dark sky certified lights that we anticipate will be installed in 6-9 Months.**

For those in attendance, we felt vindicated we had evidence and acknowledgment that an EIR should have been conducted for both the swimming pool lights and the performing art center. The current pool lights are causing light pollution harming the environment and devaluing home prices. In addition, during the December Listening Session, CUSD leadership acknowledged they had a severe problem with lack of parking and traffic flow challenges which should have been solved as part of the performing art center assessment.

Since the Listening Session, we've made several attempts to put at least the pool lights on the school board agenda. We have been consistently shut down and then there was indication CUSD was going to hold the pool light solution hostage to the proposed stadium lights (similar hostage strategy to Late Start).

Problem solving key issues identified by the community of how CUSD is being a "bad neighbor" should be the role of the Superintendent. The lack of creativity, urgency and outreach is inexcusable. Legal action is the only option that is being left on the table. Conversations have stopped.

In addition, there is no forward thinking or vision of properly building out the next generation of education - on a site more appropriate for what they want to accomplish.

On Fri, Aug 5, 2022 at 1:12 PM Robert Kahn <redda@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Shannon,

Thank you for your response on behalf of the CUSD to my inquiry about information pertaining to the CUSD EIR/CEQA process pertaining to the pool lights, pool and the performing arts center. After your legalese (no disrespect intended), you said (as per your attached letter and noted below) that the Board had voted that they were exempt from CEQA and moved on. Apparently, the board did not undertake any process, do any EIR or reach out to the community in any way.

To be clear, please advise:

1) What expertise did the board have to decide that they were exempt? The minutes, votes and other dribble does not answer the "how" they came to the conclusion. Noting the pictures below, for the board to not have done it's homework and do the right thing is disappointing at best.

2) Please advise what makes this current situation (stadium lights) where you and your team are now on your second DEIR from the the pool light situation in 2008. Although I am not an expert, I don't believe any laws or necessary processes have changed.

Please note this is the last paragraph in your attached letter that you sent yesterday.

Mr. Shannons letter: (a portion of)
With respect to the records that you seek concerning the Modernization and New Construction Project, please note that this Project was deemed exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in 2008.1 In general, please be advised that a public agency is not required to file a notice of exemption, provide notice to the public, seek public comment, or hold a public hearing before deciding that a project is exempt from CEQA or before approving an exempt project. (San Lorenzo Valley Community Advocates for Responsible Educ. v. San Lorenzo Valley Unified Sch. Dist. (2006) 139 Cal.App.4th 1356, 1385; see also 14 Cal. Code Regs., §15062(a).) Accordingly, apart from the Board Agenda records previously provided to you, the District does not have any other disclosable records responsive to this particular component of your request.

And for your reference as well as the other members of the board, I am including pictures of the pool lights that dramatically affect the beautiful natural view shed of from the hills to the sea!

1) The top one was taken on 12/7/21 from Outlook. From my understanding it was with any enhancements. In short, 1x.

2) The bottom one was taken from Pine Hills drive on the same evening. Again, from my understanding it was done without any enhancements.

Please feel free to speak with Mr. Ted Knight and Mr. Dan Paul as they were kind enough to turn the lights on for review. They were also present with the residents at their homes so they would have first hand knowledge of the impact that the pool lights currently have and how the Stadium Lights will also impact the community. Thank you Ted and Dan for your assistance on illustrating the unfortunate impact that the current pool lights have on the environment and view shed and proposed stadium lights will have.

For the the other members of the Board, I am sure current residents will be be happy to accommodate you so that you can see yourself. Please make sure to bring sunglasses!

Mr. Shannon - I look forward to the above information and the most recent information requested.

Have a nice day all. And thank you.

Robert

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Please Make this CPRA Response Transparent..2122_37 Dillard / Request

From: Frances Dillard <frances.dillard@gmail.com>  
To: Jessica Hull <jhull@carmelunified.org>

Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 8:53 AM PDT (GMT-07:00)


You had provided me with all public comments that were submitted to the original Draft Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”), for public review and comment between August 13, 2021 and September 27, 2021.

Please make the response available for the media and all other inquiries. This should include the petition with more than 100 names that were zipped in a file.
Thank you Karl. Appreciate it. My Mom and Dad taught me to pursue what I believe in and stand by it.

Will take you up on it. Heading back to New York next week for a few weeks and then will reach out. Perhaps a beer instead?

Thank you for reaching out. Please keep in mind that I will go the distance, but that said, we have many good people on both sides of this issue that I know would rather seek a mutually workable solution and all be on the same team.

Have a nice day and we will be in touch.

Best,

Robert

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Unprofessional Conduct of Superintendent

From: Frances Dillard <frdillard@gmail.com>  
To: Seaberry Nachbar <snachbar@carmelunified.org>; Sara Hinds <shinds@carmelunified.org>  
Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 7:57 AM PDT (GMT-07:00)

Hi Seaberry and Sara,

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To: Sara Hinds <shinds@carmelunified.org>

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Work smarter, not harder... and let’s collaborate!
Larry

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Tricia Zarevich posted in Agenda Recipient List, CUSD AC Assistants, CUSD Administrative Council, CUSD Board Members, CUSD Cabinet

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Attachments

- NOA Letterhead - RDEIR_FINAL.pdf
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Project Title: Carmel High School Stadium Improvements

Project Location: Carmel High School, 3600 Ocean Avenue at State Route 1
Carmel, Unincorporated Monterey County, California

Lead Agency: Carmel Unified School District

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Carmel Unified School District (school district), acting as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended, has determined that the Carmel High School Stadium Improvements Project (formerly known as the “Carmel High School Stadium Lights Project” and hereinafter “proposed project”) could result in significant adverse environmental impacts and has required that an environmental impact report (EIR) be prepared to evaluate these potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. The school district prepared a draft EIR (2021 DEIR) for the proposed project that was circulated for public review from August 13, 2021 to September 27, 2021 (First Public Review Period). The school district received 46 comment letters and emails during this public comment period, and five verbal comments during a September 8, 2021 Board of Education hearing, on the 2021 DEIR. The comments identified several public concerns including, but not limited to, the following:

- Parking, Traffic Safety, and Emergency Vehicle Access;
- Light Pollution and Dark Sky Certification;
- Noise; and
- Alternative Projects, including Constructing a Lighted Stadium at Carmel Middle School.

Upon review of the public comments, the school district elected to respond to timely comments on the 2021 DEIR by revising and recirculating it for a second round of public review and comment in accordance with CEQA Guidelines, 14 Cal. Code Regs., Section 15088.5. More specifically, the school district has decided to address the issues raised by the public in the following ways:

- Update the project description to include two new parking areas with an additional 111 parking spaces, including ADA parking, and a new, internal roadway connecting the on-campus parking located within the existing high school property;
- Addition and analysis of new project alternatives;
- Conduct further visual simulations for the proposed stadium and new parking lot lights;
- Perform additional parking analysis with respect to on-campus and neighborhood parking;
- Provide clarifications to address input from the public;
- Replacement of existing pedestrian pathway; and
- Revise the draft EIR to evaluate the changes to the project and further address public comments received on the 2021 DEIR, as the changes to the project description addressing the public’s concerns constitute significant new information such that recirculation of the draft EIR is required.

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Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15088.5(a), the school district is required to recirculate a draft EIR when significant new information is added to the draft EIR after public review of the draft EIR, but before certification. Significant new information can include changes in the project or environmental setting, as well as additional data or other information.

Due to the introduction of new/clarified information and changes to the proposed project, a revised/recirculated draft EIR (RDEIR) has been prepared in compliance with CEQA to inform public decision makers and their constituents of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The school district has substantially revised the 2021 DEIR so that the RDEIR replaces the 2021 DEIR in its entirety. In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, this RDEIR describes both beneficial and adverse environmental impacts generated by the proposed project and suggests measures for mitigating significant adverse environmental impacts resulting from the proposed project.

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**Address Where a Copy of the RDEIR is Available:** A copy of the RDEIR can be viewed in person at the Carmel Unified School District office, 4380 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA, by appointment. A copy of the RDEIR is also available electronically on the Carmel Unified School District website: [https://www.carmelunified.org/] under the CUSD Announcements section.

**Public Review and Comment Period and Process:** A 45-day public review and comment period for the RDEIR shall begin on **August 25, 2022** through **October 10, 2022** at 5 P.M. (Second Public Review Period). Please submit comments in writing via email: feedback@carmelusd.org, or by mail: Carmel Unified School District, Attn: Dan Paul, Chief Operations Officer, 4380 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. To be considered, comments must be received by 5 P.M. on October 10, 2022. Comments received outside of the Second Public Review Period will not be addressed in the final EIR.

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Re: Tennis Courts turned into a parking lot?

From: [email] To: Ted Knight <tknight@carmelunified.org>

Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 9:29 AM PDT (GMT-07:00)

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1) Please do not remove high school tennis courts. High school students should have tennis courts on campus to play tennis during PE, after school, and two (2) tennis seasons (fall and spring). It makes no sense to add lights for one (or two) sport(s) and take it away from another two (girls and boys tennis). I think lights can be added without removing the tennis courts as those are used by too many high school groups.

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3) I want to ensure CUSD uses LED lights that lead to minimal light pollution. There has been amazing technological advances where the lights can be focused on the field only.

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Thank you for allowing me to add my comments to the record. Of note, I do not live by the high school so I have no personal or economic stake in the decision but I have 4 kids in CUSD schools so the decision to eliminate CHS tennis courts will negatively affect my children for the next 10 years.

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Shel

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It was great to see you at Ohana Day. You are such a good sport! I wish I had my camera though because it was awesome photos!

I'm highly concerned about these lights after reading a local article. I had no idea that CUSD is eliminating the tennis courts. The CHS PE (which is expanding to 10th grade) and the tennis teams use them, besides other students in the off-season. I thought these lights were supposed to help sports at CHS but I (and other parents) are really scared it's going to be a huge cost to more students than it will benefit. I really hope you consider putting the lights at CMS where there is more room for parking (and much more parking available), where it will benefit more students for many more sports. I know that it's not about football anyway but winter sports, but there is a football field there too.

With all these changes, please reach out to the entire CUSD population and let them know. There's no way that most of the CUSD families and students know that the cost of these lights are all the tennis courts and the beautiful trees that run alongside Highway 1. That is heartbreaking to me, but mostly I am concerned about what the students and other families think. I hope you decide to run a survey and ask families if they prefer lights at CMS which won't have these non-monetary costs.

Also, can you confirm that CUSD will be using LED targeted lights with the least amount of light pollution? And if so, can you please let the entire CUSD population also know this fact, too, because I think it will provide a lot more support for lights (yes at CMS but lights in general). I noticed that the light pollution issue has really been reduced with new technology and that's a great fact to advertise!

Thank you for your service.

Warmest,

Shel

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E. Ted Knight, EdD
he/him/his
Superintendent Carmel Unified School District
4380 Carmel Valley Road
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(831) 624-1546 ext. 2020
Re: Sept. 6th Hearing on the DEIR

From: Ted Knight <tknight@cammelunified.org>  Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 8:55 AM PDT (GMT-7:00)
To: <aol.com>

Sorry to hear of your absent on Wed, Sep 7, 2022 at 6:22 PM in the Sept. 6th meeting. I hope it went smoothly.

Lingering thoughts kept me from the September 6th meeting. I hope it went smoothly.

Wanting a picture of the high school campus, I brought up a picture and clicked print. After a while I went upstairs to fetch the copy. To my surprise, it was still printing out the DEIR. It looks like my sister knew what she was talking about when she called me "dim bulb" over 70 years ago. Since about half had printed, I decided to print out the entire document.

I prefer to examine documents I can hold in my hands and which I can annotate.

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Blessings.

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Sept. 6th Hearing on the DEIR

From: srwotcom Wed Sep 7, 2022 at 6:22 PM PDT (GMT-07:00)
To: tknight@carmelunified.org

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Neighboors,

Please see the most recent public status update on the CUSD DEIR.

Sincerely, Ted Knight

--------- Forwarded message ---------
From: Ted Knight via ParentSquare <donotreply@parentsquare.com>
Date: Fri, Jul 22, 2022 at 8:41 PM
Subject: Public Status Update Regarding Environmental Review Process for Proposed Carmel High School Stadium Lights Project
To: <tknight@carmelunified.org>
Stay involved with your child’s learning and activities at school.

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Please do not reply to this email.

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Mr. Knight, thank you again for forwarding the information link.

Unfortunately - it appears as if your effort to develop a creative solution that will be sensitive to our environment and community has not changed. In fact, I understand that your comments blaming certain people for increased legal expenses at Wednesday's community meeting were a bit unhinging. Perhaps if your team had been more sensitive to religious inclusivity at the River School, or perhaps if you had reached out to the community prior to putting out a nonsensical DEIR in addition to other poorly managed situations, you would not need to nor inclined to make the type of comments, I understand you made.

Again, our goal, as a community, to make sure that he kids have what they need while also taking care of all community members. The community really wants to support you with the right solution. However, and unfortunately, you and a few of your colleagues appear to be turning this into an “either / or” situation which is unfortunate and unnecessary. I (as others have) to sit down and seek a thoughtful environmentally and community sensitive solution. Unfortunately, you have declined the offer.

Mr. Knight - you and your colleagues need to do better than pump out the same myopic and foolish comments such as “at this point, seeing no viable alternative to the stadium light project…” Please get it together and show the leadership within the community that your background points to by bringing all the stakeholders together to support you with an innovative solution, rather than 80 feet tall light poles and increased traffic that will affect the environment and community near and far - that the whole community can get behind you on - supporting your effort politically, legally and financially.

Thank you again,

Best,

Robert Kahn
Ted Knight posted in Carmel Unified School District, CUSD Administrative Council, CUSD Board Members, CUSD Community Members

Public Status Update Regarding Environmental Review Process for Proposed Carmel High School Stadium Lights Project

Good afternoon CUSD Staff, Families and Community Members,

Please find on our website [here](Stadium Lights page [here]) a Public Status Update Regarding Environmental Review Process for Proposed Carmel High School Stadium Lights Project.

Thank you and hope you're all enjoying a restful summer.

Sincerely,
Ted Knight

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Re: Clarification on DEIR timeline

From: Jbroots@mtntools.com>  
To: Ted Knight <tknight@carmelunified.org>  
Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 12:23 PM PDT (GMT-07:00)

Thanks for your reply Ted,
We look forward to good things happening.
Remember I owe you a lunch.
See you at graduation this afternoon!
Best,
Larry

On 2022-06-02 16:43, Ted Knight wrote:

Good afternoon, Larry, and thank you for your email. We are currently revising an updated public notice on this project and anticipate communicating it out next week.

Thank you, Ted Knight

On Tue, May 31, 2022 at 12:35 PM Jbroots@mtntools.com> wrote:

Hi Ted,
I read Riley Palshaw’s article “Postponement of stadium lights making CHS students unhappy” in last weeks Pine Cone and am baffled by this statement and quote which was attributed to you:

“THE INSTALLATION of stadium lights at Carmel High School has been postponed until at least fall 2023, prompting widespread disappointment among the CHS student body as the 2021-22 school year comes to a close. Based on the school board’s decision not to implement Gov. Gavin Newsom’s later start time for California high schools for at least a year, and the anticipated timeline for a revised stadium lights environmental impact report, Carmel Superintendent Ted Knight has made a recent recommendation to take until December 2022 to make a final decision on late start, tabling the lights conversation for now.” (The Carmel Pine Cone, 5/27/22; https://pineconearchive.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=422e88fa64bd38ff3aa40ae0a&id=70f0385dd0&e=96ba0c824)

I realize you may have had your statement(s) taken out of context or were even misquoted, so please clarify.

For full transparency can you please let me know:
1) How this statement may affect the Carmel High School Improvements Revised Draft EIR Schedule from EMC Planning (as published on the Districts web page)?
2) What does “tabling the lights conversation for now” mean? Tabled until when?
3) If the published Schedule has changed, please forward an updated Calendar to all concerned constituents.

Thanks for your follow through in response to this request.
Larry Arthur

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Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 1:32 PM PDT (GMT-07:00)

From: CUSD Feedback <feedback@carmelunified.org> (sent via <jhull@carmelunified.org>)
To: CUSD Feedback <feedback@carmelunified.org>
Bcc: <tzarevich@carmelunified.org>

Dear Community Member,

Please see attached Notice of Completion and Availability of a Revised/Recirculated Draft EIR (RDEIR).

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Carmel Unified School District

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Attachments

- NOA Letterhead - RDEIR_FINAL.pdf
Notice of Completion and Availability of a Revised/Recirculated Draft EIR (RDEIR)

Project Title: Carmel High School Stadium Improvements
Project Location: Carmel High School, 3600 Ocean Avenue at State Route 1
Carmel, Unincorporated Monterey County, California
Lead Agency: Carmel Unified School District

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Carmel Unified School District (school district), acting as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended, has determined that the Carmel High School Stadium Improvements Project (formerly known as the “Carmel High School Stadium Lights Project” and hereinafter “proposed project”) could result in significant adverse environmental impacts and has required that an environmental impact report (EIR) be prepared to evaluate these potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. The school district prepared a draft EIR (2021 DEIR) for the proposed project that was circulated for public review from August 13, 2021 to September 27, 2021 (First Public Review Period). The school district received 46 comment letters and emails during this public comment period, and five verbal comments during a September 8, 2021 Board of Education hearing, on the 2021 DEIR. The comments identified several public concerns including, but not limited to, the following:

- Parking, Traffic Safety, and Emergency Vehicle Access;
- Light Pollution and Dark Sky Certification;
- Noise; and
- Alternative Projects, including Constructing a Lighted Stadium at Carmel Middle School.

Upon review of the public comments, the school district elected to respond to timely comments on the 2021 DEIR by revising and recirculating it for a second round of public review and comment in accordance with CEQA Guidelines, 14 Cal. Code Regs., Section 15088.5. More specifically, the school district has decided to address the issues raised by the public in the following ways:

- Update the project description to include two new parking areas with an additional 111 parking spaces, including ADA parking, and a new, internal roadway connecting the on-campus parking located within the existing high school property;
- Addition and analysis of new project alternatives;
- Conduct further visual simulations for the proposed stadium and new parking lot lights;
- Perform additional parking analysis with respect to on-campus and neighborhood parking;
- Provide clarifications to address input from the public;
- Replacement of existing pedestrian pathway; and
- Revise the draft EIR to evaluate the changes to the project and further address public comments received on the 2021 DEIR, as the changes to the project description addressing the public’s concerns constitute significant new information such that recirculation of the draft EIR is required.

Additionally, a new stadium storage building, with a spectator viewing platform, is now included in the project description. As part of the two new parking areas, demolition of existing storage and modular buildings and existing tennis courts is also included. Although previously addressed in the Initial Study, other changes include the addition of analysis sections covering three additional environmental review topic categories to reflect changes made to the proposed project, including Recreation, Tribal and Cultural Resources, and Soils, Erosion, and Water Quality.
Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15088.5(a), the school district is required to recirculate a draft EIR when significant new information is added to the draft EIR after public review of the draft EIR, but before certification. Significant new information can include changes in the project or environmental setting, as well as additional data or other information.

Due to the introduction of new/clarified information and changes to the proposed project, a revised/recirculated draft EIR (RDEIR) has been prepared in compliance with CEQA to inform public decision makers and their constituents of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The school district has substantially revised the 2021 DEIR so that the RDEIR replaces the 2021 DEIR in its entirety. In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, this RDEIR describes both beneficial and adverse environmental impacts generated by the proposed project and suggests measures for mitigating significant adverse environmental impacts resulting from the proposed project.

**Environmental Impacts:** The RDEIR identifies the following potential environmental impacts that would result from the proposed project: Aesthetics (New Lighting would Result in Light Pollution and the New Sources of Light and Glare Would Be Visible from and towards County-Designated Visually “Sensitive” and “Highly Sensitive” Areas and Slightly Modify the Visual Character and Quality of the Site– Significant and Unavoidable; Biological Resources (Potential Effect on Special-Status Species – Hoary Bat, Nesting Raptors and Migratory Birds – Less-than-Significant with Mitigation; Potential Tree Removal- Less-than-Significant with Mitigation); Tribal Cultural Resources (Potential Adverse Substantial Adverse Change in the Significance of a Historical Resource Pursuant or a Unique Archaeological Resource – Less-than-Significant with Mitigation; Potential to Disturb Native American Human Remains, Including Those Interred Outside of Dedicated Cemeteries – Less-than-Significant with Mitigation); Noise (Construction Activities Could Cause a Substantial Temporary Noise Increase – Less-than-Significant with Mitigation); Transportation (Construction Traffic Could Result in Safety Impacts When School is in Session); Transportation (Inadequate Parking During Limited Nighttime Events with Potential Emergency Access Issues – Less-than-Significant with Mitigation). All other potential environmental impacts studied result in less-than-significant impacts.

**Address Where a Copy of the RDEIR is Available:** A copy of the RDEIR can be viewed in person at the Carmel Unified School District office, 4380 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA, by appointment. A copy of the RDEIR is also available electronically on the Carmel Unified School District website: (https://www.carmelunified.org/) under the CUSD Announcements section.

**Public Review and Comment Period and Process:** A 45-day public review and comment period for the RDEIR shall begin on August 25, 2022 through October 10, 2022 at 5 P.M. (Second Public Review Period). Please submit comments in writing via email: feedback@carmelusd.org, or by mail: Carmel Unified School District, Attn: Dan Paul, Chief Operations Officer, 4380 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. To be considered, comments must be received by 5 P.M. on October 10, 2022. Comments received outside of the Second Public Review Period will not be addressed in the final EIR.

CEQA Guidelines, Section 15088.5(f)(1), states: “When an EIR is substantially revised and the entire document is recirculated, the lead agency may require reviewers to submit new comments and, in such cases, need not respond to those comments received during the earlier circulation period. The lead agency shall advise reviewers, either in the text of the revised EIR or by an attachment to the revised EIR, that although part of the administrative record, the previous comments do not require a written response in the final EIR, and that new comments must be submitted for the revised EIR. The lead agency need only respond to those comments submitted in response to the recirculated revised EIR.”

Accordingly, although the 2021 DEIR, as well as timely comments previously received during the First Public Review Period with respect thereto, shall remain part of the administrative record, the school district, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines, Section 15088.5(f)(1), has elected to revise the 2021 DEIR in response to those comments, and thus will not be providing a written response to those comments nor including those comments in the final EIR. Therefore, new comments must be submitted on the RDEIR and timely received during the Second Public Review Period in order to receive a response and be included in the final EIR. Comments received outside of the Second Public Review Period will not be addressed in the final EIR or receive a response.
Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the RDEIR: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. (during a Special Meeting of the Board of Education to be held at Carmel Middle School Gymnasium). For further information, please refer to the Board of Education’s website (https://www.carmelunified.org/Page/6035) under the “CUSD Board of Education Agendas and Minutes” once an agenda for this Special Meeting is posted.

Public Hearing on the Certification of the EIR and Approval of the Proposed Project: After the close of the Second Public Review Period, the school district will consider all timely comments on the RDEIR received within the Second Public Review Period, and prepare written responses as required for inclusion in the final EIR. The final EIR, once complete, and approval of the proposed project will be brought before the Board of Education for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Board scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. in the Carmel Middle School Gymnasium. Please refer to the Board of Education’s website (see above) for further information once an agenda for this Special Meeting is posted.

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