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Carmel High School Football Field Lights.

Robert Kahn [redacted] Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 6:08 AM

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Ted,

Perhaps I missed your email with the EIR reports for the performing arts center and the pool lights.

As Ms. Berardo was understandably concerned about maintaining a respectful and civil discourse (Thank you Ms. Berardo), I am asking if you can "please" forward the reports if you haven't done so. As you can imagine and appreciate, our group and counsel need time to review the reports to confirm that all rules, regulations and laws were followed. If they were - super - if not, we will then be able to pursue you and your colleagues on the board institutionally - and perhaps personally based on what we find and your fiduciary, moral and ethical responsibility to the entire community.

Ms. Berardo - I hope this rises to your expectations. Thank you again for your wisdom.

Ted, if you can please plan on getting those out reports out by the end off next week, we would appreciate it.

Have a nice weekend.

Best,

Robert

Robert Kahn

On Mar 16, 2022, at 10:41 AM, Robert Kahn [redacted] wrote:

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

On Mar 16, 2022, at 7:48 AM, Robert Kahn [redacted] wrote:

Ted,

You and your colleagues on the board received our counsel's four page letter outlining the negative impact and polluting effect that your lights will have on the environment, let alone the impact that they will have on people quietly living their lives near and far from the high school.

In fact, for you and your colleagues to be so self focused to propose erecting lights that will impact good people for miles around is rather arrogant and simply a very dated concept during these times. If you haven't noticed, as a country, as a people - we are working hard to fix past wrongs at occurred at the expense of people and our environment. As a people, we are attempting to rise up to create a more equitable society, a more and kinder environment and a more sustainable ecosystem that takes into consideration all stakeholders. There is a reason that Carmel by the Sea, the Preserve and Pebble Beach have "aggressive and strong" restrictions on light pollution - to protect the the natural and beautiful environment that we call Carmel and the Monterey Peninsula. We are fortunate. Ted, I presume that you would not be for firing up the old "incinerator" at the high school to burn the trash - polluting the air, or dumping untreated sewage into the bay - polluting the bay or dumping dark room chemicals from "old school" photography class down the drain (great class - fun!). We don't do these things because, as a society, we have become aware and enlightened that damaging and polluting the environment is not sustainable and will lead to our demise. The rejection of the Hatton Canyon Freeway by the good people of Carmel is a prime example. This is no different.

Ted, please keep in mind that the good people on this list and others in the area want the young people that you are responsible for to have all the benefits of a good education. Although I have to add that the many years I played sports on the field, I never felt we were missing any lights. I suspect that the many generations that have matriculated through the high school for the last 80 plus years may have felt the same.

Please use this as an opportunity to create a vision for the next 50 years. As a community, we would rather support you and your efforts, rather than slam the current stupid, destructive " and so 50's " idea of creating immense light pollution that your own report highlights will have " significant and Unavoidable aesthetic impact to the community." Lawyer speak for negatively impacting the community and polluting the environment. " This idea must be coming from a bunch of old guys wanting to relive their high school days of playing football while sneaking a few beers and then making out in the car with the eight track tape playing. Although we all want to feel the excitement of being 16 again (the reason that I purchased a '20 Shelby GT350 - pure midlife crises), but the light idea by you and your team may highlight that your respective frontal lobes may have never really developed.

There are many good alternatives such as using the Middle School grounds or land around the Middle School. Focusing on creating a community sensitive, non polluting ecosystem that includes the facilities that you are seeking (for whatever reason) can be done - it just needs to be thought through. And perhaps, areas that has not been used due to Carmel River's flood plane, can be used - assuming its ecologically appropriate. And, if set up well, the school district can make money by hosting the Shelby Club event during the Concours. Just saying.

Ted, please come up with viable, long range "alternative" plan to your boneheaded idea of lights at the current field so that we can get behind you with community support rather than fight you every step of the way, which we are fully prepared to do.

Thank you,

Robert

Robert Kahn

On Mar 11, 2022, at 5:46 PM, Robert Kahn [REDACTED] wrote:

Laura - it is surprising. I would add also disappointing too.

Ted, please read your comment from January 18th. You are not being transparent, nor sensitive to the community. Unfortunately, you are seeking to ram these lights through without sensitively to the community at large. That you are taking this tack is unfortunate for you and your board members, the community and the young people you have promised to support and serve.

“To be clear, no one here wants to deny the young people any resource. However, the days of simply ramming developments through that pollute and negatively impact the environment at it's expense and the people quietly going about their lives are over. We have a regulatory framework in place to keep cars from polluting, raw sewage from being released into the ocean and to keep bad chemicals and compounds, like “lead” out of the eco system for a reason. And your lights, “Ted's Lights” (my bad), are no different. Fortunately as a community and country we have moved on from unilaterally attempting to “freeway” through neighborhoods as you and a few of your colleagues are attempting to do.”

So please stop with the nonsense of suggesting that you are being transparent. You have yet to provide other options, seek input from all stakeholders and do the right thing. To voted as a board to allocate funds to put up the lights is analogous to Putin lining up his military on the border of Ukraine (full disclosure - my Gramps was from Kyiv so it's personal).

While you are now producing a new EIR report, please pass on to this group the past EIR reports for performing arts center and the pool lights. I, as I am sure others, look forward to reading through them to determine if the board and it's members followed its fiduciary duty to follow the rules and regulations for new development on the school grounds. As fiduciaries to the school and voters who voted them in, this may get very personal if laws were not followed.

We all look forward to seeking a thoughtful, comprehensive resolution to this issue that is highly sensitive to “all” stake holders by looking at all options and being sensitive to “all” stakeholders.

Best,

Robert

On Tue, Jan 18, 2022 at 4:19 PM Ted Knight
<tknight@carmelunified.org> wrote:

Carmel Unified Neighbors,

I am writing a quick note today to update you on where we are in the process of stadium lights. I will not be bringing forth a final EIR for a vote at the January 26th meeting. Instead, I will be providing an update to the school board and will share that update with this group following the board meeting. I apologize that I am not sharing more specific details at this time, but feel that it is important to share my update transparently with the entire community at the next meeting. What I hope you are taking away from this letter is that we are being thoughtful and listening and not rushing to try and stick with a predetermined timeline. I do want to announce that our school board meetings will be held

outdoors for the foreseeable future and we will, unfortunately, not be able to live stream. Thank you as always for your engagement in the process, Ted

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Robert Kahn

On Mar 11, 2022, at 4:13 PM, Laura Tryon
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you for the (shocking) update.

"Anyone who isn't confused doesn't really understand the situation." ~ Edward R.

Murrow

On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 9:10 AM Frances Dillard
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Ted and Board Members,

Thank you for an informative Board Meeting yesterday. Since more than \$8 Million in budget was transferred yesterday quite quickly without deeper discussion, I wanted to point out to this group that \$4,479,469 of that budget was to pay for the proposed stadium lights. In the spirit of improved transparency and community communication, that point was not exactly clear. Glad to see the public could find the details in the link below. Quite an increase that should really be communicated to a much broader public group including media? I think the last quote in the Carmel Pine Cone was a bit misleading?

Link to Budget Update: <https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Meetings/Attachment.aspx?S=36030810&AID=223967&MID=10118>

Also, we are pleased to see parents will put on the pressure "Late Start" should in fact be a separate discussion from the proposed stadium lights. We look forward to a detailed plan for gathering community feedback and allowing parents to understand the implications through an open dialogue. In addition, I believe the board members would benefit from hearing the public commentary and the Town Hall forum should be Special Meetings to ensure you meet the Brown Act and they can be include in the community process.

Best,
Fran Dillard



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