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Mayor; Frank Matarrese
Vice Mayor; Tony Dysog
Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Jim Oddie - Council Persons

I am giving a copy of this book, "The End of Night", to the people listed above in hope that everyone will read it. And after reading it you will put city ordinances in place to cover local building, street, parking lot and building signs.

This was brought about by the VF Corporation (VF) buildings across the lagoon from our homes. Their over use of lighting has not been a neighbor friendly and their reluctance to come and view the problems from our side of the lagoon.

The reason I bring this issue to your attention is because there are no State or Federal regulations to cover this issue. The only recourse right now is a nuisance lawsuit.

The fact is that the VF is located across the lagoon from 20 Cantamar Homes. VF installed a very nice campus. Then VF added Solar panels that also served as carports. The problem is they are over lighting the area. So much so, that I was able to take a picture at night, using my pocket camera, of the gardens and homes across the lagoon using only VF's lighting and not my flash.

This also creates many other problems dealing with human health is, nocturnal animals, night migration of birds and the lack of viewing stars at night. We now have lost the birds living in the lagoon because it is not safe at night for the bird families. I paid an extra \$20K for my house for the birds and view. We knew that there would be light industry built on the land, across the lagoon, but not the over lighting and ugly solar/carports with their design that reflect light into the lagoon and homes at night. Also, during the day when the sun is further north we get reflections into homeowners' windows, so strong we now have to put on thicker window shades to block the reflection. The aluminum structure runs a good block long, affecting 20 homes. According to a long time real estate broker here in Alameda, our homes had gone down at least 10% in value. This means a loss on my home with a minimum of \$110K.

I checked with the Building Permit Department and saw that there were two permits issued. The first one did show the underground wiring for the carports. It was the original permit. A second one was filed for at a much later date. I do not remember seeing the carports (two rows) in the original design. It was voted by the homeowners to leave the area near the lagoon wild.

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The questions I have? 1. Was the second permit issued much later to avoid having the carports in the original public review? 2. Was this done to take advantage of the lack of lighting laws?

Joe Ernst Did try to mediate with VF and the home owners. VF did plant some bushes, which were checked on only once. If they had checked on them, they would have found the lack of water and many dying plants.

After I got the email address of two Vice Presidents they sent Patty Pierce to see what we saw. She got many of the issues resolved.

The reflection issue of the aluminium structure has not been resolved. Patty and I did have another meeting at my office, but VF has not gotten back to me. At this meeting, I proposed that I would cover the cost of the paint, if VF would cover the labor. My reasoning was it would be cheaper than paying Lawyers and court cost and get done much faster.

Sincerely,

Jim Hager