

Our reason for requesting council time this evening is to request ongoing communications between the city and the citizens of the west side of Mason City, as events unfold pertinent to Vi-CORs move into the 15th street industrial Park. We ask to be informed of future meetings relating to their proposed move and to be copied on any correspondence between the city and Vi-COR as it relates to its move.

Concerned citizens on the west side of Mason City learned of Vi-CORs relocation plans only because an “at-large” councilman cared enough about the community as a whole, to pass on copies of 2 letters sent to him, anonymously, concerning conversations between Vi-COR and councilman Don Nelson. At no time has any member of our group stated that we are against businesses moving into or expanding within the city. We are, however, against businesses being bad corporate citizens and we felt the smell produced at the current plant site was a sign of bad corporate citizenship and we didn’t want that pollution problem moved into the west side of Mason City.

Our group began to talk with the staff at city hall, VI-COR, the DNR, concerning the relocation. This group of citizens arranged for a meeting between Vi-COR and its soon to be west side neighbors.

At this meeting, Vi-COR laid out their plans for their new site, which included a promise of the installation of a “thermal Oxidizer” which will take care of the “odor” problem as well as making every effort to minimize noise. We have these promises on video tape.

The city has also promised to ensure that equipment is installed at Vi-CORs new location to protect the air quality of the west side and of Mason City as a whole. We have these promises in the form of a letter from the city to Vi-COR.

Be it known that the citizens of the west side are going to hold both the city and Vi-COR to those promises. I am willing to be a contact between the city, Vi-COR, and the citizens of the west side. My address and phone number is listed at the bottom of this statement.

On behalf of the citizens of the west side and the whole of Mason City, I thank you for your time and your attention in this matter.

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