

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
June 28, 2011

Security Reports

ITEM F.4

Pedestrian Gate at Community Entrance

On the afternoon of Sunday June 5th, a little girl riding on the back of her mom's bike, was struck on the head (she had a helmet on) with the bamboo gate arm as they pedaled out of the community in the visitor entry lane (no injury done).

The duty gate officer did not expect someone coming around the blind side of the guard building and lowered the gate arm inadvertently right on top of the bicyclist.

It was brought to my attention the following morning and we subsequently initiated a field observation test for the following two weekends whereby we would leave the ped gate closed for one day then open the next, alternating each day (Friday through Sunday).

When the ped gate is kept closed almost all cyclists and pedestrians walk or cycle out around the guard building through the visitor entry lane. When the ped gate is propped open almost all pedestrians and cyclists veer over and ride or jog through the pedestrian gate portal and stay on the sidewalk out of the driveway.

Staff is recommending and requesting approval for the pedestrian gate to be left in the open position during daylight hours beginning at 6 AM each day and closing each evening around 9 PM. This does not represent a breach of security as the gate officer on duty has a clear and open view of everyone entering on foot or bicycle. Secondly, this plan will diminish the potential for accidents on the blind side of the guard building by leading pedestrians and cyclists over to the sidewalk where it is safe.