

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
January 28, 2014

Security Reports

ITEM F.2

Policy for use of Railroad Parking Areas by Security

A parking issue at Director Zerboni's home last week has precipitated the need for a review of the District's policy on the use of railroad parking for security purposes; mainly, *the lack of notification to the property owner.*

Discussion

In the District's effort to maintain an open and unobstructed FIRE LANE it becomes necessary sometimes to place a vehicle in any of the nearby available RR parking areas and since time is typically of the essence, it is usually done without asking the owners' permission.

The various duty patrol officers are familiar with which homes are regularly vacant or are intermittently occupied by owners or renters and it is at these homes where our patrol officers are most likely to place a vehicle on short notice or no notice.

Typically, vehicles moved in this manner are placed for a limited period of time while the patrol officer addresses the underlying cause of the FIRE LANE bottleneck, such as:

- too many guests for the available on-site parking
- guest or service parked at the wrong address
- realtor/broker open house
- trash day congestion
- street construction or utilities maintenance, etc.

Last week all the asphalt-paved parking areas in the 600 and 700 block were being sealcoated and security had many vehicles looking for a place to park overnight. With no parking existent in that part of the community on the seaward side of the roadway, available parking was extremely limited and security placed several vehicles in Director Zerboni's private parking area AND did not follow up with a phone call to get his permission. When he came to the house around lunch time, there was one small space left for him to squeeze into and none for the guests he had invited over for later in the afternoon.

In an effort to ensure that this does not happen again, a directive has been circulated to the security staff instructing them to follow up with a courtesy phone call to residents for notification/permission when a vehicle has been directed to park in private railroad parking areas.