

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
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Security Rprts

ITEM 6b

Late Night Trespassing/Surveillance Cameras

During the months of May-June-July, there were several security reports and some homeowner video clips of late-night 'opportunists' walking through the line of parked vehicles checking for open windows and unlocked car doors, mainly in the south half of the community. Aside from the observations there have been no reports of stolen items or actual 'break-ins' with broken glass, etc., just guys late at night fishing for easy access.

The initial response by the Board to this issue from last meeting was to move the extra day-time patrol officer over to a night shift to run additional interference which, so far, has resulted in no further reported incidents of guys snooping around parked cars.

A second request by the Board was to look into the possibility of a series of surveillance cameras positioned along the RR block wall to spot activity. To this end Allied Security was contacted and a site meeting with their technology services was scheduled to explore such a system.

This is what we found:

In looking at the RR block wall from the perspective of placing a line of surveillance cameras, it becomes readily apparent that there is so much growth along the wall that cameras positioned and aimed in either direction along the wall to detect movement would only be able to see a short distance, requiring an enormous number of cameras to view between each 'gap' in the vegetation.

A more practical suggestion was made by Allied to place cameras out away from the wall by about 10 feet to view around the vegetation and slightly elevated to see over the tops of parked cars. Allied proposed a temporary solution by placing cameras on three portable trailers, each equipped with cameras facing both north and south. Allied feels this would provide enough video coverage for that section of wall from about the turnaround to the south end of the road. Since there is no electrical power along the RR side of the roadway, these trailer units would have to be battery-powered and thus would need some electrical charging on a weekly basis.

An effective surveillance system requires not only the camera infrastructure but people sitting in a central communications center viewing/responding to every motion detected by the cameras and notifying the appropriate site where the security breach has occurred.

For a system as briefly described above, AUS is proposing an annual fee of \$114,650.