

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
July 29, 2008

Security Activity Report

ITEM F.3

Final Consideration of LPR System at Entrance Gate

This item has been discussed several times with the Board but with no definitive decision as to actually approving the project. The cost, approximately \$22,500 is included in the *Draft* budget under sub-account #4000 but has yet to be authorized. It is important to address this item during the Board meeting. While all sub-accounts were thoroughly discussed during the budget workshop, this item requires further review.

The LPR system is designed to enable the Gateworks computer system at the entry gate to automatically record the license plate of every vehicle entering the community. As has been previously discussed, the immediate advantage of this capability is to produce a guest pass that has that vehicle's license plate printed right on the pass. This sends a message to the driver that they are being recorded and the expectation by management is that with this revelation, the guest will be less inclined to violate community rules.

This theory relies heavily on the assumption that the incoming guest is going to actually read the information on the pass. In the discussion during the last Board meeting regarding the hiring of an additional gate officer on Saturdays, it was agreed that most people arriving new to the community are not inclined to read anything after driving a long distance. It was also agreed that this should not preclude the District from at least trying, so the decision was reached that staff would provide a handout of the community rules, in the hopes that the new guest would perhaps read it. The great difference with the handout plan and the LPR system plan is that one is essentially free and the other will cost \$22,500.

This brings into question whether or not there is enough value and advantage for community safety that is commensurate with the expense. Additionally, with the issuance of the new resident decals with serial numbers, the District now has the capability of tracking resident vehicles sans the LPR system. This, however, excludes renters and guests which gives rise to the concern by the Board, as expressed in the last meeting, on spending District money to the exclusive benefit of renters and rental property owners.