

## Straight Talk

### Resident Input to Strategic Planning Part I - Gate Management and Street Safety

In March, the Strategic Planning Working Group (SPWG) presented the Board with a report that contained all of the input gathered from residents on "...opinions on the key issues that will shape the future of our community." A summary briefing was held for residents on February 12 where each attendee received a copy of the entire report and a copy of the full report was available on the web.

In that some of the input deals with current issues, it was decided that residents should be provided with the status of current activity underway, completed or being planned. Since there are a number of items to be covered, I have divided them into topic areas for ease of reporting. This Straight Talk is the first in a series of communiqués that will address these issues.

#### Gate Management

- Input-** "As long as we can afford to staff main gate do it."  
"Continue 24/7 gate guard."  
"Secure the property with locks and code entry at all pedestrian gates."  
"Put locks on walk-through gates, guards not enough."  
"Set up locks and gate codes for pedestrian gates."  
"Reduce guard at nights, use keypad entry."  
"Monitor north and south gates with cameras – night guard essential."  
"Maintain guarded entry and other gates."

As indicated in the information provided by the SPWG, that there is a monthly cost of \$7.14 per lot for the 24-hour guard service on the main gate. A survey will be released in August requesting input on issues related to management of all of the gates. The issues will cover safety concerns related to the gated entry points, possible alternative strategies for gate management, hours of coverage and closure, etc. Your input on this matter will be needed to make an assessment of the current system and determine a course of action. In the upcoming budget process, we will be looking at potential investments in technology infrastructure to position the community for the applications of camera, video and other technologies to address security and access strategies as well as other areas.

#### Street Safety

- Input-** "Install speed bumps or other methods to slow speeders."  
"Can't see street signs soon enough on Winding Desert."  
"Need to change some street signs to be visible both ways."  
"Don't put speed bumps, deal with speeding through education."  
"Stop signs at Heritage Club and Heritage Gateway are too low and hard to read."  
"Take action to reduce speeding."  
"More and better strategically placed stop signs."

In 2007, we had a traffic management consultant review the traffic patterns and signage throughout the community. Some of those suggestions have been implemented as noted by the addition of "Blind Intersection" signs. The Board has just received additional recommendations from the Safety Operating Support Team and Management for further improvements to signage and other traffic control issues. These recommendations incorporate input from a Street Safety survey that was recently conducted. They include creating two additional 3-way stops, adding striping for blind intersections, adding speed limit

signs and installing new golf cart crossing signs. The complete list was included in the Week Ahead message on June 19.

The next topic area that will be addressed in an upcoming Straight Talk article is Amenities.