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Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 10:26 AM
To: Penaranda, Elmer
Subject: Heron Bay Residential Neighborhood Gate - Strongly Disagree - Should Not Approve!

Hi Elmer,

I am a resident in the Heron Bay. A couple weeks ago, I sent out an email expressing my discontent with the gate installation project in Heron Bay.

Recently, I spoke with my neighbors and would like to share some further comments regarding the gate installation.

The bottom line is that we all think that the gate installation is unnecessary, costly, and incompatible with the overall environment in Heron Bay. The installation project is proposed by a gate and fencing company, not directly by our Heron Bay residents. There is a conflict of interest, because the party that's proposing the change is incentivized by making money, rather than purely protecting the residents, whom we think are the ultimate the victims of the gate and fencing company.

This is not to say that we are willing to sacrifice our safety for cost. If the gate is truly effective, we will consider installing it, but the reality says otherwise. There will be no one who's maintaining the gate. If no one is actually controlling, then any car could open and pass the gate relatively easily anyway. So the gate really provides no value. We just do not think the gate can help us in any way.

Moreover, the gate will deface our natural environment in Heron Bay. We are proud of how environmental and natural friendly Heron Bay is - the bay is lying right behind us and the trees and flowers sit alongside the main path that leads to Heron Bay Residential area. Overall, we are fostering a very relaxing, welcoming, and natural environment, which is why lots of us bought the place in the very first place. Then, if there's an iron gate that's standing in the middle of it, the gate is completely out of place and significantly deface our natural environment. Again, if the gate can provide values, then we can sacrifice the look. But in this case, the gate doesn't provide such value. And our residential area has been really safe, so the gate cannot help us.

To summarize, the gate is downright unnecessary, wastefully costly, out of place in a very natural environment. **THUS, MY NEIGHBORS AND I STRONGLY DISAGREE THAT THE GATE SHOULD BE INSTALLED. PLEASE REJECT THE PROPOSAL!**

We thank you very much!

Best,
Kevin