

# Gate Entrance Sign Working Group Recommendations

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The following recommendations are based on work completed during the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and subsequent input from Marty Rolleg and his committee.

## Speed Limit

- **Recommendation:** Eliminate and if necessary use e-blast to encourage resident adherence to the posted speed limit
- **Why:** There is a speed limit sign posted shortly after passing thru the gate.

## Injury Warning Sign

- **Recommendation:** Keep in existing position after realigning the signs
- **Why:** UL 325 requires this sign be posted by any registered gate maintenance company. Discussions with our gate maintenance company validated this requirement.
- **Action:** Doug Digman to realign these signs

## Security Notice – Video Surveillance

- **Recommendation:** Eliminate
- **Why:** Discussions with McKinley indicate the sign is not required to use the video in a court proceeding, but is rather an attempt at deterring unwanted behavior. Marty Rolleg does not view the sign as a deterrent – the pole and visible camera are the intended deterrent. Marty Rolleg's discussions with local law enforcement confirmed video obtained without posting a sign could be used in court.

## No Soliciting

- **Recommendation:** Eliminate. Educate residents regarding McKinley Security assistance. Consider inviting McKinley to make a presentation at a POA meeting.
- **Why:** The Peninsula does not need a sign to keep people out of the community, as the gate itself implies private property. A warning sign allows the POA Board to detain people on POA property but does not extend to owners property. A warning sign on a persons' private property gives the property owner rights to detain the unwelcome party. Without a sign, a party needs to be first verbally advised they are trespassing/soliciting. Once told, they can be asked to leave. Soliciting refers to sales and is a more narrow definition as opposed to trespassing. Soliciting does not apply to religious groups contacting residents or someone passing thru the gate and conducting activities within the Peninsula (fishing, picnic, etc.).

## Fireworks

- **Recommendation:** Eliminate and use e-blast to inform residents of a burn ban and encourage them to avoid the use of fireworks within the Peninsula. Identify a committee (possibly the Neighborhood Watch Committee) for the responsibility to monitor burn bans and communicate appropriate warnings to the community via e-blast .
- **Why:** Fireworks are legal in unincorporated areas of Comal County and only the county commissioners can ban firework use on private property within unincorporated areas of the county. There are guidelines (KBDI 575/750) used by the county commissioners based on moisture content in the soil, they are not linked to burn bans. There is precedence to show POA's attempts to control fireworks are unenforceable (see attached notes).

## Meeting Notice

- **Recommendation:** Eliminate and use e-blast to inform residents of meetings and activities.
- **Why:** Meetings and gatherings are for the benefit of residents and owners. The Working Group feels this type of information should not be shared with non-owners who travel in The Peninsula. There is risk in publicizing to non-owners that homes within the community will be vacant while residents attend the meeting.

## New Sign

- **Recommendation:** Do not pursue installation of a "Welcome" sign at the entrance to the community
- **Why:** Elimination of all the signs within the scope (with the exception of the Warning Sign) eliminates the need for an additional communication sign.

## Additional Signs Outside the Working Group Scope

### Neighborhood Watch

- **Recommendation:** Eliminate
- **Why:** Neighborhood Watch signs are posted at each major entry point to Mystic Shores. Marty Rolleg's committee supports this recommendation.

### Conservation Sign at Peninsula Gate

- **Recommendation:** Eliminate
- **Why:** The Peninsula no longer has a conservation committee and the program is no longer an emphasis or an active program in the Peninsula or Mystic Shores.

## Future Sign Considerations

Several members of this Working Group are available to research and consider any future signs that might be posted in the community.