

# Recommendation Submission

CPC -This response is in reference to recommendation # \_23-5\_\_\_\_\_

CPC -Area Command \_\_Foothills\_\_\_\_\_

CPC -Referenced CASA area (A,B,C,D,E): \_\_C\_\_\_\_\_

APD -Responsible SME: \_(Parks and Recreation)\_\_\_\_\_

APD -Date received \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATION** (One (1) recommendation per submission.  
Recommendation/Reasoning must be 500 words or less for submission):

Foothills Community Policing Council

Date: August 1, 2023

Approving Councilors: Jeanne Hamrick, Lynn Thompson, Barbara Lee, Linda McLaughlin and David Griffin

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This recommendation is a further call to action on a past recommendation from 2021 (attached). This recommendation was requested by the then Foothills Commander, and was sent to APD, but is now going to the City's Parks and Recreation department as well.

The recommendation is for the City to install new lighting and maintain current lighting on the bike paths/walkways at Singing Arrow Loop around Singing Arrow Park.

The Foothills Area command in conjunction with the APD Foothills Command has deemed the existing lighting inadequate, and in use of repair, and requests repair, as well as new, powerful lighting that will discourage crimes such as illegal camping, make parkwide law enforcement easier, increase security, and encourage more park use by local families.

The Foothills CPC Calls for an audit of existing park lighting to discover where lighting is broken or inadequate, and subsequent action to fix the lighting.

The response to the original recommendation was to get in touch with Parks and Rec.



## Recommendation Submission

Foothills Community Policing Council

Date: October 11, 2021

Approving Councilors: Aundre Huynh, David Zeuch, Graham Bowkett, Idalia Lechuga-Tena, Josephine Martinez, Judy Young, Kathryn Bolkovac, Paul Robert Sedillo, Samuel Nevarez, Vance Kabella, Robert Carleton

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### **RECOMMENDATION: Crime Prevention and Camping Prevention Needed at Singing-Arrow Park**

**Background:** Just at the end of September, there was an attack on a private residence across the street from the East end of Singing Arrow Park. A large rock was thrown through the picture window of a home, terrifying the owners. This was a criminal act with no possible goal other than to terrorize the couple who live there and who have been active with efforts to improve this park. We cannot know who perpetrated this assault at midnight but can speculate that it was people who should not have been in the park.

The Park is posted for "No Trespassing" and "No Camping", and no overnight use is permitted. This aspect of the problems in this neighborhood is quite possibly related to late-night arrivals on the busses that terminate their eastbound route at Tramway and to those using the park as a camping site.

**Recommendation a:** We encourage enhanced attention by APD Foothills Command to the problems relating to the Singing Arrow Park, most especially with regard to camping and transients who are using the park for prohibited activities.

**Recommendation b:** We further want to see access to the park via the walkway between the new community center and the Smoke Shop be closed at night. This will require additional fencing and gates. This walkway is the main route that campers and other trespassers use to enter the park. Unrestricted access presents opportunities for misuse and needs to be restricted. It would be best to simply close this walkway and perhaps to

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provide a gate in the fence that needs to separate the new community center from the park. This gate could be unlocked during the hours of operation of the Singing Arrow community center.

