



Recommendation Submission

Foothills Community Policing Council

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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

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.

Recommendation c: The video camera installation has been removed and needs to be restored. The cameras need to be installed at the intersection of paths at the East end of the park as was agreed when we met with Parks and Recreation management some months ago.

Recommendation d: Additional lighting is also needed at the East end of Singing Arrow Park and along walkways both to discourage camping and to make illegal activity more obvious to police officers.