



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Johnny Khamis

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 21, 2019

Approved

Date

5/22/19

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: **Additional Lighting to Improve Safety at Chris Hotts Park**

Amount of City Funding Required: **\$60,000.00 one-time funding and \$1,000.00 annually for operations & maintenance.**

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): **General Fund**

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (Please describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

Chris Hotts Park is located in an area of District 10 that is identified by SJPD as one of San Jose's "gang hot spots." Because this is a rent-controlled area, there are many upstanding residents who live there simply because it is what they can afford and they cannot afford to relocate to a different area. We must continue to do all that we can to help these residents have as safe a place to live as possible.

The District 10 Council office has directed a considerable amount of their allocated C&C Park funds to improving this park and making the area safer both for the residents of the Hoffman-Via Monte neighborhood and the nearby La Mirador senior living facility. However, more needs to be done.

The original park improvement plan included additional lighting, but the added lighting was removed from the project when project costs exceeded the resources available.

SJPD Captain Johnson Fong, before he retired, undertook an evaluation of the park lighting which the SJPD Crime Prevention Unit provided to our office. They worked with residents and determined that approximately three more lights are needed to make nighttime activity in the park more visible to passing patrol cars, discourage gang activity after dark, and provide greater safety for residents.

The following photos and comments were provided by Captain Fong:

1) The playground area might require additional lighting.



2) There is lighting toward the front of the park but the residents mentioned that lighting is needed toward the back of the park.



3) Residents asked if it is possible to add lighting somewhere in the areas marked in red to prevent people from hanging out on the benches at night and making it safer for everyone.



Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$4 million):

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation):

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