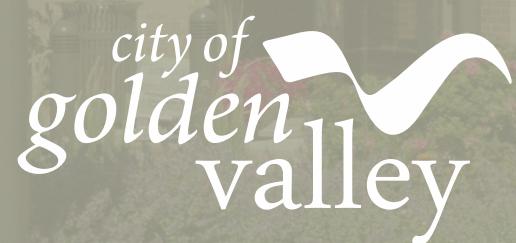


# Lions Park Community Meeting

## COMMUNITY INPUT REPORT



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# Overview

The City hosted a *Chat With The Chief* community engagement meeting on April 15, 2024 at the Lions Park Shelter to hear neighborhood concerns regarding the shooting incident that took place at Lions Park on Sunday, April 7 at 4 am.

To promote the event, the City published a website news story and posted on social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter/X, Instagram, and Nextdoor.

## Social Media Outreach

The City posted information about the event on Facebook, Twitter/X, Instagram and Nextdoor on April 12, 2024. See Appendix A for reach and engagement details.

## Event Overview

Interim City Manager Noah Schuchman, Mayor Roslyn Harmon, Parks and Recreation Director Janelle Crossfield, Police Chief Virgil Green, Community Connections and Outreach Specialist Airrion Williams, and Councilmember Maurice Harris were present to moderate, answer questions, and solicit feedback.

Chief Green began the meeting by giving an overview of the shooting incident at Lions Park, stating that this was an isolated incident and assuring that the community is still safe. Green explained that the City is considering adding cameras to Lions Park and there will be more dedicated park patrols. Police vehicles will also be temporarily parked in the lot to deter potential crime.

Crossfield then solicited community input regarding tennis court wind screens and LED lighting at the parking lot and trails in Lions Park.

# Community Input

## Tennis Court Wind Screen Votes

Based on responses, the most preferred option is *Leave screens in place and raised for 2024* and the least preferred option is *Leave screens in place and lowered (current set up)*.

Options	Votes
Leave screens in place and lowered (current set up)	1
Leave screens in place and raised for 2024	13
Leave screens in place and raised for the foreseeable future	7

## Trail And Parking Lot Lights

Based on responses, the most preferred option is *Upgrade parking lot lights in 2024, trails in 2025*, and the least preferred option is *Upgrade trail and parking lot lights in 2025*.

Options	Votes
Upgrade trail and parking lot lights in 2025	1
Upgrade parking lot lights in 2024, trails in 2025	20

## Post-It Comments

Comments were provided on Post-It notes which gave other attendees the opportunity to express their support for specific comments.

Comments	Supporters
Gates/chains around entrance and exit of parking lots	2
Motion detecting lights	
Keep existing lights, but make sure they work	
Staff should gather input from community in advance near Garden Park and Ridgeway	
Keep the trail lighting with old-fashioned light fixtures to be mindful of the resale value for the houses	
No bright lights	3
Remove screens	4

Pole camera	6
Can citizens be utilized more? Example: advisory boards and community resource groups	2
Change neighborhood watch participants to neighborhood ambassadors	
Surveillance drones	2
Can these changes be made at Brookview, too?	
Big sign that says "we are watching"	
Keep trail lighting on back trail dim	
Do we need very large police cruisers? Could that money be used for more staff, cameras, etc?	
Signs about 10 pm closing and signs to encourage people to report violators	
Remember that we are and our children are in fact not all white and we belong here	
There appears to be a need for a safe place for youth at night. There used to be a midnight basketball program. What can be done to offer better alternatives to public parks?	

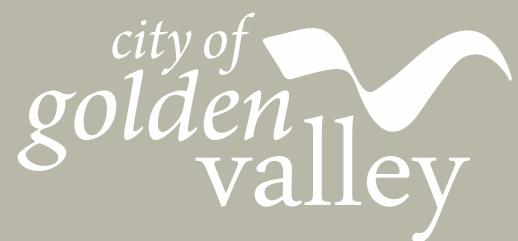
## Verbal Questions And Comments

These comments were provided verbally by the community.

Questions/Comments
How are we going to continue to be a welcoming community amidst public safety concerns?
Is this a trend?
Do we have to change the lighting?
Glass needs to be replace on park lamps.
Signs out front with time when the park closes.
Who owns the wind screens and can they be taken down?
Is this a one and done situation or will people return to commit crime again?
Will there be police presence at all parks in GV?
What can community do?
How can people receive regular communication?
When will we get back up to full staffing?
What happened to the Neighborhood Watch?

# **APPENDIX A**

## **Social Media Reach and Engagement**



# SOCIAL MEDIA REACH AND ENGAGEMENT

## Title

*Reach = Number of people who saw the post*

*Engagement = Number of people who interacted with the post*

April 12, 2024					
PLATFORM	REACH	ENGAGEMENT	REACTIONS	SHARES/RETWEETS	COMMENTS
Facebook	792	50	13	1	0
Twitter/X	N/A	N/A	1	0	0
Instagram	249	3	2	0	0
Nextdoor	1,561	N/A	2	0	1

Comments	
NAME	COMMENT
Jonell J.	This is such a nice opportunity to hear from our chief and city council. Having moved here from Philadelphia and New Jersey years, I can say this is a very safe, quiet neighborhood. Every once in a while, something is going to happen somewhere. But to not have to deal with crime daily or dangerous situations and such a blessing. Golden Valley is a wonderful place to live.