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# Press Release

## City responds to concerns from Treasure Island Community

### Survey results reveal park security lighting as number one issue

Downey, CA, February 26, 2008: After hearing the many concerns from the Treasure Island Community regarding the surrounding park's condition and security, the City of Downey has taken the first step towards helping alleviate the situation. In December of 2007, the Community Services Department mailed out 299 Treasure Island Park Improvement Surveys to this specific community hoping to get clarification on what the residents feel, are the areas that need improvement. The City received a good response from the community with a total of 171 surveys being returned.

Director of Community Services, Thad Phillips, first presented the survey results to City Council on January 29, 2008 and just recently at the Unity in the Community 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting, which was held on February 19, 2008 at Our Lord's Grace of Downey Church. The survey's results revealed that security lighting is the number one problem at Treasure Island. According to residents around this area, security lighting is the one improvement necessary due to strangers hanging out at the park late at night and causing problems for the surrounding neighbors. Other areas that residents also feel need improvement are the walking trail, turf renovation, and playground equipment. "Please take the resident's concerns seriously as our requests will improve safety and add value to our city," a resident commented.

The City will take into consideration the issues brought up by the Treasure Island community and will first consider security lighting as the main park concern. Phillips stated that security lighting will be submitted as a Capital Improvement Project for the City's 2008-2009 fiscal year budget. The community was overall glad to see that something is being done. President of Unity in the Community, Margarita Rogers said, "I am please that there is some progress being made and we are glad the City allowed us to give our input."

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