

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 03-34

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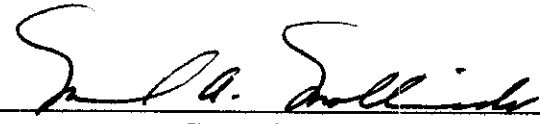
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSED NEW PARK NAME: HOLLEIGH BERNSON MEMORIAL PARK

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General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the naming of a new 14 -acre park to be dedicated the Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park; and,
2. Direct the Valley Region to erect the appropriate park sign, upon completion of park construction and acceptance of the site by the Department.

SUMMARY:

A new 14-acre park site is under construction in the Porter Ranch area of the City, as part of that subdivision's Quimby fee obligation. Upon completion of the construction of park improvements at this site, anticipated in October, 2003, the new park site will then be deeded to the City and open for public use.

The owner/developer of the Porter Ranch subdivision, Mr. Nathan Shapell, proposed that this site be named in memory of Councilman Bernson's daughter, Holleigh. In April 2002, the Department received a request from Councilman Bernson indicating Mr. Shapell's proposal and requesting that the site be named the Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park.

Holleigh Bernson, Councilman Bernson's middle daughter, tragically died in a car accident at the age of 26. She was raised in Granada Hills, attended Pinecrest School, Chatsworth Hills Academy, and Chatsworth High School, and during her childhood and growing up, played at several local parks in the West Valley area. She was very creative and was studying at the American Film Institute, at the time of her death.

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A community meeting on this proposal was held on July 10, 2002, at which all attendees expressed support for the proposal. Department staff has reviewed this proposal and recommends approval of the name. The appropriate signage will be installed upon completion of the park improvement construction and dedication of this site to the City.

Report prepared by Camille Didier, Supervisor, Advance Planning/Special Projects.