RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the allocation of $45,000 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees from the Porter Ranch Park Account 460K-PO for construction of the outdoor park improvements described in the Summary of this report at Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park.

SUMMARY:

Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park is located in the Porter Ranch area of the San Fernando Valley, adjacent to Porter Ranch Park. Department staff has determined that outdoor park improvements are needed at Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park to provide shade for patrons using the children's play area. The project scope for the park improvements consists of the installation of a permanent shade structure over the play area, landscaping and other related improvements. Due to the winds in the area, it may be necessary to install additional steel for the shade structure. It is estimated that these outdoor park improvements will cost approximately $45,000.

On April 24, 2007, the Porter Ranch Beautification Committee of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council graciously approved donating $17,000 of their annual funds to support this project. As these funds are not available until the project is completed, the total project cost will be allocated from the Quimby account. When the project is complete, the Neighborhood Council will transfer their funds to reimburse the account.

Currently, $92,127.08 is available in Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the Porter Ranch Park Account 460K-PO. Upon the approval of this report, Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the amount of $45,000 can
be allocated from the Porter Ranch Park Account 460K-PO for these outdoor park improvements. After the project is completed, the Neighborhood Council will reimburse $17,000 to the Porter Ranch Park Account 460K-00. The remaining funds in the Porter Ranch Park Account 460K-PO will be used for future projects at the facility. These Subdivision/Quimby Fees were collected within two miles of Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Subdivision/Quimby Fees for community parks.

Valley Region staff will be responsible for completing the project using vendors under contract with the City and in-house labor.

Council District Twelve and Valley Region staff support the recommendations set forth in this report.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the installation of a shade structure, landscaping and other related improvements. Therefore, it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 3 (6) and 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Upon Board approval of the $45,000 allocation in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, sufficient funds will be available to complete this project. There are no immediate maintenance costs for these improvements.

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