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APPEAL STAFF REPORT: SUBSTANTIAL ISSUE DETERMINATION & DE NOVO HEARING

Appeal Number:	**A-2-SNF-12-020**
Applicant:	**San Francisco Recreation and Park Department**
Appellants:	Golden Gate Audubon Society, Golden Gate Park Preservation Alliance, SF Ocean Edge, Sierra Club (SF Bay Chapter), Viking Soccer Parents for Grass Fields in Golden Gate Park, Jean Barish, Shawna McGrew, Gregory P. Miller et al., George Shepard Wooding et al., and Nancy Wuerfel et al.
Local Decision:	Coastal development permit approved by the San Francisco Planning Commission (May 24, 2012) and upheld by the San Francisco Board of Appeals (August 1, 2012 and September 12, 2012) (City and County of San Francisco permit number 2010.0016P)
Project Location:	Beach Chalet athletic fields facility located in the western end of Golden Gate Park just inland from the Great Highway and Ocean Beach off of John F. Kennedy Drive in San Francisco.
Project Description:	Renovation of an existing 9.4-acre athletic field complex with artificial turf, field lighting, spectator seating, expanded parking lot, concrete pathways, renovated bathroom facilities, and expanded public plaza.
Staff Recommendation:	Substantial Issue Exists; Approval with Conditions

SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The City and County of San Francisco (City of San Francisco) approved a coastal development permit (CDP) to allow the renovation of the Beach Chalet athletic fields facility, an existing 9.4-acre athletic field facility located in the western edge of Golden Gate Park, roughly 1,000 feet inland from Ocean Beach, in San Francisco. The renovation includes: replacing the existing grass fields with artificial turf, installing ten 60-foot tall sets of field lights, installing spectator seating (for approximately 1,000 spectators), replacing the existing 8-foot perimeter metal chain-link fence with a 3.5-foot vinyl chain-link fence (with eight 16-foot tall sections behind soccer goal post end lines), expanding the existing parking lot with 20 additional spaces, renovating the existing bathroom facilities, installing concrete paths around and through the facility, and creating a public plaza with play structures, barbecue pits, and tables. The Appellants contend that the City's decision is inconsistent with the City of San Francisco Local Coastal Program (LCP) because the approved project: 1) does not protect the naturalistic quality of the western end of Golden Gate Park, including in terms of its historic status; 2) is contrary to the mandate for reforestation by removing over 55 trees; 3) does not preserve the natural characteristics of the Cliff House/Sutro Baths area; and 4) does not protect the Richmond and Sunset residential areas from traffic and visitor impacts.

Staff recommends that the Commission find that the appeals raise substantial LCP conformance issues and that the Commission take jurisdiction over the CDP application. Staff further recommends that the Commission approve a CDP for a modified renovation project to address LCP requirements for the site.

The LCP requires that development "emphasize the naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use". LCP certification documents indicate that the intent and goal of the LCP was to ensure protection of the unique pastoral landscape character of the Park. The City-approved project will modify the existing Beach Chalet fields area in a way that will alter its naturalistic character, including through the introduction of project elements that would significantly change its spatial organization and setting (e.g., artificial turf, field lights, seating areas, fending, concrete paths, etc.). The City found that the project would cause significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to the fields area in this respect, including in light of Golden Gate Park's significant historic status (i.e., it is on the National and California Registers of Historic Places as a historic district), but approved the project via a statement of overriding considerations.

There are likely many different alternative project variations that could address the LCP policy to emphasize naturalistic landscape qualities, but it is clear that any proposal that seeks to renovate the Beach Chalet athletic fields facility consistent with the LCP must emphasize the naturalistic pastoral landscape, including by keeping hardscape and engineered elements to a minimum and making sure they are subordinate to the pastoral landscape character. Within this context, there are a range of potential project elements that may be appropriate to meet City objectives of increasing the field's recreational usage while also meeting LCP requirements that protect the naturalistic landscape. It is within this context (i.e., whether a proposed element increases recreational access and whether it emphasizes the field's pastoral, non-structured landscape qualities) that project alternatives must be analyzed. Fundamentally, project elements that break up the overall grassy area are problematic in this respect (such as the proposed 30-foot wide

linear concrete area with seating that would bisect the fields entirely), as are significant project elements that significantly frame the field areas in a linear and/or regular fashion (e.g., perimeter fencing). Other project elements that introduce significant hardscape and 'engineered' elements also take away from the naturalistic character of the area. For other project elements, however, there is some judgment involved as to what tips the scales to not appropriately emphasizing the naturalistic landscape qualities of the site. For example, some field lighting that doesn't break up the overall grassy area and some linear form seating areas that are integrated into landscape areas could be consistent with that LCP policy.

To bring the project into conformance with the LCP, staff recommends that the Commission approve a revised project that addresses the naturalistic setting and character of the Park and that would include:

- Redoing the natural turf fields with natural grass (including with enhanced foundation and drainage) and maximizing revegetation efforts with an eye towards emphasizing naturalistic spatial organization for the fields area (e.g., curvilinear as opposed to linear)
- Eliminating and/or reducing field lighting (and limiting lighting otherwise to that necessary for public safety)
- Modifying fencing (including because existing fencing which has altered the character of the site is currently unpermitted)
- Modifying seating to be informal bench seating (e.g., intermittent benches) and/or more limited linear seating forms integrated with perimeter paths and landscaping
- Modifying paths to be decomposed granite or equivalent as opposed to concrete
- Providing enhanced signage and path connections between the fields and Ocean Beach, as well as interpretive signing

Such a project would be a significant improvement to the Beach Chalet fields area that would both enhance its pastoral naturalistic character and its utility for recreation consistent with the LCP.[1] The motions to implement staff's recommendation are found on page 5 below.

[1] In addition, although not part of the CDP, additional recreational utility, including nighttime play via lights, may be accomplished at nearby West Sunset Playground (outside of the coastal zone, about a mile and a half away from the Beach Chalet site) where the City has already allotted funding towards field improvements. Such improvements to West Sunset Playground (as opposed to at Beach Chalet) were identified by the City's certified CEQA document as the environmentally superior alternative to meet project objectives. This hybrid would address LCP requirements and the need for increased recreation.

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I. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Substantial Issue Determination

Staff recommends that the Commission determine that a **substantial issue** exists with respect to the grounds on which the appeal was filed. A finding of substantial issue would bring the CDP application for the proposed project under the jurisdiction of the Commission for de novo hearing and action. To implement this recommendation, staff recommends a **NO** vote on the following motion. Failure of this motion will result in a de novo hearing on the CDP application, and adoption of the following resolution and findings. Passage of this motion will result in a finding of No Substantial Issue and the local action will become final and effective. The motion passes only by affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present.

Motion: *I move that the Commission determine that Appeal Number A-2-SNF-12-020 raises no substantial issue with respect to the grounds on which the appeal has been filed under Section 30603 of the Coastal Act, and I recommend a no vote.*

Resolution to Find Substantial Issue: *The Commission hereby finds that Appeal Number A-3-SNF-12-020 presents a substantial issue with respect to the grounds on which the appeal has been filed under Section 30603 of the Coastal Act regarding consistency with the certified Local Coastal Program and/or the public access and recreation policies of the Coastal Act.*

B. CDP Determination

Staff recommends that the Commission, after public hearing, **approve** a coastal development permit for the proposed development. To implement this recommendation, staff recommends a **YES** vote on the following motion. Passage of this motion will result in approval of the CDP as conditioned and adoption of the following resolution and findings. The motion passes only by affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present.

Motion: *I move that the Commission approve Coastal Development Permit Number A-2-SNF-12-020 pursuant to the staff recommendation, and I recommend a yes vote.*

Resolution to Approve CDP: *The Commission hereby approves Coastal Development Permit Number A-2-SNF-12-020 and adopts the findings set forth below on grounds that the development as conditioned will be in conformity with City and County of San Francisco Local Coastal Program policies. Approval of the permit complies with the California Environmental Quality Act because either 1) feasible mitigation measures and/or alternatives have been incorporated to substantially lessen any significant adverse effects of the development on the environment, or 2) there are no further feasible mitigation measures or alternatives that would substantially lessen any significant adverse impacts of the development on the environment.*

II. STANDARD CONDITIONS

This permit is granted subject to the following standard conditions:

1. **Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment.** The permit is not valid and development shall not commence until a copy of the permit, signed by the Permittee or authorized agent, acknowledging receipt of the permit and acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the Commission office.

2. **Expiration.** If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the date on which the Commission voted on the application. Development shall be pursued in a diligent manner and completed in a reasonable period of time. Application for extension of the permit must be made prior to the expiration date.

3. **Interpretation.** Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.

4. **Assignment.** The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the Commission an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.

5. **Terms and Conditions Run with the Land.** These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the Commission and the Permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.

III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

This permit is granted subject to the following special conditions:

1. **Revised Project Plans.** PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, the Permittee shall submit two full size sets of Revised Project Plans to the Executive Director for review and approval. The Revised Project Plans shall be substantially in conformance with the proposed project plans (see Exhibit 3) except that they shall be revised and supplemented to comply with the following requirements:

    a. **Synthetic Turf Replaced With Natural Turf.** All synthetic turf shall be eliminated from the project and in its place natural grass turf shall be used. The natural grass turf area shall include replacement of the existing turf with new turf, and installation of an underlying turf foundation system designed to provide enhanced stability, including in terms of enhanced drainage, to the maximum extent feasible (e.g., regrading, placement of drainage materials and systems, gopher wire, etc.).

    b. **Field Lighting Modified.** All field lighting shall be eliminated from the project or shall be allowed only along the perimeter of the project site and integrated with the perimeter vegetation.

    c. **Fencing Modified.** All fencing surrounding the fields, including existing fencing present without benefit of a CDP (i.e., all fencing currently present at the site), shall be

eliminated from the project and removed. The only fencing allowed shall be low fencing (no higher than 3 feet) near the restroom, plaza, play, and picnic areas where required (including where it is shown that topographic changes, vegetation, and/or site design cannot achieve the same purpose) to adequately protect users of those areas from wayward balls. Allowed fencing shall be: minimized as much as possible; as see-through as possible while still achieving its purpose; integrated into the site and the site design as seamlessly as possible, including in terms of the use of natural materials; made up of other than chain-link (e.g., through use of wood stiles, brass pipe stiles, cable rails, hog wire, etc.) as much as possible.

d. Pedestrian Pathways Modified. Pedestrian pathways shall only be allowed along the periphery of the field area, with allowed connections emanating from the periphery of the field area to existing paths to the north, west, and south, and to the parking lot to the east. All pedestrian pathways shall be made up of decomposed granite or similar product that appears as decomposed granite (e.g., decomposed granite mixed with binding agents, such as GraniteCreek product); shall be sited and designed to connect to offsite trails, and to seamlessly integrate with the natural environment as well as the parking lot, restroom, plaza, play, and picnic areas; shall be curvilinear as opposed to straight-line segments as much as possible; and shall include bump outs for interpretive signage, benches, and ADA seating areas.

e. Spectator Seating Modified. All spectator seating within the middle of the field area shall be eliminated from the project. Spectator seating along the northern and southern edges of the field area shall only be allowed where the seating is broken up into shorter sections and integrated with perimeter paths and landscaping in such a way as to emphasize the naturalistic edge of the fields. Bench seating shall be allowed along the periphery of the field area if the benches are sited and designed and limited in size (e.g., up to 4-person benches) and number to that that can be installed along the periphery of the field area and incorporated within the pedestrian pathway system in a way that does not detract from the naturalistic landscape qualities of the site (e.g., a limited number of benches spaced out along the pathway system, natural bench materials, etc.).

f. Lighting. Lighting shall be limited to the minimum lighting necessary for pedestrian and vehicular safety purposes associated with use of the athletic field facility, including through the use of low (i.e., bollard-mounted) fixtures where fixtures are needed if possible. All allowed lighting shall be downward directed and designed so that it limits the amount of light or glares visible from both on and off site to the maximum extent feasible. Lighting plans shall be submitted with documentation associated with chosen lighting features demonstrating compliance with this condition.

g. Parking Lot. The parking lot area shall be screened from view as seen from the field, restroom, plaza, play, and picnic areas as much as possible through planting new vegetation, with access from the parking lot to these areas limited to a pedestrian pathway access at the south end of the parking lot through the vegetation, and a main access (located along the existing accessway location) into these areas where the main access is subject to the same surfacing requirements as apply to the plaza area (see below).

h. Restroom, Plaza, and Surrounding Areas. The pavement surrounding the restroom that exists without benefit of a CDP shall be eliminated from the project and removed. The restroom and plaza area shall be separated from the parking lot area through a vegetated screen. The plaza area shall be reconfigured so that it appears as a curvilinear and naturalistic form, and not as a straight line or circular form; shall be limited in size to what will not detract from the spatial relationship between the fields and restroom building; and shall be sited and designed to conform to site topography as much as possible, except where some minor elevation nearest the fields would help avoid the need for fencing (see also fencing condition). The plaza area shall be surfaced with decomposed granite or similar product that appears as decomposed granite (e.g., decomposed granite mixed with binding agents, such as GraniteCreek product) if feasible, but may be surfaced with wood (e.g., wood decking) or a harder surface (such as colored concrete) if required to accommodate the level of use associated with the restroom and plaza, and if the wood/harder surface materials blend with the natural setting.

i. Play and Picnic Areas. The play and picnic areas shall be reconfigured so that they appear as a curvilinear and naturalistic forms integrated into and with the surrounding vegetation, and not as a straight line or circular form; and shall be sited and designed to conform to site topography as much as possible, except where some minor elevation nearest the fields would help avoid the need for fencing (see also fencing condition). The play and picnic areas shall be surfaced with decomposed granite or similar product that appears as decomposed granite (e.g., decomposed granite mixed with binding agents, such as GraniteCreek product). All play and picnic area amenities shall be sited and designed in such a way as to emphasize the naturalistic landscape qualities of the site (including through use of natural materials, muted colors, amorphous (as opposed to in pattern) locations, etc.).

j. Landscaping.

a. **Proposed and Augmented.** Proposed landscaping shall be sited and designed to emphasize the naturalistic landscape qualities of the site, and shall be supplemented as necessary to address the requirements of this Revised Project Plans condition. In particular, landscaping shall be augmented along the northern, western, and southern edges of the field area in such a way as to result in a curvilinear as opposed to a straight-line form, and to help provide a natural barrier to catch wayward balls. Landscaping shall also be augmented along the eastern side of the field area to provide visual separation between the parking lot and the rest of the site, and between the field area and the restroom/plaza and play/picnic areas, all sited and designed in such a way as to result in a curvilinear as opposed to a straight-line form, and to help provide a natural barrier to catch wayward balls.

b. **Plan Requirements.** Plans shall include landscape and irrigation parameters that shall identify all plant materials (size, species, quantity), all irrigation systems, and all proposed maintenance measures for the site. All plant materials shall be native and non-invasive species selected to be complimentary with the mix of native habitats in the project vicinity, prevent the spread of exotic invasive plant species, and avoid

contamination of the local native plant community gene pool. All landscaped areas on the project site shall be maintained in a litter-free, weed-free, and healthy growing condition. No plant species listed as problematic and/or invasive by the California Native Plant Society, the California Invasive Plant Council, or as may be so identified from time to time by the State of California, and no plant species listed as a 'noxious weed' by the State of California or the U.S. Federal Government shall be planted or allowed to naturalize or persist on the site.

k. Signs. Signs shall be provided that strengthen the visual and physical connection between the fields area and Ocean Beach. Signs shall be installed at appropriate locations in the parking lot and along the pathway system near the fields, as well as at Ocean Beach, that provide information to direct users from the beach to the parking lot and fields area, and vice versa. The signs shall be designed so as to provide clear information without impacting public views and site character, and shall be consistent with Golden Gate Park and Golden Gate National Recreation Area signs. Interpretive signs shall be provided at appropriate points in the fields area (e.g., near the restroom/plaza area, etc.) that describe the history of the site and Golden Gate Park.

l. Utilities Underground. All utilities and utility connections shall be located underground.

All requirements above and all requirements of the approved Revised Project Plans shall be enforceable components of this coastal development permit. The Permittee shall undertake development in accordance with the approved Revised Project Plans.

2. Construction Plan. PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, the Permittee shall submit two full size sets of a Construction Plan to the Executive Director for review and approval. The Construction Plan shall, at a minimum, include the following:

a. Construction Areas. The plan shall identify the specific location of all construction areas, all staging areas, and all construction access corridors in site plan view. All such areas within which construction activities and/or staging are to take place shall be minimized to the maximum extent feasible in order to have the least impact on public access and public views.

b. Construction Methods and Timing. The plan shall specify the construction methods and timing to be applied to limit coastal resource impacts to the maximum extent feasible. Construction shall be limited daylight hours, and construction lighting, past that required for safety purposes, is prohibited.

d. BMPs. The plan shall clearly identify all best management practices (BMPs) to be implemented during construction and their location. Such plans shall contain provisions for specifically identifying and protecting all natural drainage swales (with sand bag barriers, filter fabric fences, straw bale filters, etc.) to prevent construction-related runoff and sediment from entering into these natural drainage areas which ultimately deposit runoff into the Pacific Ocean. Silt fences, straw wattles, or equivalent measures shall be installed at the perimeter of all construction areas. At a minimum, such plans shall also

include provisions for stockpiling and covering of graded materials, temporary stormwater detention facilities, revegetation as necessary, and restricting grading and earthmoving during the rainy weather. The plan shall indicate that: (a) dry cleanup methods are preferred whenever possible and that if water cleanup is necessary, all runoff shall be collected to settle out sediments prior to discharge from the site; all de-watering operations shall include filtration mechanisms; (b) off-site equipment wash areas are preferred whenever possible; if equipment must be washed on-site, the use of soaps, solvents, degreasers, or steam cleaning equipment shall not be allowed; in any event, such wash water shall not be allowed to enter any natural drainage; (c) concrete rinsates shall be collected and they shall not be allowed to enter any natural drainage areas; (d) good construction housekeeping shall be required (e.g., clean up all leaks, drips, and other spills immediately; refuel vehicles and heavy equipment off-site and/or in one designated location; keep materials covered and out of the rain (including covering exposed piles of soil and wastes); all wastes shall be disposed of properly, trash receptacles shall be placed on site for that purpose, and open trash receptacles shall be covered during wet weather); and (e) all erosion and sediment controls shall be in place prior to the commencement of grading and/or construction as well as at the end of each day.

e. Construction Site Documents. The plan shall provide that copies of the signed CDP and the approved Construction Plan be maintained in a conspicuous location at the construction job site at all times, and that such copies are available for public review on request. All persons involved with the construction shall be briefed on the content and meaning of the CDP and the approved Construction Plan, and the public review requirements applicable to them, prior to commencement of construction.

f. Construction Coordinator. The plan shall provide that a construction coordinator be designated to be contacted during construction should questions arise regarding the construction (in case of both regular inquiries and emergencies), and that their contact information (i.e., address, phone numbers, etc.) including, at a minimum, a telephone number that will be made available 24 hours a day for the duration of construction, is conspicuously posted at the job site where such contact information is readily visible from public viewing areas, along with indication that the construction coordinator should be contacted in the case of questions regarding the construction (in case of both regular inquiries and emergencies). The construction coordinator shall record the name, phone number, and nature of all complaints received regarding the construction, and shall investigate complaints and take remedial action, if necessary, within 24 hours of receipt of the complaint or inquiry.

g. Notification. The Permittees shall notify planning staff of the Coastal Commission's North Central Coast District Office at least 3 working days in advance of commencement of construction, and immediately upon completion of construction.

Minor adjustments to the above construction requirements may be allowed by the Executive Director if such adjustments: (1) are deemed reasonable and necessary; and (2) do not adversely impact coastal resources. All requirements above and all requirements of the approved Construction Plan shall be enforceable components of this coastal development

permit. The Permittee shall undertake construction in accordance with the approved Construction Plan.

3. **Violation.** WITHIN 60 DAYS OF COMMISSION ACTION ON THIS CDP APPLICATION, or within such additional time as the Executive Director may grant for good cause, the Permittee shall satisfy all requirements specified in the conditions hereto that the Permittee is required to satisfy prior to issuance of this permit. Failure to comply with this requirement or any other aspect of this CDP and its conditions may result in the institution of enforcement action under the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Coastal Act.

4. **Liability for Costs and Attorney Fees.** The Permittee shall reimburse the Coastal Commission in full for all Coastal Commission costs and attorney fees (including but not limited to such costs/fees that are: (1) charged by the Office of the Attorney General; and (2) required by a court) that the Coastal Commission incurs in connection with the defense of any action brought by a party other than the Permittee against the Coastal Commission, its officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns challenging the approval or issuance of this permit. The Permittee shall reimburse the Coastal Commission within 60 days of being informed by the Executive Director of the amount of such costs/fees. The Coastal Commission retains complete authority to conduct and direct the defense of any such action against the Coastal Commission.

IV. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS

The Commission finds and declares as follows:

A. PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The Applicant, the City of San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, proposes to renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields facility in the western edge of Golden Gate Park, roughly 1,000 feet inland of Ocean Beach and immediately east of the Great Highway (the first public road paralleling the sea) in San Francisco (see Exhibit 1 for the project location map, Exhibit 2 for existing site photos, and Exhibit 3 for approved project plans). To the north of the proposed development site are the Beach Chalet and Park Chalet restaurants and the Dutch Windmill/Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden, to the east is the Golden Gate Park Golf Course, and to the south is the former Richmond-Sunset Sewage Treatment Plant (now partially removed).

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields facility was originally constructed in 1933 and continues to serve as one of three primary ground sports athletic facilities within the city. The City indicates that the existing field area is in poor condition and unusable for much of the year (due to uneven playing surfaces, gophers, soggy conditions, etc.), and that a primary objective of the project is to increase the utility of the fields for recreational athletic use. The existing site contains an irrigated grass field of sufficient size to accommodate four soccer fields (6.8 acres), a 50-space parking lot (0.58 acres), an 8-foot tall metal chain-link fence surrounding the perimeter of the

fields, and restrooms, for a total of 9.4 acres (see Exhibit 2 for existing site photos).[2] The Applicant proposes the following improvements: expand the fields by 0.4 acres to accommodate modern field dimensions (to a total of 7.2 acres), replace the existing grass with synthetic turf, expand the parking lot by 20 spaces for a total of 70 (to a total of 0.78 acres), install ten 60-foot tall sets of field lights, install concrete paths around and through the facility, install 47 pedestrian pathway lights, install 13 parking lot lights, install over 1,000 spectator seats, replace the 8-foot perimeter metal chain-link fence with a 3.5-foot vinyl chain-link fence (with eight 16-foot tall sections behind soccer goal post end lines), renovate the bathrooms, install a new plaza area with play equipment, barbeque areas and picnic tables, remove 16 trees and 44 shrubs, and replant 200 trees and 1,000 plants (see Exhibit 3, approved project design and renderings). The renovations would expand the Beach Chalet facility by some 1.8 acres to a total of 11.2 acres.

B. CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO CDP APPROVAL

On May 24, 2012, the San Francisco Planning Commission approved local CDP 2010.0016P authorizing the proposed project. The Planning Commission's approval was appealed to the San Francisco Board of Appeals which, on August 1, 2012 and September 12, 2012, upheld the Planning Commission's approval. The City's notice of final local action was received in the Coastal Commission's North Central Coast District office on October 4, 2012 (Exhibit 4). The Coastal Commission's ten-working day appeal period for this action began on October 5, 2012 and concluded at 5pm on October 18, 2012. Ten appeals of the City's CDP decision were received during the appeal period (see below and see Exhibit 5).

C. APPEAL PROCEDURES

Coastal Act Section 30603 provides for the appeal to the Coastal Commission of certain CDP decisions in jurisdictions with certified LCPs. The following categories of local CDP decisions are appealable: (a) approval of CDPs for development that is located (1) between the sea and the first public road paralleling the sea or within 300 feet of the inland extent of any beach or of the mean high tide line of the sea where there is no beach, whichever is the greater distance, (2) on tidelands, submerged lands, public trust lands, within 100 feet of any wetland, estuary, or stream, or within 300 feet of the top of the seaward face of any coastal bluff, and (3) in a sensitive coastal resource area; or (b) for counties, approval of CDPs for development that is not designated as the principal permitted use under the LCP. In addition, any local action (approval or denial) on a CDP for a major public works project (including a publicly financed recreational facility and/or a special district development) or an energy facility is appealable to the Commission. This project is appealable because it is a major public works project being funded by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

The grounds for appeal under Section 30603 are limited to allegations that the development does not conform to the certified LCP or to the public access policies of the Coastal Act. Section 30625(b) of the Coastal Act requires the Commission to conduct the de novo portion of the

[2] The chain-link fence was installed without benefit of a CDP, as was the asphalt apron around the restroom building connecting to the parking lot area (including removal of the trees and vegetation that previously existing on the north, east, and south sides of the restroom building). See also Violation finding below.

hearing on an appealed project unless a majority of the Commission finds that "no substantial issue" is raised by such allegations[3]. Under Section 30604(b), if the Commission considers the CDP de novo and ultimately approves a CDP for a project, the Commission must find that the proposed development is in conformity with the certified LCP. If a CDP is approved for a project that is located between the nearest public road and the sea or the shoreline of any body of water located within the coastal zone, Section 30604(c) also requires an additional specific finding that the development is in conformity with the public access and recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act. This project is not located between the nearest public road and the sea, and thus this additional finding does not need to be made if the Commission approves the project following a de novo hearing.

The only persons qualified to testify before the Commission on the substantial issue question are the Applicants (or their representatives), persons who made their views known before the local government (or their representatives), and the local government. Testimony from other persons regarding substantial issue must be submitted in writing. Any person may testify during the de novo CDP determination stage of an appeal.

D. SUMMARY OF APPEAL CONTENTIONS

Ten nearly identical appeals of the City's action were filed with the Commission, with Appellants as follows:

- Golden Gate Audubon Society (by Mark Welther)
- Golden Gate Park Preservation Alliance (by Katherine Howard)
- SF Ocean Edge (by Katherine Howard; agents Lozeau Drury LLP and Mark Massara)
- Sierra Club, San Francisco Group, San Francisco Bay Chapter
- Viking Soccer Parents for Grass Fields in Golden Gate Park (by Kathleen McCowin)
- Jean Barish
- Shawna McGrew
- Gregory P. Miller et al[4]
- George Shepard Wooding et al[5]
- Nancy Wuerfel et al[6]

The Appellants contend that the approved project is inconsistent with the City of San Francisco LCP, also known as the Western Shoreline Plan, because the project: 1) does not emphasize the

[3] The term "substantial issue" is not defined in the Coastal Act or in its implementing regulations. In previous decisions on appeals, the Commission has generally been guided by the following factors in making substantial issue determinations: the degree of factual and legal support for the local government's decision; the extent and scope of the development as approved or denied by the local government; the significance of the coastal resources affected by the decision; the precedential value of the local government's decision for future interpretations of its LCP; and, whether the appeal raises only local issues as opposed to those of regional or statewide significance.

[4] Mr. Miller's appeal references 134 co-appellants (see Exhibit 5 for complete list).

[5] Mr. Wooding's appeal references 6 co-appellants (see Exhibit 5 for complete list).

[6] Ms. Wuerfel's appeal references 59 co-appellants (see Exhibit 5 for complete list).

naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of Golden Park for visitor use, including in terms of its historic status; 2) does not continue to implement a long-term reforestation program at the western portion of the park; 3) does not preserve the natural characteristics of the Cliff House/Sutro Bath area; and 4) does not protect the Richmond and Sunset residential areas from traffic and visitor impacts from adjacent recreation and open space areas. Please see Exhibit 5 for the full appeal documents.

E. SUBSTANTIAL ISSUE DETERMINATION

The CDP Determination findings below are included herein in their entirety by reference.

1. Cited and/or Applicable Policies

The LCP establishes policies by location and subject area, with specific policies for Transportation, the Great Highway, Golden Gate Park, the Zoo, Lake Merced, Ocean Beach, Sutro Heights Park, Cliff House-Sutro Baths, Fort Funston, Olympic Country Club, and the Richmond and Sunset Residential Neighborhoods. Each geographic area has separate and specific policies to guide development and protect coastal resources. The Appellants cite the following policies:

> *Golden Gate Park LCP Objective 3, Policy 1: Strengthen the visual and physical connection between the park and beach. Emphasize the naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use. When possible eliminate the Richmond-Sunset sewer treatment facilities.*
>
> *Golden Gate Park LCP Objective 3, Policy 2: Continue to implement a long-term reforestation program at the western portion of the park.*
>
> *Cliff House/Sutro Bath LCP Objective 8, Policy 1: Develop the Cliff House/Sutro Bath area as a nature-oriented shoreline park. Permit limited commercial-recreation uses if public ownership is retained and if development is carefully controlled to preserve the natural characteristics of the site.*
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> *Richmond and Sunset Residential Neighborhoods LCP Objective 11, Policy 6: Protect the neighborhood environment of the Richmond and Sunset residential areas from the traffic and visitor impacts from the public using adjacent recreation and open space areas.*

2. Naturalistic Landscape Qualities

The Appellants contend that the project fails to protect the naturalistic qualities of this part of Golden Gate Park, including in terms of its historic status, by replacing the existing grass fields with artificial turf, by installing ten 60-foot tall sets of field lights, by expanding the parking lot with 20 additional spaces, and by adding spectator seating and other visitor facilities. The Appellants contend that the introduction of these structured elements: is not appropriate in a meadow-like, natural setting; will inappropriately harm and alter the natural and historic character of the area; and will inappropriately harm the natural beauty of the area and its function as an important habitat for wildlife. Key issues of concern identified include the impact on site character (including in terms of the way in which the historic status of the Park informs that

character), the impacts from night lighting, particularly in foggy conditions, and the impacts from artificial turf on water quality.

Character Impacts

The Beach Chalet athletic fields facility is located in Golden Gate Park, which helps define the setting and character for understanding the proposed project. The Park consists of an expansive forest interspersed with open meadows and linked by a system of curvilinear paths and roads. Numerous gardens, lakes, and recreational features are located throughout the park, as well as naturalistic forest areas. It is designed as a picturesque park landscape that was influenced by the work of Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., perhaps the preeminent American landscape architect, and designer of both Central Park in New York as well as Prospect Park in Brooklyn. Golden Gate Park was listed on the National and California Registers of Historic Places as a historic district in 2004, and the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields and the associated restroom building are both listed as contributing resources of the Park and its character in that regard.

The essential character of the Beach Chalet fields area derives from how it fits within the design of this part of the Park as a woodland predominantly surrounding an open space landscape. A series of more recent improvements in the fields area have altered this character somewhat (including the installation of a perimeter 8-foot tall chain-link fence around most of the field area in 1998, and an asphalt apron (including associated tree and vegetation removal to make way for asphalt) around the restroom building in the 1980s). The 1998 chain-link fence formalized the edges of the playing fields area and changed the spatial organization of the site in ways that diminished its naturalistic and pastoral character. Similarly, the removal of vegetation and replacement with asphalt around the restroom building changed the way in which the building relates to both the fields and the parking lot, including visually opening up the connection to the parking lot area. In taking its action, the City found that notwithstanding these improvements "the historic integrity of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields appears to be substantially intact", and that these past improvements "do not reduce the historic integrity of the landscape or building to the degree that their character-defining features are no longer present."[7] Particularly critical in an LCP context, none of these improvements were constructed by benefit of a CDP, and thus are considered unpermitted, with the baseline for this CDP review being an analysis as if the fence weren't there and the vegetation were there, and as if the site context was as it existed prior to such unpermitted development (see also Violation finding below).

Thus, the baseline for this LCP analysis is the site as it existed prior to the fencing and the vegetation removal and asphalt installation around the restroom building. In this sense, the fields area is a grassy area framed by trees and vegetation that is perceived as a pastoral open space used for recreational pursuits with a small restroom. It is this spatial organization and the natural landscape that most clearly reflects the character of the site.

The City's historic resource findings help to elaborate on these points. As the City found in approving the project, "Golden Gate Park is a cultural landscape historically significant…in the areas of landscape architecture and social history as one of the pioneering examples of the large

[7] Per City of San Francisco's Historic Resource Evaluation Response dated July 27, 2011 (HRER), p.3.

urban park in the United States" and as "the first naturalistic landscape park in the west."[8] The project's Historic Resources Evaluation states as follows:

> *The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields site is a cultural landscape. Cultural landscapes are defined as geographic areas that have been shaped by human activity. They can result from a conscious design or plan, or they can evolve as a byproduct or result of people's activities. They may be associated with a historic event, activity, or person, or may exhibit other cultural or aesthetic values (NPS, 1996:4). The character-defining features of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields cultural landscape includes its spatial organization and topography, vegetation, circulation, buildings, structures, site furnishings, and views.*[9]

Although related to the character of the site, the LCP emphasizes the naturalistic landscape qualities of the site as opposed to its historical character. The LCP requires that development "emphasize the naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use."[10] The term "naturalistic landscape qualities" is not defined by the LCP, but it is clear that a primary contributing factor to the character of Golden Gate Park, including the Beach Chalet fields area, is the way in which the natural environment (including flora and fauna) intersects and interacts with use areas (including recreational use areas) in a way that emphasizes the natural qualities of the park setting. LCP certification documents indicate that the intent and goal of the LCP in this respect is to ensure protection of the "pastoral" landscape character of Golden Gate Park. In fact, LCP issue identification documents from 1980 described the overarching policies for Golden Gate Park as:

> *Objective D.2, Policy A: ensure that the essential design elements that give the Park its unique landscape character are retained and protected.*
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> *Objective D.2, Policy D calls for the establishment of designated naturalistic parkland areas to protect the pastoral character of the Park and ensure the retention of the Park's open space.*
>
> *Objective D.3, Policy B calls for the preservation of notable Park landmarks of historic, architectural and aesthetic value; the encouragement of restoration or reconstruction of other buildings and features that provide continuity with the past.*

[8] HRER, pp. 2-3 (and citing Nelson, Douglas. NPS Form 10-900, Golden Gate Park. July 2003, revised June 2004. On file for review at the SF Planning Department, National Register Historic District Files, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103.).

[9] Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation City and County of San Francisco Final Historic Resources Evaluation p.1 (ESA July 2011).

[10] Golden Gate Park LCP Objective 3, Policy 1.

> *Objective D.5, Policy A ensures that the Park's recreational activities are compatible with the Park's environment. The policy addresses the issue of the preservation of wild life habitats….*[11]

These objectives formed the basis for the LCP's current Golden Gate Park policies, with the issue identification documents concluding that: "a level of common purpose exists between [the Coastal Act and Golden Gate Park policies] and that local land use policies and zoning are consistent with Coastal Act policies for Golden Gate Park [i.e., the LCP]." In other words, the legislative LCP intent for the LCP policies requiring that 'naturalistic landscape qualities be emphasized' is based on ensuring protection of the pastoral landscape character of the Park for visitors.

The City-approved project would alter the spatial organization and setting of the Beach Chalet fields area in a way that would significantly change its character-defining features (e.g., replacing grass field with artificial turf) and add features that would significantly change the character of the fields area (e.g., field lighting, significant linear seating areas, concrete bisecting fields, etc.). The City found that the project would cause significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to the fields area in this respect, including in light of Golden Gate Park's significant historic status,[12] but approved the project via a statement of overriding considerations.

It is clear that the City's action would significantly change the character of the Beach Chalet fields area for visitor use, including as acknowledged by the City. It is equally clear that that character is also a defining element of the naturalistic landscape qualities and setting that are protected by the LCP. The City-approved project will modify the existing Beach Chalet fields area in a way that will adversely alter its natural character, including through the introduction of project elements that appear incompatible with its protected spatial organization and setting (e.g., artificial turf, field lights, seating areas, concrete paths, etc.). The City's action raises a substantial LCP conformance issue on these points.

Night Lighting - Public View Impacts

Part of the naturalistic quality of the Beach Chalet fields area is that it is not lit at night, and thus does not contribute to light and glare being visible from either within or outside of Golden Gate Park. In that way, the field area does not currently interfere or otherwise impact public views through light pollution, including from the Cliff House/Sutro Baths area referenced in the LCP. The proposed project includes ten Musco-brand 60-foot tall field light structures that would be operated until 10 pm year-round. These lights are designed specifically for sports fields with the goal of lighting the field evenly while minimizing the spread of light upward. The fixtures are shielded in an effort to prevent the upward spill of light and instead focus light downward onto the playing surface.

[11] From San Francisco Local Coastal Program Public Lands Issue No. 1A: Golden Gate Park. San Francisco Department of City Planning, February 1980.

[12] Including because the project would not meet Secretary of the Interior standards for development associated with designated historic resources.

The City-approved lights would extend above the tops of the tallest trees surrounding the athletic fields to a height of 60 feet,[13] and thus would be visible from the fields area as well as from points outside the site, including from Ocean Beach and the Cliff House/Sutro Bath area, which is protected as a "nature-oriented shoreline park" under the LCP (see renderings in Exhibit 3). The City's lighting analysis shows that light illumination from the field lights is not expected to reach beyond 270 feet from the fields. The analysis showed that current light measurements taken from the Great Highway immediately adjacent to Ocean Beach and west of the project site range from less than 1 foot candle (FC) to more than 4 FCs, a result of street lamps along the Great Highway and ambient glare from the surrounding city. The lighting for the fields is expected to produce, 150 feet away on a flat plain and without obstructions, approximately 0.25 to 0.95 FCs. Thus, the street lamps currently produce up to four times the amount of light illumination at the Great Highway compared to what the new field lights would produce from 150 feet away. At 270 feet away, the City's analysis indicates that light illumination measurements from the field lights drop to 0 FCs.[14]

The eastern edge of Ocean Beach and the promenade along the O'Shaughnessy seawall is roughly 400 feet away from the project area. As such, and since the athletic fields are surrounded by trees, light from the fields is not expected to illuminate Ocean Beach. However, since the lighting structures extend above the tree canopy, the lights themselves would be still be visible from offsite, even if they are not expected to illuminate these areas. The lights would change the view that includes the fields area because the lights would be visible from off-site. Golden Gate Park and the fields area appears a darkened area in these views, and provides a noticeable visual respite in the view from the lights in surrounding built environment. The change from a darkened natural area to one with banks of visible lights would detract from these views.

Finally, calculations were performed for upward light spillover to determine whether light would interfere with the dark sky, a particular concern raised during the local process, including because the Ocean Beach and Sutro Heights areas are popular with amateur astronomers. The analysis found that during clear conditions at 150 feet away from the lights and at a height of 60' above ground, light measurements dropped to 0 FCs. This analysis confirms that upward spillover would be minimal. However, the City's lighting analysis did not take into consideration potential impacts from fog and inclement weather conditions. It is possible that during such conditions there would be a glow over the field area that would be visible from on as well as offsite, including at neighboring Ocean Beach and at the Cliff House/Sutro Baths area.

In both cases, views would be impacted, but the impacts are tempered by the fact that the fields area is in the middle of the City environment with lighting around the park and along the Great Highway. In other words, the views in question already include a series of light sources, and the

[13] The City evaluated options for reducing the height of the lights below the heights of the surrounding trees and vegetation, but concluded that the 60-foot height was as low as the lights could be sited and still function for athletic field lighting, including because moving the lights any lower would begin to impact the vision of players on the fields.

[14] The City confirmed the accuracy of their lighting calculations by comparing light measurements from the South Sunset Playground and Crocker Amazon Playground, which both have similar field lighting as that approved at Beach Chalet. At both sites, the actual lighting measurements are consistent with the measurements projected during their project permitting stage.

introduction of lights into them in the fields area would not significantly alter their value. The City's action does not raise a substantial LCP conformance issue on these points.

Night Lighting - Bird Impacts
Another component that could be considered part of the naturalistic landscaping quality of the Beach Chalet fields area is the natural flora and fauna. In approving the project, the City found that Golden Gate Park is an important migratory stopover for birds along the Pacific Flyway. The EIR indicates that one of the major flyway routes through this part of the coast is along the shoreline, and the EIR concluded that raptors, songbirds, shorebirds, and waterfowl all stop in Golden Gate Park and Lake Merced during their fall and spring migrations.

Because light spillover during clear conditions is expected to be minimal and because the City determined that light is not expected to illuminate Ocean Beach, as described above, the City found the project's lighting impacts on migrating birds to be minimal. Additionally, because most raptors migrate during the day, the City found that impacts from night lighting to migrating raptor species would not be expected to be significant. Lastly, the City's lighting impact analysis concludes that the project would have minimal impact on resident species, such as owls and bats, because lighting is already present in the project's vicinity, including street lights along the Great Highway, lighting at the adjacent Beach Chalet and Park Chalet restaurants, and lighting from the adjacent urban neighborhoods.

In terms of resident species, the combination of lighting and artificial turf (see also below) could reduce foraging potential for certain species, such as raptors and owls, during twilight and a portion of the night. Surveys performed in winter and spring of 2011 identified one special-status bird species that was observed or is commonly seen in Golden Gate Park in the Beach Chalet fields vicinity, the bank swallow (listed as threatened by the State of California). Other species commonly seen at the Beach Chalet fields include: American kestrel, Cooper's hawk, Red-tailed hawk, Red-shouldered hawk, Great horned owl, and Barn owl. However, no nests were observed during a winter 2011 survey in any of the trees and shrubs within 150 feet of the fields. During a second survey during breeding season in May 2011, three inactive nests were found. Thus, the City concluded, based on the results of these surveys, that the trees and shrubs surrounding the athletic fields are not commonly used for nesting by raptors or owls, although the City also concluded that raptors, owls, and bats could use the onsite trees for nesting during the breeding season and perching during the non-breeding season.

In terms of migrating species, the City's analysis was based only on clear weather conditions, and did not evaluate impacts during foggy or cloudy weather conditions, which have the potential to scatter and reflect light and create a more luminous dome. Numerous studies have shown the potential for birds to become negatively impacted by stadium lights, especially during foggy and cloudy conditions when the ambient glow of urban development can confuse birds that use the moon and stars for navigation.[15] As stated earlier, the western end of Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach are important stopover sites for migratory birds along the Pacific Flyway. It is important to note that "Pacific Flyway" is a descriptor for a phenomenon that encompasses

[15] For example, Reed, J.R., J.L. Sincock, and J.P. Hailman. 1985. Light attraction in endangered procellariiform birds: reduction by shielding upward radiation. Auk 102:377-383.

the entire state of California and beyond and that not all areas of the state are as important as others. However, depending on the types of migrating birds, certain pathways (e.g. bordering the ocean, along valleys, etc.) will be more frequented, and certain habitats (woodlands, riparian areas, large meadows) will be more important stopovers than others.

According to Commission staff ecologists, Dr. John Dixon and Dr. Jonna Engel, the primary concern with night lighting at the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields is the potential for night migrating birds to become confused and attracted to the lights during inclement/foggy weather. In addition, most migratory movement occurs early in the evening so any impacts to migrating birds due to the Beach Chalet lighting are likely to occur during the first two to three hours after sunset when the lights will be in use. Birds that migrate at night use the moon and stars for navigation. During clear weather they appear to be able to distinguish artificial lighting from light emanating from planets and stars.[16] However, during inclement weather, birds can become confused and drawn to artificial lights. This phenomenon has been observed on numerous occasions at lighted buildings, oil platforms, and athletic fields. Once drawn into an artificial light source a number of negative outcomes, including mortality, can occur; birds may crash into something, circle the light source becoming exhausted, or become confused and drawn off course.

Dr. Dixon and Dr. Engel have determined that given the location relative to the Pacific Flyway in Golden Gate Park and only 1,000 feet from the Ocean Beach shoreline, a significant stopover site for migratory birds, the City-approved lights have the potential to adversely impact migratory birds. As such, there are unknown potential impacts to migratory birds, which use Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Park as important stopover sites on their migration paths. In fact, the project's biological analysis concluded as such, saying that "it is unclear how construction and subsequent use of the improved soccer field complex will affect common wildlife species. In particular, use of artificial lighting (proposed for use at night until no later than 10 pm) could disrupt natural movement, breeding, or foraging behavior."[17] Thus, there may be an impact to migratory birds during inclement/foggy weather.

In terms of the question of night lighting impacting birds, though, the connection between the LCP requirement to emphasize the naturalistic landscaping qualities of the site for visitor use less clearly extends to the way in which such emphasis extends more generally to protection of resident and migratory birds. Clearly, the policy is a landscape character policy. Granted, birds are a part of that context, but less obviously so, including as referenced in LCP certification documents. The fact that there may be an impact to migrating birds in inclement/foggy weather is an issue, but it is not of itself in this context enough to raise a substantial LCP conformance issue. The City's action does not raise a substantial LCP conformance issue on these points.

[16] Memorandum from Coastal Commission ecologist Dr. Jonna D. Engel: City of Malibu LCP Amendment No.1-11-A regarding Malibu High School Athletic Field Night Lighting, September 22, 2011.

[17] Biological Resource Assessment Report, City and County of San Francisco's Beach Chalet Soccer Field Improvement Project. May & Associates, Inc., February 2010.

Artificial Turf Impacts

The naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of Golden Gate Park include the fact that it is vegetated, partly with grass, but also with trees and shrubs, and the way in which management and use of the area affects the natural environment. On the former, the City-approved project would replace the natural turf with artificial turf.[18] Artificial turf can appear naturalistic inasmuch as it is generally green in color, like natural grass, and structured to appear as fresh cut grass. The fact that artificial turf is so uniform, both in color and in structure, reduces the effect of the illusion somewhat, but it can still convey a naturalistic (as opposed to natural) landscape quality.

In this case, the existing field is a single turfed area surrounded by a rectangular, albeit not completely linear, tree/shrub line.[19] The proposed artificial turf would be confined within very structured rectangles, would be edged by linear seating areas, fencing, and a central concrete walkway, and each field would be covered with permanent field lines of varying colors that are used to mark out playing fields and related components of them. The naturalistic illusion that one might have related to a green carpet of artificial turf (to replace the existing natural turf in the same general area) is thus impaired by the way in which the fields would be broken up, fenced, and striped. Taken together, and particularly given the baseline of a grassy field area essentially surrounded by woodland,[20] the artificial turf clashes with the naturalistic landscape qualities of the Beach Chalet fields. The City's action raises a substantial LCP conformance issue on this point.

In addition, replacing over seven acres of grass with artificial turf raises concerns about the way in which it will affect wildlife. When not in use for sporting events, the fields are commonly used for foraging habitat by raptors, owls, and other birds. The fields contain gophers and other rodents that are prey for raptors and other birds that inhabit the park. Replacing some seven acres of grass with artificial turf may negatively impact bird foraging here. However, the degree to which this is the case, and the relative magnitude of the potential impact, is uncertain. Given the more tenuous connection between bird impacts and the LCP's 'naturalistic' policy, as discussed above, the fact that there might be an impact to foraging birds is an issue, but it is not of itself in this context enough to raise a substantial LCP conformance issue. The City's action does not raise a substantial LCP conformance issue on this point.

In terms of the way in which management and use of the area affects the natural environment, the Appellants claim that the replacement of the grass fields with artificial turf will introduce toxic materials into the environment. Given the Pacific Ocean is less than 1,000 feet away to the west, water quality is an even greater concern. As stated earlier, because of the poor condition of the existing grass fields and their inoperability for much of the year, the project seeks to replace

[18] The artificial turf would consist of four components: fiber, infill, backing, and underlayment. The fiber will consist of polyethylene (plastic), which would have a grass-like texture and appearance. The infill, used for stability, is comprised of 70% styrene butadiene rubber (SBR) and 30% sand. The SBR is composed of recovered scrap tires.

[19] Granted, the existing natural turf area is mostly enclosed by the existing 8-foot tall perimeter chain link fence that gives it a structured appearance, but given the fence is unpermitted, the analytic baseline for CDP review is as if the fence weren't there. See also Violation finding.

[20] Id (existing fencing unpermitted).

seven acres of grass with artificial turf. The turf will allow for increased play hours (the fields will be allowed to remain year-round, even if it is raining), and decreased maintenance. The City estimates that the artificial turf fields would save 5.7 million gallons of irrigation water annually and would not require any herbicides or pesticides. An underdrain system would be installed beneath the turf to collect all stormwater from the fields, plaza, and parking lot. The stormwater would infiltrate from the fields into the underdrain system and then be conveyed to the City's combined sewer/stormwater system for treatment at the Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant. Consistent with the water quality testing program at other artificial turf fields within the city, City Recreation and Park and Public Utilities Commission staff would sample and test the stormwater to ensure it meets applicable standards. If water quality standards are met, the stormwater could be allowed to infiltrate into the groundwater system at a later date.

The Appellants cite numerous studies, including those of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, that show some artificial turf fields containing toxic materials and heavy metals, including lead, arsenic, and mercury. Because of these concerns, the City established a Synthetic Playfields Task Force in 2008 to identify the primary environmental concerns of artificial turf and make recommendations as to best practices for the use of turf within the City's parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields. The recommendations developed by the Task Force include: prevent leachate/stormwater from infiltrating the groundwater system and instead direct it to the City's combined sewer/stormwater system for treatment, conduct tests of stormwater runoff to determine levels of zinc and other contaminants, and develop synthetic turf standards that identify the maximum levels of metals allowed in artificial turf materials used in the City.[21] Finally, all vendors must submit a product analysis of the turf's fiber, infill, backing, and underlayment to quantify all metals and semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs). All of these measures and requirements were recommended by the Task Force and subsequently implemented by the City to ensure that only non-toxic, high-quality materials are being used in the city's parks.

Ongoing water quality testing, as recommended by the Task Force, has been performed at fields installed with artificial turf. Samples taken at the South Sunset Playground and Garfield Square Park in 2010 and 2011 showed that volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and SVOCs were not detected in any sample. Dissolved metal concentrations[22] were all below the applicable drinking water Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) and applicable freshwater surface water ESL. Thus, City testing has shown that the artificial turf fields installed at other City parks has not contributed to water quality impairment. Similar treatment and testing is required for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields turf as well. Therefore, because of the City's stringent artificial turf material composition requirements, the positive water quality testing results performed at other similar fields, and the project's design to capture and treat all stormwater runoff, the City's

[21] The synthetic turf standards identify a maximum level of soluble chromium, lead, and zinc in SBR material. The levels are 0.05 milligrams/liter (mg/l) for chromium, 0.0025 mg/l for lead, and 250 mg/l for zinc. Both chromium and lead levels are equal to or below the applicable Environmental Screening Levels (ESL) and California Drinking Water Standards for groundwater. While the allowable zinc concentration is higher than the allowable standards, the Task Force determined that the actual amount of zinc that would be dissolvable within groundwater would meet the applicable ESL and Drinking Water Standard since zinc is more difficult to dissolve.

[22] Metals analyzed include: antimony, arsenic, barium, beryllium, cadmium, cobalt, chromium, copper, iron, manganese, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, lead, selenium, silver, thallium, vanadium, and zinc.

action does not raise a substantial LCP conformance issue in terms of the impacts of the artificial turf fields on water quality.

3. Reforestation Program Implementation

The Appellants contend that the City-approved project is inconsistent with the LCP's requirement to implement a long-term reforestation program at the western end of Golden Gate Park because it includes the removal of 55 trees. The Applicant claims that they are only removing 16 trees (ten Monterey cypress and six Monterey pine) and 44 invasive shrubs (*Myoporum laetum*). Of the 16 trees, the City indicates that five are in poor health or are already dead. Consistent with the City's Golden Gate Park Forest Management Plan, the project area would be replanted with over 200 trees and 1,000 plants. The Forest Management Plan seeks to identify and replace the park's aging trees, many of which were original plantings with the park's development well over 100 years ago. All replantings would be overseen by the City's Park Forestry Supervisor and Natural Areas Program Director.

Thus, in this case, the City-approved project includes some tree and shrub removal and some tree and shrub planting. Clearly, however, the replanting component would result in significantly more trees and vegetation at the site after the project than before. The location of the trees and shrubs raise concerns related to the character of the site and the need for emphasizing naturalistic landscape qualities as required by the LCP (see above), but the fact that it results in more forest than is currently the case supports the argument that it is part of implementation of a reforestation program, and the City's action does not raise a substantial LCP conformance issue on this point alone.

4. Richmond and Sunset Traffic Impacts

The Appellants contend that the City-approved project will not protect the Richmond and Sunset residential areas from traffic impacts because the project will result in a significant increase in traffic and visitors. Indeed, a stated goal of the project is to increase the usability of the fields and allow for more play. The City projects that the renovation project would increase annual play hours from 4,738 hours to 14,320 hours. An increase in visitors and users is appropriate for a complex as large as the Beach Chalet with its four fields, and consistent with its use as one of the City's three primary sports athletic fields. A traffic analysis was performed as part of the EIR for the project. The analysis found that the project would generate 52 net-new peak-hour (4:30-5:30pm) vehicle trips during weekdays and 72 net-new peak-hour vehicle trips on weekends.[23] Based off these numbers, the EIR found that none of the ten intersections in the vicinity would experience any significant impacts in level-of-service (LOS) delay. The project would also generate demand for 51 additional parking spaces on weekday peak periods (for a total of 208 spaces) and 72 additional spaces on weekends (288 spaces). With the 70 spaces available in the expanded parking lot and 258 on-street spaces within the park within a five minute walk along John F. Kennedy Drive, 47th Avenue, and South Fork Drive, there are a total of 328 parking spaces available for Beach Chalet Athletic Field users. Thus, parking supply in Golden Gate Park within a five minute walk of the fields is adequate to serve the facility even on peak weekday and weekend events. Thus, the project is not expected to significantly impact traffic in the Richmond

[23] These numbers were based on City field observations showing that generally there are about 40-54 players/referees/spectators per field on weekdays, and about 72 people per field on weekends. The analysis also assumed that all additional person trips would be made by car and that there would be two people per vehicle.

and Sunset neighborhoods, and the City's action does not raise a substantial LCP conformance issue on this point.

5. Substantial Issue Determination Conclusion

The LCP requires that development "emphasize the naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use". LCP certification documents indicate that the intent and goal of the LCP in this respect is to ensure protection of the unique pastoral landscape character of the Park. The City-approved project will modify the existing Beach Chalet fields area in a way that will significantly alter its natural character, including through the introduction of project elements that would significantly alter its spatial organization and setting (e.g., artificial turf, field lights, seating areas, fending, concrete paths, etc.). The City found that the project would cause significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to the fields area in this respect, including in light of Golden Gate Park's significant historic status, but approved the project via a statement of overriding considerations.

In short, the City approved project raises substantial LCP conformance issues on these points, and therefore the Commission finds that a substantial issue exists with respect to the City-approved project's conformance with the certified City of San Francisco LCP, and takes jurisdiction over the CDP application for the proposed project.

F. COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT DETERMINATION

The Substantial Issue Determination findings above are included herein in their entirety by reference. The standard of review for this CDP determination is the City of San Francisco certified LCP.

1. Approvable Project

As described in the preceding findings, the proposed project would alter the Beach Chalet fields facility in ways that would not emphasize its naturalistic landscape qualities as required by the LCP. It is clear from LCP certification documents that the intent and goal of the LCP in this respect is to ensure protection of the unique pastoral landscape character of this part of Golden Gate Park. The proposed project would introduce an intensely structured facility in an area where the LCP directs the opposite. It is clear that an approvable project would need to be modified to better fit within the site setting and character.

There are likely many different alternative project variations that could address the character issues, but it is clear that any proposal that seeks to renovate the Beach Chalet athletic fields facility must emphasize the natural, pastoral landscape by keeping hardscape and engineered elements to a minimum, and making sure they are subservient to the pastoral landscape character. The foundation for an approvable project lies in the character-defining features of Golden Gate Park itself. As indicated previously, the Park consists of an expansive forest interspersed with open meadows and linked by a system of curvilinear paths and roads. Numerous gardens, lakes, and recreational features are located throughout the park, as well as naturalistic forest areas. The significance of the design of the Beach Chalet fields area derives from how it fits within the design of this part of the park to form an integral part of the woodland and open space landscape. Framed by trees and vegetation, the fields are meant to be perceived

as a pastoral open space used for recreation. It is this spatial organization and the natural landscape that most clearly drives an approvable project that respects the naturalistic setting and character as required by the LCP.

Within this context, there are a range of potential project elements that may be appropriate to meet City objectives of increasing the field's recreational usage while also meeting LCP requirements that protect the naturalistic landscape. Fundamentally, project elements that break up the overall grassy area are problematic in this respect (such as the proposed 30-foot wide linear concrete area with seating that would bisect the fields entirely), as are significant project elements that significantly frame the field areas in a linear and/or regular fashion (e.g., perimeter fencing). Other project elements that introduce significant hardscape and 'engineered' elements also take away from the naturalistic character of the area. For other project elements, however, there is some judgment involved as to what tips the scales to not appropriately emphasizing the naturalistic landscape qualities of the site. For example, some field lighting that doesn't break up the overall grassy area and some linear form seating areas that are integrated into landscape areas could be consistent with that LCP policy.

Such an approvable project could include: redoing the natural turf fields with natural grass (including with enhanced foundation and drainage elements); eliminating and/or reducing field lighting (and limiting lighting otherwise to that necessary for public safety); modifying fencing (including because existing fencing which has altered the character of the site is currently unpermitted); modifying seating to be informal bench seating (e.g., intermittent benches) and/or more limited linear seating forms integrated with perimeter paths and landscaping; modifying paths to be decomposed granite or equivalent as opposed to concrete; providing enhanced signage and path connections between the fields and Ocean Beach, as well as interpretive signing; updating the restroom building and surrounding area in relation to the parking lot area in a way that separates the two (including in light of unpermitted past vegetation removal and hardscaping that inappropriately connected the two visually) with an emphasis on natural materials and landscaping; siting and designing the picnic and play areas to blend into the environment; and maximizing revegetation efforts with an eye towards emphasizing naturalistic spatial organization for the fields area (e.g., curvilinear as opposed to linear) and using vegetation as backstop for wayward balls. Such a project would be a significant improvement to the Beach Chalet fields area that would both enhance its pastoral character and its utility for recreation consistent with the LCP. See special conditions.

It should be noted that a revised project will still greatly increase recreational use and utility at the Beach Chalet fields site over what is available now. In addition, although not part of this CDP, additional recreational utility, including nighttime play via lights, may be accomplished at nearby West Sunset Playground (outside of the coastal zone, about a mile and a half away from the Beach Chalet site). The project EIR identified the West Sunset Playground Off-Site Alternative as the Environmentally Superior Alternative (after the No Project Alternative) under CEQA. This alternative proposes similar project renovations, including night lighting, artificial turf, and seating, but at the West Sunset Playground instead of at Beach Chalet. The West Sunset Playground is approximately 18 acres in size and is located near Sunset Boulevard and Ortega Street in the Sunset District of San Francisco. The West Sunset Playground facility includes a large soccer field, three baseball diamonds, two tennis courts (with lights), a full basketball court

(with lights), a playground, restrooms, and small recreation center. The Playground is part of a complex that includes Sunset Elementary School, Ortega Branch Library, A.P. Giannini Middle School, and Saint Ignatius College Preparatory.

The EIR acknowledged that the West Sunset Playground alternative would avoid impacts to historic resources (since West Sunset Playground is not a listed historic resource) and would also allow for greater athletic field access and use. Such an alternative appears appropriate for the West Sunset Playground, which is surrounded by urban development, including three schools and a library. The EIR found that this alternative would fail to meet the objective of increased recreational usage at the Beach Chalet site, but this conclusion was based off the assumption that no improvements or renovations would take place at Beach Chalet. With the approvable project, the objective of increased recreational usage at the Beach Chalet site will be realized. When combined with improvements at West Sunset Playground, including artificial turf and night lighting, significant recreational enhancements can be realized in this part of the City. Clearly, further refinement of the West Sunset Playground alternative would be needed, but it appears that such an alternative would be able to meet all project goals, especially considering that the West Sunset Playground is already proposed for renovation and budgeted $13.2 million from San Francisco's 2012 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond.

In conclusion, an approvable project exists that would accomplish the City's project goal of increasing recreational opportunities while also respecting the naturalistic character and landscape of the western end of Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach as required by the LCP. The City's objectives could also be furthered through combining such improvements with the CEQA environmentally superior project at the West Sunset Playground. This hybrid, where the Beach Chalet fields are improved consistent with the LCP and the West Sunset Park fields are improved including potentially for lighted field play, is a win-win on many levels, including enhancing the Beach Chalet site consistent with its naturalistic pedigree and greatly increasing the utility and availability of recreational fields in this area of the City.

The Commission's approval of a more naturalistic landscape project at the Beach Chalet fields facility is in recognition of the naturalistic setting and character that are protected by the LCP, and the constraints to developing such an intensely structured facility as the proposed project at the site. Commission staff is prepared to work with the Applicant, other City departments, and interested parties to help foster a better overall project that can meet LCP requirements, enhance and protect coastal resources, and meet the community's recreational needs over the longer term with a sustainable and beneficial public infrastructure project.

2. Violation

Development including, but not limited to: 1) the installation of an 8-foot tall chain-link fence enclosing the majority of the Beach Chalet fields area; 2) removal of trees and vegetation around the Beach Chalet restroom; and 3) installation of pavement around the Beach Chalet restroom, has taken place without benefit of a CDP. Although development has taken place prior to submission of this permit application, consideration of the application by the Commission has been based solely upon the policies of the City and County of San Francisco LCP. Commission review and action on this permit does not constitute a waiver of any legal action with regard to the alleged violations, nor does it constitute an implied statement of the Commission's position

regarding the legality of any development undertaken on the subject site without a CDP, or that all aspects of the violation have been fully resolved.

3. Indemnification

Coastal Act Section 30620(c)(1) authorizes the Commission to require applicants to reimburse the Commission for expenses incurred in processing CDP applications.[24] Thus, the Commission is authorized to require reimbursement for expenses incurred in defending its action on the pending CDP application in the event that the Commission's action is challenged by a party other than the Applicant. Therefore, consistent with Section 30620(c), the Commission imposes Special Condition 4 requiring reimbursement for any costs and attorney fees that the Commission incurs in connection with the defense of any action brought by a party other than the Applicant challenging the approval or issuance of this permit.

G. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

Section 13096 of the California Code of Regulations requires that a specific finding be made in conjunction with coastal development permit applications showing the application to be consistent with any applicable requirements of CEQA. Section 21080.5(d)(2)(A) of CEQA prohibits a proposed development from being approved if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect which the activity may have on the environment.

The City, acting as the lead CEQA agency, certified an EIR for the project pursuant to CEQA. That EIR evaluated project impacts, identified mitigations to reduce certain impacts, but found some to be significant and unavoidable, in particular related to the cultural resource and historic landscape of Golden Gate Park generally, and the Beach Chalet fields area specifically. For this reason, the City adopted a statement of overriding considerations acknowledging such impacts. At the same time, the EIR found that the proposed project was not the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative, instead finding the West Sunset Playground alternative environmentally superior to the proposed project. The City's EIR has been challenged in court.[25]

The Coastal Commission's review and analysis of land use proposals has been certified by the Secretary of Resources as being the functional equivalent of environmental review under CEQA. The Commission has reviewed the relevant coastal resource issues with the proposed project, and has identified appropriate and necessary modifications to address adverse impacts to such coastal resources. All public comments received to date have been addressed in the findings above. All above findings are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.

The Commission finds that only as conditioned by this permit will the proposed project avoid significant adverse effects on the environment within the meaning of CEQA. As such, there are

[24] See also California Code of Regulations Title 14 Section 13055(g).

[25] SF Coalition for Children's Outdoor Play, Education and the Environment v. City and County of San Francisco in San Francisco Superior Court. The litigation challenges inadequate acknowledgement of toxics in SBR crumb rubber infill, failure to consider alternatives to SBR rubber infill, and inadequate project alternatives analysis in the City's EIR.

no additional feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse environmental effects that approval of the proposed project, as modified, would have on the environment within the meaning of CEQA. If so modified, the proposed project will not result in any significant environmental effects for which feasible mitigation measures have not been employed consistent with CEQA Section 21080.5(d)(2)(A).

APPENDIX A: SUBSTANTIVE FILE DOCUMENTS

Biological Resource Assessment Report, City and County of San Francisco's Beach Chalet Soccer Field Improvement Project prepared by May & Associates, Inc., February 2010.

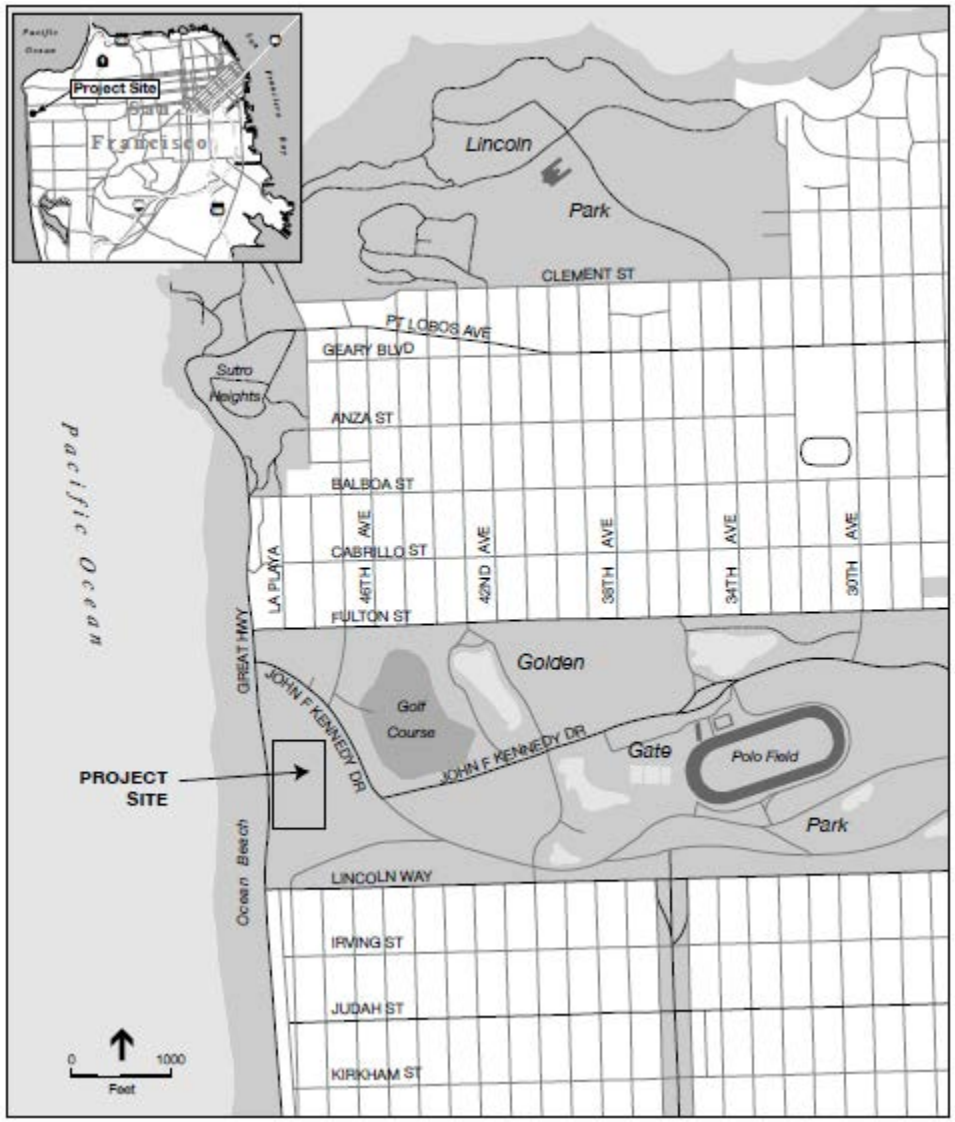
City of Malibu LCP Amendment No-1-11-A regarding Malibu High School Athletic Field Night Lighting. Memorandum from Dr. Jonna D. Engel, Ph.D., Ecologist. September 2011.

Draft and Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2011022005) prepared for San Francisco Planning Department, October 2011.

Final Historic Resources Evaluation, Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation. Prepared by Environmental Science Associates for San Francisco Planning Department, July 2011.

Historic Resource Evaluation Response prepared by San Francisco Planning Department, July 2011.

San Francisco Local Coastal Program Public Lands Issue No. 1A: Golden Gate Park. Prepared by San Francisco Department of City Planning, February 1980.



Project Vicinity Map

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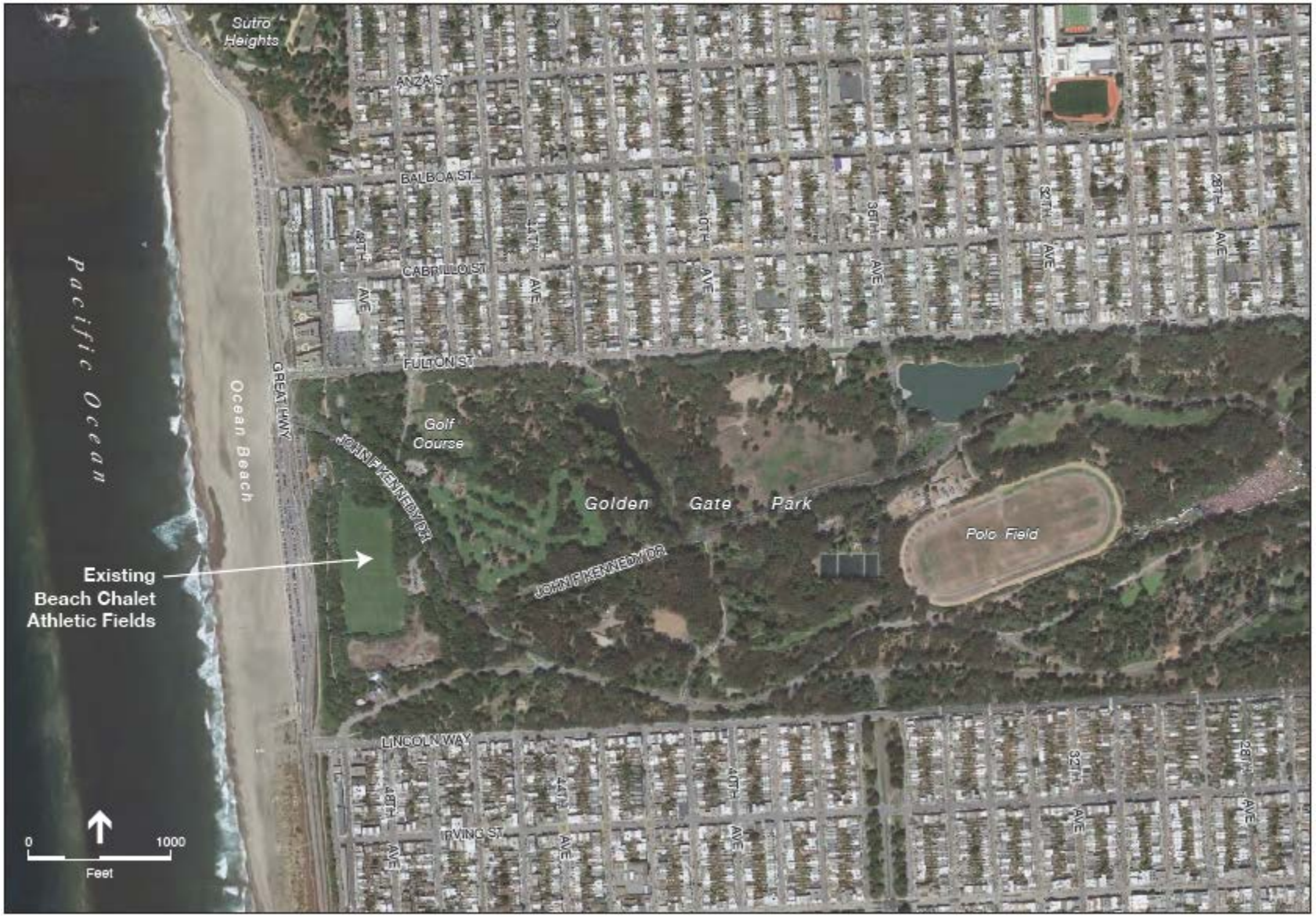
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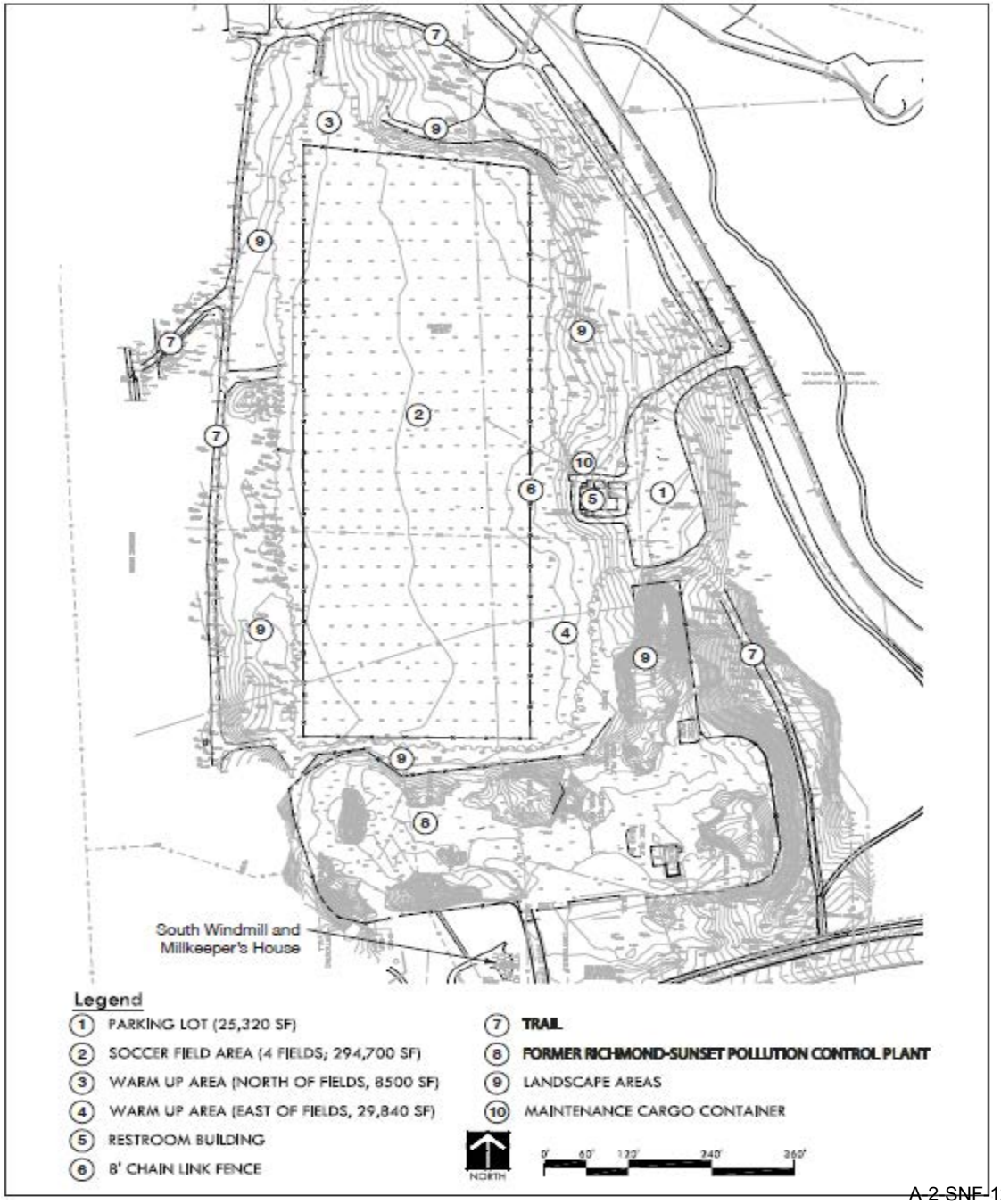
Existing conditions photo looking north towards the restroom and parking lot.

Existing conditions photo looking west from the restroom

Existing conditions photo looking south

Existing fields site plan



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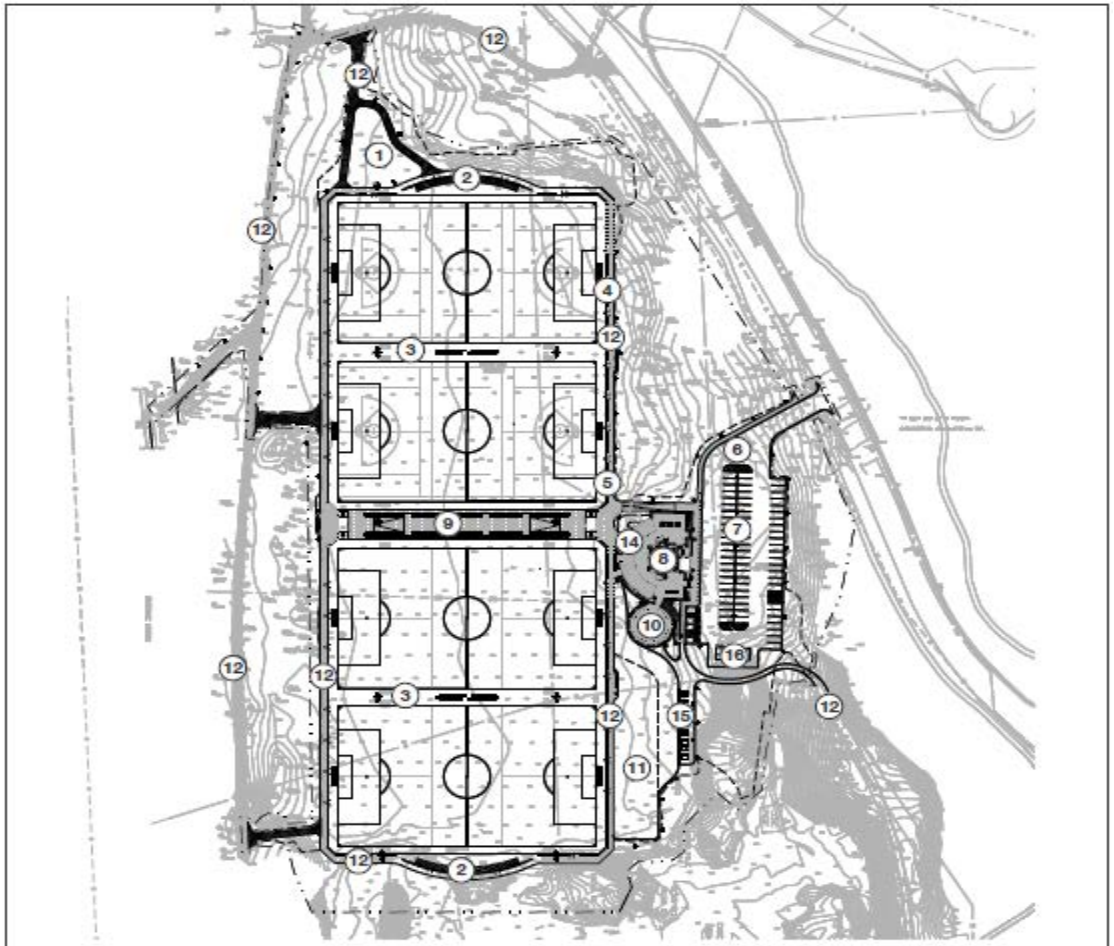

Legend

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3. SYNTHETIC TURF (4 FIELDS; 314,000 SF)
4. 16' BLACK VINYL FENCE (BEHIND GOALS)
5. 42" BLACK VINYL FENCE (ALL OTHER AREAS)
6. PARKING LOT (21,610 SF)
7. PARKING STALLS (12,450 SF PERMEABLE PAVEMENT WITH LIGHTING, 18' HEIGHT)
8. RESTROOM BUILDING
9. SPECTATOR SEATING (606 SEATS, 8 ACCESSIBLE)
10. PLAY STRUCTURES
11. WARM UP AREA (EAST OF FIELDS; 13,850 SF)
12. PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS
13. LANDSCAPE AREAS
14. SEATING PLAZA
15. PICNIC TABLES/BBQ
16. MAINTENANCE SHED WITH GARBAGE AREA
17. PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY LIGHTING (15' HEIGHT)

0' 60' 120' 240' 360'

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Project rendering

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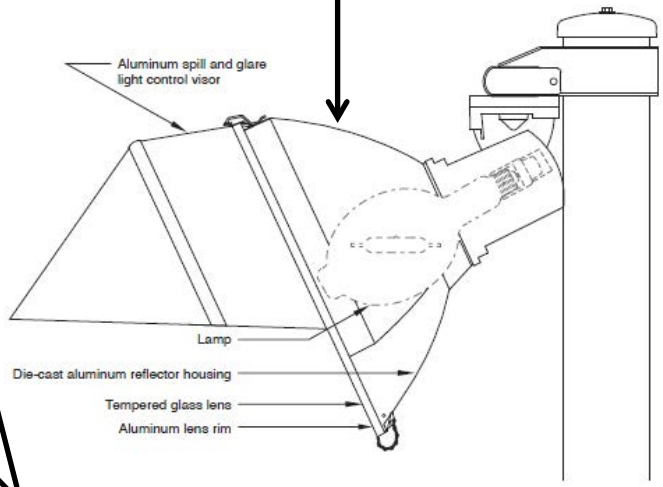
Renderings of proposed field lights

Rendering of proposed field lights from Ocean Beach promenade

Existing View

Proposed field light fixtures

Proposed View



Rendering of existing and proposed field lights from Ocean Beach promenade at night in clear conditions

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Please note the following **Final City and County of San Francisco Action** on a coastal permit application. All local appeals have been exhausted for this matter.

Project Information

Application #:	**2010.0016P**, Planning Commission Motion No. **18640**
Project Applicant:	San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department
Applicant's Rep:	Dan Mauer, SF Recreation & Park Dept, 30 Van Ness Ave, 5th Fl, SF 94102
Project Location:	Assessor's Block 1700, Lot 001 – Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park
Project Description:	The Renovation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields

Final Action Information

Final Local Action: **Approval**
Final Action Body:
[ ] Zoning Administrator
[ ] Planning Commission
[ ] Board of Supervisors
[X] Board of Appeals

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Copies of this notice have also been sent via first-class mail to the applicant and interested parties.

City and County of San Francisco

Board of Appeals

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SF Ocean Edge et al., Appellants
c/o Richard Drury, Attorney for Appellants
410 - 12th Street #250
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I, Victor F. Pacheco, Legal Assistant for the Board of Appeals, hereby certify that on this 13th day of **September, 2012**, I served the attached **Notice(s) of Decision & Order** for **Appeal No(s).** 12-074/075, SF Ocean Edge et al. & G.G.P.P.A. **vs.** PC, **subject property at** Beach Chalet Athletic Fields @ Golden Gate Park on the appellant(s) by mailing a copy via U.S. mail, first class, to the address above.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California.

9/13/2012
Date

Victor F. Pacheco

OTHER PARTIES OR CONCERNED CITIZENS:

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BOARD OF APPEALS, CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Appeal of
GOLDEN GATE PARK PRESERVATION ALLIANCE, Appellant(s)
vs.
PLANNING COMMISSION, Respondent

Appeal No. 12-075

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APPLICATION NO. 2010.0016P
MOTION NO. 18640

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Chris Hwang, President

Last Day to Request Rehearing: Aug. 13, 2012
Request for Rehearing: Sept. 12, 2012 (denied)
Rehearing: None
Notice Released: Sept. 13, 2012

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FINDINGS

1. The Board has had available for its review and consideration the Environmental Impact Report and all correspondence and other documents related to the environmental review for the renovation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Facility (the "project"). This information is available for public inspection at the Board of Appeals' office at 1650 Mission Street and is made part of the record before the Board by this reference herein.

2. The Board, based on substantial evidence in light of the whole record, including information presented at this hearing, finds that there have been no project changes or changes in project circumstances and no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions of the Planning Department's California Environmental Quality Act determination, which are incorporated herein by reference.

3. This Board finds that the Project is consistent with the requirements and objectives of the San Francisco Local Coastal Program for the reasons stated in Planning Commission Motion No. 18640 (Case No. 2010.0016P), Section A of the Planning Department brief filed in this matter and dated July 26, 2012, and Section C of the Recreation and Park Department brief filed in this matter and dated July 26, 2012, which reasons are adopted and incorporated herein.

4. This Board finds that the Project is consistent with the Priority Policies established by Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code for the reasons stated in Planning Commission Motion No. 18640 (Case No. 2010.0016P), which reasons are adopted and incorporated herein.

The undersigned hereby certify that the Board of Appeals adopted the findings above at its regular meeting on August 01, 2012.

Chris Hwang, President

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LOCAL COASTAL ZONE PERMIT

Hearing Date:	May 24, 2012
Case No.:	**2010.0016P**
Project Name:	**Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park**
Zoning:	P (Public) Zoning District OS (Open Space) Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot:	1700/001
Project Sponsor:	San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department c/o Dan Mauer 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th floor San Francisco, CA 94102
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ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF A COASTAL ZONE PERMIT APPLICATION PURSUANT TO PLANNING CODE SECTION 330 TO ALLOW RENOVATION OF THE BEACH CHALET ATHLETIC FIELDS FACILITY INCLUDING REPLACING THE EXISTING GRASS TURF FIELDS WITH SYNTHETIC TURF, INSTALLING FIELD LIGHTING, RENOVATING THE EXISTING RESTROOM BUILDING, INSTALLING PLAYER BENCHES AND SEATING, AND COMPLETING OTHER MODIFICATIONS FOR PARKING, CIRCULATION, AND SPECTATOR AMENITIES TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL CONDITIONS OF THE FACILITY AND INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF ATHLETIC PLAY TIME, WITHIN THE P (PUBLIC) ZONING DISTRICT AND THE OPEN SPACE HEIGHT AND BULK DISTRICT.

PREAMBLE

On April 4, 2012, Dan Mauer of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (hereinafter "Project Sponsor") filed an application with the Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") for a Coastal Zone Permit under Planning Code Section 330 to allow renovation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields facility including replacing the existing grass turf fields with synthetic turf, installing field lighting, renovating the existing restroom building, installing player benches and seating, and completing other modifications for parking, circulation, and spectator amenities to improve the overall conditions of the facility and increase the amount of athletic play time ("Project").

On April 17, 2012, the Department mailed a letter to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) to inform the CCC that and application for a Local Coastal Zone Permit had been filed. The letter disclosed to the CCC that the Project site is not within the area appealable to the CCC.

On May 24, 2012, the Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a public hearing on the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project. The Commission reviewed and considered the EIR and found the contents of said report and the procedures through which the EIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the California Quality Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.*) ("CEQA"), the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Reg. section 15000 *et seq.*), and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

On May 24, 2012, the Commission certified the Final EIR by Motion No. 18637. Additionally, the Commission adopted approval findings, including findings rejecting alternatives, amending a mitigation measure, and making a statement of overriding considerations, and adopted a mitigation monitoring and reporting program ("MMRP") pursuant to CEQA by Motion No. 18638, which findings and MMRP are incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.

On May 24, 2012, the Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the Coastal Zone Permit, Case No. 2010.0016P. The Commission heard and considered public testimony presented at the hearing and has further considered written and oral testimony provided by Department staff and other interested parties.

On May 24, 2012, the Commission approved the Coastal Zone Permit requested in the application under Case No. 2010.0016P based to the findings below.

FINDINGS

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

1. The above recitals are accurate and constitute findings of this Commission.

2. **Site Description and Present Use.** The project site is located at the west end of Golden Gate Park, Assessor's Block 1700, Lot 001 within the P (Public) Zoning District and the Open Space Height and Bulk District. The area of the project site is bound by Great Highway to the west, John F. Kennedy Drive to the north and east and by Martin Luther King Drive to the south. The site contains existing athletic playing fields of natural turf and various park amenities associated with the fields' use, including parking, restrooms, fencing and pedestrian paths.

3. **Surrounding Properties and Neighborhood.** The neighborhoods closest to the project site are primarily residential in character and include the Outer Richmond neighborhood directly north and across Fulton Street from Golden Gate Park and the Outer Sunset neighborhood directly south and across Lincoln Way from Golden Gate Park. Directly west of the project site and across Great Highway are the Ocean Beach parking lot and Ocean Beach. The site is located southeast of the Beach Chalet, City Landmark No. 179, which includes a visitors center and restaurant

facilities. As the project site is located within Golden Gate Park, the athletic fields are not visible from the adjacent residential neighborhoods due to dense vegetation and tree canopy.

4. **Project Description.** The applicant proposes to renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields facility including replacement of the existing grass turf fields with synthetic turf, installation of field lighting, renovation of the existing restroom building, installation of benches and seating, and other modifications related to parking, circulation, and spectator amenities to improve the overall conditions of the facility and increase the amount of athletic play time.

5. **Coastal Zone.** Pursuant to Planning Code Section 330, review of a Coastal Zone Permit Application is required as the project site is within the Local Coastal Zone Boundary per City Zoning Map Sheet CZ05. The Local Coastal Zone boundary within Golden Gate Park starts at Fulton Street and 40th Avenue, curves eastwardly from the Chain of Lakes Drive and ends at Lincoln Way and 41st Avenue. The boundary for the Coastal Zone area that is appealable to the CCC is an area 300 feet wide as measured from the inland extent of Ocean Beach. The project site is not located within the Coastal Zone area that is appealable to the CCC.

6. **Public Comment**. The Department has received no comments to date regarding the Coastal Zone Permit application.

7. **Planning Code Compliance:** The Commission finds that the Project is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Planning Code in the following manner:

   A. **Coastal Zone Permit Findings.** Planning Code Section 330.5.2 states that the Planning Commission in reviewing a Coastal Zone Permit application shall adopt factual findings that the project is consistent or not consistent with the Local Coastal Program and that a Coastal Zone Permit shall be approved only upon findings of fact establishing that the Project conforms to the requirements and objectives of the San Francisco Local Coastal Program.

   The requirements and objectives of the San Francisco Local Coastal Program are established in the Western Shoreline Plan of the General Plan with specific objectives and policies related to Golden Gate Park and the Richmond and Sunset Residential Neighborhoods. See "General Plan Compliance" findings below.

8. **General Plan Compliance.** The Project is, on balance, consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan and specifically as identified in the Western Shoreline Area Plan:

WESTERN SHORELINE AREA PLAN – GOLDEN GATE PARK

Objectives and Policies

OBJECTIVE 3:
ENHANCE THE RECREATIONAL CONNECTION BETWEEN GOLDEN GATE PARK AND THE BEACH FRONTAGE

Policy 3.1:
Strengthen the visual and physical connection between the park and beach. Emphasize the naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use. When possible eliminate the Richmond-Sunset sewer treatment facilities.

Policy 3.2:
Continue to implement a long-term reforestation program at the western portion of the park.

The rehabilitation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields does not introduce a new use into Golden Gate Park; rather the project is a renovation of the existing facilities to allow continuation of existing park amenities and uses. As such, the naturalistic landscape qualities around the athletic fields and around the perimeter of the Park would remain intact. The project does propose removal of 16 trees; however each tree removed would be replaced at a ratio of one-to-one or greater. The proposed tree replacement is consistent with emphasizing the natural landscape qualities of the Park and also the need for continued reforestation of the Park's aging tree population.

WESTERN SHORELINE AREA PLAN – RICHMOND & SUNSET RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Objectives and Policies

OBJECTIVE 11:
PRESERVE THE SCALE OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE COASTAL ZONE AREA.

Policy 11.6
Protect the neighborhood environment of the Richmond and Sunset residential areas from the traffic and visitor impacts from the public using adjacent recreation and open space areas.

The "Transportation and Circulation" section of the EIR analyzed for the project found that impacts to traffic, public transit and pedestrian circulation would be less than significant. Although field lighting is proposed as part of the project, the hours of operation for the recreation area will be the same as the existing park hours which are 6 AM to 10 PM daily.

9. **Planning Code Section 101.1(b)** establishes eight priority-planning policies and requires review of permits for consistency with said policies. On balance, the project does comply with said policies in that:

   A. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses be enhanced.

   The proposal does not affect neighborhood-serving retail uses as the project is a public recreational facility within Golden Gate Park.

B. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods.

The existing neighborhood character surrounding Golden Gate Park would be conserved and protected as the project would continue to be screened from the outlying residential areas by dense vegetation.

C. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced,

No housing is removed by this project.

D. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking.

The project proposes improvements to the existing 50-space parking lot. The new parking lot would contain 20 additional parking spaces. The amount of parking spaces is not considered excessive for the use, and the EIR for the project found the parking, vehicular and public transit impacts associated with the project to be less than significant.

E. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced.

The project will not displace any service or industrial establishment.

F. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

The project, particularly the building structures will be designed and constructed to conform to the structural and seismic safety requirements of the City Building Code.

G. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved.

As identified in the project EIR, the project would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of Golden Gate Park, an historical resource. While the project would have a significant unavoidable impact from the perspective of historic preservation, the project is a rehabilitation of an existing park amenity.

H. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development.

The project will have no negative impact on existing parks and open spaces and their access to sunlight and vistas. Per Section 295 of the Planning Code, pertaining to shadow studies, no building structures are proposed over 40 feet in height and therefore a shadow study is not required for the project.

10. The Project is consistent with and would promote the general and specific purposes of the Code provided under Section 101.1(b) in that, as designed, the Project would contribute to the character and stability of the neighborhood and would constitute a beneficial development.

11. The Commission hereby finds that approval of the Coastal Zone Permit would promote the health, safety and welfare of the City.

DECISION

That based upon the Record, the submissions by the Applicant, the staff of the Department and other interested parties, the oral testimony presented to this Commission at the public hearings, and all other written materials submitted by all parties, the Commission hereby **ADOPTS** the CEQA approval findings set forth in Planning Commission Motion No. 18638 including the statement of overriding considerations, **ADOPTS** the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, attached to Motion No. 18638 as Exhibit A, and **APPROVES Coastal Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P** in general conformance with plans on file, dated April 4, 2012, and stamped "EXHIBIT B", which is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

APPEAL: Pursuant to Planning Code Sections 308.2 and 330.9, any aggrieved person may appeal this Coastal Zone Permit to the Board of Appeals within fifteen (15) days after the date of this motion. For further information, please contact the Board of Appeals in person at 1650 Mission Street, 3rd Floor (Room 304) or call 575-6880.

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Motion on May 24, 2012.

Linda D. Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Fong, Wu, Antonini and Borden

NAYS: Commissioner Moore

ABSENT: Commissioners Miguel and Sugaya

ADOPTED: May 24, 2012

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Memo to the Planning Commission

HEARING DATE: MAY 24, 2012

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Date:	May 17, 2012
Case Nos.:	2010.0016E – CEQA Findings 2010.0016P – Coastal Zone Permit
Project Location:	**BEACH CHALET ATHLETIC FIELDS, GOLDEN GATE PARK**
Zoning:	P (Public) Zoning District OS (Open Space) Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot:	1700/001
Project Sponsor:	San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department c/o Dan Mauer 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor San Francisco, CA 94102
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Recommendations:	**Adopt California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings** **Approve Coastal Zone Permit**

PROPOSED PROJECT

The project proposes renovation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields facility, located at the west end of Golden Gate Park, which includes replacing the existing grass turf fields with synthetic turf, installing field lighting, renovating the existing restroom building, installing player benches and seating, and completing other modifications for parking, circulation, and spectator amenities to improve the overall conditions of the facility and increase the amount of athletic play time.

REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION*

In order for the project to proceed, the Commission must approve the following:

- Certification the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) – Case No. 2010.0016E
- Adoption of CEQA Findings – Case No. 2010.0016E
- General Plan Referral – Case No. 2010.0016R
- Coastal Zone Permit – Case No. 2010.0016P

RECOMMENDATIONS:	**Adopt CEQA Findings** **Approve Coastal Zone Permit**

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Draft CEQA Findings Motion
Draft Coastal Zone Motion
Coastal Zone, Parcel and Sanborn Maps
Recreation and Park Department Plan Submittal

*Final EIR and General Plan Referral draft motions to be provided under separate cover.

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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS

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ADOPTING FINDINGS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, INCLUDING FINDINGS REJECTING ALTERNATIVES AS INFEASIBLE, AMENDING A MITIGATION MEASURE, ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND ADOPTING A MITIGATION, MONITORING, AND REPORTING PROGRAM, RELATING TO THE RENOVATION OF THE BEACH CHALET ATHLETIC FIELDS FACILITY LOCATED IN GOLDEN GATE PARK AND INCLUDING REPLACING THE EXISTING GRASS TURF FIELDS WITH SYNTHETIC TURF, INSTALLING FIELD LIGHTING, RENOVATING THE EXISTING RESTROOM BUILDING, INSTALLING PLAYER BENCHES AND SEATING, AND COMPLETING OTHER MODIFICATIONS FOR PARKING, CIRCULATION, AND SPECTATOR AMENITIES TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL CONDITIONS OF THE FACILITY AND INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF ATHLETIC PLAY TIME WITHIN THE P (PUBLIC) ZONING DISTRICT AND THE OPEN SPACE HEIGHT AND BULK DISTRICT.

PREAMBLE

On June 15, 2010, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department ("Project Sponsor") submitted an Environmental Evaluation Application to the Planning Department ("Department"), Case No. 2010.0016E, in connection with a project to renovate of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields facility, located at 1500 John F. Kennedy Drive in Golden Gate Park, which includes replacing the existing grass turf fields with synthetic turf, installing field lighting, renovating the existing restroom building, installing player benches and seating, and completing other modifications for parking, circulation, and spectator amenities to improve the overall conditions of the facility and increase the amount of athletic play time ("Project").

On February 2, 2011, the Department issued a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (NOP) for the Project.

On October 26, 2011, the Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR" or "Draft EIR") for the Project and provided public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the availability of the DEIR for public review and comment. The DEIR was available for public comment until December 12, 2011.

The San Francisco Planning Commission held a public hearing on the DEIR on December 1, 2011 at a regularly scheduled meeting to solicit public comment regarding the DEIR.

The Department prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received at the public hearing and in writing during the 47-day public review period for the DEIR, prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR in response to comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public review period, and corrected errors in the DEIR. This material was presented in a Draft Comments and Responses document, published on May 9, 2012, distributed to the Planning Commission and all parties who commented on the DEIR, and made available to others upon request at the Department.

A Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR" or "Final EIR") was prepared by the Department, consisting of the Draft EIR and the Comments and Responses document.

Project Environmental Impact Report files have been made available for review by this Commission and the public. These files are available for public review at the Planning Department at 1650 Mission Street, and are part of the record before this Commission.

On May 24, 2012, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the Final EIR and found that the contents of the report and the procedures through which the Final EIR was prepared, publicized, and reviewed complied with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.*) ("CEQA"), 14 California Code of Regulations sections 15000 *et seq.* ("CEQA Guidelines"), and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code ("Chapter 31").

The Commission found the Final EIR was adequate, accurate and objective, reflected the independent analysis and judgment of the Department and the Commission, and that the summary of comments and responses contained no significant revisions to the Draft EIR, and approved the Final EIR for the Project in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31.

The Planning Department, Linda Avery, is the custodian of records, located in the File for Case No. 2010.0016E, at 1650 Mission Street, Fourth Floor, San Francisco, California.

Department staff prepared a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP") for the Project and these materials were made available to the public and this Commission for this Commission's review, consideration and action.

On May 24, 2012, the Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Case Nos. 2010.0016E. The Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to

it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of the applicant, the Planning Department staff, and other interested parties.

MOVED, that the Commission hereby adopts findings under the California Environmental Quality Act, including rejecting alternatives as infeasible and adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopts the MMRP attached as Exhibit A based on the following findings:

FINDINGS

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

In determining to approve the Project, the Commission makes and adopts the following findings of fact and decisions regarding mitigation measures and alternatives, and adopts the statement of overriding considerations, based on substantial evidence in the whole record of this proceeding and pursuant to CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31.

This document is organized as follows:

Section I provides a description of the proposed Project, the environmental review process for the Project, the approval actions to be taken, and the location of records;

Section II identifies the Project's potentially significant impacts that are avoided or reduced to less-than-significant levels and makes findings regarding Mitigation Measures;

Section III identifies significant, unavoidable impacts that cannot be avoided or reduced to less-than-significant levels through Mitigation Measures;

Section IV identifies the Project alternatives that were analyzed in the EIR and discusses the reasons for the rejection of these alternatives; and

Section V makes a Statement of Overriding Considerations setting forth the specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of the Project that outweigh the significant and unavoidable adverse environmental effects and support the rejection of the project alternatives;

The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP"), for the mitigation measures that have been proposed for adoption is attached with these findings as Exhibit A. The MMRP is required by CEQA Section 21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15091. The MMRP provides a table setting forth each mitigation measure listed in the Final EIR that is required to reduce or avoid a significant adverse impact, with the exception of Mitigation Measure M-CP-1, which is hereby amended by these findings because it may not be feasible to implement as described in the FEIR, as described in more detail below. The MMRP also specifies the agency responsible for implementation of each measure, establishes monitoring actions and a monitoring schedule.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

a. Project Description

The Project Sponsor, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department ("SFRPD"), is proposing to renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields facility, an approximately 9.4-acre public sports field facility located at 1500 John F. Kennedy Drive, along the western edge of Golden Gate Park ("Project Site"). The Project Site currently includes four grass turf athletic fields surrounded by an 8-foot-tall metal chain link fence, an approximately 25,320-square-foot, 50-space asphalt parking lot (including one disabled-accessible space), a restroom building, and a cargo container being used as a maintenance shed. The Project includes replacing the existing grass turf fields with synthetic turf, installing field lighting, renovating the existing restroom building, installing player benches and spectator seating, expansion of the parking lot and various other modifications intended to improve the overall conditions of the facility and increase the amount of play time available on the athletic fields.

b. Project Objectives

The objectives of the Project include the following:

- Increase the amount of athletic play time on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields by renovating the existing athletic fields and adjacent warm-up areas.
- Improve public access to the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields by adding new pathways, increasing the size of the existing parking lot, providing a formal drop-off area, and providing bicycle racks.
- Increase ground-sports athletic opportunities on the north side of San Francisco commensurate with improvements elsewhere in San Francisco.
- Provide a safe, optimal recreation facility and amenities for athletes, spectators, and park users by renovating the existing Beach Chalet Athletic Fields and the existing restroom building, adding bleachers, and installing a new plaza area with visitor amenities.
- Reduce ongoing maintenance and resource needs.
- Comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.
- Improve safety and increase nighttime use of the west end of Golden Gate Park by installing new lighting and bringing more recreation facility users to the area.
- Remain consistent with the *Golden Gate Park Master Plan.*

c. Environmental Review

On February 2, 2011, the Planning Department issued a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (NOP) for the Project.

On February 2, 2011, the Department published an Initial Study for the Project, scoping out several impact areas from further review because the Project would either have no effect or a less-than-significant effect without mitigation related to those impact areas.

On October 26, 2011, the Planning Department published the DEIR and provided public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the availability of the DEIR for public review and comment and of the date and time of the Planning Commission public hearing on the DEIR; this notice was mailed to the Planning Department's list of persons requesting such notice.

Notices of availability of the DEIR and of the date and time of the public hearing were posted near the project site by Planning Department staff on or about October 26, 2011.On October 26, 2011, copies of the DEIR were mailed or otherwise delivered to a list of persons requesting it, to those noted on the distribution list in the DEIR, to adjacent property owners, and to government agencies, the latter both directly and through the State Clearinghouse.

Notice of Completion was filed with the State Secretary of Resources via the State Clearinghouse on October 26, 2011.

The Commission held a duly advertised public hearing on the DEIR on December 1, 2011 at which opportunity for public comment was given, and public comment was received on the DEIR. The period for acceptance of written comments ended on December 12, 2011.

The Planning Department prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received at the public hearing and in writing during the 47-day public review period for the DEIR, prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR in response to comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public review period, and corrected errors in the DEIR. This material was presented in a Draft Comments and Responses document, published on May 9, 2012, distributed to the Planning Commission and all parties who commented on the DEIR, and made available to others upon request at the Planning Department.

A Final Environmental Impact Report has been prepared by the Planning Department, consisting of the Draft Environmental Impact Report and the Comments and Responses document. Since publication of the DEIR, no new information of significance has become available that would require recirculation of the EIR under CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5.

On May 24, 2012, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the Final Environmental Impact Report, certified said Report as complete, and found that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the Final Environmental Impact Report was prepared, publicized, and reviewed complied with the provisions of CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31.

d. Project Approval Actions

Planning Commission

- Certification of the Final EIR
- Determination of consistency with the *San Francisco General Plan*
- Issuance of Coastal Development Permit

Recreation and Park Commission

- Approval of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation Project

Board of Supervisors

- Consideration of any appeals of the Planning Commission's certification of the Final EIR

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

- Certification of compliance with the San Francisco Stormwater Design Guidelines and the San Francisco Stormwater Management Ordinance
- Confirmation of compliance with the San Francisco Water Efficient Irrigation Ordinance requirements.

e. Location of Records

The records upon which all findings and determinations related to the adoption of the Project are based include the following:

- The Final EIR, and all documents referenced in or relied upon by the Final EIR;
- All information (including written evidence and testimony) provided by City staff to the Commission relating to the Final EIR, the proposed approvals and entitlements, the Project, and the alternatives set forth in the Final EIR;
- All information (including written evidence and testimony) presented to the Commission by the environmental consultant and sub consultants who prepared the Final EIR, or incorporated into reports presented to the Commission;
- All information (including written evidence and testimony) presented to the City from other public agencies relating to the Project or the Final EIR;
- All applications, letters, testimony, and presentations presented to the City by the Project Sponsor and its consultants in connection with the Project;
- All information (including written evidence and testimony) presented at any public hearing or workshop related to the Project and the Final EIR;
- The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP); and
- All other documents comprising the record pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167.6(e).

The public hearing transcript, a copy of all letters regarding the Final EIR received during the public review period, the administrative record, and background documentation for the Final EIR are located at the Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco. The Planning Commission Secretary is the custodian of these documents and materials. The Recreation and Park Commission Secretary is the custodian of Project documents and materials on file at the Recreation and Park Department Headquarters in Golden Gate Park.

These findings are based upon substantial evidence in the entire record before the Commission. The references set forth in these findings to certain pages or sections of the Draft EIR or responses to comments in the Final EIR are for ease of reference and are not intended to provide an exhaustive list of the evidence relied upon for these findings.

II. LESS-THAN-SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS AND FINDINGS REGARDING MITIGATION MEASURES

The following Sections II and III set forth the Commission's findings about the Final EIR's determinations regarding significant environmental impacts and the mitigation measures proposed to address them. These findings provide the written analysis and conclusions of the Commission regarding the environmental impacts of the Project and the mitigation measures included as part of the Final EIR and

adopted by the Commission and other City decision makers as part of the Project. To avoid duplication and redundancy, and because the Commission agrees with, and hereby adopts, the conclusions in the Final EIR, these findings will not repeat the analysis and conclusions in the Final EIR, but instead incorporates them by reference herein and relies upon them as substantial evidence supporting these findings.

In making these findings, the Commission has considered the opinions of City staff and experts, other agencies and members of the public. The Commission finds that the determination of significance thresholds is a judgment decision within the discretion of the City and County of San Francisco; the significance thresholds used in the EIR are supported by substantial evidence in the record, including the expert opinion of the EIR preparers and City staff; and the significance thresholds used in the EIR provide reasonable and appropriate means of assessing the significance of the adverse environmental effects of the Project.

As set forth below, the Commission adopts and incorporates all of the mitigation measures set forth in the Final EIR and the attached MMRP to substantially lessen or avoid the potentially significant and significant impacts of the Project, with the exception of Mitigation Measure M-CP-1, which is modified by these findings as set forth below due a finding that implementation of the measure as described in the Final EIR may be infeasible. The Commission and other City decision makers intend to adopt each of the mitigation measures proposed in the Final EIR, except as specifically modified by these findings. Accordingly, in the event a mitigation measure recommended in the Final EIR has inadvertently been omitted in these findings or the MMRP, such mitigation measure is hereby adopted and incorporated in the findings below by reference. In addition, in the event the language describing a mitigation measure set forth in these findings or the MMRP fails to accurately reflect the mitigation measures in the Final EIR due to a clerical error, the language of the policies and implementation measures as set forth in the Final EIR shall control. The impact numbers and mitigation measure numbers used in these findings reflect the information contained in the Final EIR.

Implementation of the Project would result in less-than-significant impacts in the following environmental topic areas and, as such, no mitigation is required to address these impacts:

- Land Use and Land Use Planning
- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Transportation and Circulation
- Recreation and Public Space
- Utilities and Service Systems

- Hydrology and Water Quality.

Implementation of the Project with required mitigation measures would result in less than significant impacts for the following environmental topic areas:

- Biological Resources
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials

With the required mitigation measures, all potential project impacts, with the exception of impacts of the related to Cultural Resources as described in Section III below, would be avoided or reduced to a less-than-significant level.

As authorized by CEQA Section 21081 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15091, 15092, and 15093, based on substantial evidence in the whole record of this proceeding, the Commission finds that, with one exception, all of the changes or alterations to the Project listed herein have been or will be required in, or incorporated into, the Project to mitigate or avoid the significant or potentially significant environmental impacts listed herein, as identified in the Final EIR, that these mitigation measures will be effective to reduce or avoid the potentially significant impacts as described in the EIR, and these mitigation measures are feasible to implement and are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of the City and County of San Francisco to implement or enforce. As set forth in more detail below, Mitigation Measure M-CP-1 is amended by these findings, as set forth in the attached MMRP, due to the potential infeasibility of fully complying with the mitigation measure as described in the Final EIR while also complying with accessibility requirements.

a. Biological Resources

Impact BI-1: The Project could potentially adversely impact species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Specifically, sixteen trees and forty-four shrubs would be removed as part of the implementation of the Project, and this removal could result in impacts to special status species bat species due to impacts to their nesting, roosting or foraging habitat.

As described in **Mitigation Measure M-BI-1**, approval for building and grading permits issued for demolition and construction within the project area shall include a requirement for pre-construction special-status bat surveys when large trees are to be removed. If active day or night roosts are found, the bat biologist shall take actions to make such roosts unsuitable habitat prior to tree removal or building demolition. A no-disturbance buffer of 100 feet shall be created around active bat roosts being used for maternity or hibernation purposes. Bat roosts initiated during construction are presumed to be unaffected, and no buffer would be necessary.

Impact BI-3: The Project could potentially conflict with applicable local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance. Specifically, sixteen trees would be removed as part of the implementation of the Project, and this removal could conflict with policies set forth in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

As described in **Mitigation Measure M-BI-3**, SFRPD shall replace the trees removed within SFRPD-managed lands with trees of equivalent ecological value (i.e., similar species providing the same general microhabitat characteristics for wildlife species) to the trees removed. If trees of equivalent ecological value are not feasible or available, removed trees shall be replaced at a ratio of 1 inch for 1 inch of the diameter at breast height of the removed tree. SFRPD shall monitor tree replacement plantings annually for a minimum of three years after completion of construction to ensure establishment of the plantings and, if necessary, shall replant to ensure the success of the replacement plantings.

The Commission finds that the foregoing mitigation measures are feasible and will mitigate the potential impacts of project construction on biological resources to a less-than-significant level by ensuring that special status bats and the ecological value of Golden Gate Park are not adversely affected by proposed tree removal. These measures are adopted as a condition of project approval and are set forth in the MMRP, attached as Exhibit A.

b. Hazards and Hazardous Materials and Air Quality

Impact HZ-2: The Project could create a significant hazard to the public or the environment as a result of a release of hazardous building materials in structures that would be demolished. Specifically, the FEIR identifies potential hazardous building materials that could be in the restroom building and, if disturbed, could pose health threats if not properly disposed.

As described in **Mitigation Measure M-HZ-2**, the project sponsor shall ensure that, before renovation, the restroom building is surveyed for hazardous building materials, including PCB-containing electrical equipment, fluorescent light ballasts containing PCBs or DEHP, and fluorescent light tubes containing mercury vapors. These materials shall be removed and properly disposed of before commencement of demolition or renovation. Old light ballasts that will be removed during renovation shall be evaluated for the presence of PCBs, and in the case where the presence of PCBs in the light ballast could not be verified, they will be assumed to contain PCBs, and handled and disposed of as such, according to applicable laws and regulations.

The Commission finds that the foregoing mitigation measures are feasible and will mitigate the potential impacts of project construction related to hazardous materials to a less-than-significant level. This measure is adopted as a condition of project approval and is set forth in the MMRP, attached as Exhibit A.

III. SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS THAT CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR REDUCED TO A LESS-THAN-SIGNIFICANT LEVEL AND AMENDMENT OF MITIGATION MEASURE M-CP-1

Based on substantial evidence in the whole record of these proceedings, the Commission finds that there are significant project-specific or cumulative impacts that would not be eliminated or reduced to an insignificant level by the mitigation measures listed in Exhibit 1. The Final EIR identifies a significant and unavoidable adverse effect to cultural (historic architectural) resources related to the addition of field lights circulation paths, and spectator seating, and the removal of grass turf and installation of synthetic turf. The combined result of these improvements is a significant impact to historic resources because the alterations would alter many of the character defining features that convey the Athletic Fields' historic significance and justifying its inclusion in the Golden Gate Park National Register Historic District. As

the installation of spectator seating, synthetic turf, and field lights are crucial to the implementation of the proposed project, there are no mitigation measures for these elements that would reduce the level of impact to the less-than-significant level while continuing to meet the objectives of the project.

The Commission determines that the following significant impact on the environment, as reflected in the Final EIR, is unavoidable, but under Public Resources Code Section 21081(a)(3) and (b), and CEQA Guidelines 15091(a)(3), 15092(b)(2)(B), and 15093, the Commission determines that the impact is acceptable due to the overriding considerations described in Section V below. This finding is supported by substantial evidence in the record of this proceeding.

Cultural Resources (Historic Architectural Resources)

Impact CP-1: The Project would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation Project would materially impair in an adverse manner many of the character defining features of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, a contributor to the Golden Gate Park National Historic District. Alterations to the Athletic Fields, including the addition of spectator seating, synthetic turf, and field lights would collectively result in a significant impact under the CEQA definition of material impairment because they would alter an adverse manner many of the character defining features that convey the Athletic Fields' historical significance and justify its inclusion in the National Register (and therefore the California Register) as a contributor to the Golden Gate Park National Register Historic District.

Mitigation Measure M-CP-1, as described in the FEIR, requires that the circulation paths be designed with a more naturalistic and compatible surface material such as decomposed granite, NaturePave (a decomposed granite product with a resin binding agent), or compacted earth in place of the proposed concrete surface materials. As set forth in the FEIR, Mitigation Measure M-CP-1 further requires that the paths also be redesigned to create a more informal path edge treatment such as a 'soft' planted edge.

Although technologically feasible to use, decomposed granite and other similar soft ground materials do not provide an accessible surface for walkways because they are not always stable, firm and slip-resistant. Because of this, it may not be feasible to use such materials and meet the accessibility requirements for the proposed project. Compliance with accessibility requirements for public facilities is, in addition to being legally required, a stated objective of the Project. Additionally, implementation of Mitigation Measure M-CP-1 alone would not reduce the overall impact to the cultural landscape to a less-than-significant level.

The Commission, based on information set forth in the administrative record and these findings, hereby amends Mitigation Measure M-CP_1 as follows (changes from the language used in the FEIR are shown in ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions and underline for additions):

> **Mitigation Measure M-CP-1:** The circulation paths shall be redesigned to include a more naturalistic and compatible surface material such as decomposed granite, NaturePave (a decomposed granite product with a resin binding agent), or compacted earth in place of the proposed concrete surface materials if such redesign can be accomplished while still meeting all applicable accessibility requirements. The paths shall

> also be redesigned to consider a more informal path edge treatment such as a 'soft' planted edge if such redesign can be accomplished while still meeting all applicable accessibility requirements. The SFRPD shall determine the feasibility of using these alternate materials and edge treatments in consultation with the Mayor's Office on Disability.

Although the Commission hereby adopts this Mitigation Measure, as amended, and as set forth in the attached MMRP, the Commission finds that this measure will not mitigate significant and unavoidable impact related to the addition of field lights, spectator seating, and synthetic turf to the athletic fields facility, considered an historic resource for purposes of environmental review, to less-than-significant levels. The Commission further finds that this impact would remain significant and unavoidable with the implementation of Mitigation Measure M-CP-1 either in the form described in the FEIR or as hereby amended and set forth in the MMRP, the Commission determines that this significant impact on the environment, as reflected in the Final EIR, is unavoidable, but under Public Resources Code section 21081(a)(3) and (b), and CEQA Guidelines 15091(a)(3), 15092(b)(2)(b), and 15093, the Commission determines that the impact is acceptable due to the overriding considerations described in Section V below. This finding is supported by substantial evidence in the record of this proceeding.

IV. EVALUATION OF PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

This section describes the Project alternatives and the reasons for approving the project and for rejecting the alternatives. CEQA mandates that an EIR evaluate a reasonable range of alternatives to the Project or the Project location that generally reduce or avoid potentially significant impacts of the Project. CEQA requires that every EIR also evaluate a "No Project" alternative. Alternatives provide a basis of comparison to the Project in terms of their significant impacts and their ability to meet the Project objectives. This comparative analysis is used to consider reasonable, potentially feasible options for minimizing environmental consequences of the Project.

The FEIR analyzed four project alternatives: a "No Project Alternative", an "Off-Site Alternative", a "Grass Turf with Reduced Lights Alternative", and a "Synthetic Turf without Lights Alternative." The FEIR determined that these alternatives were potentially feasible, but did not necessarily meet the project sponsors' objectives. A brief description of each alternative is provided below, followed by findings related to the rationale for the City's rejection of each alternative.

The Commission rejects the Alternatives set forth in the Final EIR and listed below because it finds, in addition to the reasons described below, elsewhere in these Findings, and in the administrative record, that there is substantial evidence, including evidence of economic, legal, social, technological, and other considerations under CEQA Guidelines 15091(a)(3), that make infeasible such alternatives. In making these determinations, the Commission is aware that CEQA defines "feasibility" to mean "capable of being accomplished in a successful manner within a reasonable period of time, taking into account economic, environmental, social, legal, and technological factors."

The Commission certifies that it has independently reviewed and considered the information on the alternatives provided in the Final EIR and in the record. The Final EIR reflects the Commission's and the City's independent judgment as to the alternatives. The Commission finds that the Project provides the best balance between satisfaction of the project objectives and mitigation of environmental impacts to the extent feasible, as described and analyzed in the EIR and adopts a statement of overriding considerations as set forth in Section IV below.

The Commission adopts the EIR's analysis and conclusions regarding alternatives eliminated from further consideration, both during the scoping process and in response to comments.

a. No Project Alternative

Under the No Project Alternative, the existing fields would remain in use and no renovations to the field or other facilities would occur. The No Project Alternative includes those activities that would reasonably be expected to occur in the foreseeable future if the proposed project were not approved.

The No Project Alternative would eliminate the need for construction activities in the project area, thereby avoiding all construction impacts identified for the proposed project, including the significant and unavoidable impact on historic resources, and the significant impacts associated with biological resources, and hazards and hazardous materials. In addition, although not considered a significant impact, impacts on views of the project area and nighttime lighting would be avoided under the No Project Alternative. Other less than significant impacts associated with construction noise, traffic, and air quality would also be avoided under the No Project Alternative. Other proposed future projects in the site vicinity may still be implemented, including the San Francisco Groundwater Supply Project, and so cumulative construction impacts could still occur, but there would be no contribution to these impacts from the proposed project.

The Commission rejects the No Project Alternative because it would fail to meet most of the Project objectives. While the No Project Alternative would remain consistent with the Golden Gate Master Plan, the No Project Alternative would not meet any other objectives which include increasing the amount of athletic play on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields by renovating the existing athletic fields and adjacent warm-up areas; improving public access to the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields by adding new pathways, increasing the size of the existing parking lot, providing a formal drop-off area, and providing bicycle racks; increasing ground-sports athletic opportunities on the north side of San Francisco commensurate with improvements elsewhere in San Francisco; reducing ongoing maintenance and resource needs; complying with current ADA requirements, and; improving safety and increasing nighttime use of the west end of Golden Gate Park by installing new lighting and bringing more recreation facility users to the area. All of the reasons stated herein provide sufficient independent grounds for rejecting this alternative.

b. Off-Site Alternative

Under the Off-Site Alternative, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (SFRPD) would construct similar renovations to the West Sunset Playground, located on Ortega Street in the Outer Sunset neighborhood.

The Off-Site Alternative would have construction-related impacts similar to or greater than the proposed project because the fields are more proximate to sensitive receptors such as schools and residences than the project site. It is assumed that this alternative would be compatible with existing zoning and land use designations because the site is already used for recreational purposes. Because the Off-Site Alternative would entail similar construction activities as the proposed project, impacts related to biological resources, hydrology and water quality, and hazards and hazardous material would be comparable to those under the Project. However, under the Off-Site Alternative, visual resources impacts associated with nighttime lighting effects would likely be greater than that of the proposed project. Historic resources impacts would be less than significant.

Under this alternative, impacts to recreational resources are anticipated to be greater than those identified for the proposed project because the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields would continue to be used and would continue to degrade. It is also assumed that effects associated with increased traffic, transit, parking, and pedestrian access would be similar to or greater than the proposed project.

The Commission rejects the Off-Site Alternative because it would fail to meet most of the Project objectives and would not increase the amount of athletic play time on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields by renovating the existing athletic fields and adjacent warm-up areas, although it would partially meet this objective by providing some increase play time for SFRPD overall, the alternative would fail to meet the objective of improving safety and increasing nighttime use of the west end of Golden Gate Park by installing new lighting and bringing more recreation facility users to the area. This alternative would also fail to meet the objectives of improving public access to the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields by adding new pathways, increasing the size of the existing parking lot, providing a formal drop-off area, and providing bicycle racks, and increasing ground-sports athletic opportunities on the north side of San Francisco commensurate with improvements elsewhere in San Francisco.

The Off-Site Alternative would only partially achieve some of the Project objectives while all of the same mitigation measures would be required.

All of the reasons stated herein provide sufficient independent grounds for rejecting this alternative.

c. Grass Turf with Reduced Lights Alternative

Under the Grass Turf with Reduced Lights Alternative, the SFRPD would construct most of the improvements that are included under the Project with the exception that a new grass turf field would be installed instead of a synthetic turf field. This alternative also includes modifications to some of the proposed improvements. It is assumed that the new grass turf field would be similar in size to the turf field under the proposed project. The intent of this alternative would be to reduce impacts to historic resources. All of the same mitigation measures as the proposed project would be required under this alternative.

The Grass Turf with Reduced Lights Alternative would have similar construction-related impacts as the proposed project, with the exception of construction activities associated with synthetic turf installation. This alternative will have similar restroom renovations to the proposed project, therefore hazards and hazardous material impacts are anticipated to be comparable to the proposed project. Construction-related impacts to special-status bats, vegetation, and tree removal would be similar under this alternative. Implementation of pre-construction surveys for special-status bats would be required under this alternative.

Under this alternative, impacts to historic resources would be less in comparison to the Project. The replacement of grass turf; reduced number of field lights; small-scale, removable seating instead of spectator seating; and linear circulation paths composed of decomposed granite material and a 'soft' planted edge instead of concrete would collectively reduce impacts to historic resources. Installation of such components under this alternative would allow the site to remain a contributing resource to the Golden Gate Park National Historic District. Although technologically feasible to use, decomposed granite and other similar soft ground materials do not provide an accessible surface for walkways

because they are not always stable, firm and slip-resistant. Because of this, it may not be feasible to use such materials and meet the accessibility requirements for the Project. The installation of the reduced number of lights would result in less visual impacts on surrounding residences as the Project (though it is noted that impacts related to aesthetics are less than significant under the Project).

While this alternative would remain consistent with the Golden Gate Master Plan and improve access to the fields with new pathways and increased parking for cars and bikes, it would fail to meet the objective of reducing ongoing maintenance and resource needs; instead, it would require a greater level of maintenance work to preserve field conditions. A greater level of maintenance would be needed because the new grass fields would be larger than the existing fields under this alternative and would be used at a greater level with the inclusion of nighttime play hours. Decomposed granite may not be considered acceptable under applicable disability access requirements and therefore might not be a feasible alternative material. While there would be some increase in play time at the facility, it would be substantially less than under the Project due to: (1) a 50% reduction in the number of lit fields; (2) maintenance and rest and re-growth closures; and (3) rain closures.

The Grass Turf with Reduced Lights Alternative would only partially achieve the objective to provide for a safe, optimal recreation facility and amenities for athletes, spectators and park users by renovating the existing Beach Chalet Athletic Fields and the existing restroom building, adding bleachers, and installing a new plaza area with visitor amenities. While installation of new lighting would accommodate additional evening playtime, some of the deficiencies at the existing facility, such as wet periods and maintenance periods, would likely persist, reoccur or worsen unless public access was restricted during existing permitted play times.

The Commission rejects the Grass Turf with Reduced Lights Alternative because it would fail to meet some of the project objectives and would require additional staff maintenance levels beyond what is currently available. While the Grass Turf with Reduced Lights Alternative would remain consistent with the Golden Gate Master Plan and improve access to the facilities, it would not meet many of the other objectives, which include increasing the amount of athletic play on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields and increasing ground-sports athletic opportunities on the north side of San Francisco commensurate with improvements elsewhere in San Francisco. In particular, this alternative fails to reduce ongoing maintenance and resource needs, rather it increases the maintenance resource needs with an increased field size and play time. The alternative may not be consistent with current ADA requirements because of the inconsistent Grass Turf surface. For the foregoing reasons, the Commission rejects this alternative. In addition, all of the reasons stated herein provide sufficient independent grounds for rejecting this alternative.

d. Synthetic Turf without Lights Alternative

Under the Synthetic Turf without Lights Alternative, the SFRPD would construct most of the improvements that are included under the Project except for the installation of field lighting. This alternative also includes modifications to some of the proposed improvements, installation of small-scale, removable seating such as benches or low-profile bleachers and installation of linear circulation paths using decomposed granite with a 'soft' planted edge. As stated above, although technologically feasible to use, decomposed granite and other similar soft ground materials do not provide an accessible surface for walkways because they are not always stable, firm and slip-resistant. Because of this, it may not be

feasible to use such materials and meet the accessibility requirements for the Project. The intent of this alternative would be to reduce impacts to historic resources.

The Synthetic Turf without Lights Alternative would have similar but slightly reduced construction-related impacts in comparison to the proposed project, with the exception of construction activities associated with field lighting installation. Therefore, hazards and hazardous material impacts and hydrology and water quality impacts are anticipated to be the same as those determined under the Project.

Under this alternative, impacts to aesthetics would be less than those of the Project as this alternative would not introduce any new lighting and would not result in any changes to nighttime views, or adversely affect views from outside the boundaries of the project site (though it is noted that impacts related to aesthetics resources are less than significant under the Project).

Impacts to historic resources would also be less in comparison to the Project due to the elimination of field lighting, the installation of small-scale, removable seating (i.e., benches or low-profile bleachers), a pathway system comprised of decomposed granite, and a "soft" planted edge that would allow the site to remain a contributing resource to the Golden Gate Park National Historic District. However, as discussed elsewhere, use of decomposed granite or a similar material and a "soft" planted edge for the pathway system may not be feasible due to accessibility requirements.

In terms of traffic generated by this alternative, it is anticipated that traffic levels would be less than that of the Project since use of the Athletic Fields would be restricted to daytime hours and use levels would be lower than the Project.

Under this alternative, the installation of synthetic turf would still result in vegetation and tree removal. Thus, construction-related impacts on trees and special-status bats would be the same as the Project and mitigation would be available to lessen this impact. However, unlike the Project, less than significant adverse nighttime lighting effects on migratory birds would be eliminated.

The Synthetic Turf without Lights Alternative would achieve most of the Project objectives, but would fail to meet two of the Project objectives. As most of the components under this alternative are the same as the Project, this alternative would meet the objectives related to improved public access to the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields by adding new pathways, increasing the size of the existing parking lot, providing a formal drop-off area, and providing bicycle racks, increased ground-sports opportunities on the north side of San Francisco commensurate with improvements elsewhere in San Francisco, reduction of ongoing maintenance and resource needs, and increasing the amount of athletic play time at the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields by renovating the existing athletic fields and adjacent warm-up areas.

The Commission rejects the Synthetic Turf without Lights Alternative, because it would fail to meet the objective pertaining to improved safety and increased nighttime use of the west end of Golden Gate Park. The Synthetic Turf without Lights Alternative would only partially achieve the objective to provide a safe, optimal recreation facility and amenities for athletes, spectators, and park users. The absence of field lighting would restrict use of the fields to daytime hours only and therefore the increase in play hours would be less than with the proposed project. Although impacts to historic resources would be reduced, this alternative would not meet current accessibility requirements because it cannot be stated with

certainty that decomposed granite would meet all applicable accessible requirements, and therefore, may not be feasible for use in the project.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission rejects this alternative. Further, all of the reasons stated herein provide sufficient independent grounds for rejecting this alternative.

V. STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS

The Commission finds that, notwithstanding the imposition of all feasible mitigation measures, significant impacts related to Historic Resources will remain significant and unavoidable and in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15092(b)(2)(B), such remaining impacts are acceptable to the overriding considerations described below. In accordance with CEQA guidelines Section 15093, CEQA Section 21081(b), and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, the Commission hereby finds that each of the specific economic, legal, social, technological, and other considerations, and the benefits of the Project separately and independently outweigh the remaining significant, adverse impact. The remaining significant adverse impact identified is acceptable in light of each of these overriding considerations. Any one of the reasons for approval cited below is sufficient to justify approval of the Project. Thus, even if a court were to conclude that not every reason is supported by substantial evidence, the Commission will stand by its determination that each individual reason is sufficient. The substantial evidence supporting the various benefits can be found in the preceding findings, which are incorporated by reference into this Section, and in the documents found in the Record of Proceedings, as defined in Section I.

On the basis of the above findings and the substantial evidence in the whole record of this proceeding, the Commission specially finds that there are significant benefits of the Project in spite of the unavoidable significant impacts, and therefore makes this Statement of Overriding Considerations. The Commission further finds that, as part of the process of obtaining Project approval, all significant effects on the environment from implementation of the Project have been eliminated or lessened where feasible. All mitigation measures proposed in the Final EIR for the proposed Project and determined to be feasible by these findings are adopted as part of this approval action.
The Project would result in the following benefits:

- Increase the amount of athletic play time on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields by renovating the existing athletic fields and adjacent warm-up areas.
- Improve public access to the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields by adding new pathways, increasing the size of the existing parking lot, providing a formal drop-off area, and providing bicycle racks.
- Increase ground-sports athletic opportunities on the north side of San Francisco commensurate with improvements elsewhere in San Francisco.
- Provide a safe, optimal recreation facility and amenities for athletes, spectators, and park users by renovating the existing Beach Chalet Athletic Fields and the existing restroom building, adding bleachers, and installing a new plaza area with visitor amenities.
- Reduce ongoing maintenance and resource needs.
- Comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.
- Improve safety and increase nighttime use of the west end of Golden Gate Park by installing new lighting and bringing more recreation facility users to the area.

- Remain consistent with the *Golden Gate Park Master Plan.*

Having considered the information included above as well as information in these Findings and elsewhere in the administrative record, the Commission finds, determines, and concludes that benefits of the Project outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental effects, and that the adverse environmental effects therefore are acceptable.

DECISION

That based upon the Record, the submissions of the Project Sponsor, the staff of the Department, the SFRPD, and other interested parties, the oral testimony presented to this Commission at the public hearings, and all other written materials submitted by all parties, the Commission hereby **ADOPTS** findings under the California Environmental Quality Act, including rejecting alternatives as infeasible, amending a mitigation measure as infeasible, adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and **ADOPTS** a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) , attached as Exhibit A.

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Motion on May 24, 2012.

Linda D. Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED: May 24, 2012

MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM (Including the Text of the Adopted Mitigation Measures)

	MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM				
Adopted Mitigation Measures	**Responsibility for Implementation**	**Mitigation Schedule**	**Mitigation Action**	**Monitoring/ Reporting Responsibility**	**Monitoring Schedule**
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES					
Mitigation Measure M-BI-1: Pre-Construction Bat Surveys					
Conditions of approval for building and grading permits issued for demolition and construction within the project site shall include a requirement for pre-construction special-status bat surveys when large trees are to be removed. If active day or night roosts are found, the bat biologist shall take actions to make such roosts unsuitable habitat prior to tree removal or building demolition. A no-disturbance buffer of 100 feet shall be created around active bat roosts being used for maternity or hibernation purposes. Bat roosts initiated during construction are presumed to be unaffected, and no buffer would necessary.	SFRPD	Prior to tree removal. The period between surveys and tree removal of potential habitat trees should occur only: (i.) 24 hours after night emergence surveys establish that no bats are present, or; (ii.) during months when bats are active which is approximately between March 1st, or when heavy rains cease and/or night temperatures are above 45F, and April 15th, when females begin giving birth to pups and between August 15th, after pups are self-sufficiently volant, and October 15th, or when heavy rains begin and night temperatures are below 45F.	Pre-construction special-status bat survey; establishment and implementation of buffers	Sponsor to provide Environmental Review Officer (ERO) with bat survey results prior to tree removal	Considered complete upon receipt of bat survey report and establishment of buffers

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MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

Adopted Mitigation Measures	Responsibility for Implementation	Mitigation Schedule	Mitigation Action	Monitoring/ Reporting Responsibility	Monitoring Schedule
Mitigation Measure M-BI-3: Plant Replacement Trees The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD) shall replace the trees removed within SFRPD-managed lands with trees of equivalent ecological value (i.e., similar species providing the same general microhabitat characteristics for wildlife species) to the trees removed. If trees of equivalent ecological value are not feasible or available, removed trees shall be replaced at a ratio of 1 inch for 1 inch of the diameter at breast height of the removed tree. SFRPD shall monitor tree replacement plantings annually for a minimum of three years after completion of construction to ensure establishment of the plantings and, if necessary, shall replant to ensure the success of the replacement plantings.	SFRPD	During construction activities and for a minimum of three years after replacement trees have been planted	Plant replacement trees and monitor tree replacement plantings annually for a minimum of three years	Sponsor to provide Environmental Review Officer (ERO) with tree replacement plan	Considered complete three years after completion of construction
CULTURAL RESOURCES ***Mitigation Measure M-CP-1: Circulation Paths*** The circulation paths shall be redesigned to include a more naturalistic and compatible surface material such as decomposed granite, NaturePave (a decomposed granite product with a resin binding agent), or compacted earth in place of the proposed concrete surface materials if such redesign can be accomplished while still meeting all applicable accessibility requirements. The paths shall also be redesigned to consider a more informal path edge treatment such as a 'soft' planted edge if such redesign can be accomplished while still meeting all applicable accessibility requirements. The SFRPD shall determine the feasibility of using these alternate materials and edge treatments in consultation with the Mayor's Office on Disability.	SFRPD	During construction activities if determined feasible by Commission and Mayor's Office of Disabilities (MOD)	Design circulation paths with more naturalistic material if feasible	SFRPD and MOD	Considered complete upon issuance of building permit
HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS **Mitigation Measure M-HZ-2: Hazardous Building Materials** The project sponsor shall ensure that, before renovation, the restroom building is surveyed for hazardous building materials, including PCB-containing electrical equipment, fluorescent light ballasts containing PCBs or DEHP, and fluorescent light tubes containing mercury vapors. These materials shall be removed and properly disposed of before commencement of demolition or renovation. Old light ballasts that will be removed during renovation shall be evaluated for the presence of PCBs, and in the case where the presence of PCBs in the light ballast could not be verified, they will be assumed to contain PCBs, and handled and disposed of as such, according to applicable laws and regulations.	SFRPD	Prior to any demolition activities	Properly remove and dispose of hazardous building materials	Project sponsor/ contractor shall submit a Monitoring Report, detailing survey results and compliance with the specified measure, to SFDPH for approval after construction. opies the report shall be sent to the SFRPD and the Planning Department	Considered complete upon agency receipt of SFDPH-approved Monitoring Report

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LOCAL COASTAL ZONE PERMIT

HEARING DATE: MAY 24, 2012

Date:	May 17, 2012
Case No.:	**2010.0016P**
Project Name:	**Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park**
Zoning:	P (Public) Zoning District OS (Open Space) Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot:	1700/001
Project Sponsor:	San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department c/o Dan Mauer 30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th floor San Francisco, CA 94102
Staff Contact:	Glenn Cabreros – (415) 558-6169 glenn.cabreros@sfgov.org

ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF A COASTAL ZONE PERMIT APPLICATION PURSUANT TO PLANNING CODE SECTION 330 TO ALLOW RENOVATION OF THE BEACH CHALET ATHLETIC FIELDS FACILITY INCLUDING REPLACING THE EXISTING GRASS TURF FIELDS WITH SYNTHETIC TURF, INSTALLING FIELD LIGHTING, RENOVATING THE EXISTING RESTROOM BUILDING, INSTALLING PLAYER BENCHES AND SEATING, AND COMPLETING OTHER MODIFICATIONS FOR PARKING, CIRCULATION, AND SPECTATOR AMENITIES TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL CONDITIONS OF THE FACILITY AND INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF ATHLETIC PLAY TIME, WITHIN THE P (PUBLIC) ZONING DISTRICT AND THE OPEN SPACE HEIGHT AND BULK DISTRICT.

PREAMBLE

On April 4, 2012, Dan Mauer of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (hereinafter "Project Sponsor") filed an application with the Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") for a Coastal Zone Permit under Planning Code Section 330 to allow renovation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields facility including replacing the existing grass turf fields with synthetic turf, installing field lighting, renovating the existing restroom building, installing player benches and seating, and completing other

modifications for parking, circulation, and spectator amenities to improve the overall conditions of the facility and increase the amount of athletic play time ("Project").

On April 17, 2012, the Department mailed a letter to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) to inform the CCC that and application for a Local Coastal Zone Permit had been filed. The letter disclosed to the CCC that the Project site is not within the area appealable to the CCC.

On May 24, 2012, the Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a public hearing on the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project. The Commission reviewed and considered the EIR and found the contents of said report and the procedures through which the EIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the California Quality Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.*) ("CEQA"), the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Reg. section 15000 *et seq.*), and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

On May 24, 2012, the Commission certified the Final EIR by Motion No. _____. Additionally, the Commission adopted approval findings, including findings rejecting alternatives, amending a mitigation measure, and making a statement of overriding considerations, and adopted a mitigation monitoring and reporting program ("MMRP") pursuant to CEQA by Motion No. _____, which findings and MMRP are incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.

On May 24, 2012, the Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the Coastal Zone Permit, Case No. 2010.0016P. The Commission heard and considered public testimony presented at the hearing and has further considered written and oral testimony provided by Department staff and other interested parties.

On May 24, 2012, the Commission approved the Coastal Zone Permit requested in the application under Case No. 2010.0016P based to the findings below.

FINDINGS

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

1. The above recitals are accurate and constitute findings of this Commission.

2. **Site Description and Present Use.** The project site is located at the west end of Golden Gate Park, Assessor's Block 1700, Lot 001 within the P (Public) Zoning District and the Open Space Height and Bulk District. The area of the project site is bound by Great Highway to the west, John F. Kennedy Drive to the north and east and by Martin Luther King Drive to the south. The site contains existing athletic playing fields of natural turf and various park amenities associated with the fields' use, including parking, restrooms, fencing and pedestrian paths.

3. **Surrounding Properties and Neighborhood.** The neighborhoods closest to the project site are primarily residential in character and include the Outer Richmond neighborhood directly north and across Fulton Street from Golden Gate Park and the Outer Sunset neighborhood directly

south and across Lincoln Way from Golden Gate Park. Directly west of the project site and across Great Highway are the Ocean Beach parking lot and Ocean Beach. The site is located southeast of the Beach Chalet, City Landmark No. 179, which includes a visitors center and restaurant facilities. As the project site is located within Golden Gate Park, the athletic fields are not visible from the adjacent residential neighborhoods due to dense vegetation and tree canopy.

4. **Project Description.** The applicant proposes to renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields facility including replacement of the existing grass turf fields with synthetic turf, installation of field lighting, renovation of the existing restroom building, installation of benches and seating, and other modifications related to parking, circulation, and spectator amenities to improve the overall conditions of the facility and increase the amount of athletic play time.

5. **Coastal Zone.** Pursuant to Planning Code Section 330, review of a Coastal Zone Permit Application is required as the project site is within the Local Coastal Zone Boundary per City Zoning Map Sheet CZ05. The Local Coastal Zone boundary within Golden Gate Park starts at Fulton Street and 40th Avenue, curves eastwardly from the Chain of Lakes Drive and ends at Lincoln Way and 41st Avenue. The boundary for the Coastal Zone area that is appealable to the CCC is an area 300 feet wide as measured from the inland extent of Ocean Beach. The project site is not located within the Coastal Zone area that is appealable to the CCC.

6. **Public Comment**. The Department has received no comments to date regarding the Coastal Zone Permit application.

7. **Planning Code Compliance:** The Commission finds that the Project is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Planning Code in the following manner:

   A. **Coastal Zone Permit Findings.** Planning Code Section 330.5.2 states that the Planning Commission in reviewing a Coastal Zone Permit application shall adopt factual findings that the project is consistent or not consistent with the Local Coastal Program and that a Coastal Zone Permit shall be approved only upon findings of fact establishing that the Project conforms to the requirements and objectives of the San Francisco Local Coastal Program.

   The requirements and objectives of the San Francisco Local Coastal Program are established in the Western Shoreline Plan of the General Plan with specific objectives and policies related to Golden Gate Park and the Richmond and Sunset Residential Neighborhoods. See "General Plan Compliance" findings below.

8. **General Plan Compliance.** The Project is, on balance, consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan and specifically as identified in the Western Shoreline Area Plan:

WESTERN SHORELINE AREA PLAN – GOLDEN GATE PARK

Objectives and Policies

OBJECTIVE 3:

ENHANCE THE RECREATIONAL CONNECTION BETWEEN GOLDEN GATE PARK AND THE BEACH FRONTAGE

Policy 3.1:
Strengthen the visual and physical connection between the park and beach. Emphasize the naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use. When possible eliminate the Richmond-Sunset sewer treatment facilities.

Policy 3.2:
Continue to implement a long-term reforestation program at the western portion of the park.

The rehabilitation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields does not introduce a new use into Golden Gate Park; rather the project is a renovation of the existing facilities to allow continuation of existing park amenities and uses. As such, the naturalistic landscape qualities around the athletic fields and around the perimeter of the Park would remain intact. The project does propose removal of 16 trees; however each tree removed would be replaced at a ratio of one-to-one or greater. The proposed tree replacement is consistent with emphasizing the natural landscape qualities of the Park and also the need for continued reforestation of the Park's aging tree population.

WESTERN SHORELINE AREA PLAN – RICHMOND & SUNSET RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Objectives and Policies

OBJECTIVE 11:
PRESERVE THE SCALE OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE COASTAL ZONE AREA.

Policy 11.6
Protect the neighborhood environment of the Richmond and Sunset residential areas from the traffic and visitor impacts from the public using adjacent recreation and open space areas.

The "Transportation and Circulation" section of the EIR analyzed for the project found that impacts to traffic, public transit and pedestrian circulation would be less than significant. Although field lighting is proposed as part of the project, the hours of operation for the recreation area will be the same as the existing park hours which are 6 AM to 10 PM daily.

9. **Planning Code Section 101.1(b)** establishes eight priority-planning policies and requires review of permits for consistency with said policies. On balance, the project does comply with said policies in that:

   A. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses be enhanced.

The proposal does not affect neighborhood-serving retail uses as the project is a public recreational facility within Golden Gate Park.

B. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods.

The existing neighborhood character surrounding Golden Gate Park would be conserved and protected as the project would continue to be screened from the outlying residential areas by dense vegetation.

C. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced,

No housing is removed by this project.

D. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking.

The project proposes improvements to the existing 50-space parking lot. The new parking lot would contain 20 additional parking spaces. The amount of parking spaces is not considered excessive for the use, and the EIR for the project found the parking, vehicular and public transit impacts associated with the project to be less than significant.

E. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced.

The project will not displace any service or industrial establishment.

F. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

The project, particularly the building structures will be designed and constructed to conform to the structural and seismic safety requirements of the City Building Code.

G. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved.

As identified in the project EIR, the project would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of Golden Gate Park, an historical resource. While the project would have a significant unavoidable impact from the perspective of historic preservation, the project is a rehabilitation of an existing park amenity.

H. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development.

The project will have no negative impact on existing parks and open spaces and their access to sunlight and vistas. Per Section 295 of the Planning Code, pertaining to shadow studies, no building structures are proposed over 40 feet in height and therefore a shadow study is not required for the project.

10. The Project is consistent with and would promote the general and specific purposes of the Code provided under Section 101.1(b) in that, as designed, the Project would contribute to the character and stability of the neighborhood and would constitute a beneficial development.

11. The Commission hereby finds that approval of the Coastal Zone Permit would promote the health, safety and welfare of the City.

DECISION

That based upon the Record, the submissions by the Applicant, the staff of the Department and other interested parties, the oral testimony presented to this Commission at the public hearings, and all other written materials submitted by all parties, the Commission hereby **ADOPTS** the CEQA approval findings set forth in Planning Commission Motion No. _____, including the statement of overriding considerations, **ADOPTS** the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, attached to Motion No. _____ as Exhibit A, and **APPROVES Coastal Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P** in general conformance with plans on file, dated April 4, 2012, and stamped "EXHIBIT B", which is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

APPEAL: Pursuant to Planning Code Sections 308.2 and 330.9, any aggrieved person may appeal this Coastal Zone Permit to the Board of Appeals within ten (10) days after the date of this motion. For further information, please contact the Board of Appeals in person at 1650 Mission Street, 3rd Floor (Room 304) or call 575-6880.

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Motion on May 24, 2012.

Linda D. Avery
Commission Secretary

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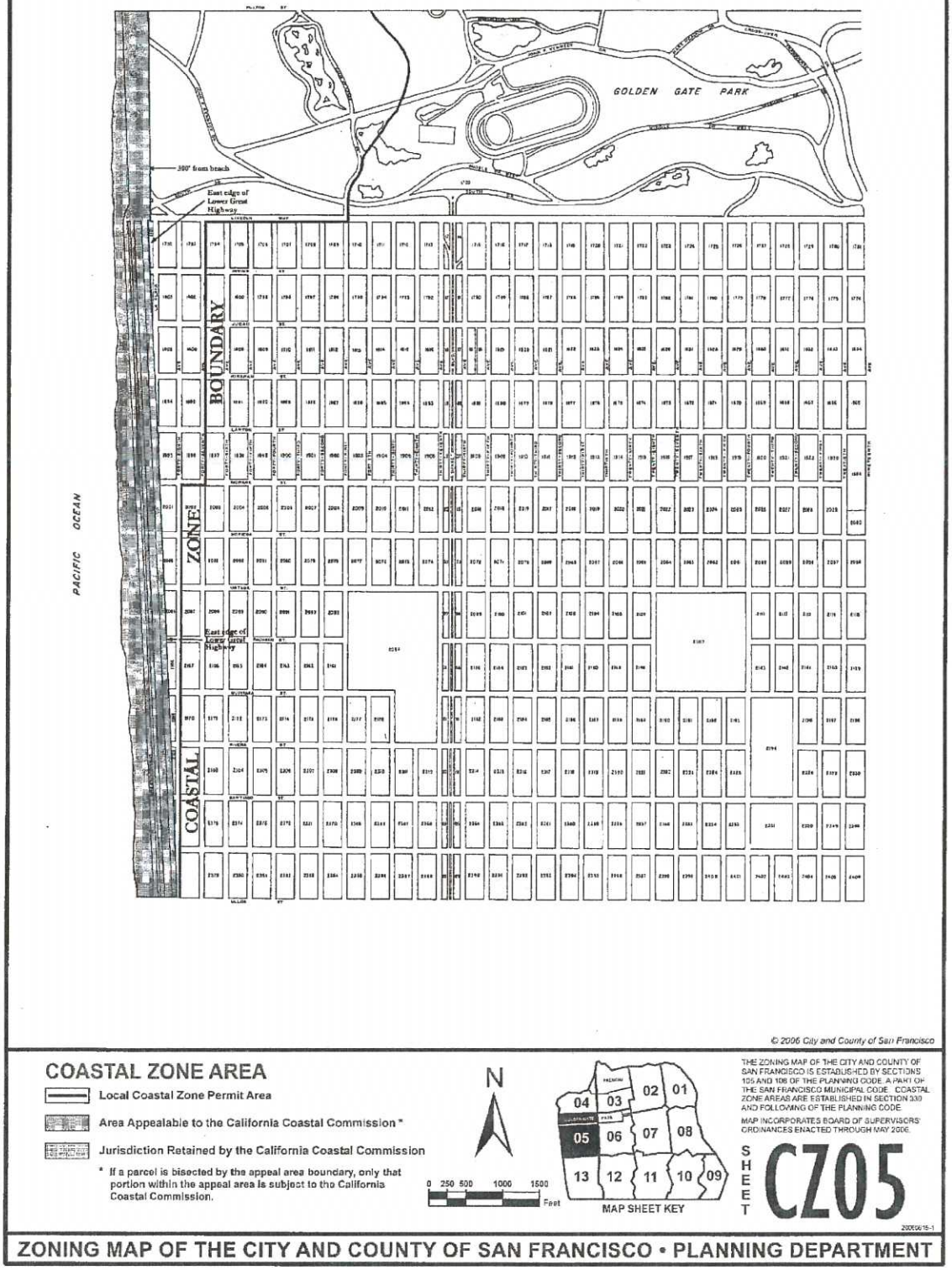
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300' from beach
East edge of Lower Great Highway
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Local Coastal Zone Permit Area
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* If a parcel is bisected by the appeal area boundary, only that portion within the appeal area is subject to the California Coastal Commission.
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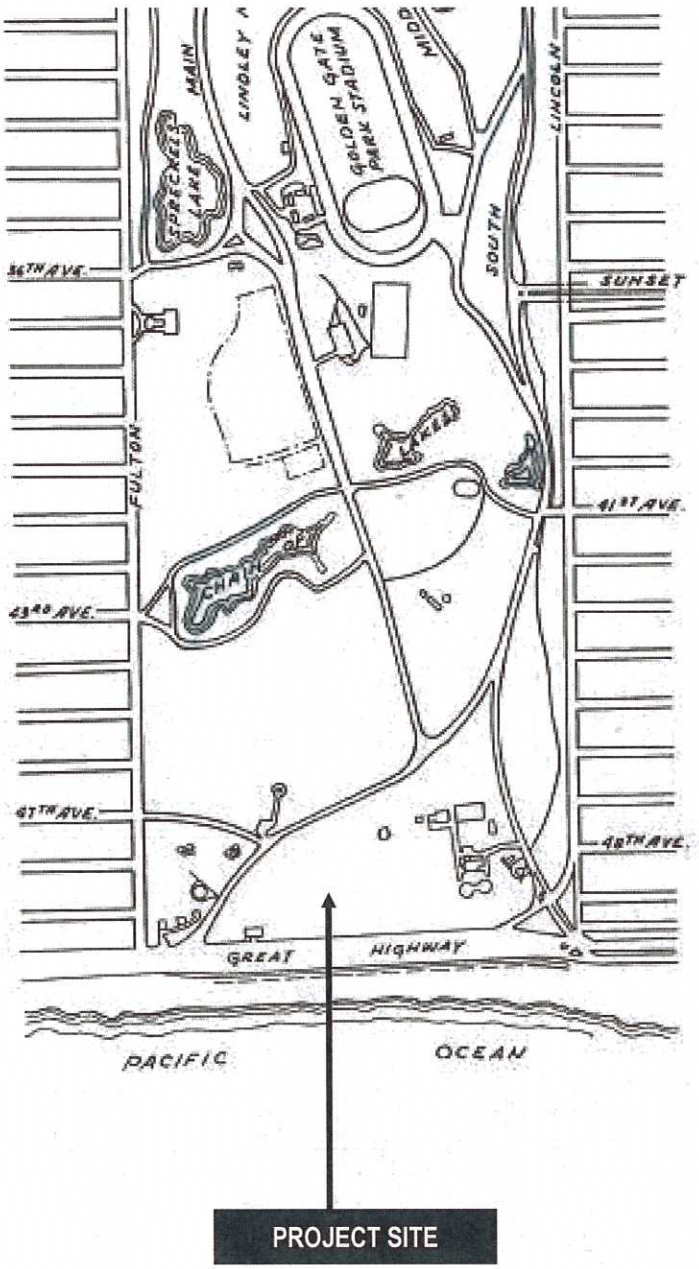

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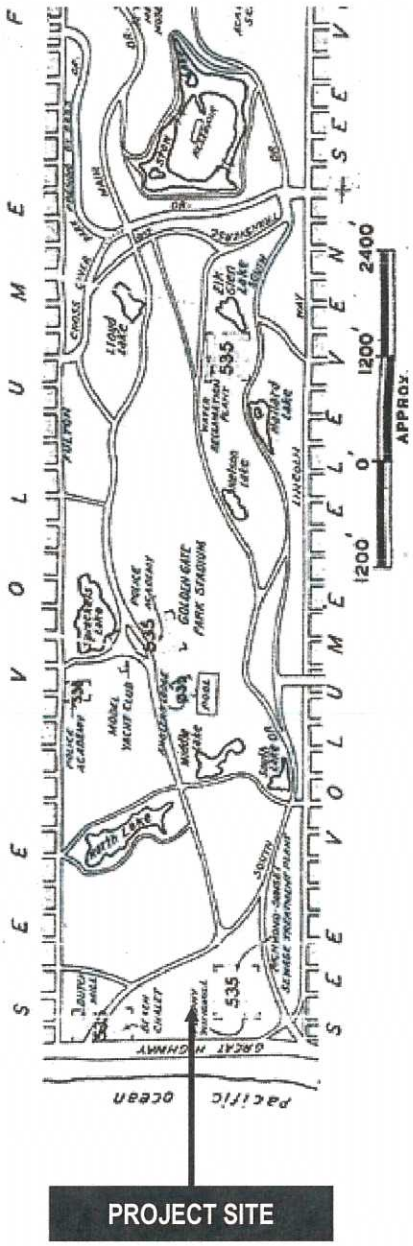

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Legend

1. PARKING LOT (25,320 SF)
2. SOCCER FIELD AREA (4 FIELDS, 294,700 SF)
3. WARM UP AREA (NORTH OF FIELDS, 8500 SF)
4. WARM UP AREA (EAST OF FIELDS, 29,840 SF)
5. RESTROOM BUILDING
6. 8' CHAIN LINK FENCE
7. PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY
8. REFUSE AREA
9. LANDSCAPE AREAS
10. MAINTENANCE CARGO CONTAINER

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1. WARM UP AREA (NORTH OF FIELDS, 4000 SF)
2. SPECTATOR SEATING (250 SEATS)
3. SYNTHETIC TURF (4 FIELDS; 314,000 SF)
4. 16' BLACK VINYL FENCE (BEHIND GOALS)
5. 42" BLACK VINYL FENCE (ALL OTHER AREAS)
6. PARKING LOT (21,610 SF)
7. PARKING STALLS (12,450 SF PERMEABLE PAVEMENT WITH LIGHTING, 18' HEIGHT)
8. RESTROOM BUILDING
9. SPECTATOR SEATING (606 SEATS, 8 ACCESSIBLE)
10. PLAY STRUCTURES
11. WARM UP AREA (EAST OF FIELDS, 13,850 SF)
12. PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS
13. LANDSCAPE AREAS
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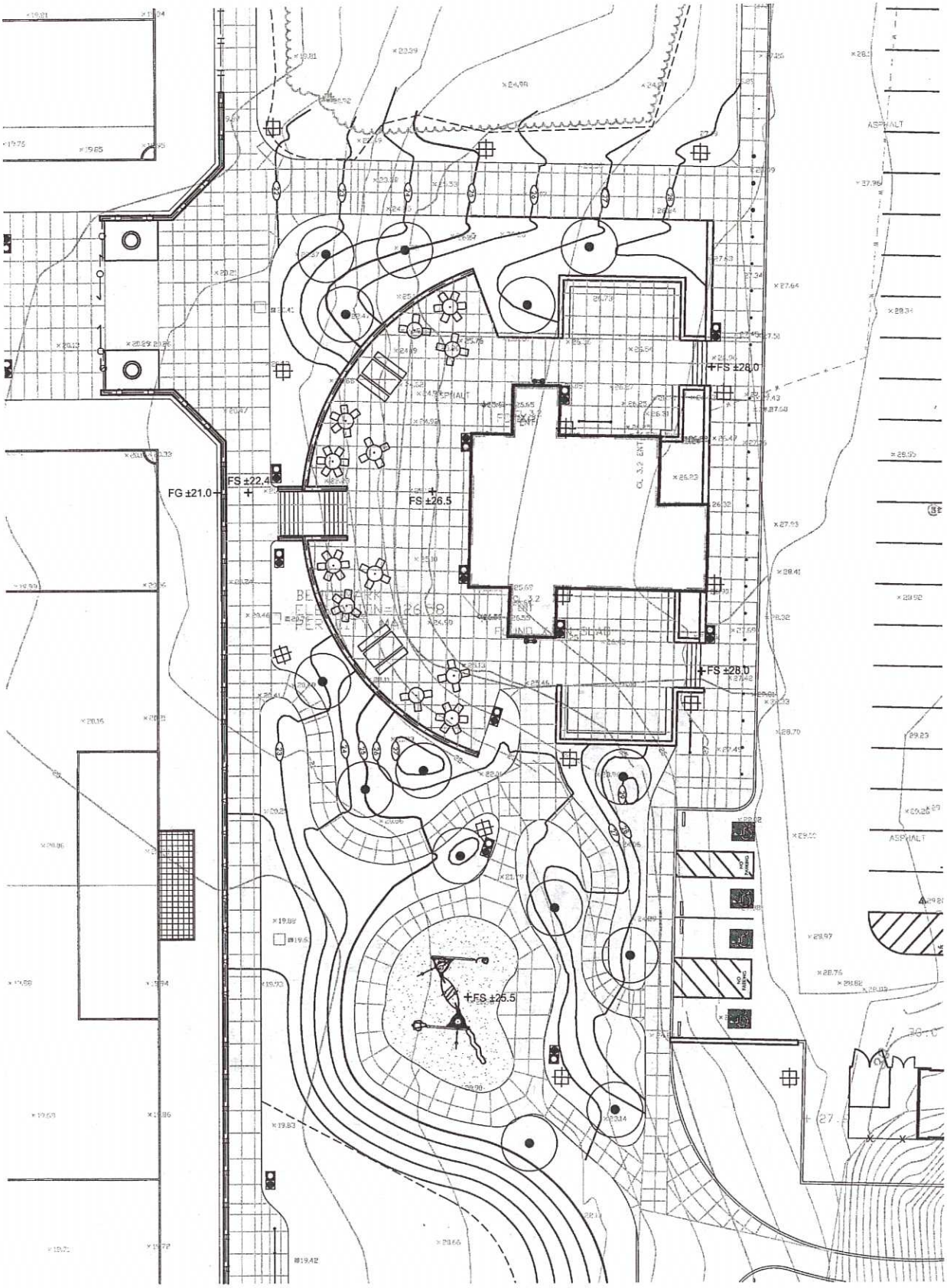
17. PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY LIGHTING (15' HEIGHT)



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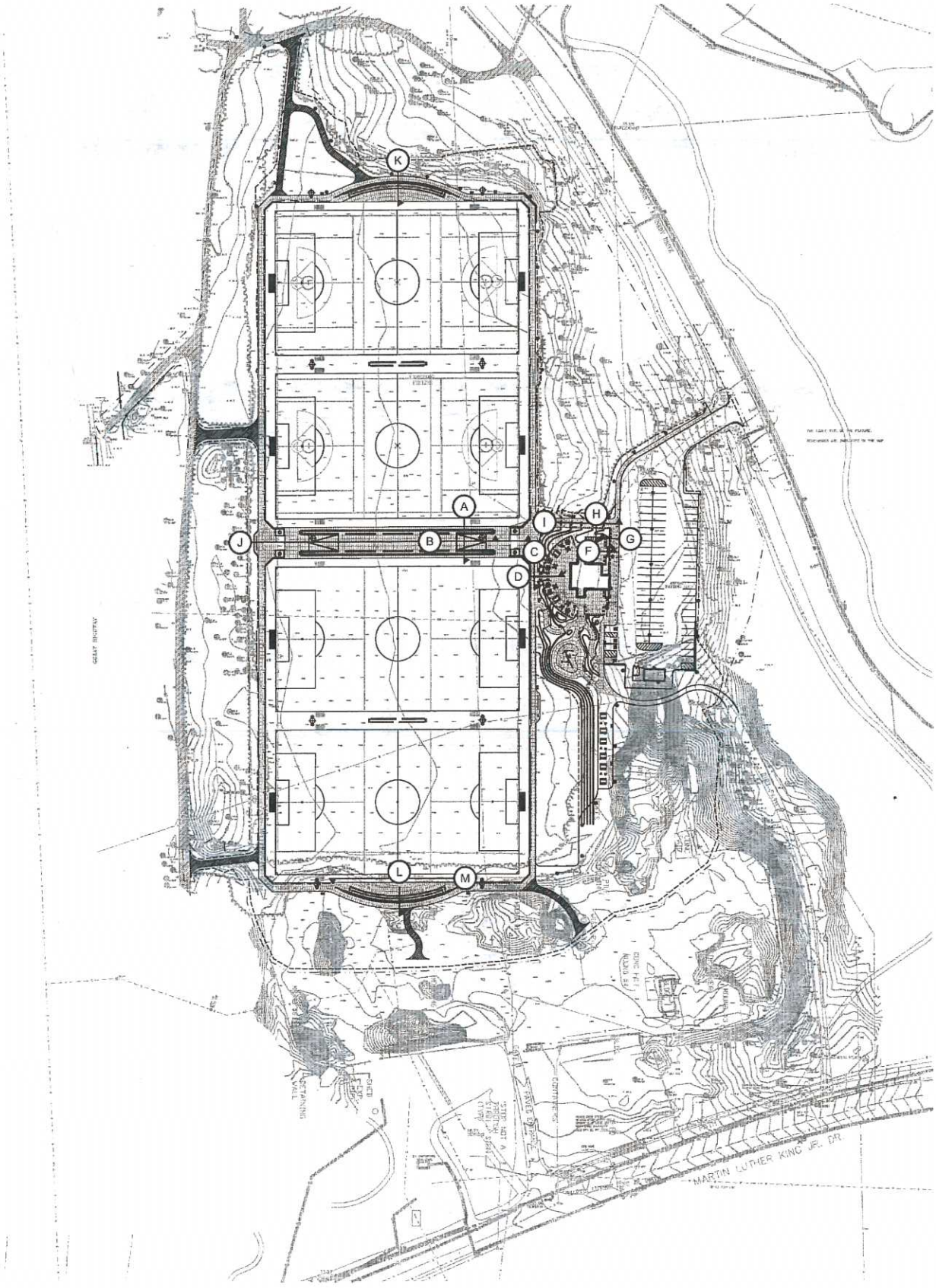

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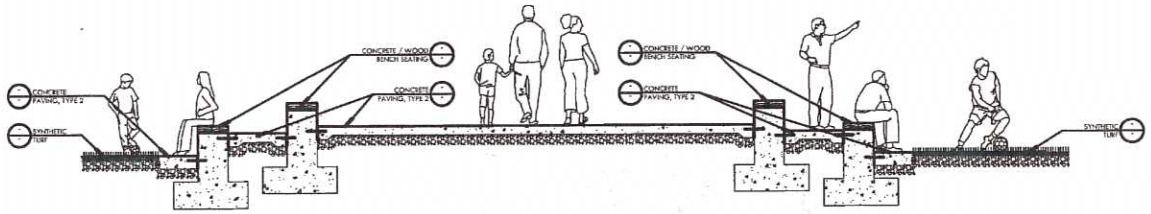

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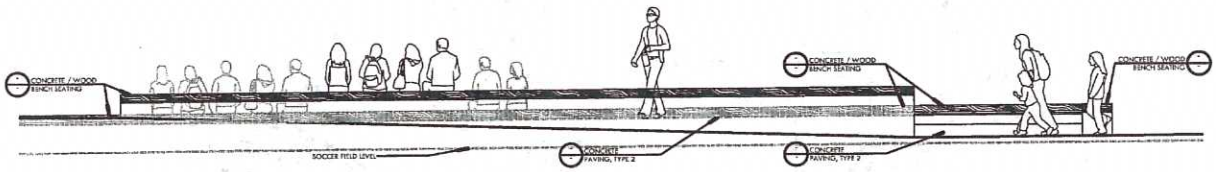

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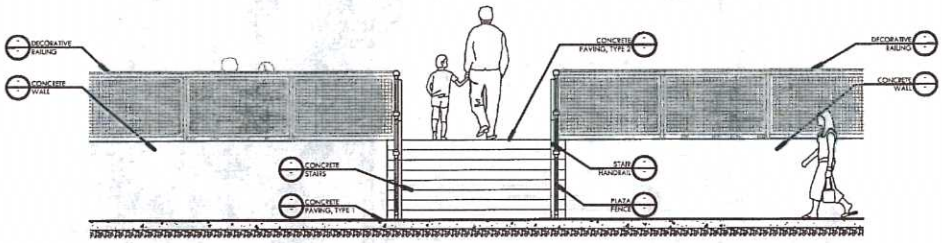

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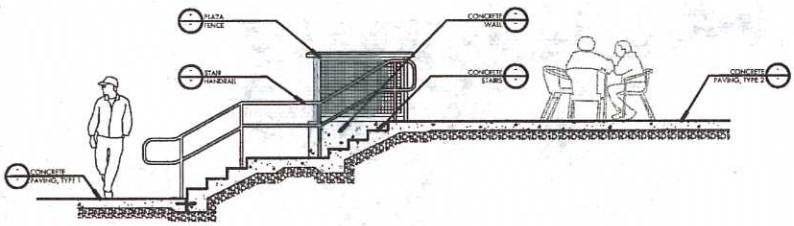

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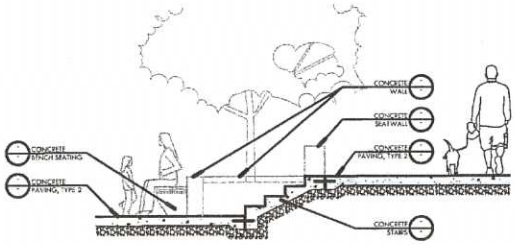

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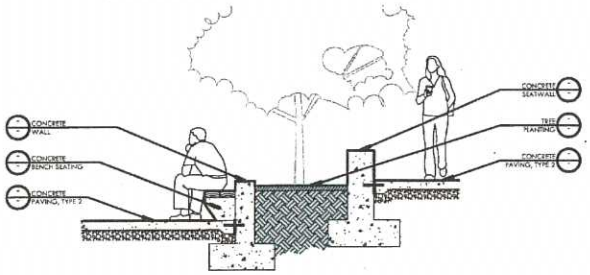

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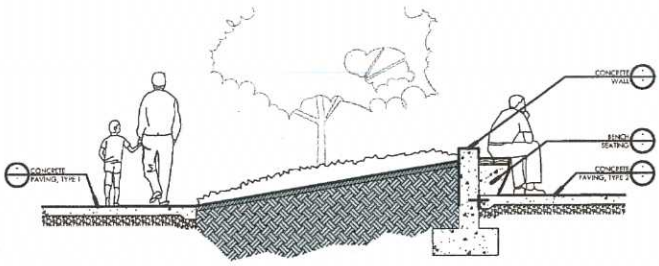

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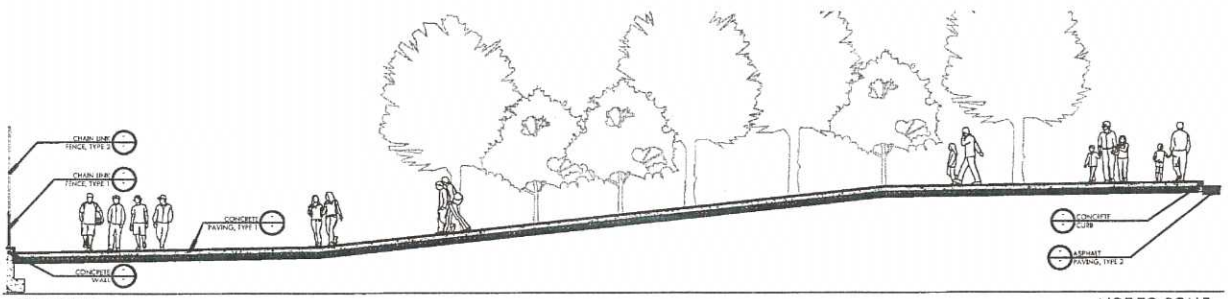

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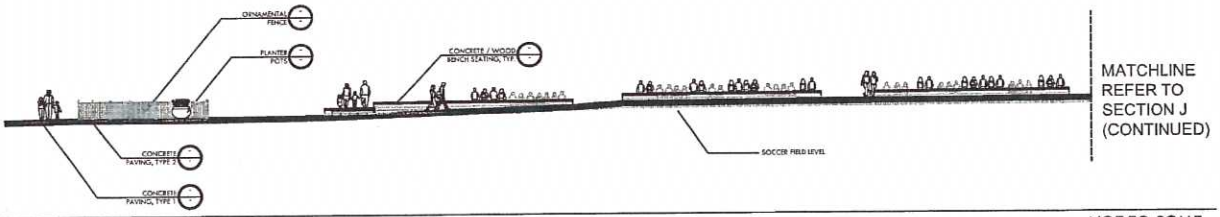

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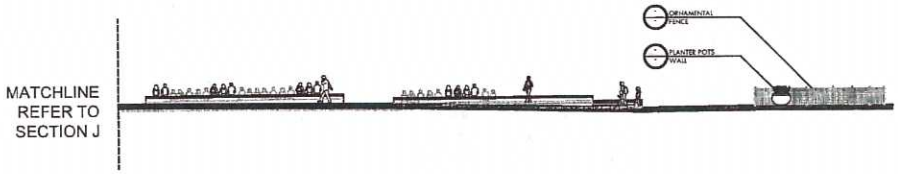

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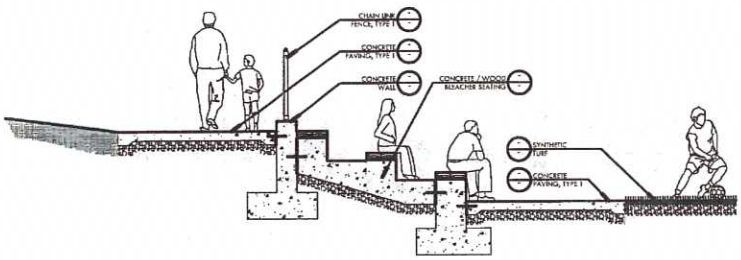

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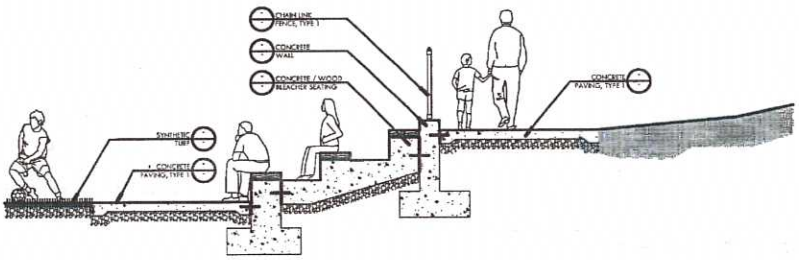

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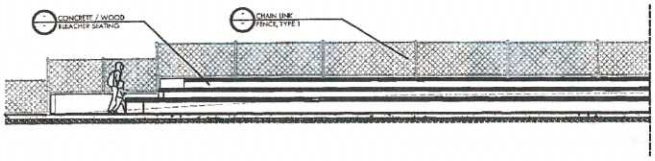

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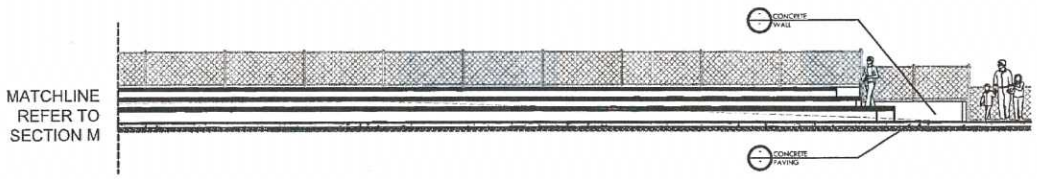

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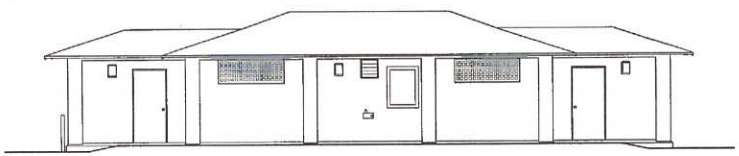

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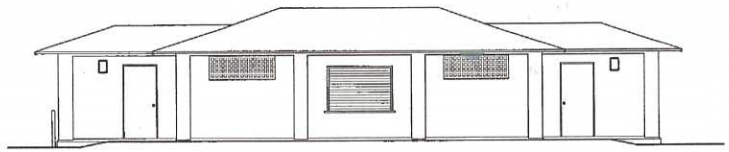

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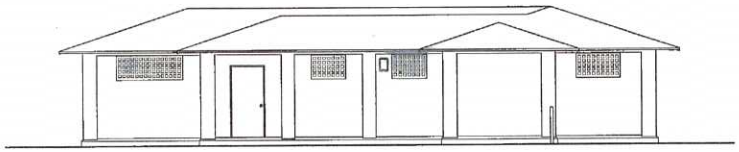

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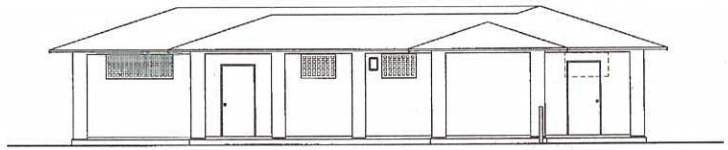

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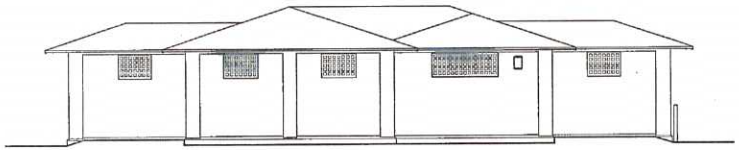

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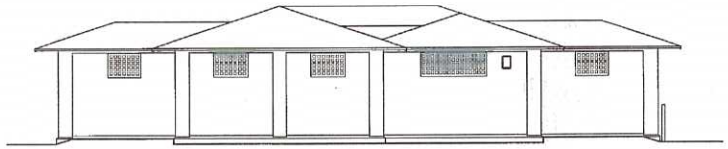

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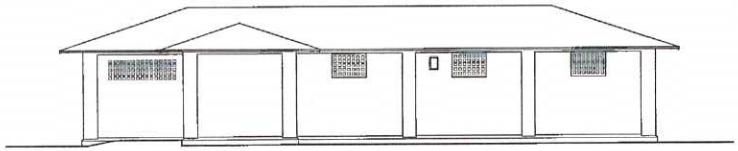

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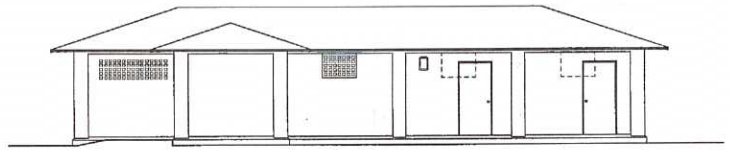

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2. VERIFY WITH OWNER WHICH DOORS ARE TO BE SALVED.
3. SEE NOTES IN PLAN FOR ALL DIMENSIONS RELATING TO WALLS CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS.

LEGEND

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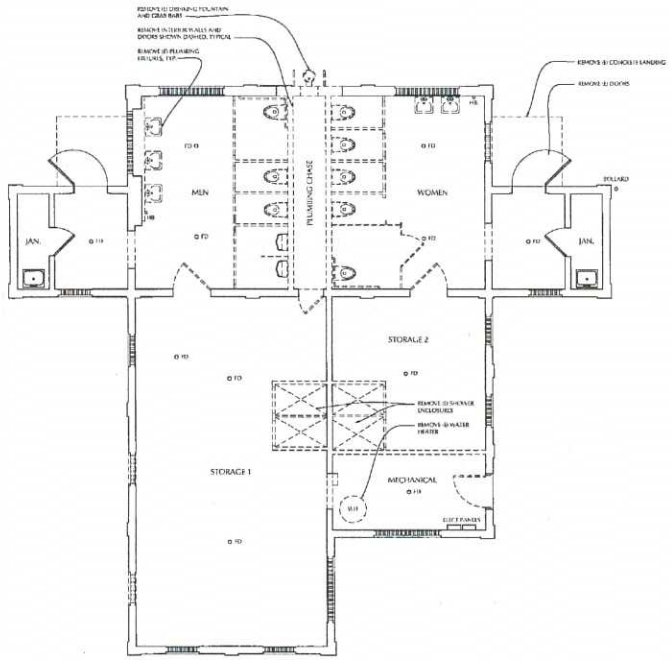

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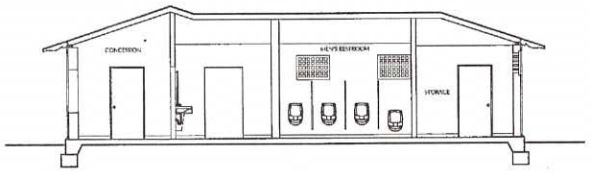

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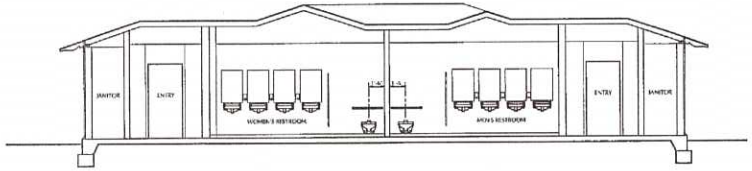

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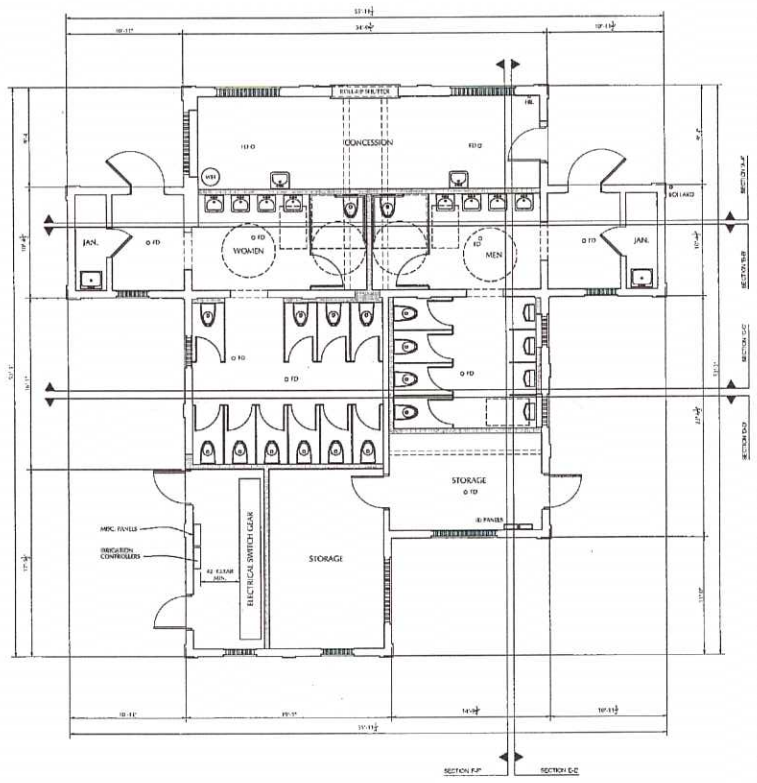

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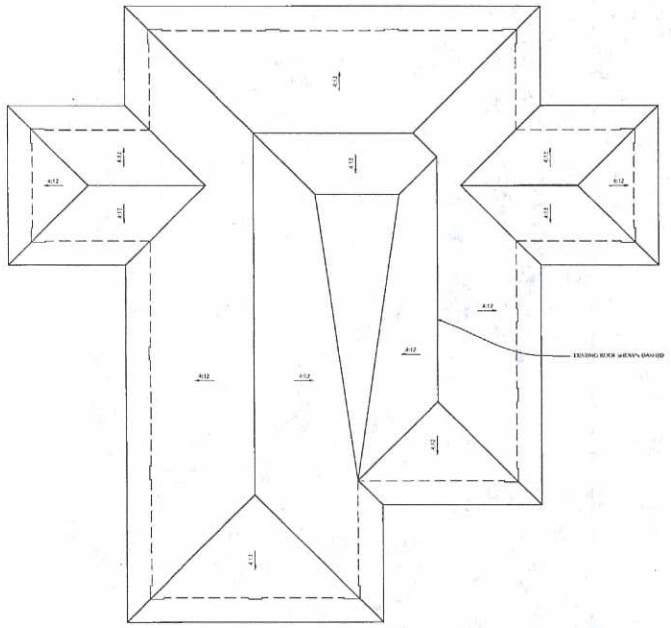

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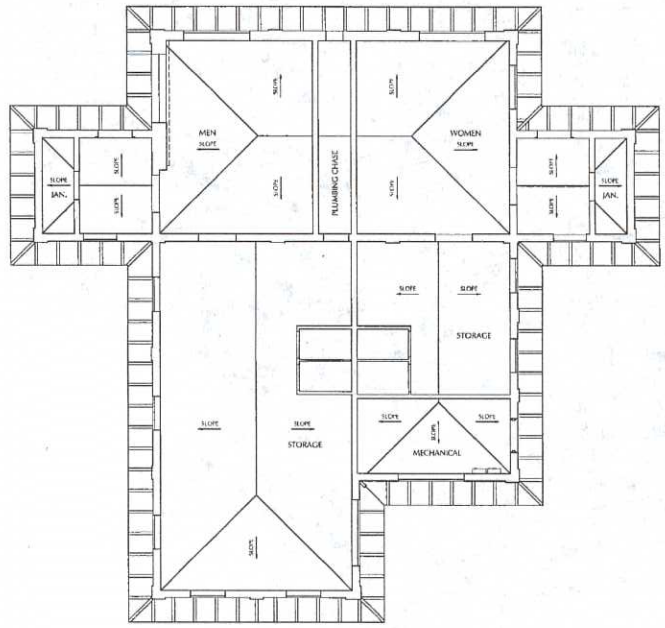

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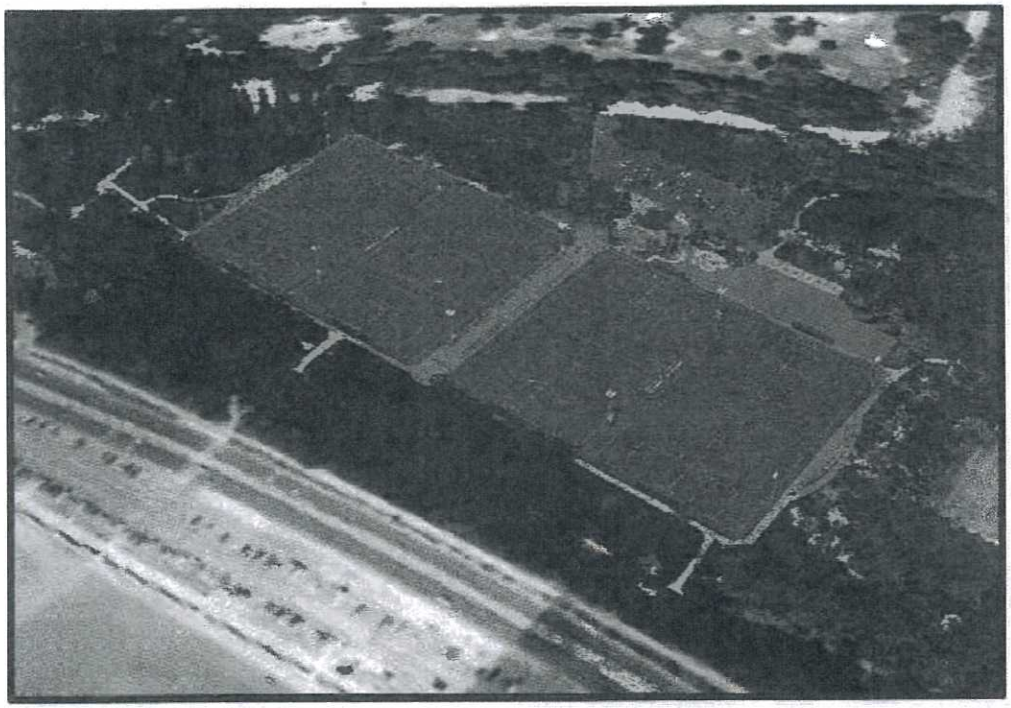

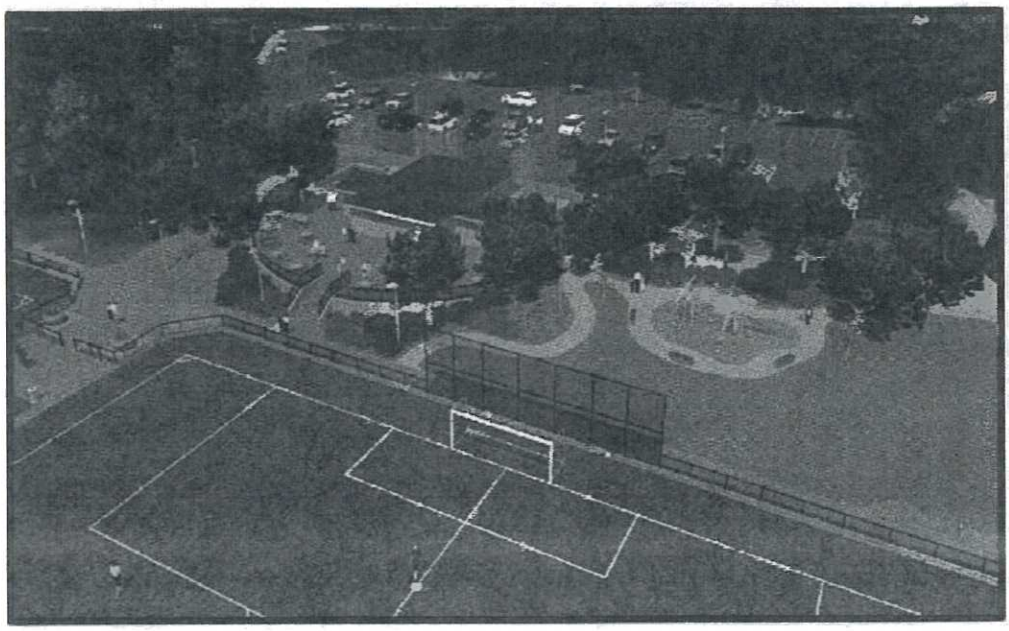

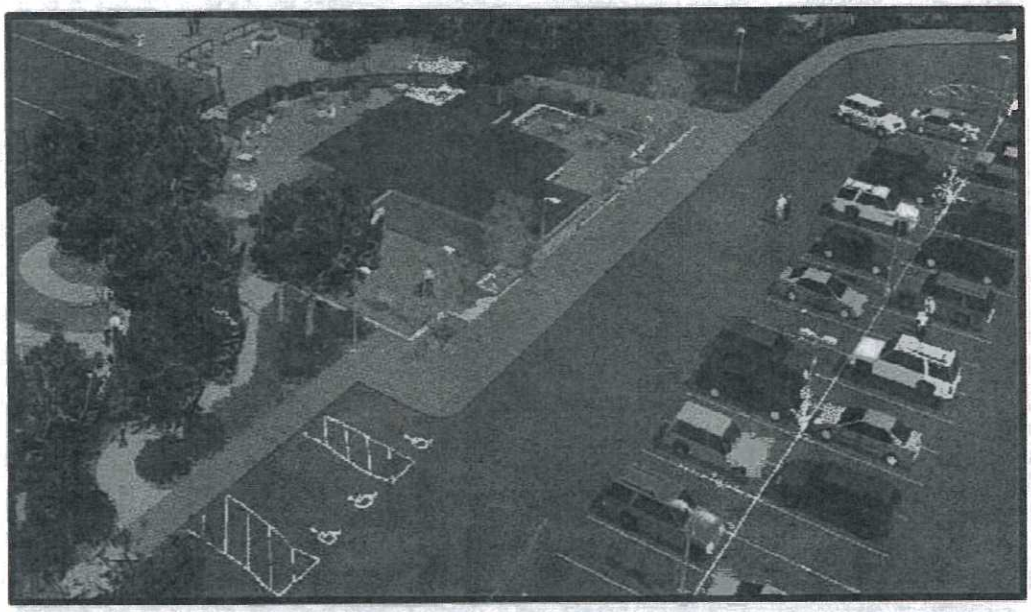

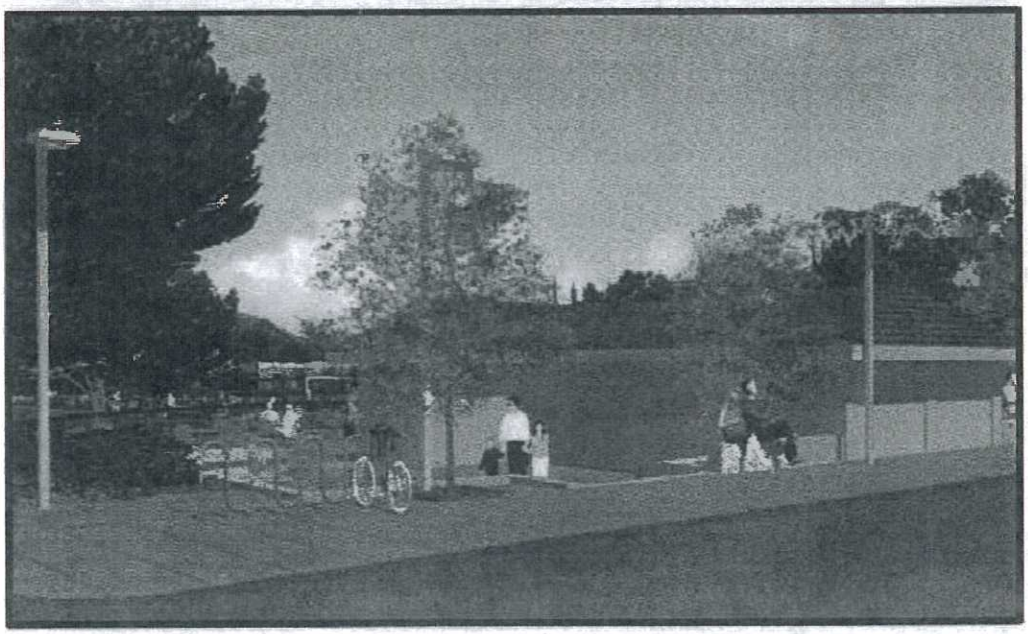

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Exhibit 5: Appeals of City and County of San Francisco's CDP Decision

Exhibit 6: Applicant's Response to Appeals

Exhibit 7: Correspondence Received

These exhibits are available for review in the Commission's North Central Coast District Office.

Exhibits 5, 6, and 7

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APPEAL FROM COASTAL PERMIT DECISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Please Review Attached Appeal Information Sheet Prior To Completing This Form.

SECTION I. Appellant(s)

Name: **Gregory P. Miller and co-appellants (see attached sheets for signing page only for co-appellants)**

Mailing Address: **1243 42nd Avenue**

City: **San Francisco, CA** **Zip Code:** **94122** **Phone:** **415-710-2403**

SECTION II. Decision Being Appealed

1. Name of local/port government:

City and County of San Francisco

2. Brief description of development being appealed:

Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (State Clearinghouse No. 2011022005): The Project proposes to replace the soccer fields with artificial turf. The Project includes the installation of ten 60-foot tall lights which will broadcast 150,000 watts of light into a heretofore dark portion of the park and also impact Ocean Beach from dusk until 10:00 p.m., every night of the year. The Project also includes installation of seating for over 1,000 spectators, expansion of the parking lot by 33% , replacement of dirt/grass paths with pavement or crushed concrete, renovation of a building on site, installation of 60 additional light poles for pathway and parking lot lighting, loss of at least 55 trees, and installation of additional amenities for visitors.

3. Development's location (street address, assessor's parcel no., cross street, etc.):

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are located within the Coastal Zone at 1500 John F. Kennedy Drive, Block/Lot 1700/001, cross streets JFK and Bernice Rodgers, in the western end of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, California. Night lighting will be plainly visible from Ocean Beach, and is authorized 365 nights per year from dusk until 10:00 p.m.

4. Description of decision being appealed (check one.):

☒ Approval; no special conditions

☐ Approval with special conditions:

☐ Denial

Note: For jurisdictions with a total LCP, denial decisions by a local government cannot be appealed unless the development is a major energy or public works project. Denial decisions by port governments are not appealable.

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMISSION:

APPEAL NO: A-2-SNF-12-020

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5. Decision being appealed was made by (check one):

☐ Planning Director/Zoning Administrator

☐ City Council/Board of Supervisors

☒ Planning Commission

☒ Other - San Francisco Board of Appeals

6. Date of local government's decision: May 24, 2012- Planning Commission Motion # 18640 approving the permit; August 1, 2012 -Board of Appeals Denial of Appeal; September 12, 2012. Board of Appeals - denial of rehearing.

7. Local government's file number (if any): Local Coast Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P

SECTION III. Identification of Other Interested Persons

Give the names and addresses of the following parties. (Use additional paper as necessary.)

a. Name and mailing address of permit applicant:

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, Attn: Dan Mauer, 30 Van Ness 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102
;

b. Names and mailing addresses as available of those who testified (either verbally or in writing) at the city/county/port hearing(s). Include other parties which you know to be interested and should receive notice of this appeal.

(1)
San Francisco Planning Department, Attn: John Rahaim, Director of Planning, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400. San Francisco, CA 94103

(2) San Francisco Vikings Soccer Club, 2521 Judah St., San Francisco, CA 94122

(3) City Fields Foundation, 1714 Stockton Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94133

(4) Mayor Edwin M. Lee, San Francisco City Hall, Room 200. 1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place, SF, CA 94102

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SECTION IV. Reasons Supporting This Appeal

PLEASE NOTE:

- Appeals of local government coastal permit decisions are limited by a variety of factors and requirements of the Coastal Act. Please review the appeal information sheet for assistance in completing this section.
- State briefly **your reasons for this appeal**. Include a summary description of Local Coastal Program, Land Use Plan, or Port Master Plan policies and requirements in which you believe the project is inconsistent and the reasons the decision warrants a new hearing. (Use additional paper as necessary.)
- This need not be a complete or exhaustive statement of your reasons of appeal; however, there must be sufficient discussion for staff to determine that the appeal is allowed by law. The appellant, subsequent to filing the appeal, may submit additional information to the staff and/or Commission to support the appeal request.

The Project (permit 2010.0016P - Beach Chalet Soccer Fields) is appealable under the California Coastal Act and the SF Local Coastal Program (LCP).

(1) Appealable Development:

The Beach Chalet Athletics Fields complex (The Project) does not conform to the standards set forth in the San Francisco Local Coastal Program (LCP). The LCP for the San Francisco shoreline is embodied in the Western Shoreline Area Plan of the San Francisco General Plan. Inconsistencies include:

- Policy 3.1 "Emphasize the naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use." *The Project is inconsistent with the LCP because it fails to protect the naturalistic quality of the western end of Golden Gate Park by installing ten new 60-foot-tall lamp poles that will broadcast up to 150,000 watts of light 365 nights a year until 10:00 pm, by adding an additional 60 light poles for path and parking lighting, by adding concrete and asphalt to a vegetated area, by adding bleacher/seating for over 1,000 visitors in an area with no current built-in seating, by expanding the parking lot by 33%, by installing plastic grass in place of over 7 acres of existing turf, by introducing all of these rectilinear elements to an area that should emphasize soft, curvilinear lines.*

- Policy 3.2 "Continue to implement a long-term reforestation program at the western portion of the park." *The project will result in deforestation, by removing over 55 trees, which is contrary to the mandate for reforestation. The trees are being removed to allow for larger playing fields and a larger parking lot; therefore, there is no room for replacement trees to be planted within the same area.*

I/We urge the CCC to overturn the Planning Commission's approval of Local Coastal Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P because the project, as submitted, is not consistent with the LCP.

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Co-appellant contact information -- **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LIST OF CO-APPELLANTS AND CO-APPELLANT SIGNATURE PAGES.**

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Burns	Julie	Founder	Friends of Land's End
Jungreis	Jason		Friends of Land's End
Bar-David	Ilana		Friends of Sutro Heights Park
Frykman	John	Founder	Friends of Sutro Heights Park
Bernhardt	Dawne		Friends of Washington Square
Englander	Sue		Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
Lentz	Cathy Roberts	Treasurer	Parkmerced Action Coalition
Meyer	Amy	Chair	People for a Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Kernaghan	Ellen		Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Assoc.
Fukuda	Hiroshi	President	Richmond Community Assoc.
Head	Charles	President	S.H.A.R. P.
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Mosgofian	Denis	Board	Take Back Our Parks
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Posthumus	Johannes		
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Romano	David		
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Judith Berkowitz

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Date August 6, 2012

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1. Full Name Judith Berkowitz President

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COALITION FOR SAN FRANCISCO NEIGHBORHOODS

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Ilana Bar-David
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1. Full Name Ilana Bar-David

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Dawne Bernhardt

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Susan Englander

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Cathy Roberts Treasurer

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Sunset-Parkside Education Action Committee

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Charles Robbins Arnold

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K. Bard

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Hilary Benoit

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Scott R. Benoit

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8/7/2012

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Judith Berkowitz, President, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods

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Nancy Berry

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Date August 31, 2012

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Michael Grant

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Eugene A Brodsky

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Frank Joseph Butler, AIA

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Angela Calabrese

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Philip D. Carleton

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Chuck Chan

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Arthur Chang

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Linda I Chapman
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Date August , 2012
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Penelope Clark

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Date Sept 18 [redacted], 2012

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R. Clayton

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Alex Colanero

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Munzer Dajani

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Renay Davis

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John de Forest

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Date ~~August~~ Sept. 4, 2012 John de Forest

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Mark D Giorgio

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Annemarie A. Donjacour

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Alexander Engleman

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Date August 31, 2012

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~~Date~~

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Terence John Faulkner, J.D.
Signature(s) of co - Appellant(s) - individuals or authorized officer for a group- Signatures must be originals

Date August 16, 2012

: Terence John Faulkner, J.D.

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~~Date~~ _____

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Date August 10, 2012

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~~Date~~

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Michael Fraley

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Date : August 10, 2012

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~~Date~~ _____

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Oscar L Frick

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Date : August 21, 2012

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Date August 11, 2012

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Paula Ginsburg

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Date August 6, 2012

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Mary Michaele Gloor

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Date : August 7, 2012

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~~Date~~ : _____

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Signature(s) of co - Appellant(s) - individuals or authorized officer for a group- Signatures must be originals

Date August 18, 2012

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Jonathan Goldberg

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Date August 4, 2012

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~~Date~~

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Charlotte Hennessy

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Date August 8, 2012

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~~Date~~ _____

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Date August 10, 2012

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Date August 3, 2012

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Date 9/18, 2012

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Date : August 5, 2012

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Joan Intrator

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Date August , 2012

8/18/2012

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~~Date~~ _____

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Date August 9, 2012

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Date : [redacted], 2012
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Ed Kachmarik

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Steve Kaneda

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Date August 6 , 2012

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_____
~~Signature of Appellant(s)~~

~~Date~~ ____

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Kathleen J. Keeler

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Date August 27, 2012

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~~Signature of Appellant(s)~~

~~Date~~ _____

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~~Date~~ : _____

Co-appellant contact information -- **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

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Richard Kilmer

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~~Signature of Appellant(s)~~

~~Date~~

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~~Signature of Appellant(s)~~

~~Date~~: _____

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James C. Lansing

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R Liggett

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Charles M. Marsteller

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Edward Mason

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Jan Matejcik

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Keren McConlogue

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Phillip Mercurio

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Date : [redacted], 2012
September 15, 2012

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Mary Anne Miller

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Date August 3, 2012

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Justin V. Morgan

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Margaret E Mori
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Date August 9, 2012

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Jane Morrison

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Date August 18 2012

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John Muzzatti

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Katherine B Nammacher

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John Nulty

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June A. Osterberg

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Linda Ray

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Date : August , 2012
August 8, 2012

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Nancy B Ream

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Mary Ann Ring

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Date : August , 2012 Aug 08. 2012

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David Romano

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Nancy Rossman

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Daryl Skrabak

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Date 8 August , 2012

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C Slechta

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Mary Spoer

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Heather F. Spiro

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Kathleen Stein

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Lorri Ungaretti

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Daniel A. Vago

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Joyce Warriner

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Joan S Wood

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RE: Appeal From Coastal Commission Permit Decision of Local Government Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project

Dear California Coastal Commission:

We are submitting the enclosed appeal form (including attachments) regarding the Planning Commission's May 24, 2012 motion #18640 approving permit 2010.0016P, the Board of Appeals' August 1, 2012 decision denying appeal, and the Board of Appeals' September 12, 2012 decision denying a rehearing request for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation Project (State Clearing House No. 2011022005). Please file the enclosed appeal form and return the received stamped copy in the self addressed, postage pre-paid envelope provided.

Please call me at 510-836-4200 if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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Please Review Attached Appeal Information Sheet Prior To Completing This Form.

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Mailing Address: 1243 42nd Avenue

City: San Francisco, CA Zip Code: 94122 Phone: 415-710-2402

SECTION II. Decision Being Appealed

1. Name of local/port government:

City and County of San Francisco

2. Brief description of development being appealed:

Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (State Clearinghouse No. 2011022005): The Project proposes to replace the soccer fields and certain adjacent trees with artificial turf. The Project includes the installation of ten 60-foot tall light poles which will broadcast 150,000 watts of light into a heretofore dark portion of the park and also impact Ocean Beach from dusk until 10:00 p.m., every night of the year. The Project also includes installation of seating for over 1,000 spectators, expansion of the parking lot, replacement of dirt/grass paths with pavement or crushed concrete, renovation of a building on site, installation of 60 additional light poles for pathway and parking lot lighting, removal 44 trees without replacement, and installation of additional amenities for visitors.

3. Development's location (street address, assessor's parcel no., cross street, etc.):

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are located within the Coastal Zone at 1500 John F. Kennedy Drive, Block/Lot 1700/001, cross streets JFK and Bernice Rodgers, in the western end of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, California (see map attached). Night lighting will be plainly visible from Ocean Beach, and is authorized 365 nights per year from dusk until 10:00 p.m.

4. Description of decision being appealed (check one.):

☒ Approval; no special conditions

☐ Approval with special conditions:

☐ Denial

Note: For jurisdictions with a total LCP, denial decisions by a local government cannot be appealed unless the development is a major energy or public works project. Denial decisions by port governments are not appealable.

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMISSION:

APPEAL NO: A-2-SNF-12-020

DATE FILED: 10/5/12

DISTRICT: North Central Coast

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5. Decision being appealed was made by (check one):

☐ Planning Director/Zoning Administrator

☐ City Council/Board of Supervisors

☒ Planning Commission

☒ Other - San Francisco Board of Appeals

6. Date of local government's decision: May 24, 2012 (Planning Commission's Motion # 18640 approving permit); August 1, 2012 (Board of Appeals' decision denying appeal); September 12, 2012 (Board of Appeals' decision denying rehearing request)

7. Local government's file number (if any): Local Coast Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P

SECTION III. Identification of Other Interested Persons

Give the names and addresses of the following parties. (Use additional paper as necessary.)

a. Name and mailing address of permit applicant:

San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, Attn: Dan Mauer, 30 Van Ness 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102

b. Names and mailing addresses as available of those who testified (either verbally or in writing) at the city/county/port hearing(s). Include other parties which you know to be interested and should receive notice of this appeal.

(1) San Francisco Vikings Soccer Club, 2521 Judah St., San Francisco, CA 94122

(2) City Fields Foundation, 1714 Stockton Street Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94133, Phone: (415) 837-5403

(3) John Rahaim and Scott Sanchez, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission St., Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103-2470

(4) Edwin M. Lee, Mayor of San Francisco, City Hall, Room 200, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102

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SECTION IV. Reasons Supporting This Appeal

PLEASE NOTE:

- Appeals of local government coastal permit decisions are limited by a variety of factors and requirements of the Coastal Act. Please review the appeal information sheet for assistance in completing this section.
- State briefly **your reasons for this appeal**. Include a summary description of Local Coastal Program, Land Use Plan, or Port Master Plan policies and requirements in which you believe the project is inconsistent and the reasons the decision warrants a new hearing. (Use additional paper as necessary.)
- This need not be a complete or exhaustive statement of your reasons of appeal; however, there must be sufficient discussion for staff to determine that the appeal is allowed by law. The appellant, subsequent to filing the appeal, may submit additional information to the staff and/or Commission to support the appeal request.

The Project (permit 2010.0016P - Beach Chalet Soccer Fields) is appealable under the California Coastal Act and the SF Local Coastal Program ("LCP"). In fact, the Coastal Commission staff wrote a letter to the San Francisco Planning Commission on June 13, 2012, stating, "the project is appealable [to the Coastal Commission] and must be noticed as such." The Coastal Commission informed the City by the same correspondence that the City "misleads the public" by informing them that the matter is not appealable to the California Coastal Commission ("CCC"). The CCC letter states:

(1) Appealable Development:

Coastal Act Section 30603 specifies the types of development that are appealable to the Commission, including "(5) Any development which constitutes a major public works project…" Section 13012(b) of the Commission's regulations defines major public works, in part, as "publicly financed recreational facilities that serve, affect, or otherwise impact regional or statewide use of the coast by increasing or decreasing public recreational opportunities or facilities" as projects that constitute major public works projects.

The proposed project is being funded by the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. Therefore, given the above standards for determining whether development is appealable to the Commission, **the subject alterations being made to the facilities at the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields at Golden Gate Park (2010.0016P) constitute a type of development that is appealable to the California Coastal Commission.**

The Project (development) is appealable because it does not conform to the standards set forth in the San Francisco coastal project. The LCP for the San Francisco shoreline is embodied in the Western Shoreline Area Plan of the San Francisco General Plan. Inconsistencies include:

- Policy 3.1 "Emphasize the *naturalistic* landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use." The project is inconsistent with the LCP because it fails to protect the naturalistic quality of the western end of Golden Gate Park by (1) installing ten new 60-foot-tall light poles that will broadcast 150,000 watts of light every night of the year until 10:00 pm and would be highly visible not only during the day but also at night in an area of the park which has been historically dark at night. In fact the EIR stated "[t]he addition of new poles and lights would alter the character defining land patterns within the Athletic Field by introducing *a large - scale lighting element which is incompatible with the informal and naturalistic character of the fields, the surrounding Park area, and the adjacent Ocean Beach*; and (2) removing up to 11 acres of naturally-growing grass and

permanently replacing them with artificial turf and removing 60 trees.

- Policy 3.2 "Continue to implement a long-term *reforestation* program at the western portion of the park." The project will result in deforestation, by removing 60 trees, which is contrary to the mandate for reforestation. The trees are being removed to allow for larger fields; therefore, there is no room for replacement trees to be planted within the same area.

Please see attached the July 12, 2012 letter to Board of Permit Appeal Members. For the reasons set forth above and the reasons contained in the July 12, 2012 letter including its attachments, we urge the CCC to overturn the Planning Commission's approval of Local Coastal Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P because the project, as submitted, is not consistent with the LCP.

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Date: September 19, 2012

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Date: 9-19-12

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Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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cc: Kevin Kahn

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am a San Francisco resident, natural history educator and presently a researcher at the California Academy of Sciences through their Ornithology Department. I became aware of the proposal to install synthetic fields at the Beach Chalet Soccer fields early on through friends at organizations I am closely involved in. I'm an active citizen science volunteer for the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory and a natural history instructor for the Golden Gate Audubon Society amongst others. Since 2007 I have lead a team of researchers studying raptor nesting in urban areas (the San Francisco Bay Area Raptor Nest Study) and have become very familiar with raptor and other avian species territories, nest locations and behaviors especially in Golden Gate Park which contains the majority of raptor territories in San Francisco outside of The Presidio.

Initially I was curious about the debate over the Beach Chalet Soccer Field proposal then, once I studied it in detail, became alarmed and ultimately became very opposed. At this point I'm both perplexed that this ill conceived project has made it this far in the process and dismayed that the city of San Francisco would so strongly push a development that has been shown to add hundreds of tons of toxic fill to our waste stream and will pollute millions of gallons of fresh water. As an expert in avian science I'm also appalled that the city is ignoring the numerous scientific studies on the effects of night lighting on migrating birds. As you know a large percentage of western birds follow the Pacific Flyway during both spring and fall migration and many if not most of them fly along the coast at night. Then there is the remnant wintering population of the nearly extinct Western Snowy Plover. Less than 2500 individuals left – about 40 overwinter within view of the proposed project that would light up their night roost.

In November of 2011, along with two colleagues, I met with reporter Lisa Carmack of the Bay Guardian to tour and discuss the artificial turf issue at the Beach Chalet. During our 30 minute walk I identified 27 species of birds by sight and sound, well over 100 individual birds that were using the grass soccer fields and immediate surroundings to feed on a variety of vegetation, insects. Included in that list was a bonded pair of adult Red-shouldered Hawks who were hunting Botta's Pocket Gophers along the perimeter. That was only a 30 minute survey on a drizzly day in November. Over the course of a year many more species and thousands of birds can be documented. As I'm sure you are aware, birds in general, raptors and owls in particular, are the most effective natural pest control agents there are. These will be extirpated.

A defective EIR: I have read in its entirety the Draft Environmental Impact Report commissioned by the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. Based on my own studies I found it to grossly underestimate the impacts on biological resources within the project area in many ways including:

I specifically challenged the species inventory of the two wildlife survey's described in Section IV.F-5 and IV.F-6 of the EIR survey. As a participant of many nest surveys both professional and as a volunteer, while I recognize that birds nests are by design very difficult to detect, a finding of no active nests in the project impact area is almost impossible to believe. The paltry description of avian species identified strongly suggests that the wildlife survey was woefully inadequate for this area. Wildlife moves around, lies in hiding while resting and generally avoids activity when humans are and an inattentive biologist will miss much. Also a single nest survey in May will necessarily miss many species that nest before and after that month.

Regardless of the survey team's inability to find active nests however, the planned removal of over seven acres of grassland and woodland habitat will be a death sentence for the wildlife that use this area today. These animals can not, as the report implies, simply move to another area. Other areas are already in use by other animals surviving in remaining open space areas. Other areas are at their biological limits already and are fully subscribed. This is the simple biological fact that the producers of the Draft EIR were in denial of. This particular pair of Red-shouldered Hawks (that one group I organize, the SF Bay Area Raptor Nest Study has been monitoring since 2007) is a long established pair that uses this area as their primary diner. If this verdant habitat is plasticized and lit up these birds will try to move on but will only run into another territorial pair, conflict will ensue, the result being the removal of this biological resource along with an amount equal to all of the other wildlife that is now using this area including birds, mammals and insects.

Add on top of that the effective removal of the perimeter habitat that will be lit up until 10:00 PM most nights of the year. These areas can not be used for nocturnal animals that use it to feed or diurnal animals that need it to rest from the high demands of surviving in an near-urban environment. The large increase in traffic from humans will also have a negative effect on these animals.

In my professional opinion as an avian researcher and natural history educator the Draft EIR was negligent in addressing the extent of the significant Biological Resource environmental impacts. That the report was commissioned by the SF Recreation & Parks Department who has whole-heartedly endorsed the artificial turf project (without any environmental consideration) as a money maker and only begrudgingly and at the threat of lawsuit commissioned the EIR in itself is ethically challenging.

An EPA study of artificial turf & tire crumb includes a long list of metals and compounds that have long been associated with a host of human ailments. It has also been proven that once these particles are installed, they begin breaking down as they are exposed to light and air and then begin migrating into the ground, eventually to the aquifer. These particles end up in player's clothing, hair and also are inhaled & ingested by players. Twenty years down the road we'll be figuring out how to rid ourselves of these contaminants – but it will be too late - they will have made it into the water table by then. Water that will need to be treated once it has come into contact with these substances. My brother, Eric Bartley, a very experienced and LEED certified Landscape Architect describes to me a project he was brought into a few years after synthetic play fields were installed. Part of the standard installation for synthetic play fields includes the installation of perforated PVC pipes underneath the Tire Crumb. One of the several problems that my brother was made aware of is that the tire crumb would gradually break down and when it rains or is cleaned the water picks up these particles and eventually clogs the perforated PVC pipes that would put in as drainage. Maintenance staff would then need to clean the tarry, sticky goo out of the PVC pipes so that they would drain properly. Of course these same products were working their way into the aquifer and other water ways. Here's a list and a link from the EPA of what we can expect:

http://www.epa.gov/nerl/documents/tire_crumbs.pdf
Heavy metals, volatile compounds and petrochemicals the EPA detected in Tire Crumb include:

a. Barium
b. Arsenic
c. Cadmium
d. Chromium
e. Cobalt
f. Copper
g. Lead
h. Manganese
i. Mercury
j. Nickel
k. Sulfur
l. Zinc
m. Nylon
n. Polyester
o. Rayon

Another concern is that this project will replace the natural green house gas sequestering system that is in place with recycled petrochemical products which produce green house gases. The EPA study found these off-gassing compounds in artificial turf fields:

Benzothizole – known to be harmful if swallowed or inhaled;
Toluene - a skin, eye, and respiratory irritant and can cause headaches;
Acetone - a skin, eye, and respiratory irritant which can affect the central nervous system
Acenaphthene - a known carcinogen
Naphthalene – kills moths – what else?
Others include:

a. Aniline
b. Benzene
c. Chloroethane
d. Halogenated flame retardants
e. Isoprene
f. Methyl ethyl ketone
g. Methyl isobutyl ketone
h. Phenol
i. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
j. Styrene-butadiene
k. Trichloroethylene

Perhaps not as scary, but a problem nonetheless is the projects lack of an "end of life" plan – a massive 400 ton per 10 year cycle of toxic landfill waste.

This area is not the native, now rare, California coastal dune habitat that was removed when settlers and then the park removed it to make way for what is there now. It is not the pristine wilderness it was and it is impractical to consider returning it to such. But it is a testament to the resourcefulness and resiliency of our remaining wildlife that many native species have adapted to what is available to them now. Unfortunately that will never be the case with artificial turf. Plastic fields are a barren, toxic wasteland as far as animals are concerned and these animals will go away, not to another place as is naively being suggested, but go away as in extirpated from this life forever or until the area is returned to a vegetative condition. If we subscribe to the myopic vision that only threatened or endangered species need be considered and protected, then uncommon and common species will become threatened and endangered. We only need look at the list of endangered species now to see that.

Thank you for accepting and considering my comments.

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Effects of Night Lighting from Proposed Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation, San Francisco, California

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Catherine Rich, J.D., M.A.

March 26, 2013

1 Introduction

The City of San Francisco (City) proposes to replace existing turf playing fields at the western end of Golden Gate Park with new synthetic turf fields, sports field lighting, benches and seating for spectators, and new parking and path infrastructure. The project also includes renovation of the restroom building. The City prepared a Draft and a Final Environmental Impact Report (DEIR/FEIR) for the project (State Clearinghouse No. 2011022005) and issued a Coastal Development Permit, which has been appealed to the California Coastal Commission.

This report is an analysis of the effects of the proposed project on coastal zone resources, with a focus on impacts to biological resources from night lighting. The expert qualifications of the authors, Travis Longcore, Ph.D. and Catherine Rich, J.D., M.A., are outlined below (Section 6). Both authors have particular experience in the ecological effects of artificial night lighting (Longcore and Rich 2004; Rich and Longcore 2006; Longcore et al. 2008; Longcore 2010; Rodrigues et al. 2011; Longcore et al. 2012, 2013) and in the ecology and natural history of the natural communities of California.

The project proposal and analysis set forth in the EIR does not adequately describe the extent of light pollution that would occur from the new sports field lighting, nor does it take into account the exacerbating effects of the unique weather conditions on the western side of San Francisco and the project site's location 450 feet from the beach. It improperly discounts the potential impacts to biological resources including nesting birds in the park, migratory birds, seabirds, shorebirds, bats, and any other species currently living in the vicinity of the sports fields. The EIR for the proposed project is far too optimistic that mitigation measures such as lamp design will limit any adverse impacts, especially since the EIR for the project fails to exhibit knowledge of the basic physical properties of light or the different ways in which light affects animal species, including humans. In short, and as elaborated below, the proposed project would create a luminous dome of bright white light where it is currently darker than the surrounding city. This dome, especially under foggy conditions (which occur at least one third of the year), would

be the defining visual feature of the nighttime environment in the National Park to the west, and would increase ambient illumination over a wide area to levels that are ecologically disruptive.

2 No Matter How Shielded, Sports Field Lights Cause Light Pollution

The proposed project will cause significant light pollution, despite the use of fully shielded fixtures or compliance with Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) or International Dark-Sky Association guidelines. These guidelines do not address impacts to biological systems or sensitive resources and cannot be relied upon to eliminate impacts in parks or other sensitive areas.

The discussion of light pollution that follows repeats many observations already made in the environmental review process by well-respected Dutch lighting expert Henk Spoelstra (see attached). Despite being provided with these comments, the City of San Francisco has not remedied the many errors in methodology and conclusions identified by Mr. Spoelstra.

The proposed lighting system consists of ten 60-foot light standards, each with ten 1,500-Watt metal halide lamps (DEIR, p. ES-1). Therefore, the sports fields will be illuminated by one hundred 1,500-Watt lamps, which the manufacturer claims will produce 134,000 lumens each. The total amount of light will be 13.4 million lumens over 9.4 acres (excluding parking and walkway lighting). As a comparison, a 60-Watt incandescent bulb produces about 800 lumens, which means that the new sports field lighting will be as bright as 16,750 60-Watt incandescent bulbs.

The main argument in the project proposal and environmental assessment is that all of that light will be directed downward and consequently will not affect the surroundings. The EIR neglects, however, to properly account for scattering and reflection of light.

2.1 Reflectivity of turf

The angle that light shines on a surface affects the amount of light that is reflected by that surface. Research on the reflectivity of artificial turf within the visual spectrum of light (390–700 nm) is not readily available, so for the purpose of analysis, we assume that artificial turf has similar properties and is at least as reflective as natural turf. When light shines straight down on turf, roughly 55% of the light is reflected back upward. When the light is at a 60° angle, as little as 12% of the light is reflected upward. The average amount of light reflected upward from light shining on turf at angles of 60–90° is 20–25% (from figures produced by Dr. C. Baddiley, scientific advisor to the British Astronomical Association Campaign for Dark Skies). The light standards for the proposed project are no more than 240 feet from each other and are 60 feet tall, so all of the light will be shining on the turf at angles of 60–90°. Therefore, the proposed project would result in at least 2.7–3.4 million lumens of light reflected up into the sky across the 9.4-acre site from reflection, in addition to the light reflected onto the trees surrounding the site.

2.2 Light scattering by aerosols

Light is scattered by aerosols in the air. These can be dust, pollen, or droplets of water. The EIR fails to account for the scattering of light from fog and clouds or other aerosols that will take place in the 60 feet between the lamps and the ground, or the exacerbating effect of fog and clouds on the light that is reflected from the turf itself.

Anyone who knows the climate of San Francisco is aware of a line that roughly demarcates the foggy western half of the city from the less foggy eastern half. San Francisco as a whole has over 100 days of fog per year, while the western portion, especially the project site, will have more than 100 foggy nights per year (http://www.currentresults.com/Weather/US/cloud-fog-city-annual.php). Fog is extremely efficient at reflecting light and recent research has shown that foggy conditions result in a sixfold increase in night sky brightness (a measure of light pollution) (Ściężor et al. 2012). Furthermore, clouds reflect light downward, so even if it were only cloudy (and not also foggy), the light reflected downward would be substantially greater than that under a clear sky (Kyba et al. 2011; Ściężor et al. 2012). The environmental documentation for the project does not account for either scattering of light by fog or reflection by clouds.

2.3 Light scattering by air

An assessment of light pollution from the proposed sports field lighting should also consider scattering from molecules in the air, which is known as Rayleigh scattering. This type of scattering increases with shorter wavelengths of light, so the light from proposed full-spectrum lamps will be scattered much more than that from the streetlights along the Great Highway. This is because the streetlights along the Great Highway use high-pressure sodium lamps, which have very little light in the shorter wavelengths of the spectrum, while the proposed sports field project would use metal halide lamps, which produce significantly more light in the shorter wavelengths of the spectrum. It is for this reason that full-spectrum lamps (such as metal halide and LEDs) will cause 10–20% more light pollution than high-pressure sodium lamps of the same luminous output (Bierman 2012).

2.4 Comparison with surrounding area

The proposed sports field lighting would be an order of magnitude brighter than the existing lighting on the nearby Great Highway and beach. One of the arguments offered by the project proponents is that the beach area is already lighted and therefore the additional lights to be installed at the sports fields will have little effect. We counted the number of streetlights on the Great Highway along the edge of Golden Gate Park (including those in the parking lot at the beach), the total of which numbered 51. Conservatively assuming that these high-pressure sodium lamps are, at most, 400-Watts each, the total luminous output along the whole edge of the park would be at most 2.3 million lumens. For the stretch of the Great Highway directly corresponding to the area of the sports fields, there currently are only 18 lights, which produce no more than 810,000 lumens. The sports fields would produce 16.5 times the light along the Great Highway in the same part of the park and six times that along the entire width of Golden Gate Park on the western edge.

As for light reflected up from these two sources, the reflectivity of asphalt is generally lower than that of grass, but for light shining straight downward, the percent reflected does not differ by much. Assuming 20% reflectivity for both asphalt and the sports fields, the light reflected upward from the sports fields would be, as calculated above, 2.7 million lumens, while the streetlights would cause 460,000 lumens of reflected light (Figure 1).

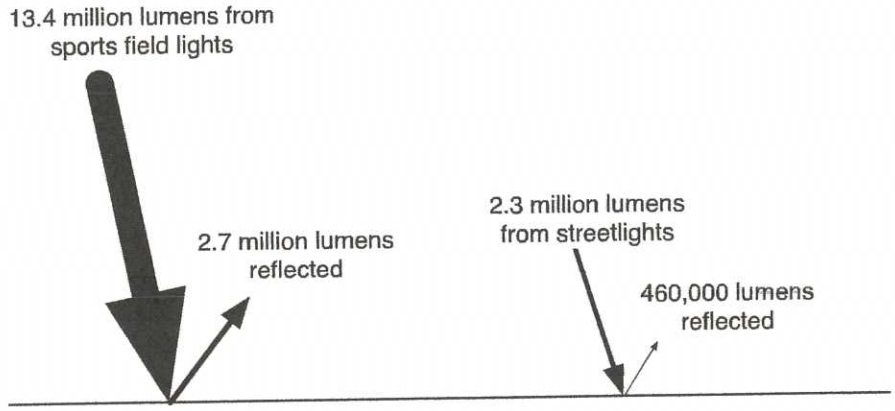

Figure 1. Comparison of total amount of light from proposed sports field project and streetlights along the Great Highway and the amount reflected in clear conditions. Widths of arrows are proportional to total amount of light, and reflectivity is assumed to be 20% reflectivity for both the sports fields and the Great Highway.

In conclusion, the total amount of light produced at the western end of Golden Gate Park will be increased from under 2.3 million lumens (existing streetlights) to 15.7 million lumens. This is a significant adverse impact on the coastal zone. The light reflected ***upward*** from the grass of the sports fields (2.7–3.4 million lumens) will be greater than the total ***downward*** output of all of the streetlights along the western side of the park between Fulton Street and Lincoln Way and will be 3–4 times greater than the output of streetlights between the fields and the beach. During foggy or cloudy conditions, the reflected light from the sports fields will appear dramatically brighter than the existing streetlights, contrary to the claims in the EIR (Kyba et al. 2011).

2.5 Erroneous claims in the EIR about light pollution

The sheer quantity of light proposed at the sports fields belies the conclusions reached in the EIR, which makes some rather incredible claims that are demonstrably inaccurate. Several of these inaccurate and misleading claims are presented and discussed in this section.

Claim: *Thus, the impact of additional artificial lighting on light spillover can depend on such things as the reflectivity and wetness of the synthetic turf, fog conditions, and the phase of the moon. However, even under conservative conditions, the spillover of the lighting would not be expected to travel so far as to adversely and substantially affect the closest neighborhoods, which are located approximately 800 feet from the project site* (EIR, p. IV-B-36).

The claim that the light would not travel to affect nearby neighborhoods is patently false. The

calculations provided to support this claim were provided by Musco Lighting. These calculations do not take into account the reflection of light from the turf and other surfaces at the site, nor do they account for the scattering of light in the atmosphere by fog and other aerosols. The renderings in the aesthetics section of the EIR represent dusk in clear conditions and do not accurately depict the impact this project will have on the surrounding area (see comments from H. Spoelstra). As calculated above, the light reflected upward and outward from the sports fields would be approximately 1.2 times the *total* light output of the streetlights between the fields and the beach. The Great Highway is visible from space (Figure 2), and the new lights would make the sports fields immediately inland to it visible as well, appearing as a swath of green much brighter than the lights of the Great Highway, filling in a currently dark part of the park.

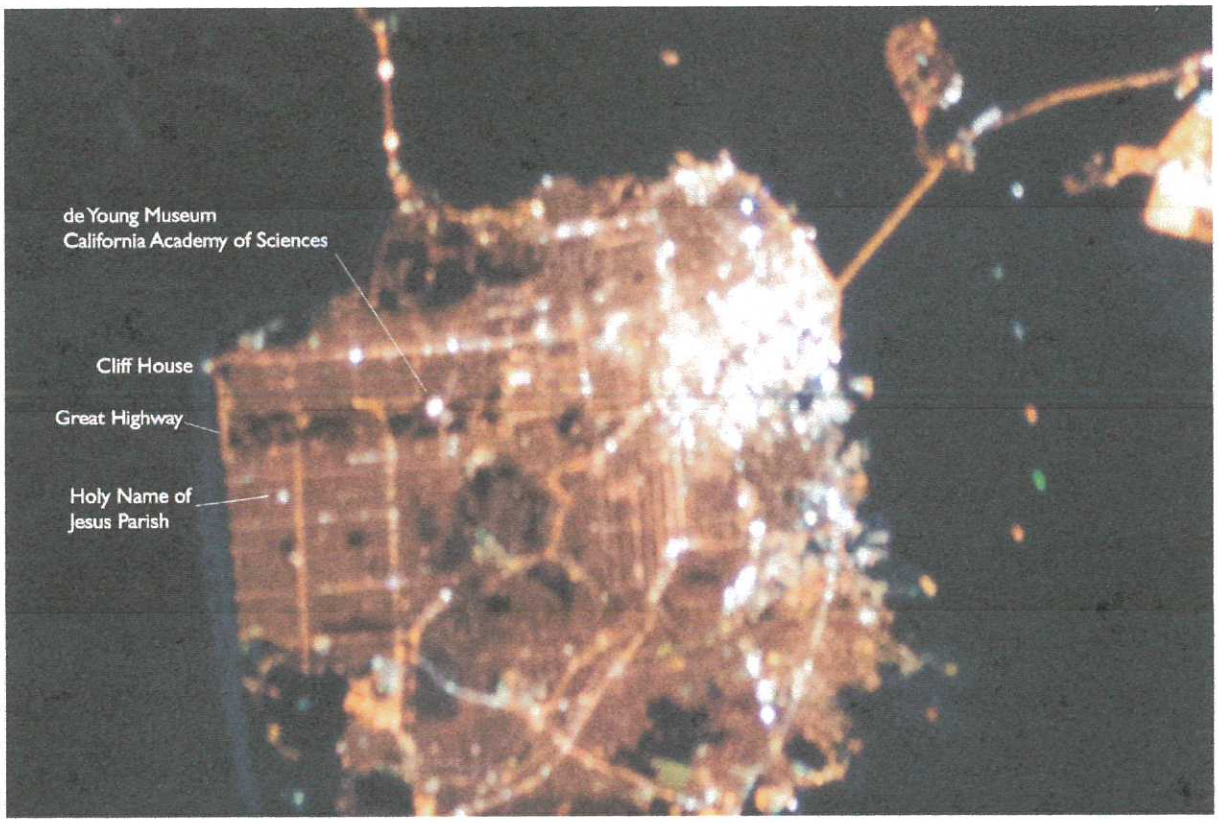

Figure 2. View of San Francisco at night from the International Space Station (ISS034-E-035542, taken January 28, 2013). The overall orange hue is from the use of high-pressure sodium lamps, while the full spectrum bright white of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish lights contrast significantly with the surrounding. When illuminated, the sports fields would be visible from space to the naked eye as a bright green patch.

Claim: *Also, the spillover would not affect the amount of light of the night sky, as the sky appears similar above the athletic field lights as above other areas with no athletic field lights* (EIR, p. IV-B-34).

For this claim to be true, the laws of physics would have to be rewritten. The preparers of the

EIR do not appear to understand the ways in which light is reflected off surfaces or scattered in the atmosphere. Sports fields are the second biggest contributor to light pollution in cities, after commercial districts, and contribute far more to light pollution relative to their area than any other feature (Luginbuhl et al. 2009), except for lights shining directly upward like Holy Name of Jesus Parish in the Sunset District (see Figure 2). It would not be physically possible for the night sky to appear the same above the sports fields with the addition of 2.7–3.4 million lumens of light reflected upward, to say nothing of the even greater night sky brightness that would occur when it is cloudy (four times brighter than clear conditions) or foggy (six times brighter than clear conditions) (Ścięžor et al. 2012).

Claim: *A lighting study prepared for the proposed project by Musco Lighting illustrates that within a very short distance of the project site's boundaries (approximately 150 feet), light measurements at heights of approximately 60, 70, 80, 90, and 100 feet above ground level would drop to zero, due to the shielding and focusing of the lights* (EIR, IV.B-36).

These figures were prepared from the perspective of a lighting designer and measure only the direct illumination from the fixtures in question. They do not incorporate light scattering or reflection, which, as discussed above, can be significant. Furthermore, the figures are prepared in footcandles with a resolution of 0.1 footcandles. This information is inadequate because many animals respond to far lower illumination levels than the 0.1 footcandles provided in the maps. Light from a full moon is 0.03 footcandles. Therefore locations identified as 0.1 footcandles on the applicant's lighting plan would be subjected to illumination more than three times greater than that of a full moon, and that does not even take into account scattering and reflection of light. Because many species exhibit lunar cycles in behavior, the illuminations of the full moon, half moon, and new moon are biologically relevant. Experimental studies have shown animal behavior linked to illumination levels orders of magnitude below 0.1 footcandles. Several examples of groups of organisms likely to be found near the project site are discussed below (Section 3 below).

Furthermore, the figures produced by Musco Lighting do not include the illumination that would result from the 47 pedestrian lights or the 13 parking lot lights included as part of the project. The supporting documentation does not include photometric graphs for the fixtures being proposed, either for the sports field lights or for the parking lot and pathway lights, hampering any outside analysis of the design.

A proper analysis of the impacts of the sports field lighting would include legitimate depictions of the conditions during fog, low cloud cover, and clear sky conditions. As provided, only clear sky conditions are analyzed, which simply does not describe the existing climatic norms at the project site.

Claim: ***Light Spillover*** *- Lighting that extends beyond the targeted area* (EIR, p. X.H-60).

This definition, introduced in the FEIR, reveals remarkable ignorance of lighting issues on the part of the preparers of the EIR. The definition is so vague as to be useless. Light is measured in two different ways, which the definition wrongly conflates into "lighting." Light can be

measured as *illumination*, which is the number of photons incident on a unit area, or as *luminance*, which is a measurement of the amount of light emitted from a particular area. In lay terms, illumination is what allows you to read a newspaper, while luminance is how bright a light appears when you look at it. It seems that the preparers of the EIR are referring only to illumination in their definition of light spillover, because the lighting diagrams provided only measure illumination. However, many species, especially migratory birds and seabirds, are attracted, to their detriment, to the glare of lights that is measured by luminance. Even though the lights of the sports fields may be shielded, the reflection from the fields themselves will produce glare because of the incredible brightness of the lights shining on them. These lights can affect animal behavior and orientation, especially in foggy or overcast weather conditions.

3 Biological Effects of Light Pollution

Illumination is important to understand because it has biological effects. Small mammals respond to illumination in their foraging activities. For example, artificial light of 0.3 and 0.1 lux reduced the activity, movement, or food consumption of a cross-section of rodent species (Clarke 1983; Brillhart and Kaufman 1991; Vasquez 1994; Falkenberg and Clarke 1998; Kramer and Birney 2001). This phenomenon also has been shown in natural (in addition to laboratory) conditions (Kotler 1984). One lux is roughly 0.1 footcandles, so the amounts of light in these studies were ten times smaller than the resolution of the illumination diagrams in the EIR.

Birds can be extremely sensitive to illumination, and extended foraging by species under artificial lights is documented in the literature (Goertz et al. 1980; Sick and Teixeira 1981; Frey 1993; Rohweder and Baverstock 1996). Many species of shorebirds and other waterfowl have been recorded foraging or roosting under artificial lights (Hill 1990; Thibault and McNeil 1994; McNeil and Rompré 1995). Effects of increased illumination on bird behavior also include changes in singing times (Derrickson 1988; Miller 2006; Kempenaers et al. 2010; Longcore 2010). Those birds that sing earliest are responding to increases in illumination so faint that they are undetectable by humans (Thomas et al. 2002), and well below the resolution of the illumination diagrams in the EIR, which ignore reflected and scattered light. Research has not yet been published on the energetic costs of singing in the middle of the night, but it is likely not to be beneficial to the individual.

Luminance, and the visibility of lights themselves (whether or not they increase *illuminance*, the measure of illumination) also affects wildlife species. Even if illumination is not appreciably increased, merely seeing the light from the project can influence animal behavior.

One example where luminance probably is as or more important than illumination is that of breeding bird density and lights. The one experimental study of the effect of streetlights on breeding bird density shows a negative impact from lights much dimmer than those proposed for the sports fields (De Molenaar et al. 2006). The streetlights in De Molnenaar et al.'s study created a maximum illumination of 20 lux (1.8 footcandles). The adverse effects of these lights (decreased density of black-tailed godwit nests) were experienced up to 300 m (984 ft) from these lights, extending into areas with negligible increased illumination, which means that the adverse impact results from the light being visible, rather than the amount of light incident on the sensitive receptor.

Luminance also presumably is the mechanism that attracts birds and insects to lights. Many families of insects are attracted to lights, including moths, lacewings, beetles, bugs, caddisflies, crane flies, midges, hoverflies, wasps, and bush crickets (Sustek 1999; Kolligs 2000; Eisenbeis 2006; Frank 2006). The metal halide lamps proposed to be installed would generate significant emissions in the ultraviolet (UV) spectrum, which would make them very attractive to insects (Eisenbeis 2006; Frank 2006; Eisenbeis and Eick 2011; van Langevelde et al. 2011; Barghini and de Medeiros 2012). Insects attracted to lights are subject to increased predation from a variety of predators, including bats, birds, skunks, toads, and spiders (Blake et al. 1994; Frank 2006).

3.1 Sensitive bird species found within area could be adversely affected by lights

The FEIR does not adequately describe the presence of sensitive bird species that might be affected by the proposed project. The project proponents could have taken advantage of citizen science efforts that document species. In particular, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology maintains a website called eBird where volunteer citizen scientists enter sightings of birds. There are multiple checks on the accuracy of the data and the resulting database is of sufficient quality to support scientific publication of the results (Fitzpatrick et al. 2002; Sullivan et al. 2009). These data have been relied upon in top international scientific journals (e.g., Wood et al. 2011) and the eBird approach is recommended for scientific inquiry into environmental impacts on birds (Loss et al. 2012). These data certainly meet the standards for scientific information in the environmental review process and provide a significant and sometimes contradictory supplement to the effort undertaken by project biologists in the EIR.

3.1.1 Western Snowy Plover

The EIR claims that Western Snowy Plover is absent because of a lack of habitat. Western Snowy Plover does, however, winter along the beach close to the project site and certainly within the range of influence of the proposed lights. A cursory review of eBird data reveals the presence of Western Snowy Plover quite close to the project site. Given that the species is listed under the Endangered Species Act, the project does not have to impact nesting habitat for protections to be required. Rather, any disruption of Western Snowy Plovers habitat of any kind, or the possibility of disruption of the birds themselves, should have triggered consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The proposed project would significantly increase the ambient illumination on the beach that is used by this threatened species, which could have adverse impacts by increasing predation. The advantages given to predators by additional light have been well documented (Gotthard 2000; Longcore and Rich 2004). While it may seem a benefit for diurnal species to be able to forage longer under artificial lights, any gains from increased activity time can be offset by increased predation risk.

The FEIR claims the following:

> The EIR was correct in its determination in Table IV.F-2 that snowy plover are absent from the project site and not exposed to project impacts; the species is most commonly found in and near coastal dune habitat and the protection area is over 400 feet distant from the project site at its closest and separated from the

project area by a major, well lit roadway as well as a fence and a band of generally dense vegetation averaging 200 feet wide (EIR, p. X.L-12).

This argument is not compelling, because the zone of influence of lighting from the proposed project is so much greater than that acknowledged in the EIR. The "well lit roadway" only represents a fraction of the light that will be reflected and scattered from the proposed project, which would produce light in the sky that would be reflected onto plover habitat. Furthermore, the location of the eBird reports for Western Snowy Plovers suggest that the birds are observed over a greater area than indicated in the EIR (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Reported locations of sightings of Western Snowy Plover in vicinity of proposed project (eBird.org). Each blue marker indicates the location of a checklist submitted by a birder who reported Western Snowy Plover.

The EIR fails to analyze what the additional illumination at the beach from the sports fields would do to predation risk for Western Snowy Plovers. As illustrated above, because of reflection of light in the atmosphere, the beach would experience increased illumination when the lights are on at the sports fields. Many species of shorebirds and other waterfowl, including species of plovers, have been recorded foraging or roosting under artificial light (Hill 1990; Thibault and McNeil 1994; McNeil and Rompré 1995). Although plovers forage visually (Evans 1987) and may forage additionally under illuminated conditions, those same conditions increase visibility for predators (Longcore and Rich 2004; Rich and Longcore 2006).

3.1.2 Sensitive raptor species found in project area

The EIR ranks likelihood of presence of Cooper's Hawk as "moderate," yet eBird records show that Cooper's Hawk is present at the project site. It is documented twice in 2012 at the fields themselves (Figure 4). The EIR also ranks likelihood of presence of Red-tailed Hawk as "moderate," when this species is also present at the project site (Figure 5), as is Red-shouldered Hawk (Figure 6).

Figure 4. Reported locations of sightings of Cooper's Hawk in vicinity of proposed project (eBird.org). Each small blue marker indicates the location of a checklist submitted by a birder who reported Cooper's Hawk. Blue markers with flames in them represent checklists from locations known as "birding hotspots" where birders reported Cooper's Hawk. Red markers denote checklists from the last 30 days.

Figure 5. Reported locations of sightings of Red-tailed Hawk in vicinity of proposed project (eBird.org). See above for explanation of symbols.

Figure 6. Reported locations of sightings of Red-shouldered Hawk in vicinity of proposed project (eBird.org). See above for explanation of symbols.

The FEIR acknowledges that more sensitive bird species are present in the project area than assumed in the DEIR, but uniformly asserts that the project will have no impact upon them, despite loss of foraging area and disruption of the nocturnal environment. Yet, the EIR fails to engage any of the relevant literature on disruption of bird reproductive cycles by lights (Rowan 1938; Havlin 1964; Lack 1965; Rees 1982; De Molenaar et al. 2006; Kempenaers et al. 2010) and consequently lacks any evidentiary basis to conclude that these sensitive species will not be affected.

3.1.3 Attraction of migratory birds

The EIR claims that the sports fields will not be an attractant to migratory birds, arguing as follows:

> Given the typical altitude at which migrating birds fly, the fact that the proposed athletic field lights would be shielded, and studies that suggest night-flying birds are attracted to point-sources of light, rather than larger illuminated areas, it is unlikely that the lighting associated with the proposed project would interfere with a migratory corridor or provide a hazard for migratory birds through the phenomenon of light "entrapment" (EIR, p. IV.F-28).

So many things are wrong with this statement that it is hard to decide where to start. Having written and edited several scientific papers and book chapters on bird attraction to and mortality at lighted structures, we are quite familiar with this literature (Gauthreaux and Belser 2006; Longcore et al. 2008; Longcore et al. 2012, 2013).

First, one cannot assess the impacts of lights based on the "typical altitude" at which bird fly. It is well known, and has been well known for decades, that light attraction and associated adverse impacts occur when the cloud ceiling is low (e.g., a storm front is coming through) and birds are forced to a lower altitude (Gauthreaux and Belser 2006; Longcore et al. 2008; Longcore et al. 2012). This argument is completely without merit or basis.

Second, the preparers of the EIR suggest that because the lights would be shielded, there would be no light to attract the birds. This is wrong, because it ignores that light can be reflected and, especially importantly for this project, scattered by fog and reflected by low clouds. In fact, one of the higher mortality events at a wind turbine installation occurred at a location with lights that were at ground level and created a light attraction in conjunction with fog (Kerlinger et al. 2010; Kerlinger et al. 2011). Given that the project site will be foggy half of the year, that the lights would be shielded does not eliminate risk, and even when it is not foggy, the reflected light is more than adequate to attract migratory birds (Lebbin et al. 2007).

The EIR suggests that birds are attracted to "point-sources of light" and not to illuminated areas, when this conclusion is not supported by the literature. One study on juvenile seabirds heading to the ocean from their Hawaiian island nest sites found that attraction was reduced by eliminating the point sources of light (Reed et al. 1985), but this conclusion has not been generalized. In fact, Lebbin et al. (2007) documented an interspecific flock of migratory songbirds that gathered under stadium lighting consisting of 156 1500-Watt metal halide lights illuminating a stadium at a university. Nothing about the design of the lights at Golden Gate

Park would make them any less attractive to migratory birds than the lights in the study. To assert otherwise is wishful thinking on the part of the preparers of the EIR.

The conclusion that the lighted fields would not be an attractive hazard for migratory birds is therefore not based on the best available science and the EIR preparers make unsubstantiated assertions that seem intended to downplay the impacts of the proposed project rather than to identify and avoid those impacts.

3.1.4 Attraction of seabirds

Seabirds are particularly attracted to lights at night (Murphy 1936, Reed et al. 1985), presumably because they cue in on bioluminescent organisms while foraging (Montevecchi 2006). In coastal regions, seabirds such as storm-petrels are routinely observed at athletic stadia, having been attracted to the lights (Montevecchi 2006), including Leach's Storm-Petrel around the lights of Candlestick Park in San Francisco (B. Sydeman pers. comm., in Montevecchi 2006), and Ashy Storm-Petrel at Stanford Stadium in October 2011 (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/south-bay-birds/message/6849). Given that the proposed project is closer to the open ocean than these two sites, it can be expected to attract seabirds, especially during overcast and foggy conditions, when these species fly closer to the shore (Montevecchi 2006). This is of particular concern along the California coast because of the documented high level of attraction to night lights exhibited by the two species of *Synthliboramphus* murrelets, which are of significant conservation concern (Pacific Seabird Group 2002).

3.2 Impacts on bat species not well described

The analysis of impacts to bat species in the project's environmental analysis is muddled at best. The EIR indicates "moderate" potential for two bat species to occur: Yuma myotis (*Myotis yumanensis*) and Western red bat (*Lasiurus blossivilli*). An acoustic survey for bats of San Francisco parks in 2008–2009 documented *Myotis yumanensis* and *Tadarida brasiliensis* in Golden Gate Park (Krauel 2009). Yuma myotis is a California Species of Special Concern and has a foraging range of 2–4 km (Evelyn et al. 2004). Patches of forest with roost sites were 126–416 m (95% CI) from open water in a study from the Bay Area (Evelyn et al. 2004), while the project site is approximately 500 m from North Lake. It therefore follows that the project site is well within the range for foraging by Yuma myotis and potentially even could be host to roost trees, which can be native or exotic as long as they are large (Evelyn et al. 2004).

If ambient illumination were to be increased at a roost site, it would cause adverse effects, and the brightness of the proposed lights ensure that illumination will be increased in the entire area surrounding the project (as discussed above, due to reflection and scattering). One such adverse impact could be a delay in the onset of foraging time resulting from illumination near roosts, which has been shown for several species of bats (Boldogh et al. 2007; Stone et al. 2009).

Studies have furthermore suggested that *Myotis* bats do not forage at streetlights (Furlonger et al. 1987; Rydell 1992), but this may be due in part to not liking to be exposed to light in open habitats, since they will forage on insects attracted to lights set up experimentally in desert scrub (Fenton and Morris 1976; Bell 1980). The existing soccer fields are likely to be a foraging site

for this species of bat because they consume all manner of insects, which would be found at and around a grass field that is regularly irrigated. The project would remove this foraging area and probably decrease any foraging at the preferred interface between the field and forest where insects would be most abundant; forest edges are important insect habitats (Fried et al. 2005), and bats are particularly active along edges (Gehrt and Chelsvig 2003).

We can therefore presume a negative impact on this Species of Special Concern. The EIR dismisses the loss of habitat as being "only" 5% of the foraging area in the park. This calculation is unsupportable; it could only be true if the other grassy areas of the park were not heavily used themselves. Such activities include use of the meadows for concerts that attract hundreds of thousands of people yearly and, in the weeks before, during, and after each event, involve heavy equipment, noise, and other activities inconsistent with bat foraging. Therefore, the loss of this area characterized as "only" 5% of the habitat could be considered a significant loss of coastal zone resources.

3.3 Spectrum of lights proposed increases biological impacts

The environmental analysis for the project does not incorporate any of the voluminous research that shows the differential effects of different wavelengths of light on biological systems (see reviews in Rich and Longcore 2006). Neither the aesthetics analysis nor the biological resources analysis takes into account the wavelengths of light that would be produced by the proposed project. This light, as produced by metal halide lamps, would be much "whiter" than existing lights in the vicinity of the project. The color temperature of the lights proposed for the project would be 5000 to 8000 K, which is a very "cold" blue light (EIR, p. X.H-56). By contrast, incandescent bulbs produce much "warmer" light that does not have emissions in the shorter wavelengths (blue, violet, and ultraviolet) that are present in light from metal halide lamps. A high color temperature appears whiter while a low color temperature appears yellower.

The conclusion from a number of studies on humans and wildlife is that whiter light (that is, full-spectrum light with blue and violet light included) has more adverse impacts (Pauley 2004; Rich and Longcore 2006; van Langevelde et al. 2011; Gaston et al. 2012; Stone et al. 2012).

The blue-heavy spectral character of the metal halide lamps has the potential to affect human health because blue light gives a physiological signal to humans (and other organisms) that it is daytime, disrupting circadian rhythms (Pauley 2004). The wavelengths of light that we see as blue are 500 nanometers (nm) and shorter. Light of these wavelengths, when sufficiently bright, suppresses the production of the hormone melatonin in humans and other animals. This can occur at levels previously thought to be too dim to have any effect (< 1 lux, while a streetlight illuminates to 15–100 lux) (Brainard et al. 2001). Melatonin is naturally produced at night as humans sleep and provides many health benefits, including playing a role in preventing breast and prostate cancer (Davis et al. 2001). Scientists have shown that regions of the world with high levels of outdoor lighting have higher breast and prostate cancer rates. For example, studies have shown:

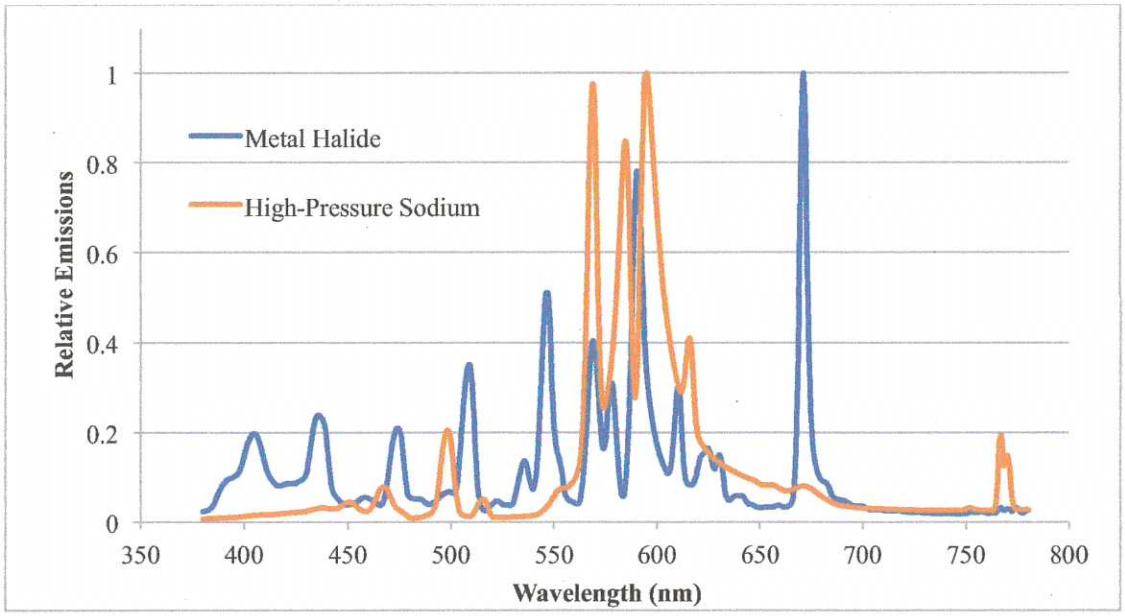

Figure 7. Comparison of emissions from metal halide lamps (proposed sports fields) and high-pressure sodium lamps (existing streetlights). Estimated with available spectral curves for 100-Watt metal halide and 150-Watt high-pressure sodium lamps (Elvidge et al. 2010). The metal halide lamps have significantly more emissions in the blue, violet, and ultraviolet (< 495 nm) and consequently cause greater sky glow and have greater potential influence on circadian rhythms (which peak at 460–490 nm) (Pauley 2004).

- Breast cancer tumors that are grafted onto rats grow much faster when nourished by blood from women exposed to light at night (i.e., low melatonin) than do tumors nourished by blood taken from women who were in darkness before the blood draw (i.e., high melatonin) (Blask et al. 2005).
- Women who report having more light in their bedrooms are at significantly greater risk of breast cancer than women who report that their bedrooms are dark (Kloog et al. 2011).
- Globally, breast cancer risk in countries with the brightest outdoor lighting is 30–50% greater than countries with the lowest outdoor lighting, even when accounting for other demographic differences (Kloog et al. 2010).
- Within a country (Israel), the level of outdoor lighting was significantly associated with breast cancer risk after all other demographic and ethnic variables were controlled (Kloog et al. 2008).
- Risk of prostate cancer was found to be significantly greater for men living in areas of the world that have the most outdoor lighting, when all other factors were controlled (Kloog et al. 2009).

Exposure to light at night and associated sleep disruptions, which can be caused by bright streetlights outside houses and apartments, is also associated with depression, insomnia, mood disruptions, weight gain, and metabolic disruption (Chepesiuk 2009; Fonken and Nelson 2011).

3.4 Beach and shoreline ecology is vulnerable to light pollution

The inland end of the beach of the Pacific Ocean is only about 450 feet from the proposed lights. Even though human visitors heavily use this beach, it is also an important habitat for other species, and is especially used at times when human use is lower (e.g., at night).

As a general rule, additional light, whether moonlight or artificial light, increases foraging efficiency of predators and reduces activity of prey (Longcore and Rich 2004; Rich and Longcore 2006; Seligmann et al. 2007). This phenomenon has been shown many times in different habitats, including beaches (Bird et al. 2004). For example, ghost crabs are active only at night, and avoid activity under both the full moon (Schlacher et al. 2007) and artificial light (Christoffers III 1986).

Effects from lights near shorelines may also affect aquatic ecosystems. For example, the predator-prey dynamics of fish and marine mammals are affected by lights (Hobson 1965; Hobson et al. 1981; Yurk and Trites 2000; Nightingale et al. 2006). In general, additional light provides benefits for predators, except when their prey are schooling species, in which case the predator defense mechanism of a school is enhanced (Nightingale et al. 2006).

Shorebirds sometimes forage at night (Dugan 1981; Burger and Gochfeld 1991; Rohweder and Baverstock 1996), probably as a defense against predation (Robert et al. 1989; McNeil et al. 1992; Thibault and McNeil 1994), and as a result of slightly higher invertebrate activity on beaches at night (Dugan 1981; Evans 1987). Predator defenses of shorebirds are different during the night compared with the day; in an observational study some proportion of Dunlins remain motionless and limit vocalizations as a defense at night while all individuals in a flock fly away in response to predators during the day (Mouritsen 1992). Some shorebirds forage under artificial lights, presumably because they can do so by sight instead of by touch (Dwyer et al. 2013). Time of foraging in shorebirds is therefore likely the result of tradeoffs between the risk of becoming prey with ability to detect their own prey. The proposed project will affect the ambient illumination conditions for shorebirds on the beach at night, which may adversely impact some species (e.g., small species such as Western Snowy Plovers), while extending foraging times for other species. This should be considered an adverse impact since it further disrupts natural patterns and cycles of illumination.

3.5 Curfew on lights does not eliminate impacts

Substantial evidence exists to conclude that even though sports field lights would not be on all night, they still would have a substantial impact on wildlife. The examples use species not present at the park, but illustrate a general ecological principle.

First, many groups of species share resources across lighting levels; that is, one species may forage at dusk, another right after dusk, and another in the dark of night (Hailman 1984). By lighting the fields (and adjacent habitats) the project essentially would eliminate the range of illumination experienced by habitats surrounding the fields. Rather than a smooth range of illumination conditions as the sun goes down and darkness falls, sites will experience a single illumination level until the sports field lights are turned off. For a substantial portion of the evening, this will favor those species that are adapted to the artificial lighting level. As shown in

experimental studies on amphibians, the increased illumination levels influence the outcome of competitive interactions. The predicted result of lights, even if switched off at an hour certain, is a reduction in species diversity.

Second, increased illumination, even on a temporary basis, reduces the time available for critical behaviors. The research on frogs illustrates that mating and other reproductive behaviors are highly dependent on lighting levels. If artificial lighting eliminates a significant period of potential breeding time for a species, the long-term consequences will be negative. This is illustrated by the foraging activities of western toad (*Bufo boreas*), which is concentrated at certain illumination levels (Buchanan 2006). If artificial lighting such as that proposed for the sports fields, or even streetlights, were present in the toad's habitat until 11 P.M. each night, any such crepuscular species would be deprived of one-half of its available foraging time, a significant impact by any estimation.

4 Mitigation Measures

The mitigation measures proposed in the EIR for the project will be inadequate to eliminate adverse impacts to coastal zone resources.

Mitigation Measure BI-1 requires preconstruction bat surveys. This only looks for bat roosts, not for bat use of the habitat and consequently the adverse impacts of eliminating bat foraging habitat will remain. No mitigation measure could feasibly protect bat foraging habitat as long as the lights are to be installed and operated as proposed.

Mitigation Measure BI-2 addresses lighting design. The design guidance proposed in this mitigation measure is inadequate to protect existing nighttime conditions and the species that depend on them. Although these modest design guidelines may marginally reduce certain impacts, the proposed project would still introduce a large and bright source of light on the landscape that would be exacerbated by the local climatic conditions.

The environmental review completely ignores the effects of fog on the scatter of light from the project. A possible mitigation might be to turn the lights out automatically under foggy conditions and during bird migration season. These two mitigations were recommended at one point by the Coastal Commission for the floodlights proposed (and subsequently abandoned by the project applicant) for the Vincent Thomas Bridge in 2003 (see application number 5-00-384-A1). Such operational controls would be the minimum mitigation necessary to reduce adverse impacts from the project. Of course, the project would then not achieve its stated goal of providing a certain number of hours of field time.

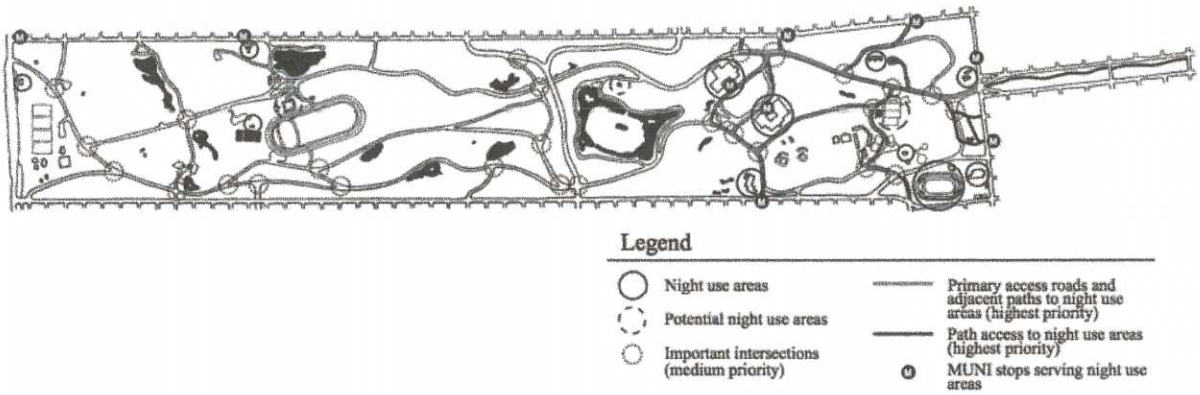

Figure 8. Adopted lighting Master Plan for Golden Gate Park. The sports fields at the western edge of the park are not identified as a location for night use.

5 Conclusion

Based on the analysis above, we conclude that *the project goal of a lighted field cannot be achieved without significant adverse impacts on coastal zone resources*. The Commission should protect those resources, and in this instance, should only approve a renovated grass field and bathroom structure without any of the proposed sports field lighting. Such a recommendation would actually be consistent with the adopted Master Plan for Golden Gate Park, which does not propose any nighttime use at the project site (Figure 8).

6 About the Authors

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The Beach Chalet Soccer Complex Proposal

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Beach Chalet Fields' Renovation project in Golden Gate Park, proposed by the City & County of San Francisco's Parks & Recreation Department. As a preservation architect I have reviewed the significant cultural and historic features of GG Park, and conclude that, as proposed, the development would have significant irreparable impacts on these resources.

As you know, GG Park is one of the most famous urban parks in the world, and is registered as a historic resource by both the state and federal government, making the park of utmost importance in the promotion of our nation's cultural heritage.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared by the City for the project ignores the substantial body of evidence contained in the Urban Design Plan, Western Shoreline Area Plan / Local Coastal Program the Recreation and Open Space Element, the Ocean Beach Master Plan, and the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. Any public body utilizing this EIR document to make decisions regarding the subject project will lack this information and thus the EIR is inadequate and unreliable. In the EIR three additional alternatives and the No Project Alternative were analyzed. Of these alternatives, all three alternatives would decrease the impact to the cultural resource compared to the proposed project. Yet none were pursued by the City.

The following proposed project initiatives conflict with the plans above and would, if constructed, constitute significant adverse, precedent setting impacts on this important historic and cultural resource:

- The proposed project is inconsistent with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan and conflicts with the City's General Plan policies.
- The proposed project will cause a significant impact to historic resources and spatial organization of the western end of Golden Gate Park.
- The existing historic design of the park encourages passive, informal uses in this area, as suggested by the naturalistic edges and open space. Alternatives that change the character of this section of the park significantly by establishing it as a heavy use, structured sports area would not be consistent with the historic design. The proposed project will adversely affect daytime and nighttime views of the area.

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- The removal of almost 30,000 square feet from the existing planted area impacts the historic tree and shrub edge, significantly altering the historic naturalistic setting. The historic grading will also be significantly altered by the proposed project. Substituting natural turf with artificial turf is a worrisome precedent in such a historic setting.
- The proposed structures, including the entry plaza, light standards, fencing and maintenance shed, are out of scale with the existing surroundings, including the historic vegetation and would significantly compromise historic visual and spatial relationships.
- The proposed new rectilinear pathways do not reflect the picturesque character of the historic curvilinear roads and pathways.

The mitigation measures should clearly state that the park should be designed to be as naturalistic as possible and to match the semi-wild feeling that currently exists in this part of the park.

I believe there are reasonable compromises to successfully achieve the goals of recreation and the preservation of Golden Gate Park's historic character. As others have noted, the current budget could provide a high tech drainage system, water conserving irrigation system, and modern day storm water management. Such improvements would preclude the need for artificial turf.

As a preservation architect, I encourage the Commission to direct the City of San Francisco and the Department of Recreation and Parks to select only alternatives that are consistent with the National Park Service's *Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* (Secretary's Standards), and *The Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes* (NPS, 1996) in order to retain the historic character of the pastoral landscape envisioned by William Hammond Hall, the park's original designer.

The Beach Chalet fields are a valuable cultural resource. All current park uses serve a broader spectrum of people, in terms of age, economic status, and physical ability, than does a limited-use athletic activity. I understand that you need to be responsive to all parties, and I believe there is a solution to achieve those means.

Sincerely,

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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

On Wednesday, April 7, 2004, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the appointment of Milford Wayne Donaldson as the State Historic Preservation Officer. Mr. Donaldson was sworn in during ceremonies held at the State Capitol on April 9, 2004. The SHPO serves as chief administrative officer of the Office of Historic Preservation in Sacramento and as Executive Secretary of the State Historical Resources Commission. During Mr. Donaldson's tenure as SHPO he has streamlined Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, has led the national initiative towards the sustainability and greening of historic resources. Mr. Donaldson has reached out to the California Tribes, initiating four Summits to discuss common ground issues and advocates tribes to become Tribal Historic Preservation Offices. Mr. Donaldson was appointed Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation by President Barack Obama on June 1, 2010 for a three year term.

Prior to his appointment as SHPO, Mr. Donaldson had served as president of award winning Architect Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, since 1978, specializing in historic preservation services. He is licensed to practice architecture in California, Nevada and Arizona and holds a certified license from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. Mr. Donaldson is affiliated with several historical and preservation organizations and is a past president of the California Preservation Foundation (CPF) and past chairs of the State Historical Building Safety Board, the State Historical Resources Commission, and the Historic State Capitol Commission.

Previously an instructor at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, he continues to lecture at California community colleges and universities. Mr. Donaldson holds a Bachelor of Architecture and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. He engaged in post graduate studies at Uppsala University, Sweden, and received a Master of Science degree in Architecture from University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, and a Master of Arts degree in Public History and Teaching from University of San Diego.

Over the last thirty-five years, Mr. Donaldson has established himself as a leader in Historic Preservation and adaptive reuse of existing structures. His depth of knowledge unites nineteenth century building methods with state-of-the-art twenty-first century construction technologies. In 1991, The California Council of the American Institute of Architects acknowledged Mr. Donaldson for his statewide leadership in the interpretation of the State Historical Building Code which allowed the rehabilitation of historic buildings for affordable single room occupancy hotels. In 1992, Mr. Donaldson was inducted into the College of Fellows by the American Institute of Architects.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation engaged Mr. Donaldson to assist California cities in disaster damage assessment of historic buildings following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. A commendation was awarded by Governor Deukmejian to Mr. Donaldson for his efforts. Later, in the 1992 Eureka and 1994 Northridge Earthquakes, Mr. Donaldson lent his expertise to save historic buildings from unwarranted demolition. His efforts continue today as a Trainer in Emergency Response for the California Office of Emergency Services' Disaster Service Worker volunteer program.

Over 3000 projects have been completed by Mr. Donaldson's firm, now known as Heritage Architecture & Planning, mainly throughout the western portion of the United States, including working with the California State Office of Historic Preservation, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the National Park Service, the California Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Department of Water Resources, the California Conservation Corps, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, Environmental Protection Agency and many cities and counties.

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I, Toyer Grear, declare as follows: I am a resident of the State of California, residing and employed in Oakland, California. I am over the age of 18 years and am not a party to the above-entitled action. My business address is 410 12th Street, Suite 250, Oakland, California, 94607.

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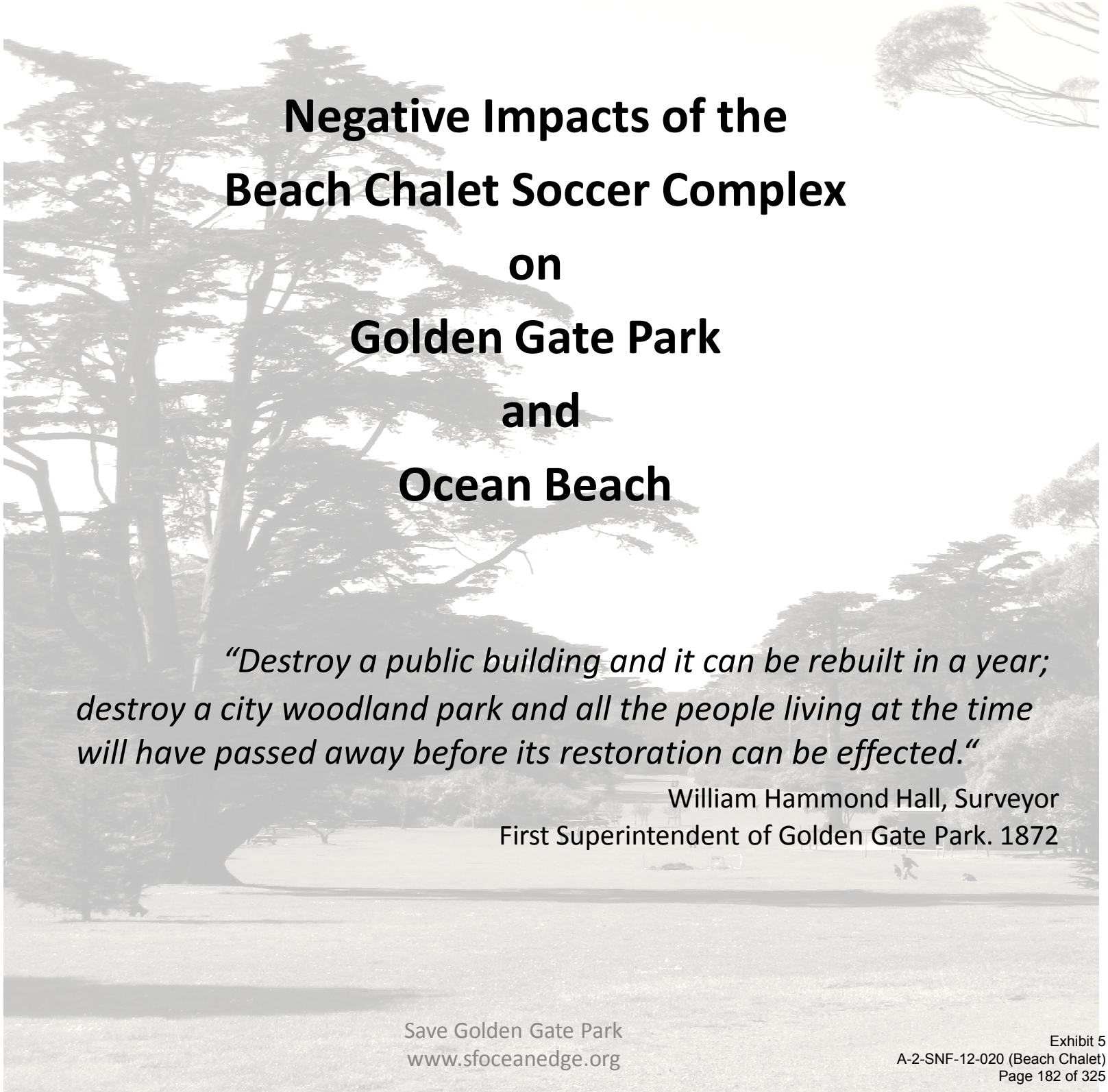

Negative Impacts of the Beach Chalet Soccer Complex on Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach

"Destroy a public building and it can be rebuilt in a year; destroy a city woodland park and all the people living at the time will have passed away before its restoration can be effected."

William Hammond Hall, Surveyor
First Superintendent of Golden Gate Park. 1872

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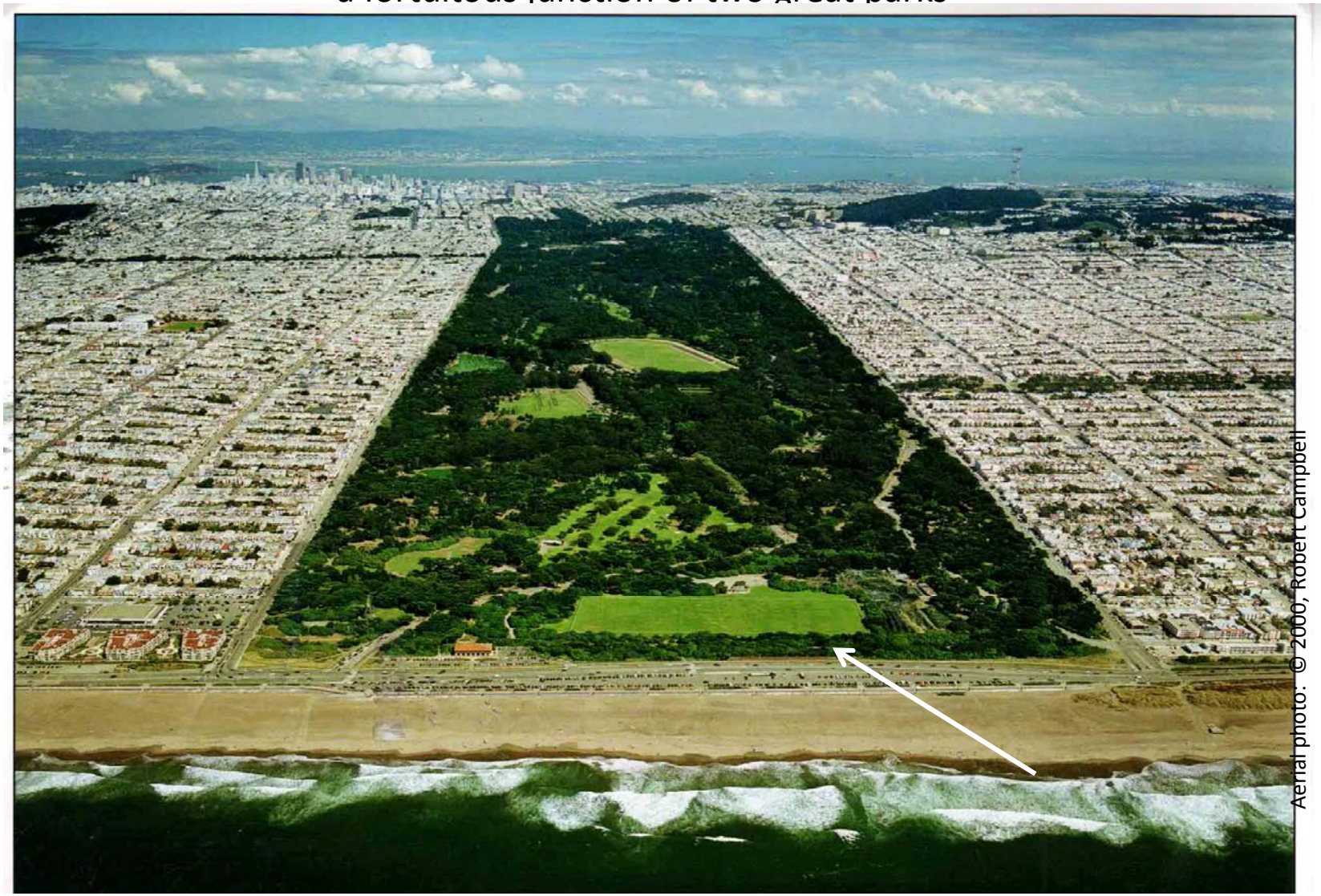
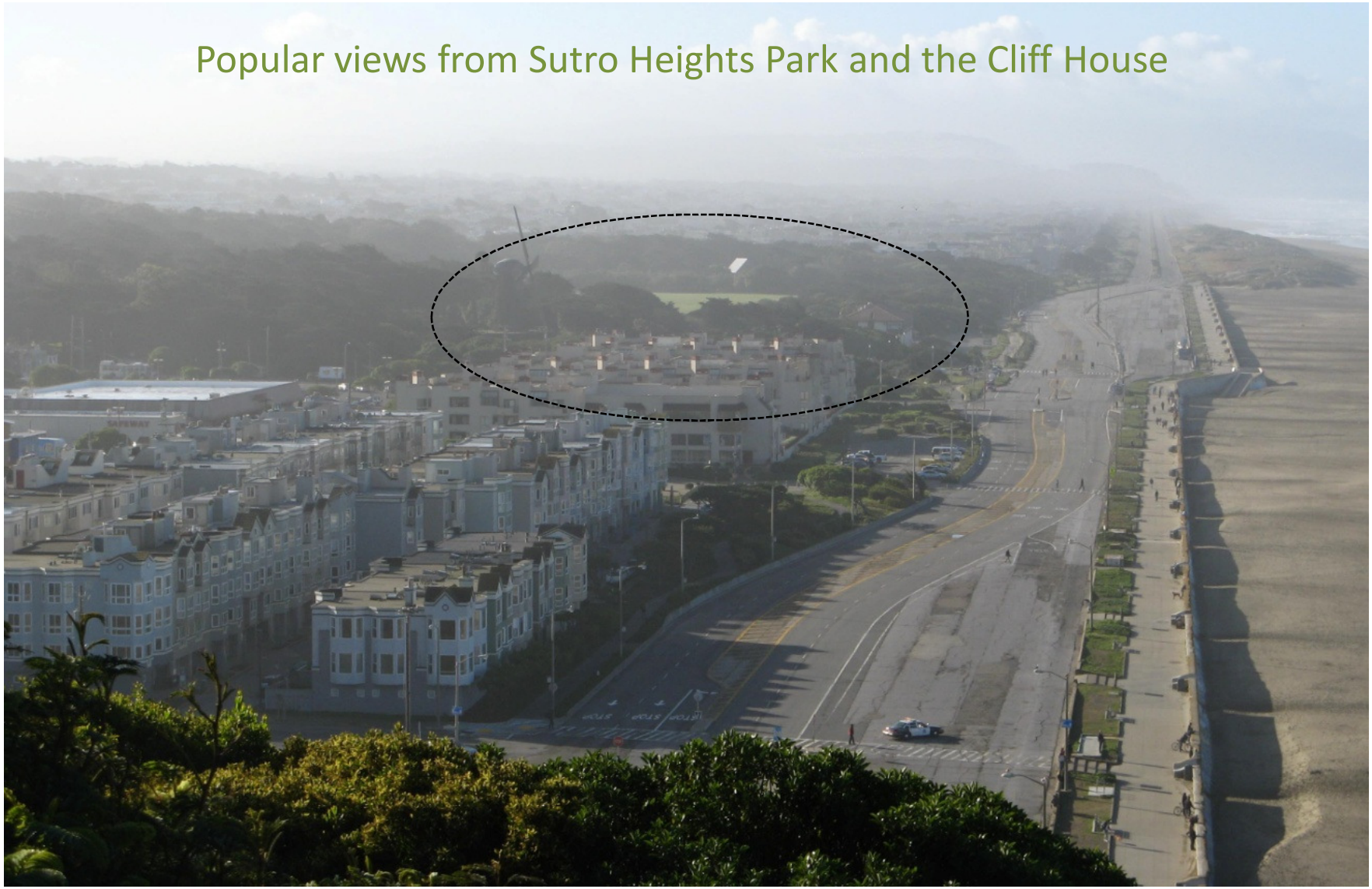
Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach, part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area – a fortuitous junction of two great parks



Golden Gate Park is an oasis for both people and wildlife in the midst of an increasingly-dense urban environment. The Beach Chalet fields – the large meadow shown here at the western end of the Park - are a vital part of the green-belt connection between Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach. Ocean Beach is where San Franciscans – and over 300,000 visitors a year from all over the world – come to view the grandeur of the Pacific Ocean.

Popular views from Sutro Heights Park and the Cliff House



Beach Chalet fields (light green) as seen from Sutro Heights Park. The Great Highway currently runs between the Park and the Beach.

The 2012 Ocean Beach Master Plan envisions a narrower highway and an improved connection between the Park and Ocean Beach.

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Standing on the sand dunes at the southwest corner of Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach --Looking north towards the Cliff House, Seal Rock, the Marin Headlands, and Mt. Tamalpais. Golden Gate Park is immediately to the right of this view.

For millions of visitors to San Francisco, this is their first, and often only, exposure to the California coast. This experience will be marred by 150,000 watts of sports lighting on 60 foot poles, that will be located just a few hundred feet from the beach.

"The purpose of Golden Gate Park is to serve as an open space preserve in the midst of San Francisco. This historic park is a cultivated pastoral and sylvan landscape, defined by an abundant evergreen woodland." GGP Master Plan.

The meadow and the Dutch Windmill in the fog at Beach Chalet – a classic view of Golden Gate Park as a landscape that is used for recreation part of the day, but when the players are not present, it returns to parkland and habitat that can be enjoyed by hikers, picnickers, kite flyers, and wildlife alike.

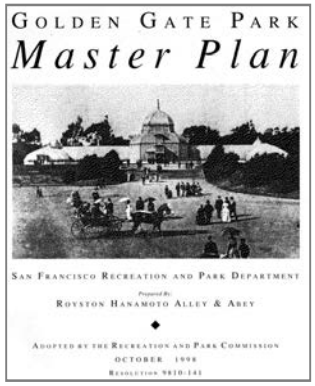
San Francisco Local Coastal Program*
Western Shoreline Area Plan

- ❑ Policy 3.1 - "Strengthen the visual and physical connection between the park and the beach. **Emphasize the naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of the park** for visitor use . . ."
- ❑ Policy 3.2 - "Continue to implement a **long-term reforestation program** at the western portion of the park."
- ❑ Policy 3.3 - " Develop and periodically revise a **Master Plan for Golden Gate Park** to include specific policies for the maintenance and improvement of recreational access in the western portion of the Park."
- ❑ Policy 6.1 - "**Continue Ocean Beach as a natural beach area** for public recreation."
- ❑ Policy 6.3 - "**Keep the natural appearance of the beach** . . . "

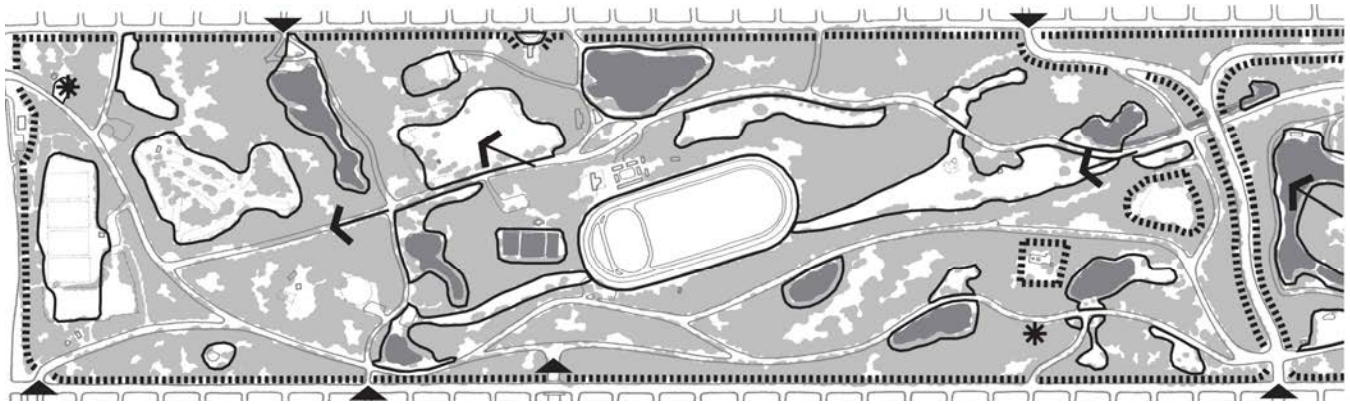
* Adopted April 26, 1984

Photo: Ocean Beach Master Plan, 2012

Golden Gate Park Master Plan (1998)



- **This Master Plan was called for by the Local Coastal Program.**
- Mission Statement - "The purpose of Golden Gate Park is to serve as an open space preserve in the midst of San Francisco. **This historic park is a cultivated pastoral and sylvan landscape, defined by an abundant evergreen woodland.**"
- Importance of the Park country-wide - "Golden Gate Park should be recognized as **an important American cultural resource**." Golden Gate Park draws over 10 million visitors a year from all over the Bay Area and the world.



- Eastern vs. Western Park Character - "William Hammond Hall envisioned the park in **two different regions**. The park land east of Strawberry Hill includes a variety of intensively cultivated areas and developed facilities **while the park land to the west is a pastoral and woodland landscape** with open meadows defined by stands of trees and enhanced by lakes."
- Design integrity – "The major design feature of Golden Gate Park and the framework within which all park activities occur is its pastoral and sylvan landscape. **The integrity of the pastoral and sylvan landscape must be maintained and remain unaltered**."
- Wildlife Habitat - "The eastern park is more actively used, while t**he western part is more naturalistic** and densely wooded. **Maintaining this distinction goes a long way towards maintaining wildlife habitat in the park**."

Impact of project on historic and naturalistic character of GGP

". . .I conclude that , as proposed, the development would have significant irreparable impacts on these resources." M.W. Donaldson, FAIA

Although Golden Gate Park comprises over 1,000 acres, there are only 130 acres of meadows in the park. These meadows provide important habitat and help to define the character of the park.

(Beach Chalet – bordering trees provide cover for wildlife and wind protection for the park.)

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA

All quotes from February 14, 2013 letter to CCC

Appointed by President Obama in 2010
Chair, United States Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACH),
the United State's lead agency on historic preservation.
Served as California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) 2004- 2010

- "The proposed project will cause a significant impact to historic resources and spatial organization of the western end of Golden Gate Park."

- "The existing historic design of the park encourages passive, informal uses in this area, as suggested by the naturalistic edges and open space. Alternatives that change the character of this section of the park significantly by establishing it as a heavy use, structured sports area would not be consistent with the historic design. The proposed project will adversely affect daytime and nighttime views of the area."

- "The proposed structures, including the entry plaza, light standards, fencing and maintenance shed, are out of scale with the existing surroundings, including the historic vegetation and would significantly compromise historic visual and spatial relationships."

Ocean Beach Master Plan - 2012

Photo: Ocean Beach Master Plan. 2012 – The Dutch windmill is seen in the distance – the only protrusion above the tree line.

"Ocean Beach, a 3.5-mile stretch of sand along San Francisco's rugged Pacific coast, is one of the gems of the city's landscape. It draws a diverse population of **more than 300,000 visitors each year** to stroll, bike, surf, walk dogs and **enjoy the stunning natural setting**. It is an important piece of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, **a wild landscape**, an urban sea strand and a grand public open space."

- **Focus Area 1: Ecology**

"Restore and establish conditions that **support thriving biological communities**."

- **Focus Area 4: Image and Character**

"Preserve and celebrate the beach's raw and open beauty while welcoming a broader public."

- **Focus Area 6: Access and Connectivity**

"Provide seamless and fluid connections to adjacent open spaces, the city and the region."

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What changes will the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields Complex bring to Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach?

- **Loss of grassy meadow and habitat**
  - Removal of over 7 acres of existing grass and topsoil. To replace the carbon sequestration of the existing grass would require planting over 7,000 trees and letting them grow for 10 years;
  - Installation of over 7 acres of artificial turf—gravel base, plastic grass, and SBR tire-waste infill;
  - Loss of over 55 trees and tall shrubs—part of the park's natural windbreak and reforestation area; further damage to trees and potential tree loss due to trenching for extensive lighting and new drainage swales;
  - Destruction of wildlife habitat for an area larger than Candlestick Park.
- **Installation of sports and other lighting in an area that currently has NO lights**
  - Installation of 10 banks of 60-foot stadium lights that will tower above the trees that separate the fields from Ocean Beach;
  - Over 150,000 watts of sports light, potentially lighted from sunset to 10 p.m., 365 days a year, just a few hundred feet from Ocean Beach;
  - An additional 60 pole lights for path lights and parking lot lights.
- **Additional new built elements that destroy the naturalistic character of the western end of Golden Gate Park**
  - Installation of concrete for new paths, including a 30-foot wide path through the center of the fields and rectilinear concrete paths around the entire project;
  - Increase of parking lot by 33% , because ". . . players, officials or spectators do not typically use public transit to travel to and from the project site." (EIR, IV.D-10). And yet, San Francisco is a transit-first city;
  - Installation of stadium seating for over 1,000 spectators;
  - Loss of parking at Ocean Beach for beach visitors due to overflow crowds for 'championship' games.
- **Loss of access to parkland to all but a limited group of sports participants**
  - Changing from real grass to artificial turf means that only those visitors interested in sports will enjoy the area. People do not picnic on artificial turf!

The Beach Chalet fields today - a practice field that sports fans, wildlife, and a variety of park goers of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities can enjoy both for sports and as parkland.

Simulation provided bb City Fields Foundation

The project imposes a severely rectilinear design on the landscape and destroys the naturalistic feeling of parkland

Note that the concrete pathway through the center of the fields is 30 feet wide. Other walkways bordering the fields are 8 and 10 feet wide, and further emphasize the hard edges of the design. Up to one acre of concrete will be added to this area.

Eastern edge of Beach Chalet area today – practice fields that provide habitat and enjoyment of the naturalistic parkland for everyone.

DEVELOPMENT TOMORROW.

Eastern edge of the fields as proposed – a complete change in the character of the area – from naturalistic to a suburban, paved area.

Scale : Concrete path through center of the fields is 30 feet wide.

PROPOSED SPORTS AND AREA LIGHTING

Proposed lighting fixtures - a drastic change from parkland to developed sports area.

The sports light poles will be 60 feet tall – twice as tall as the trees that separate the parkland from Ocean Beach.

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“[The Beach Chalet EIR] discounts potential impacts to biological resources . . .”

Photo © 2012, Joseph Moss, provided to SFOE for the purpose of protecting the habitat of the Beach Chalet fields.

A raptor has caught its lunch on the field and pauses to rest on a soccer goal. Over 70 species of birds have been recorded in this area by one member of the Golden Gate Audubon Society.

“ . . . [The Beach Chalet EIR] improperly discounts the potential impacts to biological resources including nesting birds in the park, migratory birds, seabirds, shorebirds, bats, and any other species currently living in the vicinity of the sports fields. . .”

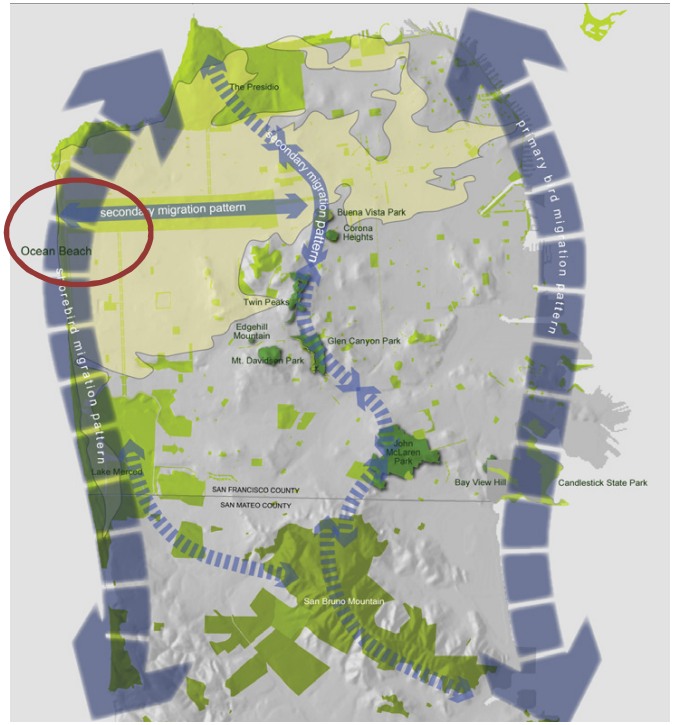
Longcore/Rich letter to CCC, March 26. 2013

Colorado State University

Disruption of beach habitat by increased lighting

"A cursory review of eBird data reveals the presence of Western Snowy Plover quite close to the project site. Given that the species is listed under the Endangered Species Act, the project does not have to impact nesting habitat for protections to be required. **Rather, any disruption of Western Snowy Plovers habitat of any kind, or the possibility of disruption of the birds themselves, should have triggered consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.** The proposed project would significantly increase the ambient illumination on the beach that is used by this threatened species, which could have adverse impacts by increasing predation."

Longcore/Rich letter to CCC, March 26. 2013



Ocean Beach Master Plan, Focus area 1: Ecology

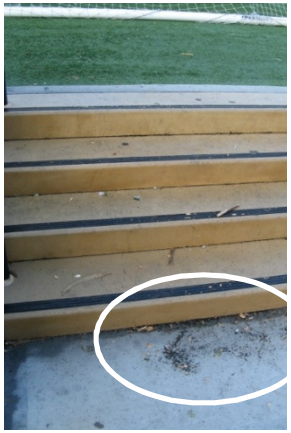
The junction of Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Park is at the Beach Chalet fields.

"Potential threats to protected species such as the Snowy Plovers include:

- Habitat loss and degradation
- Human disturbance
- Urban development
- Exotic beach grass
- Expanding predator populations"

Ocean Beach Master Plan, 2012

SBR rubber infill



Rubber crumb spilling over steps at Crocker – Amazon Playground, SF , CA

"The major chemical components of crumb rubber are styrene and butadiene, the principal ingredients of the synthetic rubber used for tires in the United States. Styrene is neurotoxic. Butadiene is a proven human carcinogen. It has been shown to cause leukemia and lymphoma."

"**There is a potential for all of these toxins to be inhaled, absorbed through the skin and even swallowed by children who play on synthetic turf fields**. Only a few studies have been done to evaluate this type of exposure risk."

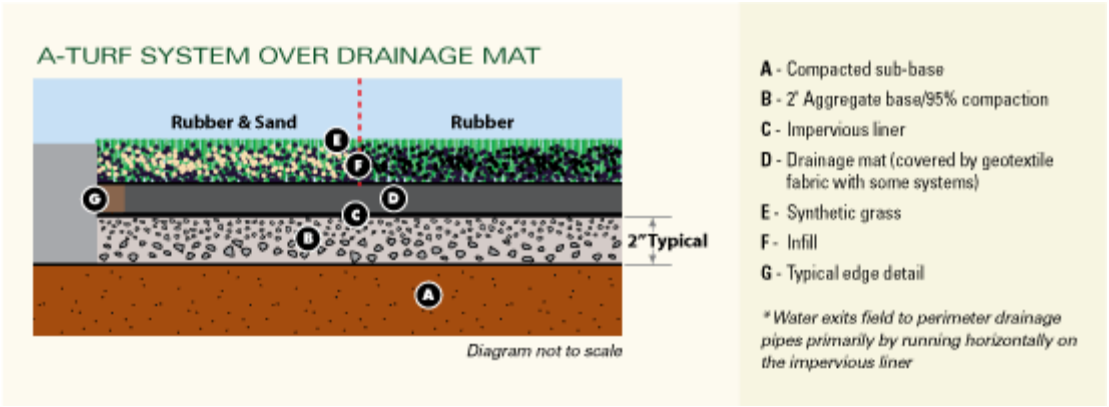
Phillip Landrigan, MD, epidemiologist and Director of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine Children's Environmental Health Center in New York

"**Non-cancer risks also exceed the acute hazard index of 1.0, the level which is typically considered to be significant**. OEHHA found that a one-time ingestion of a 10g piece of shredded tire resulted in a non-cancer risk of 6.9, almost 7 times the threshold. Ingestion of infill material may occur as players contact the synthetic turf surface. Zinc is the chemical which is the primary driver of the risk. Ingestion of zinc, even for a short time, can result in stomach cramps, nausea, and vomiting."

"The DEIR includes references to synthetic turf studies that have shown risks to human health from inhalation of VOCs to exceed a commonly accepted threshold of one additional cancer incidence in a population of a million people ("one in a million or 10^{-6}"). **Although this is disclosed in the DEIR, the DEIR fails to identify this as a significant impact and fails to mitigate the risk."**

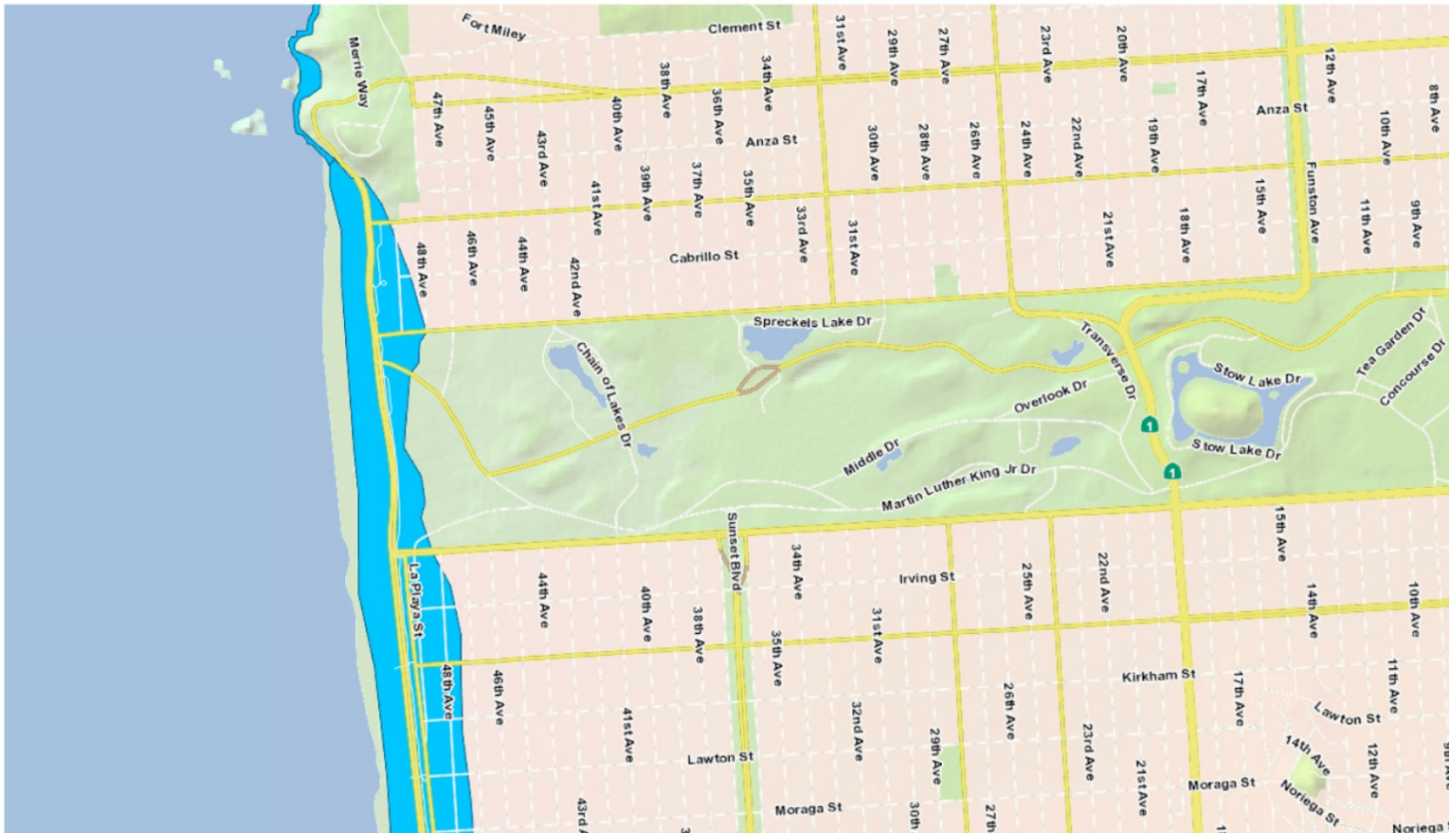
Matthew Hagemann, C.Hg., former director of US EPA's West Coast Superfund program

There will be a loss of aquifer replenishment due to possible toxicity of the artificial turf – all rainwater and any other water used to wash the fields will be collected and piped to the sewage treatment plant for processing.



Location of fields is in flood and tsunami zone

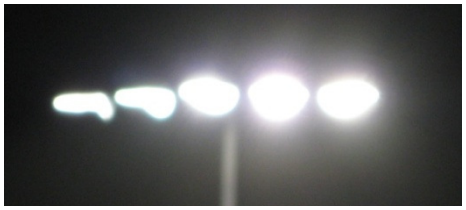
Tsunami Inundation Map for Coastal Evacuation



Earthquake and Hazards Information
http://quake.abag.ca.gov/business/

Tsunami inundation area is shown along the coast

During a tsunami, the Beach Chalet soccer fields area would be inundated, spreading SBR rubber or other infill throughout the coast and back into the ocean. To learn more about the impact of SBR rubber on ocean life, watch Clair Dworsky's award-winning study on the Green Minute: http://todaysgreenminute.com/episode26.htm



Introduction of lighting to an area that is currently completely unlighted

Located just a few hundred feet away from the Beach Chalet project, Ocean Beach is currently used for enjoying the sunset, star-gazing, and sitting by the fire rings on the beach. The Beach Chalet project will change this area forever with:

Sports Lights

- ❑ Installation of 10 banks of 60-foot stadium lights towering above the trees that separate the fields from the Beach;
- ❑ Over 150,000 watts of sports light, potentially lighted from sunset to 10 p.m., 365 days a year, next to Ocean Beach.

Additional lights

- ❑ An additional 60 pole lights for path lights and parking lot lights.

Dark Sky concerns

- ❑ The National Park Service has submitted comments outlining concerns with possible damage to the Dark Sky resources for this section of the City;
- ❑ A major Dark Sky area is located at Land's End, just to the north of Ocean Beach.

Other impacts

- ❑ Negative impact on wildlife habitat;
- ❑ Views from the Great Highway Promenade and historic areas such as the Cliff House and Sutro Park, will be changed by the light poles during the day and bright lights at night.

The southwest entry to Golden Gate Park – the Murphy windmill is to right. The 60 foot sports light poles will be visible from the center to the left of this photo.

"No matter how shielded, sports field lights cause light pollution"

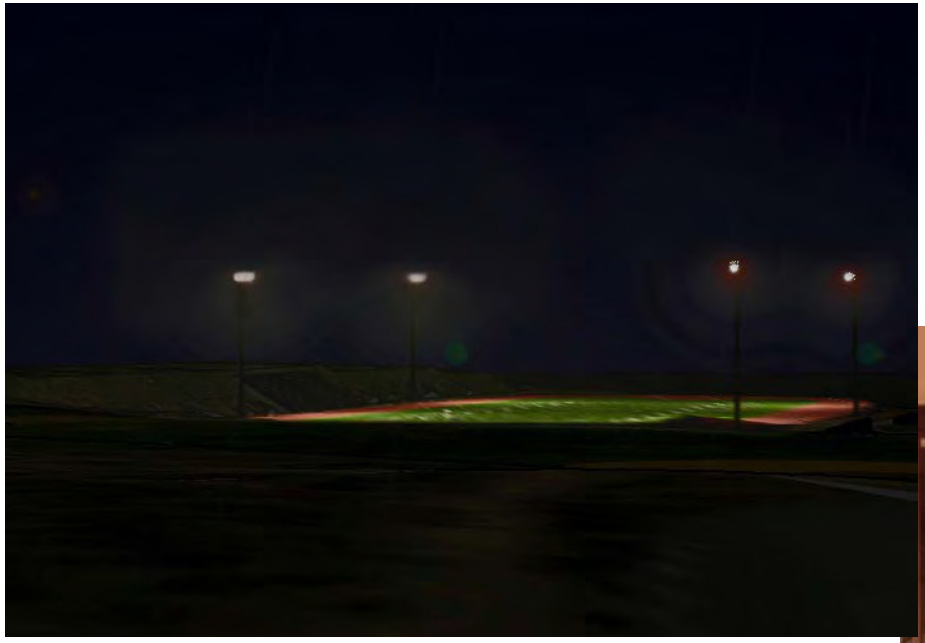
Longcore/Rich letter to CCC, March 26. 2013

The existing South Sunset playing field, as seen from 2,200 feet away! These are the same lights and shielding that will be used at Beach Chalet.

The yellow light in the foreground is a streetlight. The bright blue-white lights are the field lights, located blocks away.

The Beach Chalet project will have **over 3 times as many lights** as are installed at South Sunset playing field and will be located approximately 500 feet from Ocean Beach.

The EIR simulations DO NOT tell the whole story.



Public officials and local residents were told that the lighting would look like this for a project in Malibu.

". . . [For Beach Chalet] ***the new sports field lighting will be as bright as 16,750 60-Watt incandescent bulbs. "***

Longcore/Rich, Letter to CCC, March 26, 2013

This is what the Malibu lights really look like!

This field contains HALF the wattage that is proposed for the Beach Chalet project.

The Malibu High School field is 1800 feet from the coast; the Beach Chalet fields are 450 feet from Ocean Beach.

The Malibu High School lights picture here are 75,000 watts; the Beach Chalet sports lights would be up to 150,000 watts.

What will be the impact on the view of Golden Gate Park from Ocean Beach?

"The project proposal and analysis set forth in **the EIR does not adequately describe the extent of light pollution** that would occur from the new sports field lighting, **nor does it take into account the exacerbating effects of the unique weather conditions** on the western side of San Francisco and **the project site's location 450 feet from the beach** . . "

"The EIR for the proposed project is far too optimistic that mitigation measures such as lamp design will limit any adverse impacts, especially since **the EIR for the project fails to exhibit knowledge of the basic physical properties of light or the different ways in which light affects animal species, including humans**."

Longcore/Rich - CCC comment letter, March 2013

Golden Gate Park and Beach Chalet restaurant as seen from Ocean Beach. The sports lights could be lighted up until 10:00 p.m., 365 days of the year. Ocean Beach is closed to the public at 10:00 p.m.

What will be the impact on Ocean Beach, where darkness is a plus!?

Ocean Beach is currently used for star-gazing, watching the sunset, and sitting in darkness by the fire rings on the beach.

Fire rings on Ocean Beach – Ocean Beach Vision Plan 2012

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Star Party at Lands' End, Courtesy of SF Amateur Astronomers

Just one mile north of Ocean Beach is Land's End. Land's End is a premier night-sky viewing location in the San Francisco Bay Area. The SFAA – San Francisco Amateur Astronomers – holds monthly star parties at this location for amateurs and their families.

Dark sky today. . . Gone tomorrow . . .

The view from Historic Sutro Heights -- the Richmond District, Golden Gate Park and the Sunset District in the distance; Ocean Beach runs the length of the coast, in the right side of the photo.

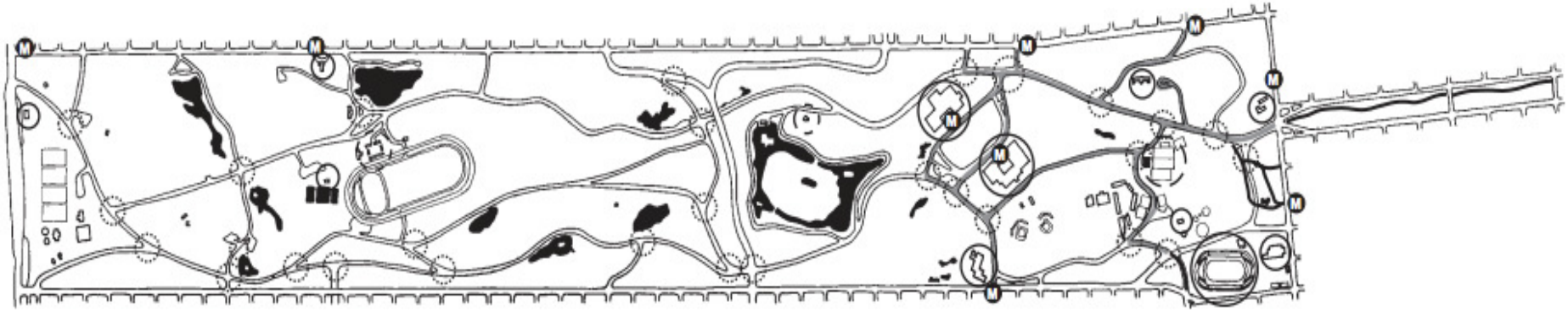
" . . . In short, and as elaborated below, the proposed project would create a **luminous dome of bright white light** where it is currently darker than the surrounding city. This dome, especially under foggy conditions (which occur at least one third of the year), would be the defining visual feature of the nighttime environment in the National Park to the west, and **would increase ambient illumination over a wide area to levels that are ecologically disruptive**."

Longcore/Rich letter to CCC, March 26. 2013

Sports lighting does not belong in the western end of Golden Gate Park or next to Ocean Beach

" . . . We conclude that ***the project goal of a lighted field cannot be achieved without significant adverse impacts on coastal zone resources.*** The Commission should protect those resources, and in this instance, should only approve a renovated grass field and bathroom structure without any of the proposed sports field lighting. Such a recommendation would actually be consistent with the adopted Master Plan for Golden Gate Park, which does not propose any nighttime use at the project site ."

Longcore/Rich letter to CCC, March 26. 2013



Map showing night use areas for the Park – located in solid circles.

Golden Gate Park Master Plan, 1998

The Beach Chalet area is used by many people – local residents, visitors from out of town, joggers, bicyclists, and more – and enjoyed for the natural beauty of the area.

This old railroad path is one of the trails that leads to the Beach Chalet area and runs next to the fields. The joy of walking through here will be greatly diminished by the conversion of the now-grass meadow and practice area to a paved, concreted area that exudes the odor of old tires.

What is recreation?

For some people, recreation is defined as organized sports. Yet, there is a broader definition that is used not only by the general public but also by the San Francisco Department of Recreation and Park in their own study, *"Recreation Assessment Report, SF RPD, Leon Younger & PROS., LLC, August 2004"*

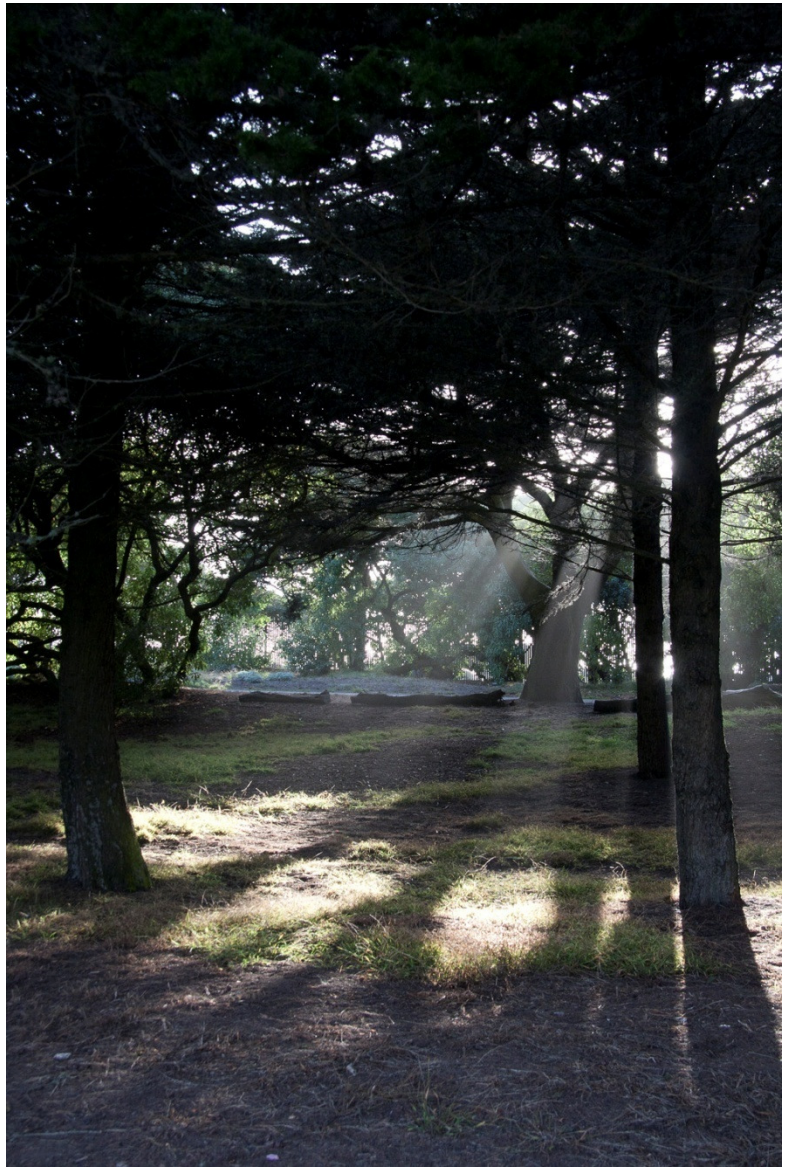
This RPD survey shows that other recreational needs should be given higher priority than soccer or other teams sports:

Recreational Facilities that are most important to respondent households. (Percentage of responding households listing facility among top four; 20 choices) :

Walking and Biking Trails	**55%**
Community gardens	21
Recreation Fields	11
Outdoor sports courts	11
Adult Baseball & softball fields	6
Youth Baseball & softball fields	5

Households in San Francisco whose needs for recreation facilities are being met 50% or less (by number of households based on 337,710 households in SF) :

Walking and Biking Trails	***219,319***
Community Gardens	119,860
Recreational Fields	71,824
Outdoor Sports Courts	79,579
Dog play areas	52,769
Adult Baseball & Softball Fields	48,811
Youth Baseball & Softball Fields	41,121



Forest near Beach Chalet fields
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What is recreation? (continued)

"Recreation Assessment Report, SF RPD, Leon Younger & PROS., LLC, August 2004:

Percentage of respondent households that currently participate in various programs and activities. (Multiple choices allowed among 26 activities)

Running or Walking	***67%***
Visiting Nature Areas	***61***
Bicycling	38
Dog walking	20
Youth Soccer/Rugby/Field Hockey	12
Youth Baseball and Softball	9

Programs and activities respondent households would participate in more often if more programming was available. (Four choices allowed among 26 activities) :

Running or Walking	***28%***
Visiting Nature Areas	***24***
Bicycling	12
Dog walking	8
Adult Softball	3
Youth Soccer/Rugby/Field Hockey	**3**
Youth Baseball/Softball	3

The Hybrid Alternative – a Win-Win Solution

The Hybrid Alternative proposes a simple solution – a swap in turf materials between Beach Chalet fields and West Sunset Playground.

Beach Chalet Athletic Fields (7.2 acres)

West Sunset Playground – (9.2 acres).

❑ **Part 1: Renovate the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields with living grass turf and no sports lighting.**

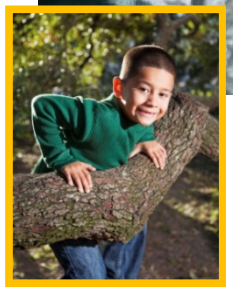
- San Francisco's kids need a high-quality grass playing field in Golden Gate Park.
- Restore the Beach Chalet fields with state-of-the-art grass field construction: improved drainage, improved soil, new irrigation, gopher controls, and new sod.
- Protect the habitat and the sylvan parkland at this end of the Park for everyone – all ages, backgrounds and levels of physical ability.
- Preserve the evening skies at Ocean Beach for star-gazing, strolling at sunset, and enjoying the fire rings.

❑ **Part 2: Renovate the playing fields at West Sunset Playground with a safe artificial turf and neighborhood- appropriate night lighting.**

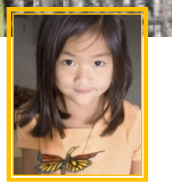
- The City has proposed renovating the nearby West Sunset Playground with grass and has allocated bond funding for the project. Yet this area is more urban than Golden Gate Park and is completely sports -oriented.
- West Sunset Playground already has athletic fields, restrooms, bleachers, and a children's playground.
- Let's restore West Sunset Playground with non-toxic artificial turf.
- Let's add to the existing night lighting with some modified fixtures that are neighborhood–appropriate.
- Local schools would benefit from the longer hours of field use that renovated playing fields would provide at West Sunset.
- West Sunset is further inland from the Beach and any new lighting would have less impact on coastal resources.

Let's explore alternatives --

Beach Chalet fields



West Sunset Playground



"**I believe there are reasonable compromises to successfully achieve the goals of recreation and the preservation of Golden Gate Park's historic character.** . . . The Beach Chalet fields are a valuable cultural resource. All current park uses serve a broader spectrum of people, in terms of age, economic status, and physical ability, than does a limited-use athletic activity. I understand that you need to be responsive to all parties, and I believe there is a solution to achieve those means."

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, letter to CCC, Feb. 2013

The win-win solution!

The Hybrid Alternative avoids the negative impacts on the natural, historic, and aesthetic resources of the western end of Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach while improving a neighborhood park at West Sunset Playground and providing increased hours of play for children.

There are also other playing fields in San Francisco that need renovation – let's explore all of these options!

We look forward to working with the San Francisco Department of Recreation and Park and the California Coastal Commission on a win-win solution - providing recreation and protecting Golden Gate Park for future generations.

Ocean Beach Vision Plan, 2012

"All of the gains are temporary,
while all of the losses are permanent."

Amy Meyer, Founder, GGNRA

40th Anniversary Party for GGNRA, October 27, 2012

Speech on the importance of protecting open spaces for future generations.

4/3/13

To: Coastal Commission Staff

Re: Beach Chalet Appeal -- Hybrid Alternative Background Material

Our Powerpoint presentation for the CCC contains a great deal of information, including a non-technical overview of the Hybrid Alternative. It does not, however, contain the technical background needed to properly evaluate the feasibility of our proposal.

Attached is a brief summary and key supporting documents associated with the "Hybrid Alternative" to the proposed Beach Chalet Soccer project.

I am providing this information in one convenient package because our proposal, the City's rebuttal, and subsequent discussion were spread over a number of phases in the EIR and SF Board of Appeals process.

High Level Summary:

(1) Current City plans: two major soccer field renovations on the west side of the City:

- The Beach Chalet project - convert 7.2 acres of grass fields into artificial turf with night sports lighting at a cost of about $14mm. This site is located about 500 ft. from Ocean Beach.
- West Sunset Playground - planned renovation of 9.2 acres of grass athletic fields in a highly urbanized setting. This project is located 8 blocks southeast of the Beach Chalet site -- about 1/2 mile inland from the beach. The projected cost is $13.2mm.

(2) Our Hybrid Alternative: Simply swap the materials between the locations -- renovate the Beach Chalet fields with natural grass and convert the West Sunset Playground fields into synthetic turf with appropriate local lighting. Total construction and maintenance costs would be about the same as the current City plans. Total benefits in terms of increased available hours of play would also be about the same.

(3) The Hybrid Alternative would therefore achieve the City's goals at no significant increase in cost while sparing the unique cultural, habitat, and recreational resource of Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach, greatly reducing the adverse impact of harsh sports lighting on the Park and on the beach.

Documents Attached:

(1) ***"Beach Chalet Athletic Fields DRAFT EIR Response"*, 12/10/11, Rupert Clayton**

This was the best overall summary of potential site alternatives provided in response to the Draft EIR; however, this letter lacks specific information on costs and potential hours of play associated with the alternatives.

(2) **"*BOS Appeal 120691 - Financial Comparison*", July 1, 2012, Katherine Howard, Greg Miller**

This memo was submitted to the SF Board of Supervisors as part of the EIR appeal process. It contains a detailed analysis of the costs and benefits associated with the proposed City projects and the Hybrid Alternative. Most of the material is in the following five attachments:

a. ***"FEIR Cost Analysis with Table V5"*** Contains most of the actual analysis.

b. ***"2012 Parks Bond Report 06.21.2012"*** .

c. ***"Addtl Capacity Analysis West Sunset Upper Ketcham"***

d. ***"Addtl Capacity Analysis West Sunset Lower Ketcham"***

e. ***"Addtl Capacity Analysis Beach Ketcham"***

(3) "***2012 8 1 Addtl Evidence on Feasibility ..***", August 1, 2012, Brooke O'Hanley, Katherine Howard, and Greg Miller

This letter was addressed to the SF Board of Appeals. It rebuts testimony made by members of City departments after the close of public comment at the final EIR appeal hearing before the SF Board of Supervisors. In particular, this note refutes assertions by City staff that the Hybrid Alternative would produce significantly less playtime because of field layout and drainage problems.

(4) "Golden Gate Park Polo Field Renovation (DPW ID NO. FCP10028)"

SF DPW plans for the renovation of Polo Fields in May 2010 show that a sub-surface drainage system was not included in that project. This contradicts the Department of Recreation and Park's assertion at the SF Board of Supervisors EIR hearing that the Polo Fields were renovated with improved drainage and that this improvement did not help increase hours of play on the fields. In fact, there was no new subsurface drainage system for the Polo Fields, as is being proposed by our group for the Beach Chalet fields. See also document (3) cited above.

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Re: Planning Department Case No. 2010.0016E, State Clearinghouse No. 2011022005

Dear Mr. Wycko,

I am writing to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields. The document that follows details some of the many areas where the draft report appears to be deficient.

In my view, the EIR needs substantial amendment in these areas in order to meet the standards of adequacy laid out by the California Environmental Quality Act. This additional research, along with the addition of the fundamentally obvious "compromise alternative", will necessarily require the planning department to repeat its analysis of many areas. This new analysis should then provide the basis for the department to revise the EIR's conclusions as to the environmental impact of each alternative and how well each alternative meets the stated objectives. In view of the substantial deficiencies in the draft, any Final EIR that retains broadly the same analyses in these areas, or repeats the existing conclusions without review, will fail the test of adequacy under CEQA.

Please enter both this letter and the specific comments that follow as formal comments on the Draft EIR. I look forward to reading the department's responses and reanalysis in the Final EIR.

Sincerely,

Rupert Clayton

Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Report

Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation

EIR Needs to Consider Compromise Alternative

In response to Chapter VI and Executive Summary Section C

Deficient Selection of Project Alternatives

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a draft EIR to *"describe a range of reasonable alternatives to the project, or to the location of the project, which would feasibly attain most of the basic objectives of the project but would avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant effects of the project, and evaluate the comparative merits of the alternatives"* (CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6).

The Draft EIR for this project includes the following alternatives: 1) No Project Alternative, 2) Off-Site Alternative, 3) Grass Turf with Reduced Lights Alternative, and 4) Synthetic Turf without Lights Alternative (EIR: Chapter VI). **The draft report does not consider the most obvious way to minimize environmental impacts and better meet project objectives—renovating the grass turf fields at the Beach Chalet without night lighting, and also providing additional hours for soccer play at another location.**

Recommended Components for "Compromise Alternative"

I am recommending this alternative because it has great potential to meet the maximum number of project objectives consistent with minimal environmental impact to Golden Gate Park, the additional site, and the wider environment. Similarly, it aims to balance the genuine need for more playing time and better facilities for youth and adult soccer in San Francisco with the needs of other park users, nearby residents and broader environmental mandates. For these reasons, I will refer to this alternative as the "Compromise Alternative".

I ask that the EIR include a Compromise Alternative structured generally as follows:

1. **Renovate athletic fields at the West Sunset Playground, including:**
    - An improved playing surface for some or all fields
    - Night lighting for some or all fields
2. **Renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields with living grass turf:**
    - Use contemporary field construction techniques, such as:
        - Good soil structure and soil improvement products for stronger grass roots
        - Effective subsurface drainage to cut down on loss of playing time due to rain
        - State-of-the-art irrigation to both provide full coverage of the fields and to also save water by irrigating only when needed

    - New sod
    - Gopher barriers and an active gopher-control program
  - Fix up restrooms as needed
  - Introduce ADA access that is sensitive to the overall design concept of the park and consistent with other meadows in the park
  - No sports lighting at the Beach Chalet site
  - No expansion of the number of parking spaces (consistent with the requirements of Appendix 41 to the San Francisco Code).
  - Only such new or modified pathways as can be accomplished without significant impact to the historic resources in Golden Gate Park
  - No bleacher-style raised spectator seating

Essentially, the aim here is to remove from the Golden Gate Park portion of the project all those elements that cause it to have a significant adverse environmental impact, and then to provide sufficient additional playing hours at the off-site location to meet the sponsor's objectives (without causing significant adverse environmental impact at that location either).

There are two aspects of the Compromise Alternative that could be varied somewhat while retaining essentially the same cores aspects:

- There are many possible locations for the off-site portion of the Compromise Alternative. **I suggest that for ease of comparison, the EIR focuses on the West Sunset Playground for the off-site portion of the compromise alternative.** This location is already considered in the existing Off-Site Alternative, and is located a short distance from the Beach Chalet site. However, the off-site portion of the Compromise Alternative could also be sited elsewhere in the city without greatly changing the analysis. If, for example, there were significant local impacts from development at the West Sunset Playground, then selecting a different location for the off-site alternative could mitigate these. The sponsor's stated objectives include some geographically specific components. Given that the Compromise Alternative includes expanded hours for daytime play at the Beach Chalet site, relocating the off-site portion elsewhere in the city could prove to be even more convenient for adult soccer players seeking evening playing hours.
- While the Compromise Alternative requires a renovated grass surface for the four Beach Chalet fields (to ensure less than significant impact on historical resources), the surfaces for playing fields at the off-site location should be selected based on the most cost-effective approach that meets CEQA guidelines and overall project objectives. The existing grass fields at West Sunset Playground are well maintained and deliver many hours of daytime play. It may be possible to sufficiently increase playing time simply by lighting the existing grass fields and making some surface improvements. Alternatively, it may be necessary to construct one or more artificial turf fields at West Sunset Playground in order to achieve sufficient playing hours to meet objectives.

Why the Existing Alternatives Alone are Insufficient

Parts of the Compromise Alternative are included as elements of some alternatives in the Draft EIR.

- Alternative 2: Off-Site Alternative (EIR: VI-7 to VI-9) considers an alternative site, but only without renovation of the Beach Chalet site, not in combination.
- Alternative 3: Grass Turf with Reduced Lights Alternative (EIR: VI-9 to VI-12) considers renovated grass turf at the Beach Chalet site, but retains sports lighting and does not include additional renovated fields elsewhere.
- Alternative 4: Synthetic Turf without Lights Alternative (EIR: VI-12 to VI-14) considers not installing sports lighting at the Beach Chalet site, but still includes synthetic turf and does not include additional renovated fields elsewhere.

However, each of the existing alternatives either causes some significant environmental impact, fails to meet the sponsor's stated objectives, or both. This is because each contains some combination of elements that fails in some way. The same is true for the project as proposed, and remains true for the mitigations suggested by the Draft EIR.

For these reasons, it would be wrong to view the Compromise Alternative as simply a restating of portions of these existing alternatives. By combining elements differently, it will reduce environmental impacts, while more successfully meeting the project's goals.

Why the Compromise Alternative Must be Considered

In contrast to the alternatives proposed in the Draft EIR, the Compromise Alternative can reduce environmental impacts to less than significant levels, while meeting the sponsor's objectives. More basically, it can provide great soccer facilities and retain the environmental and cultural value of Golden Gate Park.

Because the major elements of the Compromise Alternative have already been considered within other alternatives, the incremental work required for the Planning Department to research its impacts will be minimal. However, it is only possible for the sponsor, government agencies and city residents to assess the merits of the Compromise Alternative by including it in the EIR as a distinct alternative.

Two other considerations make strong arguments for analyzing the Compromise Alternative.

- Firstly, many people in San Francisco have asked for consideration of the Compromise Alternative. This approach has been presented to the public as an option by the volunteer group SF Ocean Edge, and has received very strong support. More than 3,000 people have signed a petition requesting the key components—renovated grass fields at the Beach Chalet and no night-lighting. Similarly, 10 of 16 candidates in San Francisco's November 2011 mayoral election pledged their support to an alternative with these components. No candidate pledged to support artificial turf or night lighting in Golden Gate Park. To present a Draft EIR that fails to include this alternative is self-evidently inadequate.

- Secondly, there are good reasons to view the Compromise Alternative as more cost-efficient than the proposed project. Cost estimates for the planned project have ranged up to $12 million. Recently, the city renovated seven grass pitches at the Polo Fields for $1 million–$1.3 million. From this we can estimate that renovating the four grass pitches at the Beach Chalet might cost less than $1 million, plus another $1 million or less for renovated restrooms, ADA-compliant parking and similar improvements. This leaves a substantial budget of perhaps $10 million to renovate and light fields at another site. There is good reason to think that the Compromise Alternative can deliver greater benefits than the proposed project, at lower cost, and with far less environmental impact.

How the Compromise Alternative is Environmentally Superior

The Draft EIR identifies the No Project Alternative and Off-Site Alternative as environmentally superior because they would not cause significant, unavoidable impacts to historical resources from the installation of artificial turf, night lighting, bleachers and new pathways within Golden Gate Park (EIR: Table VI-1). **The Compromise Alternative would qualify as Environmentally Superior** for these same reasons.

The Draft EIR identifies no significant environmental impacts in the Off-Site Alternative (EIR: Table VI-1). The Compromise Alternative would have similar or lesser environmental impact at this second site than the Off-Site Alternative presented in the Draft EIR.

How the Compromise Alternative Meets the Project Objectives

The Compromise Alternative would substantially meet all the sponsor's objectives.

- It would increase athletic playing time at the Beach Chalet, through improvements to the grass surface, drainage and gopher controls. It would also increase athletic playing time at the off-site location through both surface improvements and night-lighting.
- The ancillary improvements to the Beach Chalet site would improve public access as stated in the sponsor's objectives. This objective also appears to prejudge acceptable designs by stating a requirement for four specific design elements:
    - New pathways—This requirement can be met through careful design of a limited number of new pathways as recommended by the Draft EIR's cultural resource analysis (EIR: IV.C-23 and Mitigation Measure M-CP-1)
    - Expansion of the parking lot would violate the following provision of Appendix 41 to the San Francisco Code:

      > *No net gain in parking spaces existing as of the effective date of this ordinance, other than those provided for in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, shall be permitted.*

      For this reason, neither the Compromise Alternative nor any other alternative is legally permitted to build additional parking in Golden Gate Park. This objective cannot be met by any legally valid version of the project.

  - Providing a formal drop-off area—This requirement can be met.
  - Providing bicycle racks—This requirement can be met.
- It would substantially increase ground sports opportunities at two nearby sites in the north-east portion of San Francisco.
- It would provide safe facilities for players and visitors at both sites through gopher-proofing, improved drainage, and state-of-the-art athletic field surfaces. Other amenities would be provided as appropriate to the type of use at each site, and in keeping with the goal of preserving the historic and cultural value of Golden Gate Park.
- Properly constructed grass fields with gopher protection would greatly reduce maintenance and resource needs. The sponsor's view that installation of four artificial turf fields at the Beach Chalet site would necessarily reduce maintenance or resource usage needs to be fully substantiated with independent data. Both field types require responsible maintenance, although the type of work clearly differs.
- ADA requirements would be part of the design for both sites, so this objective would be fully met.
- It will be fully consistent with the *Golden Gate Park Master Plan.*

One stated objective remains to be addressed: "Improve safety and increase night-time use of Golden Gate Park by installing new lighting and bringing more recreational facility users to the area". Contained within this are many unsubstantiated assumptions. Here are some of these assumptions and counter-arguments that demonstrate that **this objective is essentially an attempt by the sponsor to unreasonably restrict the range of alternatives under consideration**.

- Assumption: More recreational facility users in the park at night will increase safety. Counter-argument: Simple logic indicates that an area with no night-time use has no crime or safety issues. SFPD statistics show that the areas with most crime and injuries at night are those where most people congregate at night.
- Assumption: Night lighting will increase safety. Counter-argument: While we generally feel safer in well-lit areas at night, there are many studies that show that the link between lighting and safety is far more complex. Clearly night-lighting increases night-use, which increases the potential for crime and injury. Also, bright sports lighting has the effect of obscuring the surrounding dark shadows and facilitating crime in those areas.
- Assumption: Increasing night-time use of the west end of Golden Gate Park is consistent with the *Golden Gate Park Master Plan.* Counter-argument: The master plan states that *Lighting is for safety purposes and is not intended to increase night use.* (GGPMP: 9-5). The Beach Chalet fields are not included in either the night-use areas or potential night-use areas. There is no night use planned at any athletic facility west of Crossover Drive.

Therefore, it seems that any alternative that meets the objective as written must necessarily violate both CEQA and the *Golden Gate Park Master Plan.* Despite this, the Compromise Alternative does

provide an opportunity to improve the safety of both sites (through better design) and night-time use of the off-site location.

Parking Expansion Violates San Francisco Code

In response to Chapter IV Section D and other sections

Parking Analysis Fails to Cite or Analyze Legal Limits in Golden Gate Park

The project proposes to expand the existing 50-car parking lot to add a further 20 parking spaces. However, the provision of parking in Golden Gate Park is legally limited by Appendix 41 to the San Francisco Code. This is the codified version of Proposition J, approved by the city's voters in 1998 as amended by Proposition G, passed in 2005. The relevant section states:

> *Upon completion of construction of the Underground Parking Facility, the Authority shall cause one surface parking space within the Park to be permanently eliminated for each space within the Underground Parking Facility. As part of this process, all of the surface spaces in the Concourse, consisting of approximately 200 spaces, shall be eliminated. Priority for elimination of the remaining spaces shall be given to areas of heavy traffic congestion and environmental sensitivity. However, the Authority shall weigh in its decision to eliminate surface spaces the extent to which removal of such remaining spaces could adversely impact, by increasing traffic congestion, neighborhood and neighborhood commercial districts and attempt to avoid such impacts. Surface spaces that are unused because of present or future permanent road closures shall not be counted as spaces that have been permanently eliminated under this paragraph.* ***No net gain in parking spaces existing as of the effective date of this ordinance, other than those provided for in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, shall be permitted.***

The Golden Gate Park Master Plan contains no provision for expanding parking at the Beach Chalet athletic fields, therefore Appendix 41 does not permit any increase in parking spaces at this site. The EIR must make this restriction clear.

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RE: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation - file no. 120691
Financial Comparison of Alternatives

Dear President Chiu and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The attached analysis compares the costs and benefits associated with two mutually exclusive alternatives:

1. Athletic Field Renovation projects currently proposed by the City:
    a. Build 4 full-sized soccer fields, using synthetic turf and night sports lighting at the Beach Chalet meadow (2008 Neighborhood Parks Bond)
    b. Rebuild 9.2 acres of grass athletic fields at West Sunset Playground (2012 Neighborhood Parks Bond)
2. The SF Ocean Edge proposed "Hybrid Alternative:"
    a. Rebuild the 4 full Beach Chalet fields as natural grass fields with no sports lighting and build synthetic turf fields with night sports lighting at the West Sunset Playground.

The attached analysis indicates that the SFOE Hybrid Alternative would produce hours of available athletic playing time equal to between 95% and 104% of the amount predicted for the Proposed Project. The cost and potential revenues of the two alternatives would be roughly similar.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: *Financial Comparison of the Proposed Project and SFOE "Hybrid" Alternative Analysis*
Except from *2012 RPD Bond booklet*
SFRPD *Field Capacity Analysis*

June 21st, 2012

Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Project

Financial Comparison of the Proposed Project and SFOE "Hybrid" Alternative:

Summary:

- The proposed project seeks to build 4 Full-sized soccer fields using synthetic turf and night sports lighting at the Beach Chalet meadow.
- The SFOE Hybrid Alternative seeks to re-build the 4 full Beach Chalet fields as natural grass fields with no lighting and build synthetic turf fields with night sports lighting at the West Sunset Playground.

The following analysis indicates that the SFOE Hybrid Alternative would produce total hours of available athletic playing time equal to between 95% and 104% of the amount predicted for the Proposed Project. The cost and potential revenues of the two alternatives would be roughly similar.

The task of analysis is greatly simplified by two facts:

(1) The two sites are approximately the same size (7.2 Acres for Beach Chalet vs. 9.2 acres at West Sunset).

(2) Under current SF financial plans, both sites are slated for "renovation":

- Beach Chalet would be re-built as indicated in the EIR at a cost of about $14mm. The project would be financed with a combination of money from the 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond, the 2006 Lease Review Bond, and a gift in kind of undisclosed value from the City Fields Foundation.
- The City is proposing to renovate the grass fields and other site amenities at West Sunset Playground for $13.2mm, to be financed by proceeds of the proposed 2012 Parks Bond -- see attached excerpt.

A Simplified Example:

As a first approximation, let's assume both sites could accommodate 4 full-sized soccer fields. We need to compare the outcomes of two mutually-exclusive alternatives:

(1) Rebuild both sites as currently proposed by the City.

or :

(2) Rebuild four full-sized grass fields at Beach Chalet and four full sized synthetic turf fields with night sports lighting at West Sunset.

To do the proper analysis, we need to consider the combined costs and benefits of both sites for each of the alternatives. If we think about this for a moment, we see that the two alternatives differ only in the location of the different types of fields -- we've swapped locations. All other aspects remain the same -- the same new total hours of available playtime at the two sites, the same total costs of constructing the fields, the night lighting, the site specific supporting amenities, and the same ongoing operational costs.

Both alternatives provide identical benefits and costs.

A More Thorough Analysis:

We need to adapt our analysis to the slightly more complex actual situation. There are three complications:

(1) The two sites have different physical configurations which dictate different suites of soccer fields:

- The Beach Chalet site is roughly rectilinear and accommodates 4 full-sized soccer fields.
- The West Sunset site is in the form of a square and is divided by a significant elevation change into two distinct areas (the "Upper" and "Lower" fields). This physical configuration precludes building 4 full-sized soccer fields. Instead, SFRPD analysts have proposed building a total of 3 full-sized and 3 half-sized soccer fields at West Sunset.

(2) The lower field at West Sunset is a favored site for baseball. Given the limited alternative sites for baseball, SFRPD indicates that the availability for "ground sports" (soccer) would be limited except in the winter. Note that the proposed rebuilt West Sunset fields cover an area equaling 4.5 full soccer fields -- about 13% more area than Beach Chalet. The total hours available for soccer play will be less than Beach Chalet because about 3,065 hours per year would be devoted to baseball.

(3) Natural grass needs a certain amount of "field rest" – periods in which the fields are closed to regenerate the living grass. For unspecified reasons, SFRPD's analysis assumes that grass fields at the Beach Chalet Fields require 22 weeks of "field rest" each year, while grass fields at West Sunset Playground only require 7 weeks per year. No explanation is given in the SFRPD analysis spreadsheets for the three-fold difference in "rest" requirements.

Available Hours of Play Per Year:

Figure 1 summarizes hours per year available for soccer and baseball play under the two alternatives. It is derived from field capacity analysis performed by SFRPD and provided to us by Patrick Hannan of the City Fields Foundation.

Analysis strictly using SFRPD assumptions indicates that the City's proposed project outlined in the EIR would only generate 10% more soccer playtime than the SFOE Hybrid Alternative – see the first column of Figure 1.

As indicated above, the lower fields of West Sunset are often used for baseball. The SFRPD analysis indicates that 2,369 hours/year would be used for baseball if grass fields continue to be used at the site. If synthetic turf is used, the baseball community would be able to use 3,065 hours per year. We can see no reason why playing opportunities for baseball should be discounted or ignored. The third column in Figure 1 adds back in the baseball hours for both alternatives – with this adjustment, the City's proposed alternative would only generate 5% more total athletic play time than the SFOE Hybrid alternative.

The results remain counter-intuitive: The SFOE Hybrid Alternative, which calls for the equivalent of 4 ½ full synthetic turf fields at West Sunset Playground yields less hours of available play then the EIR Proposal which would create only 4 synthetic turf fields. There should be an advantage for the SFOE Hybrid Alternative:

SFOE Advantage = ½ additional field x (3,580 hrs/yr for Synthetic turf – 1,700.5 hrs/yr for grass)

= 939 hours /yr

We do not see this advantage in Column 3 because of the three-fold difference in required "field rest" for the two sites built into the SFRPD capacity analysis. In the case of West Sunset, SFRPD assumes that grass fields must be closed 7 weeks a year, leaving 45 weeks available for play. In the case of Beach Chalet, they assume all the fields need to be closed 12 weeks a year and that one out of four fields need to be closed at all other times for additional rest. Total time closed is 12 + ¼ (52 – 12) = 22 weeks. Thus, they are assuming grass fields can only be open 30 weeks a year at Beach Chalet.

It is difficult to see why the two sites should require very different amounts of grass "field rest". Both sites are located near the ocean and experience similar weather and wind patterns. West Sunset Playground is only 8 blocks south of Beach Chalet. Perhaps SFRPD's assumptions

reflect differences in the current conditions of the two sites – West Sunset has, until very recently, been maintained by gardener named Terry Mc Devitt who is widely-respected throughout the Department. Beach Chalet, on the other hand, was probably poorly constructed in the first place, has not been refurbished since the late 90's, and has had the misfortune of being cared for with indifferent vigor and skill. However, the current condition of the two sites is not relevant since both sites are slated for reconstruction.

We can easily calculate the annual hours lost due to the increased rest requirement for grass fields at Beach Chalet. The total annual hours of play available is roughly proportional to number of weeks open (30 vs. 45 weeks): SFRPD reports that each full grass field at Beach Chalet would be available 1,184.4 hours/yr and those at West Sunset would be available 1,700.5 hours/yr. The total hours lost because of longer "rest" for four full grass fields at Beach Chalet would be 4 x (1700.5 – 1184.4) = 2,064 hours/year.

Columns 4 and 5 of Figure 1 adjust the hours of play for grass fields by assuming that newly constructed fields would have the same field rest requirements at either site (7 weeks). The results are as expected -- the SFOE Hybrid alternative produces 939 more hours/year than the EIR proposed project. Under these assumptions, the SFOE alternative produces about 4% more available playtime per year. Note that the SFOE Hybrid would show a similar advantage if we had assumed that grass fields at both sites required 22 weeks of rest. The adjustment we are making is not highly -dependent on the absolute level of field rest -- it is mainly a function of the difference in grass field rest requirements for the two sites.

Costs and Revenues:

Since the EIR Project constructs 4 full synthetic turf fields and the Hybrid alternative builds 4.5 synthetic full field equivalents, total construction and maintenance costs for the two alternatives will differ. Figure 3 summarizes these differences using rough estimates of cost per full field. Note that the difference in construction costs tends to be offset by the difference in annual maintenance costs.

Revenues generated by charging fees for adult league rentals would follow a similar logic. Since the Hybrid alternative illuminates about 13% more area, net night rental income might be slightly higher. On the other hand, since 1.5 full field equivalents are actually smaller U10 fields, it is possible that they might not have as high a demand.

Note this comparison assumes that the City Fields Foundation would make the same donation in kind for either alternative.

Also note that if our proposed alternative is modified to advocate using a non-SBR cushioning material (such as cocoa hulls), then our Hybrid alternative's total cost would be greater than the EIR Project by any cost difference between the two cushioning materials. However, if the City decides that safer cushioning material should be used at all new projects, then the increased cost should apply to both alternatives and will not contribute to a cost difference.

FIGURE 1
Comparison of Hours of Play for Project Alternatives

Alternative	Site	Number of Fields	Available Hours of Play Per Year for Soccer (1)	Available Hours of Play Per Year for Baseball (2)	Total Available Hours of Play Per Year	Use Same Grass Field Rest Assumptions (4)	Revised Total Hours of Play Per Year
EIR Proposed Project	Beach Chalet	4 Full Synth Turf & Night Lights	14,320	-	14,320	-	14,320
	West Sunset Upper Field	2 Full and 2 U10 Grass (3)	5,103	-	5,103	-	5,103
	West Sunset Lower Field	1 Full and 1 U10 Grass (3)	183	2,369	2,552	-	2,552
	Totals	7 Full and 3 half-size	19,606	2,369	21,975	-	21,975
SFOE Hybrid Alternative	Beach Chalet	4 Full Grass	4,738	-	4,738	2,064	6,802
	West Sunset Upper Field	2 Full and 2 U10 Synth Turf & Night Lights	10,740	-	10,740	-	10,740
	West Sunset Lower Field	1 Full and 1 U10 Synth Turf & Night Lights	2,306	3,065	5,371	-	5,371
	Totals	7 Full and 3 half-size	17,784	3,065	20,849	2,064	22,913
EIR Project / SFOE Hybrid Alternative			1.10		1.05		0.96

NOTES:
(1) Available Hours of Play per year based on SFRPD field capacity analysis enclosures to email, "West Sunset Hours" , dated 3/1/12, sent by Patrick Hannan (City Fields Foundation)
(2) See Figure 2
(3) A U10 soccer field is 1/2 the size of a full field
(4) Assumes grass fields at both locations require 7 weeks of field rest per year (1700 hrs/yr play time per full field)

Figure 2

West Sunset Lower Field - Implied Hours of Play Devoted to Baseball

Technology	Season	Hours/Year for 1 Full Field at West Sunset: West Sunset - Upper Fields (Soccer Only)	West Sunset - Lower Fields (Soccer Hours reported, but both Baseball and Soccer are played)	Difference = Implied # of hours of Baseball at West Sunset Lower Field	Total for Lower Fields: x 1.5 = 1 full + 1 U10
Synth Turf + Night Lights	Winter	832	832	-	-
	Fall & Spring	1,728	537	1,191	1,787
	Summer	1,020	168	852	1,278
	Total	3,580	1,537	2,043	3,065
Natural Grass	Winter	293	-	293	439
	Fall & Spring	1,053	122	932	1,397
	Summer	355	-	355	533
	Total	1,701	122	1,579	2,369
Increase Due to ST + Lights	Winter	540	832	(293)	(439)
	Fall & Spring	675	416	260	389
	Summer	665	168	497	746
	Total	1,880	1,416	464	696

Notes:

(1) Available Hours of Play per year based on SFRPD field capacity analysis enclosures to email, "West Sunset Hours", dated 3/1/12, from Patrick Hannan (City Fields Foundation)

Figure 3
Comparison of Costs for Project Alternatives
(Dollars)

Rough Unit costs per Full Soccer Field:	**Grass**	**Synth Turf**
Field Construction	700,000	1,500,000
Night Sports Lighting		300,000
Total Construct Costs	700,000	1,800,000
8 - 10 year Renovation	-	500,000
Annual Maintenance	50,000	6,000

Alternatives	**Site**	**Number of Natural Grass Full Field Equivalents**	**Number of Synth Turf + Lights Full Field Equivalents**	**Field + Light Const Costs**	**Periodic Renovation**	**Annual Maintenance**
EIR Proposed Project	Beach Chalet	-	4.0	7,200,000	2,000,000	24,000
	West Sunset - Upper	3.0	-	2,100,000	-	150,000
	West Sunset - Lower	1.5	-	1,050,000	-	75,000
	Total			10,350,000	2,000,000	249,000
SFOE Hybrid Alternative	Beach Chalet	4.0	-	2,800,000	-	200,000
	West Sunset - Upper	-	3.0	5,400,000	1,500,000	18,000
	West Sunset - Lower	-	1.5	2,700,000	750,000	9,000
	Total			10,900,000	2,250,000	227,000
EIR Project - SFOE Hybrid Alternative				(550,000)	(250,000)	22,000

San Francisco Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks General Obligation Bond

Project Site Name	Budget	Project Description
Neighborhood Parks		
Angelo J. Rossi Playground	8.2	Renovate pool, pool building and related amenities and improve park access
Balboa Park	7	Renovate pool, pool building and related amenities and improve park access
Garfield Square	11	Renovate the pool, reconfigure park facilities, and improve park access
George Christopher Playground	2.8	Replace children's play area, restrooms, and improve park access
Gilman Playground	1.8	Replace children's play area, restrooms, and improve park access
Glen Canyon Park	12	Renovate existing recreation center and related amenities
Hyde & Turk Mini Park	1	Renovate children's play area, landscaping and related amenities, and improve park access
Joe DiMaggio Playground	5.5	Reorganize and renovate children's play area, courts, access, and related amenities
Margaret S. Hayward Playground	14	Replace park play structures, replace sports courts, upgrade playfields, and improve park access
Moscone Recreation Center	1.5	Replace children's play area on the east side
Mountain Lake Park	2	Replace children's play area, and improve park access
Potrero Hill Recreation Center	4	Replace and renovate natural turf playfields and dog play area
South Park	1	Renovate children's play area, landscaping and related amenities, and improve park access
West Sunset Playground	13.2	Renovate sports courts, natural turf fields including bleachers, storage, restrooms and park access
Willie "Woo Woo" Wong Playground	6	Renovate site facilities, restore sports courts, replace playground, and improve park access
Neighborhood Parks Contingency	6	Reserve funds to ensure completion of bond projects
Issuance and Oversight	2	Costs of issuance and oversight/audit by CGOBOC
	$ 99.0	
Citywide Parks		
John McLaren Park	10	Fund improvements to park
Golden Gate Park	9	Fund improvements to park
Lake Merced Park	2	Fund improvements to park
	$ 21.0	
Citywide Programs		
Community Opportunity Fund	12	Funds for community-driven projects to improve parks and leverage private resources
Failing Playgrounds	15.5	Funds to replace and restore dilapidated, outdated, failing playgrounds
Forestry	4	Funds to assess and abate hazardous trees and replant to enhance urban forest
Trails	4	Funds to repair and restore trails to allow residents to experience and enjoy nature
Water Conservation	5	Funds to replace outdated irrigation
	$ 40.5	
Waterfront Parks		
Pier 43 Plaza	2.5	New public plaza adjacent to Pier 43 Trail Promenade
Northeast Wharf Plaza & Pier 27/29	16	Construct new 2.7 acre park with large lawn and view areas
Agua Vista Park	2.5	Renovated and connected shoreline access with walking, biking, and view areas
Pier 70 Open Space Sites	10	Shoreline restoration, environmental remediation, landscaping, and new public access
Warm Water Cove Park	2	Renovate and expand park, with improvements to park access and amenities
Islais Creek Improvements	1.5	Construct new public access with walkway and scenic lookouts
	$ 34.5	
TOTAL	**$ 195.0**	million in General Obligation Bonds

West Sunset Upper Capacity Analysis - 2 Full Size and 2 Small U10 Fields

Summary

	EXISTING FIELDS IMPACT PER FIELD						Existing Fields Total Impact										ADDITIONAL FIELDS		TOTAL INCREASE	
	Hours	Hours	Increase Due To				Fields Impacted		Total Hours Added		Hours Due to No Closure		ours Due to No Ra		Hours Due to Lights		Total Hours Added		Hours	
	Current	With Turf	No Closure	No Rain	Lights	Total	Ground	Ball	Ground	Ball	Ground	Ball	Ground	Ball	Ground	Ball	Ground	Ball	Ground	Ball
Winter	293	832	0	85	454	540	2 Full & 2 small U10	0	1619	0	0	0	255	0	1362	0	0	0	1,618.50	0
Fall and Spring	1,053	1,728	0	108	567	675			2025	0	0	0	324	0	1701	0	0	0	2,025.00	0
Summer	355	1,020	497	0	168	665			1995	0	1491	0	0	0	504	0	0	0	1,995.00	0
Total Hours	1,701	3,580	497	193	1,189	1,880			5639	0	1491	0	579	0	3567	0	0	0	**5,638.50**	**0**

Factors & Assumptions:

1. West Sunset Upper is closed 7 weeks per year during June and July for Maintenance
2. During school hours, field is only utilized 10% in winter and 20% in spring and fall.
3. During summer 9 to 3, fields Is utilized 80% for camps
4. Field is closed 25% in winter and 10% in fall and spring due to rain.
5. 2 Small U10 are equivalent to 1 Full in terms of hours added

Detail - Current Capacity in Hours PER FIELD

		Weekends					Weekday					TOTAL
	# of weeks	Hours Open	Total Hours/Day	% available	Day Per Week	Estimated Hrs/ Week	Hours Open	Total Hours/Day	% available	Days Per Week	Estimated Hrs/ Week	HOURS PER YEAR
Winter	13	9am to 5pm	8	75%	2	12	9 am to 3 pm	6	10%	5	3	
Winter							3 pm to 5 pm	2	75%	5	7.5	292.50
Fall and Spring	27	9am to 7pm	10	90%	2	18	9 am to 3 pm	3	20%	5	3	
Fall and Spring							3 pm to 7 pm	4	90%	5	18	1,053.00
Summer	5	9am to 8pm	11	100%	2	22	9 am to 3 pm	6	80%	5	24	
Summer							3 pm to 8 pm	5	100%	5	25	355.00
Weeks Closed	7											
TOTAL	52										TOTAL	1,700.50

Detail - Post Field Turf Capacity in Hours PER FIELD Note: Assumptions Changed Are Highlighted

	# of	Weekends					Weekday					TOTAL
	weeks	Hours Open	Total Hours/Day	% available	Day Per Week	Estimated Hrs/ Week	Hours Open	Total Hours/Day	% available	Days Per Week	Estimated Hrs/ Week	HOURS PER YEAR
Winter	13	9am to 10pm	13	100%	2	26	9 am to 3 pm	6	10%	5	3	
Winter							3 pm to 10 pm	7	100%	5	35	832.00
Fall and Spring	27	9am to 10pm	13	100%	2	26	9 am to 3 pm	3	20%	5	3	
Fall and Spring							3 pm to 10 pm	7	100%	5	35	1,728.00
Summer	12	9am to 10pm	13	100%	2	26	9 am to 3 pm	6	80%	5	24	
Summer							3 pm to 10 pm	7	100%	5	35	1,020.00
Weeks Closed	0											
TOTAL	52										TOTAL	3,580.00

West Sunset Lower Capacity Analysis - 1 Full Size and 1 U10

Summary

	EXISTING FIELDS IMPACT PER FIELD			TOTAL INCREASE	
	Hours Current	Hours With Turf	Total Increase	Fields Impacted Ground	Total Hours Added Ground
Winter	0	832	832	1 Full and 1 U10	1248
Fall and Spring	122	537	416		623
Summer	0	168	168		252
Total Hours	122	1,537	1,416		2123

Assumptions:

1.West Sunset Lower is a Premier Baseball field and in high demand for use by schools (high school and middle school), youth leagues, summer camps and adults. There are no alternative locations for baseball. The only hours where grounds sports could be added without a major impact on baseball would be weekdays (other than summer) from 9 to 3, winter, evenings after dark. In addition, we believe that in the fall we could allocate 8 hours per weekend for use by youth players displacing baseball. This chart reflect actual increase on capacity.
2. During school hours, field is only utilized 10% in winter and 20% in spring and fall.
3. 2 U10 equal 1 Full and 1 U10 equals 1/2 Full

Detail - Current Ground Sports Usage Per Field

		Weekends					Weekday					TOTAL
	#of weeks	Hours Open	Total Hours/Day	% available	Day Per Week	Estimated Hrs/ Week	Hours Open	Total Hours/Day	% available	Days Per Week	Estimated Hrs/ Week	HOURS PER YEAR
Winter	7	9am to 5pm	0	75%	2	0	9 am to 3 pm	0	10%	5	0	
Winter							3 pm to 5 pm	0	75%	5	0	0.00
Fall and Spring	27	9am to 7pm	0	90%	2	0	9 am to 3 pm	0	20%	5	0	
Fall and Spring							3 pm to 7 pm	1	90%	5	4.5	121.50
Summer	12	9am to 8pm	0	100%	2	0	9 am to 3 pm	0	80%	5	0	
Summer							3 pm to 8 pm	0	100%	5	0	0.00
Weeks Closed	6											
TOTAL	52										TOTAL	121.50

Note: Only current ground sports usage is weekdays after school for practices on a small part of the field

Detail - Post Field Turf Ground Sport Usage Per Field

	#of	Weekends					Weekday					TOTAL
	weeks	Hours Open	Total Hours/Day	% available	Day Per Week	Estimated Hrs/ Week	Hours Open	Total Hours/Day	% available	Days Per Week	Estimated Hrs/ Week	HOURS PER YEAR
Winter	13	9am to 10pm	13	100%	2	26	9 am to 3 pm	6	10%	5	3	
Winter							3 pm to 10 pm	7	100%	5	35	832.00
Fall*	12	9 am to 10 pm	8	100%	1	8	9 am to 3 pm	3	20%	5	3	
Fall							3 pm to 10 pm	5	100%	5	25	432.00
Spring	15	6 pm to 10 pm	2	100%	2	4	9 am to 3 pm	3	20%	5	3	
Spring							3 pm to 10 pm	0	100%	5	0	105.00
Summer	12	6 pm to 10 pm	2	100%	2	4	9 am to 3 pm	0	80%	5	0	
Summer							3 pm to 10 pm	2	100%	5	10	168.00
Weeks Closed	0											
TOTAL	37										TOTAL	1,537.00

Beach Capacity Analysis - 3 Existing Fields and One New

Summary

	EXISTING FIELDS IMPACT PER FIELD						Existing Fields Total Impact										ADDITIONAL FIELDS		TOTAL INCREASE	
	Hours	Hours	Increase Due To				Fields Impacted		Total Hours Added		Hours Due to No Closure		Hours Due to No Rain		Hours Due to Lights		Total Hours Added		Hours	
	Current	With Turf	No Closure	No Rain	Lights	Total	Ground	Ball	Ground	Ball	Ground	Ball	Ground	Ball	Ground	Ball	Ground	Ball	Ground	Ball
Winter	184	832	109	85	455	648	3 Full	0	1945	0	327	0	254	0	1365	0	832.00	0	2,777.20	0
Fall and Spring	661	1,728	392	108	567	1,067			3200	0	1175	0	324	0	1701	0	1,728.00	0	4,928.40	0
Summer	734	1,020	118	0	168	286			857	0	353	0	0	0	504	0	1,020.00	0	1,876.80	0
Total Hours	1,579	3,580	618	193	1,190	2,001			6002	0	1855	0	578	0	3570	0	3,580.00	0	**9,582.40**	**0**

Factors & Assumptions:
1. Beach is closed 12 weeks per year from October through December and Every Monday for Maintenance
2. During school hours, field is only utilized 10% in winter and 20% in spring and fall.
3. During summer 9 to 3, fields Is utilized 80% for camps
4. Field is closed 25% in winter and 10% in fall and spring due to rain.

Detail - Current Capacity in Hours PER FIELD

		Weekends					Weekday					TOTAL
	# of weeks	Hours Open	Total Hours/Day	% available	Day Per Week	Estimated Hrs/	Hours Open	Total Hour	% available	Days Per	Estimated Hrs/ Week	HOURS PER YEAR
Winter	9	9am to 5pm	8	75%	2	12	9 am to 3	6	10%	4	2.4	183.60
Winter							3 pm to 5	2	75%	4	6	
Fall and Spring	19	9am to 7pm	10	90%	2	18	9 am to 3	3	20%	4	2.4	661.20
Fall and Spring							3 pm to 7	4	90%	4	14.4	
Summer	12	9am to 8pm	11	100%	2	22	9 am to 3	6	80%	4	19.2	734.40
Summer							3 pm to 8	5	100%	4	20	
Weeks Closed	12											
TOTAL	52										TOTAL	1,579.20

Detail - Post Field Turf Capacity in Hours PER FIELD Note: Assumptions Changed Are Highlighted

	# of	Weekends					Weekday					TOTAL
	weeks	Hours Open	Total Hours/Day	% available	Day Per Week	Estimated Hrs/ Week	Hours Open	Total Hours/Day	% available	Days Per Week	Estimated Hrs/ Week	HOURS PER YEAR
Winter	13	9am to 10pm	13	100%	2	26	9 am to 3	6	10%	5	3	832.00
Winter							3 pm to 10	7	100%	5	35	
Fall and Spring	27	9am to 10pm	13	100%	2	26	9 am to 3	3	20%	5	3	1,728.00
Fall and Spring							3 pm to 10	7	100%	5	35	
Summer	12	9am to 10pm	13	100%	2	26	9 am to 3	6	80%	5	24	1,020.00
Summer							3 pm to 10	7	100%	5	35	
Weeks Closed	0											
TOTAL	52										TOTAL	3,580.00

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Dear Board of Appeal Members,

Appellants SF Ocean Edge, the Golden Gate Park Preservation Alliance, the Golden Gate Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, and Gregory Miller, respectively submit the following additional evidence on the feasibility of the Hybrid Alternative. It is acknowledged that additional written arguments may not be submitted at a hearing without prior Board approval; however, under the case *Bakersfield Citizens for Local Control v. Bakersfield*, 124 Cal. App. 4th 1184, 1199-1203 (2004) California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") evidence must be accepted at the final project approval hearing, even if the new evidence concerns CEQA issues only.

Where a project is found to have significant adverse impacts, CEQA requires the adoption of a feasible alternative that meets most of the project objectives but results in fewer significant impacts (*Citizens of Goleta Valley v. Bd of Supervisors*, 197 Cal. App. 3d 1167, 1180-81). A "feasible" alternative is one that is capable of being accomplished in a successful manner within a reasonable period of time, taking into account economic, environmental, legal, social and technological factors (Pub. Res. Code § 21061.1; 14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15364).

A feasible alternative exists – a Hybrid Alternative – involving the restoration of the Beach Chalet fields with new natural grass, gopher proofing, and good drainage as well as installing artificial turf at the West Sunset Park. The City has failed to adequately evaluate this Hybrid Alternative and dismissed it claiming that it would not provide equivalent play hours (as compared to the proposed Project). On July 10, 2012, at the Board of Supervisors hearing, Don Lewis of the San Francisco Planning Department and Dana Ketcham, Manager of Reservations at San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, claimed that the proposed Beach Chalet project would have a relative advantage of 1,820 hours per year for the proposed Project compared to the Hybrid Alternative.

The attached exhibit, prepared by Gregory Miller, financial analyst and Katherine Howard, ASLA, landscape architect, provides a detailed analysis explaining why the Hybrid Alternative would provide virtually the same amount of playing time as the proposed Project. In summary, the Recreation and Planning Department analysis is flawed because it excludes hours of play for baseball at West Sunset. Play time estimates should include baseball play time. It is also flawed because the Recreation and Park Department calculation provided for the need to close the Beach Chalet Fields every Monday for maintenance. We believe that with the renovation of the Beach Chalet fields with improved drainage, irrigation, soil structure, and gopher controls, that this is not necessary. When properly calculated, the proposed Project would only have a light advantage over the Hybrid Alternative (475 hours/year). The Hybrid Alternative could be further refined to provide for additional play time as provided in the attached exhibit.

This Hybrid Alternative would provide ample playing time as well as protect the unique natural landscape of the Beach Chalet and Ocean Beach areas. Thank you for considering our comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke O'Hanley
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Exhibit

SF RPD's Argument

In their testimony before the SF Board of Supervisors on July 10, 2012 Don Lewis of SF Planning Department and Dana Ketcham, Manager of Reservations at SF RPD, claimed that the proposed Beach Chalet project would increase available play by 9,582 hours per year compared to an increase of 7,762 hours per year for building synthetic turf with night lighting at West Sunset Playground. Their analysis shows a relative advantage of 1,820 hours per year for the proposed project compared to the Hybrid Alternative.

Ketcham implied that this advantage was principally due to the need to rest one out of four grass fields at Beach Chalet at all times. According to Ketcham, this is not required at West Sunset because the Upper Field area is a square configuration – the fields on this site can be shifted or rotated to allow the goal areas to rest without taking the entire field out of use. The layout at Beach Chalet is rectangular. Ketcham argued that the Beach Chalet fields cannot be rotated --so one out of four must be taken out of service throughout the year to allow the goal areas to rest.

In addition, Ketcham briefly mentioned two other factors: First, all grass fields at Beach Chalet are closed on Mondays for maintenance. This is not done at West Sunset. Second, the lower field area at West Sunset is shared with baseball and often not available for soccer play.

The True Impact of This Issue

The impact of this issue on playable hours is somewhat less than what we might expect listening to Ketcham.

The estimated increased hours of play cited by RPD and Planning match the figures found in the RPD field utilization reports we have studied. We based our original analysis on the same field utilization information. We disagree on the interpretation of this information.

First, the RPD analysis on athletic playtime excludes hours of play for baseball at West Sunset. It makes no sense to do this – don't the needs of our baseball community count? The 2004 Assessment of the City's recreational needs identified a shortfall of 30 baseball fields as well as 35 soccer fields. According to RPD's field utilization studies, synthetic turf with night lighting would increase baseball hours from 2,369 to 3,065 hours per year – an increase of 696 hours per year.

Second, we question the need to close all the Beach Chalet Fields every Monday for maintenance. This is not required for the grass fields at West Sunset. Perhaps Monday closures are somehow associated with soggy fields. The soil at Beach Chalet overlays sand. The interface between a moist soil layer and sand can create a semi-impervious barrier that prevents water drainage. We propose that renovation of grass fields at Beach Chalet should include the installation of a modern sub-surface drainage system to deal with such problems. Ketcham asserted that drainage would not help since it did not help after the recent renovation of the Polo Fields. We believe she is misinformed -- the Polo Field renovation did not include a modern

field drainage system. By RPD's own calculations, elimination of Monday closures at Beach Chalet would increase hours of play by 649 hours per year.

We can now reconcile RPD's analysis with that of SF Ocean Edge:

Increase in annual hours of available play –Proposed Project vs. SFOE Hybrid Alternative

Advantage cited by Mr. Lewis & Ms. Ketcham	1,820 hrs/yr
- Include increased hours for baseball community at West Sunset	(696)
- Eliminate Monday closures for maintenance at Beach Chalet	(649)

Adjusted Advantage of Proposed Project over the Hybrid Alternative	475 hrs/yr

In other words, even if one out of four grass fields at Beach Chalet were placed out of service at all times, the relative advantage of the proposed project is only about one fourth of the figure cited by the RPD and Planning staff.

Implementing Field Rotation at Beach Chalet

Can the grass fields at Beach Chalet be rotated to avoid keeping one out of four fields closed at all times?

The proposed new fields would be 210' x 330', surrounded by paths about 10' wide. A simple 90 degree rotation of the fields cannot be accommodated without increasing the east /west dimension of the area by about 100 feet. This could not be implemented for the three northern fields without extensive removal of the existing forest and excavation of the eastern hillside. Also, such a rotation would preclude the planned 30 foot wide spectator seating area located between the two center fields.

Adding a fifth grass field at Beach Chalet

An alternative would be to replace the southern-most field with two full fields oriented in a north-south direction (see attached Figure). This would create five grass fields, one of which would be placed out of service at all times.

There would be some disadvantages with this approach: One more field would have to be built and maintained. We would lose a 1.6 acre strip of forested parkland on the south and south-east edge of the existing site. On the other hand, since the same trees on the south border of the fields are planned for removal in any case, the incremental impact on forest resources would be minimal.

Constructing and maintaining a five grass fields at Beach Chalet and resting one field at all time, would increase hours of play at the site by 1,700 hours per year.

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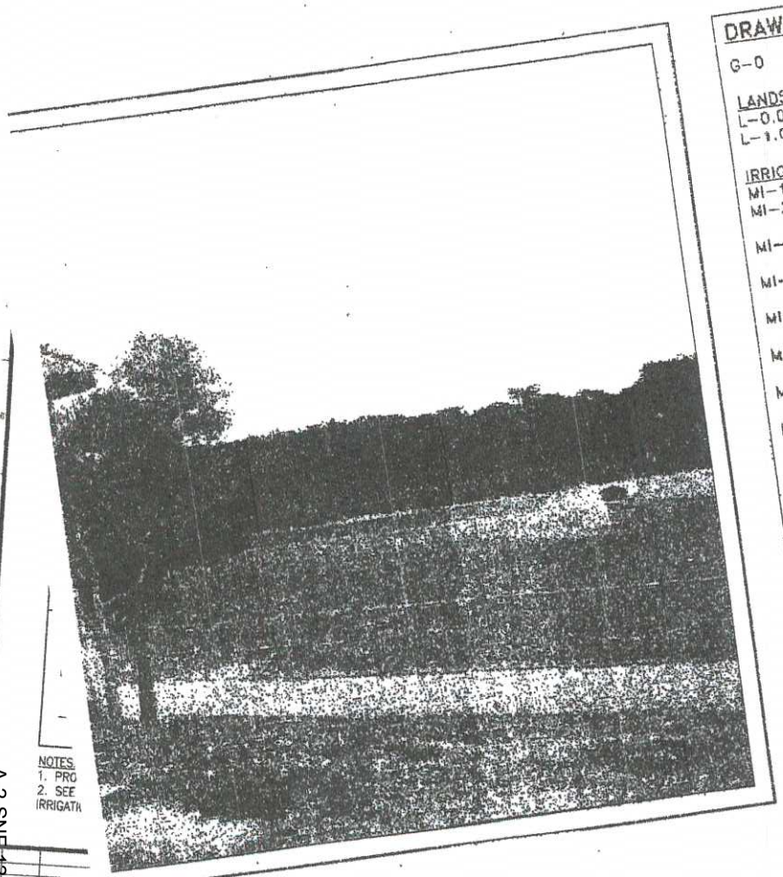

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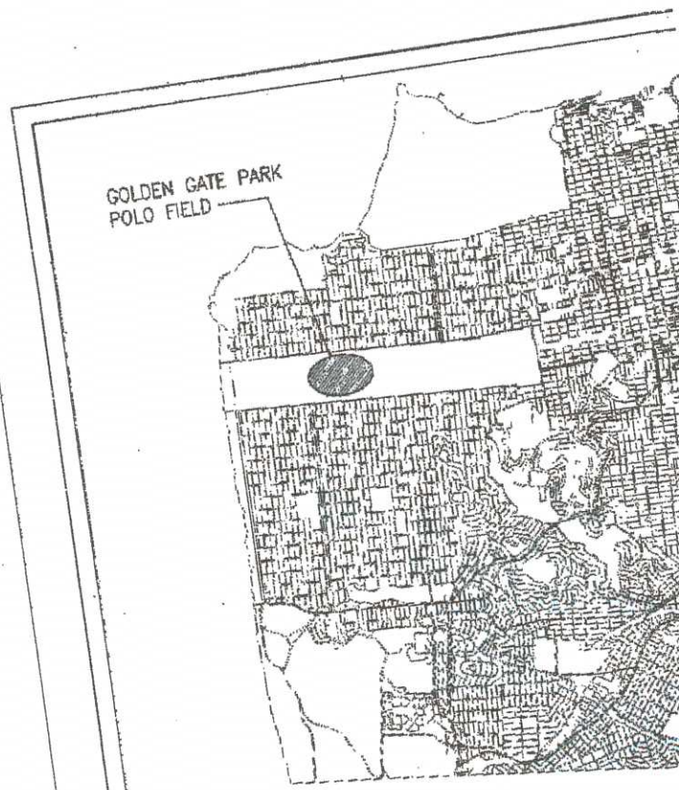

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APPEAL FROM COASTAL PERMIT DECISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Please Review Attached Appeal Information Sheet Prior To Completing This Form.

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SECTION I. Appellant(s)

Name: **Golden Gate Park Preservation Alliance**

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City: **San Francisco, CA** **Zip Code:** **94122** **Phone:** **415-710-2402**

SECTION II. Decision Being Appealed

1. Name of local/port government:

City and County of San Francisco

2. Brief description of development being appealed:

Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (State Clearinghouse No. 2011022005): The Project proposes to replace the soccer fields with artificial turf. The Project includes the installation of ten 60-foot tall lights which will broadcast 150,000 watts of light into a heretofore dark portion of the park and also impact Ocean Beach from dusk until 10:00 p.m., every night of the year. The Project also includes installation of seating for over 1,000 spectators, expansion of the parking lot by 33% , replacement of dirt/grass paths with pavement or crushed concrete, renovation of a building on site, installation of 60 additional light poles for pathway and parking lot lighting, loss of at least 55 trees, and installation of additional amenities for visitors.

3. Development's location (street address, assessor's parcel no., cross street, etc.):

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are located within the Coastal Zone at 1500 John F. Kennedy Drive, Block/Lot 1700/001, cross streets JFK and Bernice Rodgers, in the western end of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, California. Night lighting will be plainly visible from Ocean Beach, and is authorized 365 nights per year from dusk until 10:00 p.m.

4. Description of decision being appealed (check one.):

☒ Approval; no special conditions

☐ Approval with special conditions:

☐ Denial

Note: For jurisdictions with a total LCP, denial decisions by a local government cannot be appealed unless the development is a major energy or public works project. Denial decisions by port governments are not appealable.

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMISSION:

APPEAL NO: A-2-SNF-12-020

DATE FILED: 10/5/12

DISTRICT: North Central Coast

APPEAL FROM COASTAL PERMIT DECISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Page 2)

5. Decision being appealed was made by (check one):

☐ Planning Director/Zoning Administrator

☐ City Council/Board of Supervisors

☒ Planning Commission

☒ Other - San Francisco Board of Appeals

6. Date of local government's decision: May 24, 2012- Planning Commission Motion # 18640 approving the permit; August 1, 2012 -Board of Appeals Denial of Appeal; September 12, 2012. Board of Appeals - denial of rehearing.

7. Local government's file number (if any): Local Coast Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P

SECTION III. Identification of Other Interested Persons

Give the names and addresses of the following parties. (Use additional paper as necessary.)

a. Name and mailing address of permit applicant:

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, Attn: Dan Mauer, 30 Van Ness 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102
;

b. Names and mailing addresses as available of those who testified (either verbally or in writing) at the city/county/port hearing(s). Include other parties which you know to be interested and should receive notice of this appeal.

(1)
San Francisco Planning Department, Attn: John Rahaim, Director of Planning, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400. San Francisco, CA 94103

(2) San Francisco Vikings Soccer Club, 2521 Judah St., San Francisco, CA 94122

(3) City Fields Foundation, 1714 Stockton Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94133

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APPEAL FROM COASTAL PERMIT DECISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Page 3)

SECTION IV. Reasons Supporting This Appeal

PLEASE NOTE:

- Appeals of local government coastal permit decisions are limited by a variety of factors and requirements of the Coastal Act. Please review the appeal information sheet for assistance in completing this section.
- State briefly **your reasons for this appeal**. Include a summary description of Local Coastal Program, Land Use Plan, or Port Master Plan policies and requirements in which you believe the project is inconsistent and the reasons the decision warrants a new hearing. (Use additional paper as necessary.)
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We urge the CCC to overturn the Planning Commission's approval of Local Coastal Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P because the project, as submitted, is not consistent with the LCP.

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SECTION V. Certification

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Katherine Howard

Signature(s) of co - Appellant(s) - individuals or authorized officer for a group- Signatures must be originals

Date: September 14, 2012

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SECTION I. Appellant(s)

Name: **Golden Gate Audubon Society**

Mailing Address: **2530 San Pablo Avenue, Suite G**

City: **Berkeley, CA** Zip Code: **94702 -** Phone: **(510) 843-6551**

SECTION II. Decision Being Appealed

1. Name of local/port government:

City and County of San Francisco

2. Brief description of development being appealed:

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Mark Wetherell

Signature(s) of co - Appellant

Date August 10, 2012

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SECTION I. Appellant(s)

Name: **Sierra Club, San Francisco Group, San Francisco Bay Chapter**

Mailing Address: **2530 San Pablo Avenue, Suite I**

City: **Berkeley, CA** Zip Code: **94702 - 2000** Phone: **(510) 848-0800**

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SECTION I. Appellant(s)

Name: **Viking Soccer Parents for Grass Fields in Golden Gate Park, Kathleen McCowin, President**

Mailing Address: **2471 44th Avenue CA**

City: **San Francisco** Zip Code: **94116** Phone: **650-862-4703**

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Signature(s) of Appellant

Kathleen McCowin, President Viking Soccer Parents for Grass Fields in Golden Gate Park

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Name: Jean Barish

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City: San Francisco, CA Zip Code: 94121 Phone: 415-752-0185

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I urge the CCC to overturn the Planning Commission's approval of Local Coastal Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P because the project, as submitted, is not consistent with the LCP.

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SECTION I. Appellant(s)

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City: **San Francisco, CA** **Zip Code: 94122** **Phone: 415-681-3544**

SECTION II. Decision Being Appealed

1. Name of local/port government:

City and County of San Francisco

2. Brief description of development being appealed:

Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (State Clearinghouse No. 2011022005): The Project proposes to replace the soccer fields with artificial turf. The Project includes the installation of ten 60-foot tall lights which will broadcast 150,000 watts of light into a heretofore dark portion of the park and also impact Ocean Beach from dusk until 10:00 p.m., every night of the year. The Project also includes installation of seating for over 1,000 spectators, expansion of the parking lot by 33% , replacement of dirt/grass paths with pavement or crushed concrete, renovation of a building on site, installation of 60 additional light poles for pathway and parking lot lighting, loss of at least 55 trees, and installation of additional amenities for visitors.

3. Development's location (street address, assessor's parcel no., cross street, etc.):

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are located within the Coastal Zone at 1500 John F. Kennedy Drive, Block/Lot 1700/001, cross streets JFK and Bernice Rodgers, in the western end of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, California. Night lighting will be plainly visible from Ocean Beach, and is authorized 365 nights per year from dusk until 10:00 p.m.

4. Description of decision being appealed (check one.):

☒ Approval; no special conditions

☐ Approval with special conditions:

☐ Denial

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TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMISSION:

APPEAL NO: A-2-SNF-12-020

DATE FILED: 10/5/12

DISTRICT: North Central Coast

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5. Decision being appealed was made by (check one):

☐ Planning Director/Zoning Administrator

☐ City Council/Board of Supervisors

☒ Planning Commission

☒ Other - San Francisco Board of Appeals

6. Date of local government's decision: May 24, 2012- Planning Commission Motion # 18640 approving the permit; August 1, 2012 -Board of Appeals Denial of Appeal.

7. Local government's file number (if any): Local Coast Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P

SECTION III. Identification of Other Interested Persons

Give the names and addresses of the following parties. (Use additional paper as necessary.)

a. Name and mailing address of permit applicant:

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, Attn: Dan Mauer, 30 Van Ness 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102

b. Names and mailing addresses as available of those who testified (either verbally or in writing) at the city/county/port hearing(s). Include other parties which you know to be interested and should receive notice of this appeal.

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The Project (permit 2010.0016P - Beach Chalet Soccer Fields) is appealable under the California Coastal Act and the SF Local Coastal Program (LCP).

(1) Appealable Development:

The Beach Chalet Athletics Fields complex (The Project) does not conform to the standards set forth in the San Francisco Local Coastal Program (LCP). The LCP for the San Francisco shoreline is embodied in the Western Shoreline Area Plan of the San Francisco General Plan. Inconsistencies include:

- Policy 3.1 "Emphasize the naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use." *The Project is inconsistent with the LCP because it fails to protect the naturalistic quality of the western end of Golden Gate Park by installing ten new 60-foot-tall lamp poles that will broadcast up to 150,000 watts of light 365 nights a year until 10:00 pm, by adding an additional 60 light poles for path and parking lighting, by adding concrete and asphalt to a vegetated area, by adding bleacher/seating for over 1,000 visitors in an area with no current built-in seating, by expanding the parking lot by 33%, by installing plastic grass in place of over 7 acres of existing turf, by introducing all of these rectilinear elements to an area that should emphasize soft, curvilinear lines.*

- Policy 3.2 "Continue to implement a long-term reforestation program at the western portion of the park." *The project will result in deforestation, by removing over 55 trees, which is contrary to the mandate for reforestation. The trees are being removed to allow for larger playing fields and a larger parking lot; therefore, there is no room for replacement trees to be planted within the same area.*

I/We urge the CCC to overturn the Planning Commission's approval of Local Coastal Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P because the project, as submitted, is not consistent with the LCP.

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Date August 6, 2012

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SECTION I. Appellant(s)

Name: Nancy Wuerfel and co-appellants (see attached list)

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☒ Planning Commission

☒ Other - San Francisco Board of Appeals

6. Date of local government's decision: May 24, 2012 (Planning Commission's Motion # 18640 approving permit); August 1, 2012 (Board of Appeals' decision denying appeal); September 12, 2012 (Board of Appeals' decision denying rehearing request)

7. Local government's file number (if any): Local Coast Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P

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(3) John Rahaim and Scott Sanchez, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission St., Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103-2470

(4) Edwin M. Lee, Mayor of San Francisco, City Hall, Room 200, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102

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The Project (permit 2010.0016P - Beach Chalet Soccer Fields) is appealable under the California Coastal Act and the SF Local Coastal Program ("LCP"). In fact, the Coastal Commission staff wrote a letter to the San Francisco Planning Commission on June 13, 2012, stating, "the project is appealable [to the Coastal Commission] and must be noticed as such." The Coastal Commission informed the City by the same correspondence that the City "misleads the public" by informing them that the matter is not appealable to the California Coastal Commission ("CCC"). The CCC letter states:

(1) Appealable Development:

Coastal Act Section 30603 specifies the types of development that are appealable to the Commission, including "(5) Any development which constitutes a major public works project…" Section 13012(b) of the Commission's regulations defines major public works, in part, as "publicly financed recreational facilities that serve, affect, or otherwise impact regional or statewide use of the coast by increasing or decreasing public recreational opportunities or facilities" as projects that constitute major public works projects.

The proposed project is being funded by the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. Therefore, given the above standards for determining whether development is appealable to the Commission, **the subject alterations being made to the facilities at the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields at Golden Gate Park (2010.0016P) constitute a type of development that is appealable to the California Coastal Commission.**

The Project (development) is appealable because it does not conform to the standards set forth in the San Francisco coastal program. The LCP for the San Francisco shoreline is embodied in the Western Shoreline Area Plan of the San Francisco General Plan. Inconsistencies include:

- Policy 3.1 "Emphasize the *naturalistic* landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use." The project is inconsistent with the LCP because it fails to protect the naturalistic quality of the western end of Golden Gate Park by (1) installing ten new 60-foot-tall light poles that will broadcast 150,000 watts of light every night of the year until 10:00 pm and would be highly visible not only during the day but also at night in an area of the park which has been historically dark at night. In fact the EIR stated "[t]he addition of new poles and lights would alter the character defining land patterns within the Athletic Field by introducing *a large - scale lighting element which is incompatible with the informal and naturalistic character of the fields, the surrounding Park area, and the adjacent Ocean Beach*; and (2) removing acres of naturally-growing grass and permanently replacing them with artificial turf and removing 60 trees, thus impacting an 11 acre site.

- Policy 3.2 "Continue to implement a long-term *reforestation* program at the western portion of the park." The project will result in deforestation, by removing 60 trees, which is contrary to the mandate for reforestation. The trees are being removed to allow for larger fields; therefore, there is no room for replacement trees to be planted within the same area.

I urge the CCC to overturn the Planning Commission's approval of Local Coastal Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P because the project, as submitted, is not consistent with the LCP.

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SECTION V. Certification

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Nancy Wuerfel

Signature(s) of co -Appellant(s) - individuals or authorized officer for a group- Signatures must be originals

Date : ~~August~~ October 6, 2012

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McKay	James		
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Marcia Dember

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Date Sept. 24, 2012

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Date : August , 2012

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~~**Section VI. Agent Authorization**~~

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~~Date~~ : 9/28/12

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Suzanne R. Dumont & Sandy Weil

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Date August 21, 2012

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Susan Suval

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Date 9-25- ~~August~~ , 2012

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~~Date~~ ——

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Stewart Morton

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Date August , 2012
: September 29, 2012

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~~Date~~ ____
: September 29, 2012

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Farideh Alaghebandi

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Date August 30, 2012

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Appeal to California Coastal Commission against renovation (adding astroturf, stadium lights, etc)

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Donna J. Ashizawa

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Date ~~August~~ , 2012 : October 7

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Date August 20, 2012

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Judith Hoyem

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Bonnie R Knight

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Date August 22, 2012

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Shawna McGrew

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Rasa Gustaitis Moss

Signature of Appellant(s) or Authorized Agent

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Donna Lee Parker

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Kristin M. Reed

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City: San Francisco, CA Zip Code: 94131 Phone: 415-695-1393

SECTION II. Decision Being Appealed

1. Name of local/port government:

City and County of San Francisco

2. Brief description of development being appealed:

Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (State Clearinghouse No. 2011022005): The Project proposes to replace the soccer fields with artificial turf and remove certain adjacent trees. The Project includes the installation of ten 60-foot tall light poles which will broadcast up to 150,000 watts of light into a heretofore dark portion of the park and also impact Ocean Beach from dusk until 10:00 p.m., every night of the year. The Project also includes installation of seating for over 1,000 spectators, expansion of the parking lot by 33%, replacement of dirt/grass paths with pavement or crushed concrete, renovation of a building on site, installation of 60 additional light poles for pathway and parking lot lighting, removal of 44 trees without replacement, and installation of additional amenities for visitors.

3. Development's location (street address, assessor's parcel no., cross street, etc.):

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are located within the Coastal Zone at 1500 John F. Kennedy Drive, Block/Lot 1700/001, cross streets JFK and Bernice Rodgers, in the western end of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, California (see map attached). Night lighting will be plainly visible from Ocean Beach, and is authorized 365 nights per year from dusk until 10:00 p.m.

4. Description of decision being appealed (check one.):

☒ Approval; no special conditions

☐ Approval with special conditions:

☐ Denial

Note: For jurisdictions with a total LCP, denial decisions by a local government cannot be appealed unless the development is a major energy or public works project. Denial decisions by port governments are not appealable.

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5. Decision being appealed was made by (check one):

☐ Planning Director/Zoning Administrator

☐ City Council/Board of Supervisors

☒ Planning Commission

☒ Other - San Francisco Board of Appeals

6. Date of local government's decision: May 24, 2012 (Planning Commission's Motion # 18640 approving permit); August 1, 2012 (Board of Appeals' decision denying appeal); September 12, 2012 (Board of Appeals' decision denying rehearing request)

7. Local government's file number (if any): Local Coast Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P

SECTION III. Identification of Other Interested Persons

Give the names and addresses of the following parties. (Use additional paper as necessary.)

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San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, Attn: Dan Mauer, 30 Van Ness 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102

b. Names and mailing addresses as available of those who testified (either verbally or in writing) at the city/county/port hearing(s). Include other parties which you know to be interested and should receive notice of this appeal.

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(2) City Fields Foundation, 1714 Stockton Street Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94133, Phone: (415) 837-5403

(3) John Rahaim and Scott Sanchez, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission St., Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103-2470

(4) Edwin M. Lee, Mayor of San Francisco, City Hall, Room 200, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102

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SECTION IV. Reasons Supporting This Appeal

PLEASE NOTE:

- Appeals of local government coastal permit decisions are limited by a variety of factors and requirements of the Coastal Act. Please review the appeal information sheet for assistance in completing this section.
- State briefly **your reasons for this appeal**. Include a summary description of Local Coastal Program, Land Use Plan, or Port Master Plan policies and requirements in which you believe the project is inconsistent and the reasons the decision warrants a new hearing. (Use additional paper as necessary.)
- This need not be a complete or exhaustive statement of your reasons of appeal; however, there must be sufficient discussion for staff to determine that the appeal is allowed by law. The appellant, subsequent to filing the appeal, may submit additional information to the staff and/or Commission to support the appeal request.

The Project (permit 2010.0016P - Beach Chalet Soccer Fields) is appealable under the California Coastal Act and the SF Local Coastal Program ("LCP"). In fact, the Coastal Commission staff wrote a letter to the San Francisco Planning Commission on June 13, 2012, stating, "the project is appealable [to the Coastal Commission] and must be noticed as such." The Coastal Commission informed the City by the same correspondence that the City "misleads the public" by informing them that the matter is not appealable to the California Coastal Commission ("CCC"). The CCC letter states:

(1) Appealable Development:

Coastal Act Section 30603 specifies the types of development that are appealable to the Commission, including "(5) Any development which constitutes a major public works project..." Section 13012(b) of the Commission's regulations defines major public works, in part, as "publicly financed recreational facilities that serve, affect, or otherwise impact regional or statewide use of the coast by increasing or decreasing public recreational opportunities or facilities" as projects that constitute major public works projects.

The proposed project is being funded by the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. Therefore, given the above standards for determining whether development is appealable to the Commission, **the subject alterations being made to the facilities at the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields at Golden Gate Park (2010.0016P) constitute a type of development that is appealable to the California Coastal Commission.**

The Project (development) is appealable because it does not conform to the standards set forth in the San Francisco coastal program. The LCP for the San Francisco shoreline is embodied in the Western Shoreline Area Plan of the San Francisco General Plan. Inconsistencies include:

- Policy 3.1 "Emphasize the *naturalistic* landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use." The project is inconsistent with the LCP because it fails to protect the naturalistic quality of the western end of Golden Gate Park by (1) installing ten new 60-foot-tall light poles that will broadcast 150,000 watts of light every night of the year until 10:00 pm and would be highly visible not only during the day but also at night in an area of the park which has been historically dark at night. In fact the EIR stated "[t]he addition of new poles and lights would alter the character defining land patterns within the Athletic Field by introducing *a large - scale lighting element which is incompatible with the informal and naturalistic character of the fields, the surrounding Park area, and the adjacent Ocean Beach*; and (2) removing acres of naturally-growing grass and permanently replacing them with artificial turf and removing 60 trees, thus impacting an 11 acre site.

- Policy 3.2 "Continue to implement a long-term *reforestation* program at the western portion of the park." The project will result in deforestation, by removing 60 trees, which is contrary to the mandate for reforestation. The trees are being removed to allow for larger fields; therefore, there is no room for replacement trees to be planted within the same area.

I urge the CCC to overturn the Planning Commission's approval of Local Coastal Zone Permit Application No. 2010.0016P because the project, as submitted, is not consistent with the LCP.

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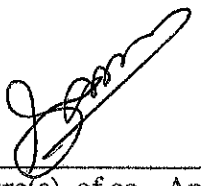

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GOLDEN GATE PARK

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CITY FIELDS FOUNDATION

APPEAL NO. A-2-SNF-12-020

A copy of this briefing booklet has been provided to CCC San Francisco District staff.

Program Background

1

SF Rec/Park – City Fields partnership established in 2006

Goal

Make sure every SF child has a place to play sports

Funding

$48m public-private partnership

--$21m City of SF

--$29m Private donations

Completed

14 athletic field/light renovations in 7 parks

Program Success

200 new SF youth soccer teams playing each year since 2004

2,000 new SF kids playing sports each year since 2004

72,000 hours of new playtime on sports fields annually

25,700,000 gallons of water saved annually

Beach Chalet Fields, Golden Gate Park

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- Athletic fields for more than 75 years, site is 1 of 3 primary ground sports athletic facilities in San Francisco.
- During fall, more than 1,550 kids and 600 adults play at Beach Chalet each week.
- Fields comprise 7 of Golden Gate Park's 1,017 acres – less than 1%.

History of Beach Chalet Fields

- Used as playing fields since early 1930s
- Fencing erected around fields in late 1990s to prevent damage caused by overuse
- Fields available now by reservation only
- Fields provide limited public recreation in current condition

Despite heavy restrictions on general public access, the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are in poor condition due to year-round wet conditions, an abundant gopher population and constant league/school play

Limited Public Recreation

- Fields Closed 50% of the time
  - Open by reservation only
  - Closed before 3pm weekdays
  - Closed Mondays
  - Closed 4 months per year

- Limited Use & Unsafe Conditions
  - Only 3 of 4 fields are available at any time
  - Riddled with gopher holes
  - Year-round wet conditions
  - Dangerous parking lot lacking safe drop off zones and pedestrian walkways

- Lacking family-friendly amenities
  - No seating – on or off the fields
  - Few bathroom doors, non-ADA complaint restrooms
  - No changing stations
  - No play equipment for kids

Project Need

Field Demand:

- 2004 independent study found San Francisco needed 65 more playfields to accommodate demand
- Greatest shortfall: 3:00-6:30pm weekdays when school-age kids use city sports fields for school, league, and informal play
- Youth league growth solely constrained by lack of athletic fields and some leagues are forced to turn kids away due to field shortage

Player Safety:

- Even with limited public access, regular injuries are caused by unsafe field conditions due to heavy use, soggy turf and mud caused by the wet marine environment, and abundant gopher holes

Park Visitor Safety:

- Golden Gate Park Master Plan acknowledges the rampant illegal activities occurring in the woods around the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields and encourages increased recreational activities to increase visitor safety
- In 2012, SF Police Chief Greg Suhr testified about illicit activities, stating that the Police Department's soccer team practices at Beach Chalet and "we are afraid to go in the bushes"

Proposed Field Renovation Project

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- Install synthetic turf, field lights and spectator seating
- Create viewing plaza and children's play area
- Renovate restrooms
- Improve parking lot
- Create safe, disability accessible walkways
- Create new picnic and barbeque area

Project Benefits

Expand Public Access

- With renovation, park visitors – residents and tourists – will enjoy much greater access to the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields
- Synthetic turf fields don't close for rain, rest or regrowth. Fields are open morning to night, year-round and allow constant play
- Overall use of the facility for athletics is expected to *triple* with more than 9,500 hours of new annual playtime created by this renovation
- Publicly posted "open play hours" will provide free field access without paying for a reservation or join a sports league. Currently, the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields have no "open play time"

Open play hours on Crocker Amazon's soccer fields are extremely popular

Project Benefits

Activate West End of Golden Gate Park

- As prescribed in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, the athletic fields renovation will bring new energy and activity to west end of Golden Gate Park.
- Increased field access will bring thousands more kids and athletes to the west end of Golden Gate Park.
- Modernizing field amenities with a plaza, spectator seating and picnic tables will encourage athletes and families to stay and enjoy the west end of the park after playing on the fields.
- New amenities will give non-athletic park visitors a reason to come to the facility and the west end thereby increasing use of the underutilized pathways from the park to Ocean Beach
- Better pathways and new pedestrian lighting will connect the athletic fields to the Beach Chalet Restaurant, further encouraging visitors to walk between the facilities

Project Benefits

Increase Public Safety

- Level, consistent synthetic turf playing fields will reduce frequent injuries that occur on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields due to gopher holes, patchy grass and year-round mud
- Based on experience at other renovated athletic fields, illegal activity in the surrounding parkland will drop once the field lights are installed and evening play begins

Save Water, Eliminates Herbicides/Pesticides, Recyclable

- Saves 5,700,000 gallons of water annually – that's equivalent to annual water consumption of ***89*** *San Francisco households*
- In San Francisco parks, synthetic turf is cleaned with a little soap and water; no cleaning detergents are used
- Herbicides and pesticides will no longer be used on Beach Chalet Athletic Fields as they are unnecessary on synthetic turf
- Turf manufacturers must provide an end-of-life recycling plan when they bid for the project. SF Department of the Environment reviews, approves or denies the recycling plan prior to contract award

Proposed Spectator Plaza and Playground

A spectator plaza will be created around the existing bathrooms to invite visitors and athletes to enjoy the site. Picnic tables, bbqs, a small playground, seat walls, a water fountain, and ADA paths to the fields are also being added.

Proposed Field View

The renovation is designed to balance the location of high-use athletic fields within the west end of Golden Gate Park. There are no illuminated scoreboards or loud speakers and the center on-field seating (pictured above) will be colored concrete with wooden seats to emphasize natural materials where possible.

Proposed Field View of Lights

On-field light pole heights were reduced from 80’ to 60’ to minimize offsite views of the lights. Computer models indicate that the surrounding vegetation will screen most of the light from the fields.

Lighting The Fields

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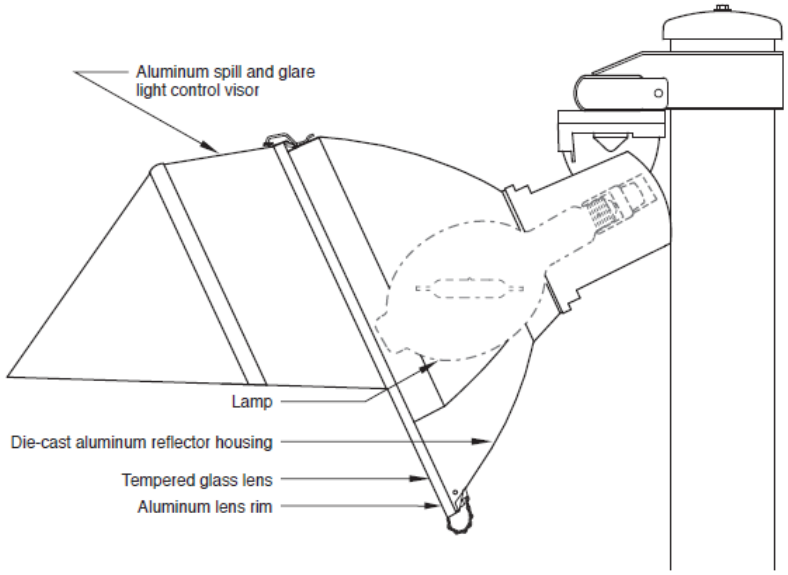
Additional Playtime

- Extend play hours after school for youth organizations

State-of-the-Art System

- Lighting to be shielded and directed
- Light shields recommended by National Park Service
- Height of light poles carefully established



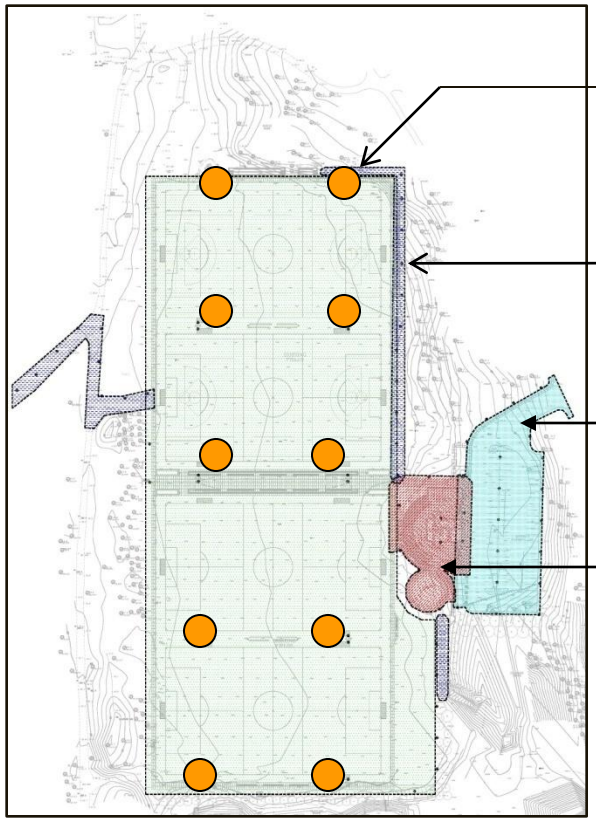
Safety

- Provides lighting of facilities surrounding fields, discouraging unlawful activity in wooded areas

Urban Environment

- Consistent with surrounding development, including Great Highway lighting immediately adjacent to site

Proposed Lighting



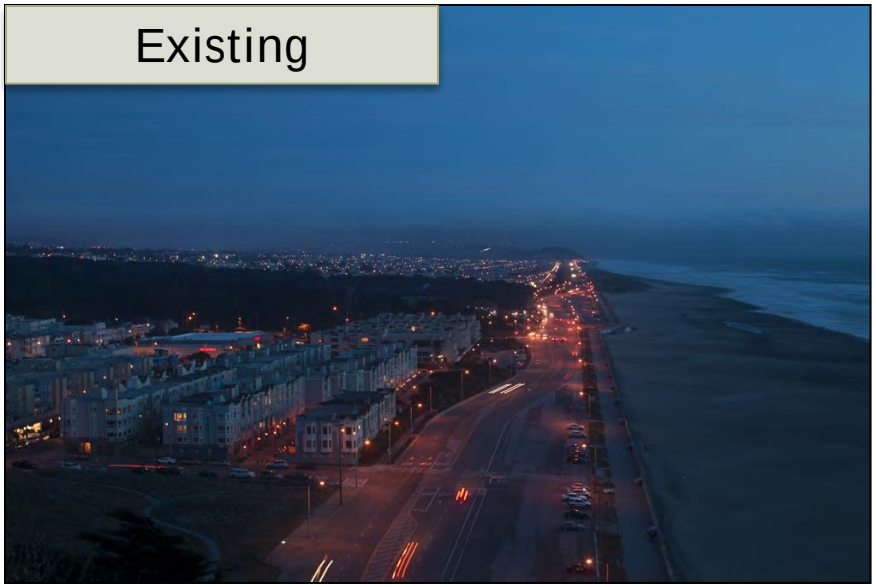
60’ field lights – screened from street view and most of Ocean Beach

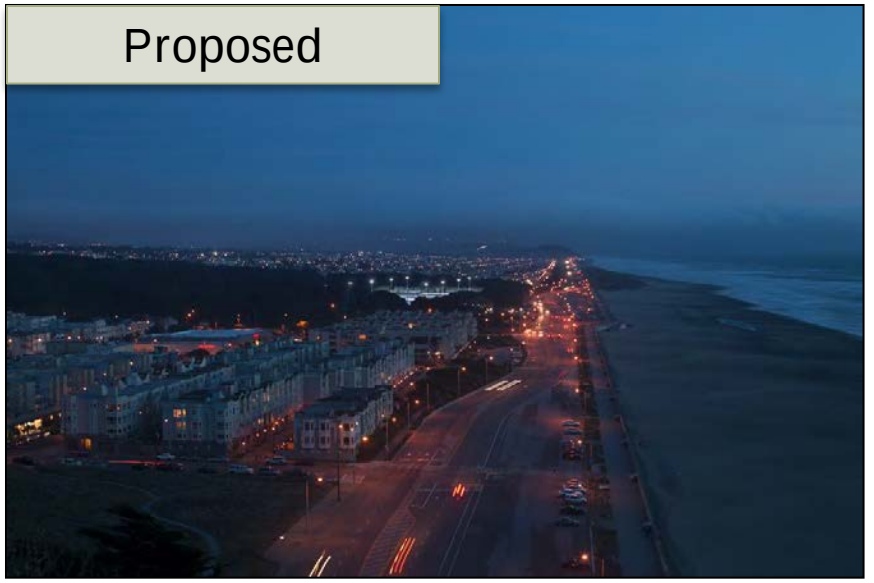
Pathway lighting to northern spectator seating

Pathway lighting east to parking lot and JFK Dr.

Plaza and picnic/bbq lighting

Proposed Lighting



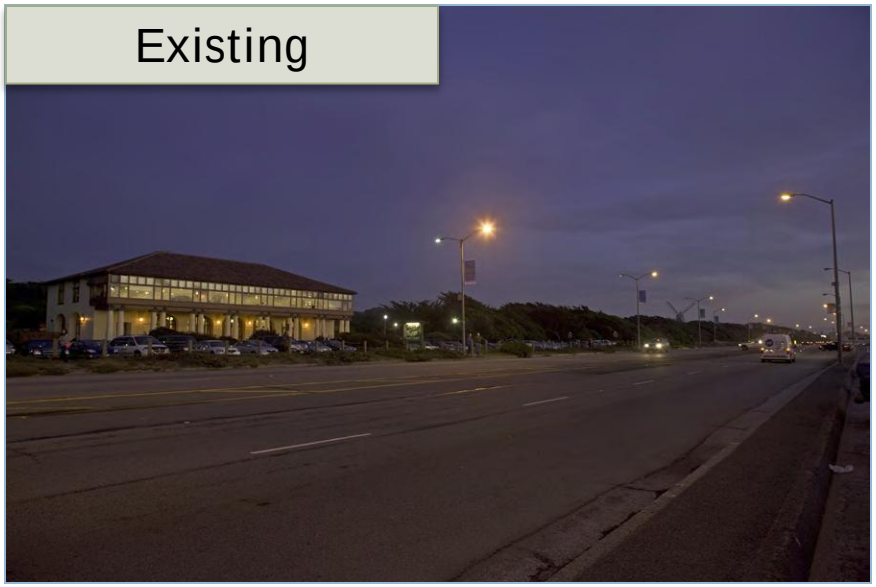


Nighttime photo simulations demonstrate that the field lights do not emit noticeable light outside of Golden Gate Park and have no impact on ambient light on the Great Highway, Ocean Beach or the beach promenade.

Image source Beach Chalet EIR, Figure IV.B-10

Proposed Lighting

Existing



Proposed

Nighttime photo simulations from the Ocean Beach promenade illustrate the developed and illuminated environment already existing along the Great Highway and Ocean Beach

Image source Beach Chalet EIR C&R, Figure IV.B-11

Proposed Lighting – Daytime

Existing

Proposed

Daytime photo simulations demonstrate that the proposed field lights do not stand out from the Great Highway, Ocean Beach or the beach promenade.

The existing highway lights will remain the dominate vertical feature in the area.

Image source Beach Chalet EIR, Figure IV.B-10

Parking Lot/Restroom Improvements

Existing

Proposed

- Expands parking by 20 spaces to accommodate 50% of the anticipated increase in visitors; the remainder will park on park roads, not at Ocean Beach
- Creates safe drop-off zones for kids & pedestrian walkways
- Includes ADA parking spaces

Standard of Review and Appellants' Contentions

Standard of Review: Western Shoreline Area Plan, part of San Francisco General Plan (Certified in 1984) and public access & recreation policies of Coastal Act

Appellants claim project is inconsistent with following LCP policies:

- Policy 3.1
  - *Emphasize the naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use.*
- Policy 3.2
  - *Continue to implement a long-term reforestation program at the western portion of the park.*
- Policy 8.1
  - *Develop the Cliff House/Sutro Bath area as a nature-oriented shoreline park. Permit limited commercial-recreation uses if public ownership is retained and if development is carefully controlled to preserve the natural characteristics of the site.*
- Policy 11.6
  - *Protect the neighborhood environment of the Richmond and Sunset residential areas from the traffic and visitor impacts from the public using adjacent recreation and open space areas.*

Response to Appellants' Contentions

Project consistent with LCP for following reasons:

- Policy 3.1
  - Landscaping plan emphasizes "naturalistic landscape qualities" by:
    - Planting over **200** new individual trees around perimeter of fields to replace 14 trees being removed;
    - Planting more than **1,000** new plants to replace 44 bushes and shrubs being removed; and
    - Using permeable NaturePave surface material similar to walkways installed by National Park Service at Land's End in the Presidio
  - Majority of site is not natural but is a cultivated, fenced, irrigated, fertilized, regularly mowed and maintained turf grass used as an athletic field and only open to the public by reservation. Field turf grass consists of cultivated species common to landscaped and disturbed areas
  - Only turf grass is being replaced with a synthetic product and only to allow for greater recreational opportunities as prescribed in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan and detailed on following slide

Response to Appellants' Contentions

Project consistent with LCP for following reasons:

- Policy 3.1
  - Project improves existing high-use "major recreation area" in the west end of the park, while maintaining naturalistic landscaping around perimeter, as prescribed in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan:
    - *"The demands for recreation need to be balanced with the objectives of preserving the original intent and purpose of the park as "sylvan and pastoral" retreat. Emphasis should be placed on improving and maintaining existing recreation facilities, rather than adding new ones."*
  - Golden Gate Park Master Plan cites "dense growing shrubs" as a safety concern and directs Recreation and Parks to "increase legitimate activities and transform this part of the park":
    - *The western edge of Golden Gate Park has lacked activity centers to draw people to use it. With the exception of the Queen Wilhelmia Garden and the soccer fields, most of the west end is little visited and is not an inviting area. Undesirable uses such as camping and sexual activity have filled the void, aided by dense growing shrubs. The goal of this area plan is to increase legitimate activities and transform this part of the park."*

Response to Appellants' Contentions

Project consistent with LCP for following reasons:

- Policy 3.1
  - As the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are already fully utilized during existing hours of operation, the only way to "increase legitimate activities" on the "existing recreation facilities" is to expand evening and night time play through the installation of synthetic turf and field lights
  - Decades of experience managing these sports fields has demonstrated to Recreation and Parks that there is no "natural" turf grass that can survive additional athletic play on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields regardless of turf species, irrigation, or additional maintenance
  - The use of grass turf on these athletic fields requires strict limitations on public access to maintain safe field conditions

Response to Appellants' Contentions

Project <u>consistent</u> with LCP for following reasons:

- Policy 3.2
  - Field renovation designed to complement the ongoing Golden Gate Park reforestation program
    - A 2010 Recreation and Parks report stated that between 2007-2009, 435 trees were removed from the park and 3,202 trees were planted
  - Field renovation will remove 14 trees and **replace them with more than 200 trees** of varying height and sizes (to establish a diversity of plant height critical to the survival of young saplings)
  - Field renovation will remove 44 bushes and shrubs and **replace them with more than 1,000 new plants**
  - Planting plan to be reviewed and approved by SF Park Forestry Supervisor Kelly Cornell, SF Park Natural Areas Program Director Lisa Wayne and on-site maintenance and gardening staff

Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Draft Planting Plan

Response to Appellants' Contentions

Project consistent with LCP for following reasons:

- Policy 8.1
  - The Sutro Baths and Cliff House are more than a quarter mile away from the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields
  - Athletic fields renovation has no impact on current or potential commercial-recreation uses in these areas
  - Field lighting won't negatively affect natural characteristics in these areas
- Policy 11.6
  - Traffic impacts were fully addressed in EIR
  - Two studies documented that the field renovation would not change traffic circulation on or near the project site and that nearby intersections would see a drop in their level-of-service
  - Vehicle parking not accommodated in the facility parking lot will park along adjacent park roads, not in nearby neighborhoods

Project Approvals by City of SF

- **May 24, 2012** - SF Planning Commission voted 4-1 to certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and approve the General Plan Referral and the Local Coastal Zone Permit
- **May 24, 2012** - Recreation and Park Commission voted 6-0 to approve the project conceptual plan, EIR mitigations and find consistency with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan
- **July 10, 2012** - Board of Supervisors voted 10-1 to deny an appeal of the EIR
- **August 1, 2012** – Board of Permit Appeals voted 4-0 to uphold the Planning Commission's decision to approve the Coastal Permit
- **September 12, 2012** – Board of Permit Appeals voted 3-0 to deny a rehearing request on the Coastal Permit Appeal

No Substantial Issue Raised

In previous decisions on appeals, CCC guided by following factors

1. Degree of factual and legal support for local government's decision that development is consistent or inconsistent with the LCP and the public access policies of the Coastal Act;
2. Extent and scope of the development as approved or denied by the local government;
3. Significance of coastal resources affected by the decision;
4. Precedential value of the local government's decision for future interpretations of its LCP; and,
5. Whether the appeal raises local issues, or those of regional or statewide significance.

Current appeals do not raise substantial issue

1. Local decision on Beach Chalet project involved extensive factual and legal support (certified EIR, multiple public hearings);
2. Scope of development clearly limited to 11.2-acre Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project site, as approved by the local government;
3. Coastal resources being protected and enhanced in active recreational area;
4. No precedential value due to uniqueness of site and few applicable local policies; and,
5. Appeals focus on local issues related to improvements to an existing recreation site in a municipal park.

Project Revisions

In response to concerns raised in public hearings, many project revisions were made:

- Lowered fences around fields;
- Redesigned pathways with more curvature to reduce linear design elements;
- Use of NaturePave instead of asphalt on perimeter walkways;
- Thoughtful development of light pole height and type of cap/cover to direct light;
- Preservation of existing bathroom roofline to preserve building's historic integrity;
- Reduction of plaza area to allow for more plantings, and;
- Elimination of other park lighting not deemed critical to safe site access and departure.

Conclusion

As approved, project is consistent with Coastal Act policies related to public access and recreation and LCP policies related to landscaping and visitor-serving uses.

Applicant requests a finding of ***No Substantial Issue***

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San Francisco Recreation and Parks
Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Maintenance:
Current/Grass vs. Planned/Synthetic Turf

	Current – Grass Sports Fields	Planned – Synthetic Turf Sports Fields
Hours and Staffing		
Facility Hours	Open for reserved play only, locked if not reserved Winter: 9am – 5pm Fall/Spring: 8am – 7pm Summer: 9am – 8pm	Open all the time, no locks on gates Year-round: 8am – 10pm
Athletic Play	4,738 hours of play annually	14,320 hours of play annually
Open Play Community Hours	0	2,248 hours annually
Days of Operation	Tuesday – Sunday Closed on Monday & 4 months a year	7 days a week, 365 days a year No weekly closures
Field & Landscape Maintenance	1/2 Full Time Employee	1/2 Full Time Employee
Integrated Pest Management		
Gopher Trapping/Removal	Trap daily 60 gophers & 8 moles trapped in FY 2012-2013	Zero
Herbicide Spraying	2 x annually around fence line As needed on athletic fields 16 oz of Aquamaster Fertilizer annually 1 application of Sapphire English Daisy Control in the past 5 years	Zero
Turf Maintenance		
Water Use	3-4 x weekly from April - October Est. 5,737,285 gallons per year	Zero
Fuel consumption for maintenance/gardening vehicles	105 gallons of diesel annually 50 gallons of petroleum annually	Zero
Mowing with gas powered mower	1 x 1-2 weeks Approx. 38 cuts annually	Zero
Fertilize from gas powered Toro Workman	1 x 6-8 weeks 2000 lbs granular fertilizer annually	Zero
Aeration and field rolling from diesel powered tractor	2 x annually	Zero
Seeding from gas powered Toro Workman	2 x annually 2000 lbs of perennial rye grass seed annually	Zero
Athletic Fields Striping	Weekly	Zero (synthetic turf includes permanent field striping)
Sweeping with electric Cushman	Zero	1 x 2 weeks (anticipated)
Grooming with electric Cushman	Zero	1 x 5-8 weeks (anticipated)
Repair goals, field holes and turf	As possible by staff availability	As possible by staff availability
Spot Cleaning	Zero	As needed with soap and water, no detergent

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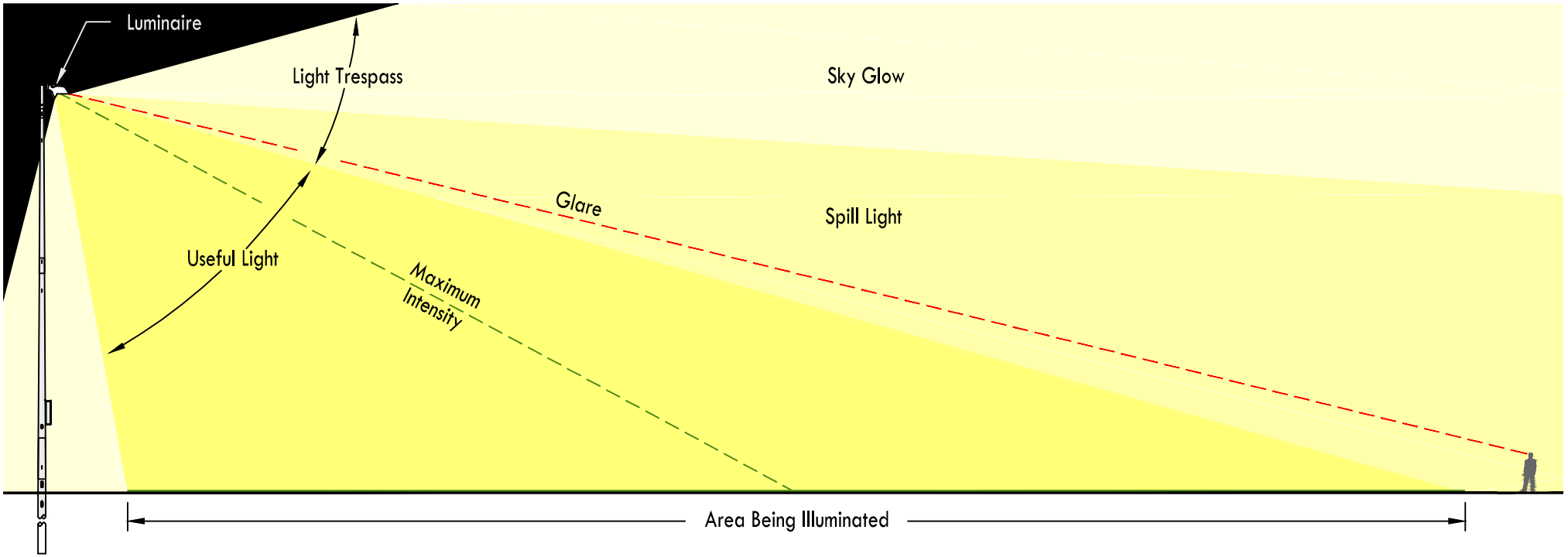

Definitions

Glare - Obtrusive light that hinders or bothers the human eye. Glare is the result of light emitted from a source that is in sharp contrast to its surroundings.

Disability Glare - The presence of an amount of glare so significant as to prevent adequate vision. The presence of disability glare means that other objects in one's field of vision are obscured.

Discomfort Glare - The presence of a sufficient amount of glare to cause discomfort. While the individual may experience a sense of discomfort, this level of glare does not obscure his or her vision.

Nuisance Glare - The presence of a sufficient amount of glare as to be bothersome but does not prevent vision or lead to discomfort.

Spill Light - Illuminance falling beyond the area being illuminated. Sampling spill light with a calibrated light meter is the only accepted method of measuring and defining levels of light trespass for any community, and is quantifiable.

Sky Glow - The visible haze or glow of light seen above a lighting installation that reduces the ability to view the darkened nighttime sky. The source of sky glow is a combination of light emitted upwards from a light source and reflected light cast upwards from the surface being illuminated reflecting off particles suspended in the atmosphere.

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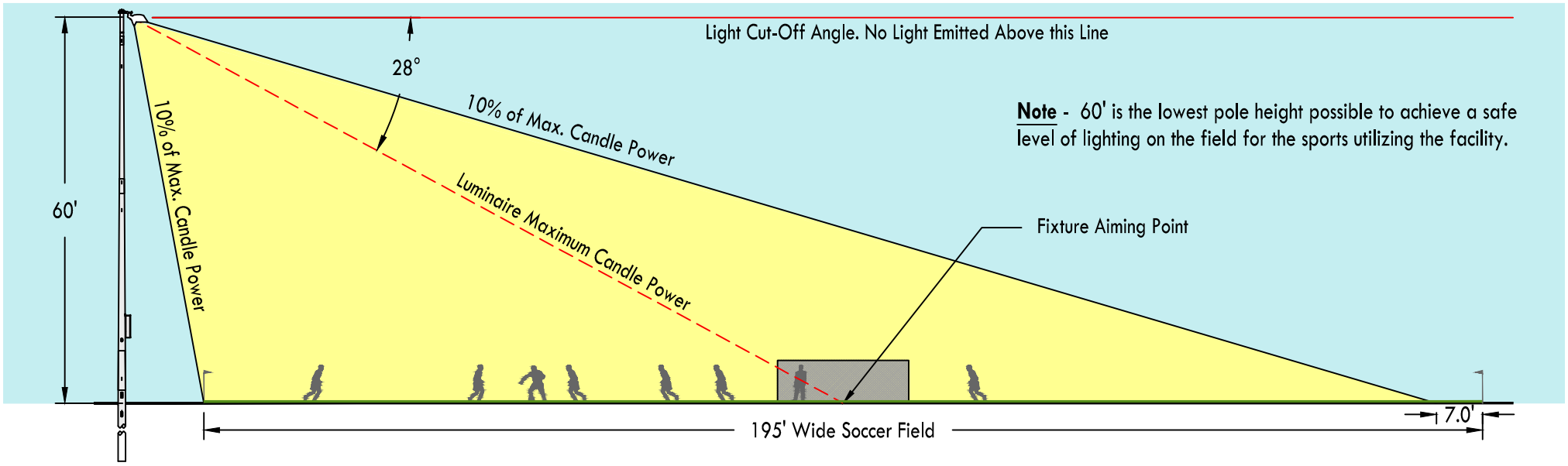

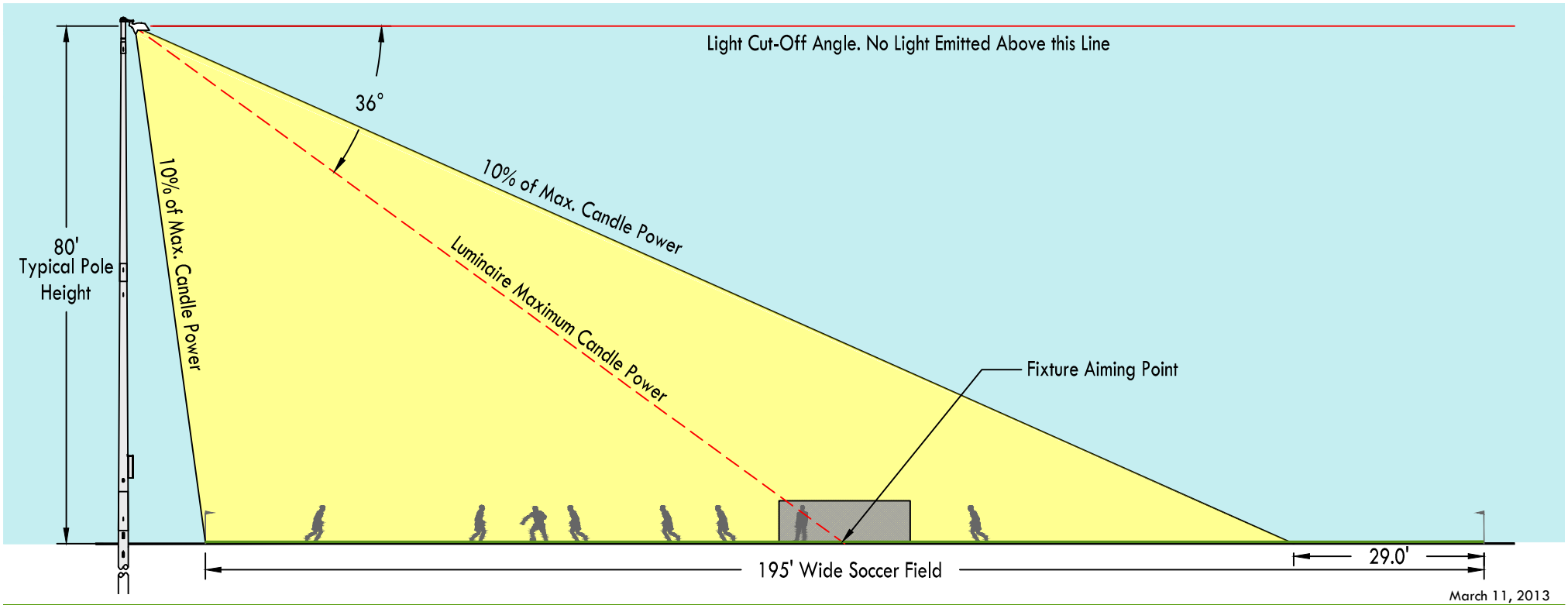

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Light Pole Comparison - 60' Versus 80' Pole
Beach Chalet Fields

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How was light pole height established?
Could they be lowered and still function as necessary?
Explain why need 60' as they will be visible above the tree line.

In December 2008, SF Recreation and Parks and the City Fields Foundation engaged the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation architect, Verde Designs, and reviewed the site with them. At that time, the project team instructed Verde to design a lighting system using the lowest possible field light poles, ideally so the light fixtures would be set lower than the existing, surrounding tree canopy and concealed from nearby residences. Previous field renovation projects by City Fields and Recreation and Parks had included field lights on standard 70-80' poles, a bit higher than the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields' surrounding tree canopy.

Between January and September 2009, Verde Designs presented and refined a preliminary project design to SF Recreation and Parks and the City Fields Foundation featuring 60' field light poles located in between the sports fields. The architect indicated that 60' light poles were as low as the field lights could go while still providing an average of 50 foot candles of light (horizontal illumination) over all four athletic fields. This level of lighting is considered by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IES) and the U.S. Soccer Foundation to be the minimum safe lighting for the Class II facility programming (competitive play, tournaments and high school play and above) planned for the site.

As described by Verde Designs, "Typically, facilities are designed to the highest level of play anticipated since the higher the level of play typically results in faster play…The IES manual defines sports lighting into one of four "Classes". Each class is identified by three main criteria – type of sport, level of play and number of spectators. Each class of facility has a recommended minimum lighting to allow for safe play and spectator viewing. These horizontal luminance recommendations are identified by number of "lux" or "foot candles"."

The architect further articulated that the lighting manufacturer, Musco Lights, said that lowering the field light poles further wasn't possible because, at the lower height, the poles would have to be placed onto the field of play to appropriately illuminate the center of the field.

Musco further said that simply lowering the field lights beneath 60' but keeping them in between the fields would actually create a glare visible on the field by players and spectators and off the field by park neighbors.

Recently, Jasen Deniz of Musco Lighting characterized this issue thus, "The most important design criteria is the aiming angle of our fixture. We want to provide quality light on the field while minimizing GLARE in the surrounding community. For Beach Chalet, this required 60' poles to achieve 23 – 25 degree aiming angles which is recommended for soccer fields. We did not consider a 50' pole as this would require 19 – 20 degree aiming angles resulting in a very glary field of play and surrounding community."

Musco said that lower light poles would also create a safety hazard to players as high-flying soccer balls would disappear above the lights and not reappear until the ball was suddenly back under the lights and zooming towards the soccer field and players.

During one meeting, the team questioned whether the light poles might be better located around the edge of the fields instead in between the fields. The responded that the light poles would have to be raised to a minimum of 75' to be placed around the edge of the fields while still providing a safe level of lighting for competitive play.

At that same meeting, the architect presented lighting models illustrating that field lights on 60' poles would not be seen by adjacent residences and the lights would not shine directly into any home. The architect further explained that in raising the poles by 15' (to 75' tall) and placing them around the edge of the fields, the lights and poles could become visible from outside Golden Gate Park, including the adjacent residences.

At the September 2009 design meeting, the project team agreed to use 60' field lights set between the sports fields as they provided safe lighting levels for team ground sports while remaining largely hidden from view.

The project team reaffirmed this decision in January 2010 when the project team elected to utilize a dual switch, allowing SF Recreation and Parks to reduce the overall lighting to 30 foot candles for normal non-competitive recreation and youth play and increase the lighting to 50 foot candles for the infrequent competitive high school and tournament play.

Summary of water quality/synthetic turf impacts

The project's Environmental Impact Report analysis found potential hydrology and water quality impacts to be "Less than Significant" because "the proposed project would not violate water quality standards, or provide an additional source of polluted runoff that would adversely affect water quality, or otherwise substantially degrade water quality." (EIR IV.G-24)
Three main reasons why the project won't impact water quality:

1. The fields will be constructed "with an underlying liner and a drainage system equipped to capture all runoff and leachate from the fields." Rainwater will drain through the synthetic turf to the underlying liner which will direct the runoff to the City's combined sewer system and be carried to the Westside Water Treatment plant where it will be treated and discharged with other storm water runoff. (EIR IV.G-25)

2. All turf purchases must comply with San Francisco's strict Synthetic Turf Purchasing Standards which limit the concentration of metals in the turf product, including specific limits on lead, chromium and zinc – which have been identified by the SF Department of the Environment as metals of potential concern for water runoff. (SF Recreation and Parks' Synthetic Turf Standards memo, 7/8/09) The purchasing standards were designed to address any potential variance in metal concentrations between infill materials.

3. There is a substantial amount of research suggesting runoff from the fields would not cause adverse water quality impacts. (EIR IV.G-4 - 17) These include:
    a. Two years of stormwater monitoring by SF Recreation and Parks and the SF Public Utilities Commission
    b. 2007 study by California's Integrated Waste Management Board
    c. Twenty-two studies and papers reviewed by the Synthetic Playfields Task Force in 2008

It's also important to note that SF Recreation and Parks and the SF Public Utilities Commission will monitor stormwater runoff from the Beach Chalet synthetic turf athletic fields once installed. As noted in the project's Environmental Impact Report, "if sampling by the SFRPD indicates that runoff and leachate quality is acceptable, SFPUC could allow drainage from the synthetic turf athletic fields to infiltrate into the groundwater basin.

MEMORANDUM

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Patrick,

Overview –

Pursuant to your request we have prepared a comparative analysis of the current Musco lighting design for Beach Chalet with a Qualite system. Verde Design and ACEE consultants reviewed the materials provided by each manufacturer and have prepared this summary. While in any analysis many factors can be considered which result in a slight quantitative difference that in which in reality may not be perceptible. Yet other elements of the comparison are quantifiably different. For the purpose of the analysis each firm provided a lighting scheme for each field requiring the 50 foot candle be averaged across the field utilizing the 60' tall poles in the locations identified in the plan.

Light Spill Grid Review –

Each firm provided a light spill grid for their respective designs. The grid was based on a 30' x 30' grid at 3.5' above ground. Musco placed poles closer to the center of the field while Qualite placed poles further to the outside of the field but not on the perimeter. The light spill at 100' and 150' from the perimeter of the field for both firms was 0.0-0.1 foot candles – Very comparable

Lighting Fixture Cutoff –

Based on the information provided and reviewed by our consultant each firm provides a shielded cover for their fixture with reduces high angle glare from the fixture yet allows light to be cast downward on the field. Our consultants described each fixture and visually very similar and accomplishing similar functions. – Very Comparable

Number of Fixtures per Pole –

Given that through previous process it was determined that the sport field lighting would be held to no more than 60' poles each firm provided lighting approaches which resulted in similar lighting levels on the field but were accomplished in different manners. Each team uses a 1500 Watt lamp, but the Musco system required only 10 fixtures per pole while Qualite required 13 fixtures to provide the same lighting coverage's. Based on the goal of striving to light the fields with minimal opportunity for light to be seen beyond the park it is our opinion that having three fewer fixtures per field pole (12 total per field, or 48 fixtures for the project) the Musco system presents the best approach to accomplishing that goal. – Edge Musco

Consistency of Light Levels –

We understand that while each firm provides an average of 50 foot candles for a given number of hours based each company's different products and associated warranties there seems to be one a difference in how they achieve those levels. The Musco system we understand upon start-up strived to produce light levels close to the 50 foot candles and maintains them over the life of the bulb through automatic adjustments to power delivery through their ballast design. This approach we understand results in a uniform light level for the duration of the system.

The Qualite system we understand uses an approach very standard in the lighting industry. The initial light levels are set to produce light at a higher than desired foot candle level to allow the fall off of light over time to stay within the project specifications.

While it is acknowledged that over time lighting systems become dimmer than when originally installed. We understand that the Musco system evens the highs and lows of the light levels more than Qualite – Edge Musco

Warranty and Service –

We understand that the City of San Francisco through their own evaluation has determined their preference for the Musco system based on the overall system performance, operation, management and warranty. Currently Musco is used on all city parks athletic fields. - Edge Musco

Summary –

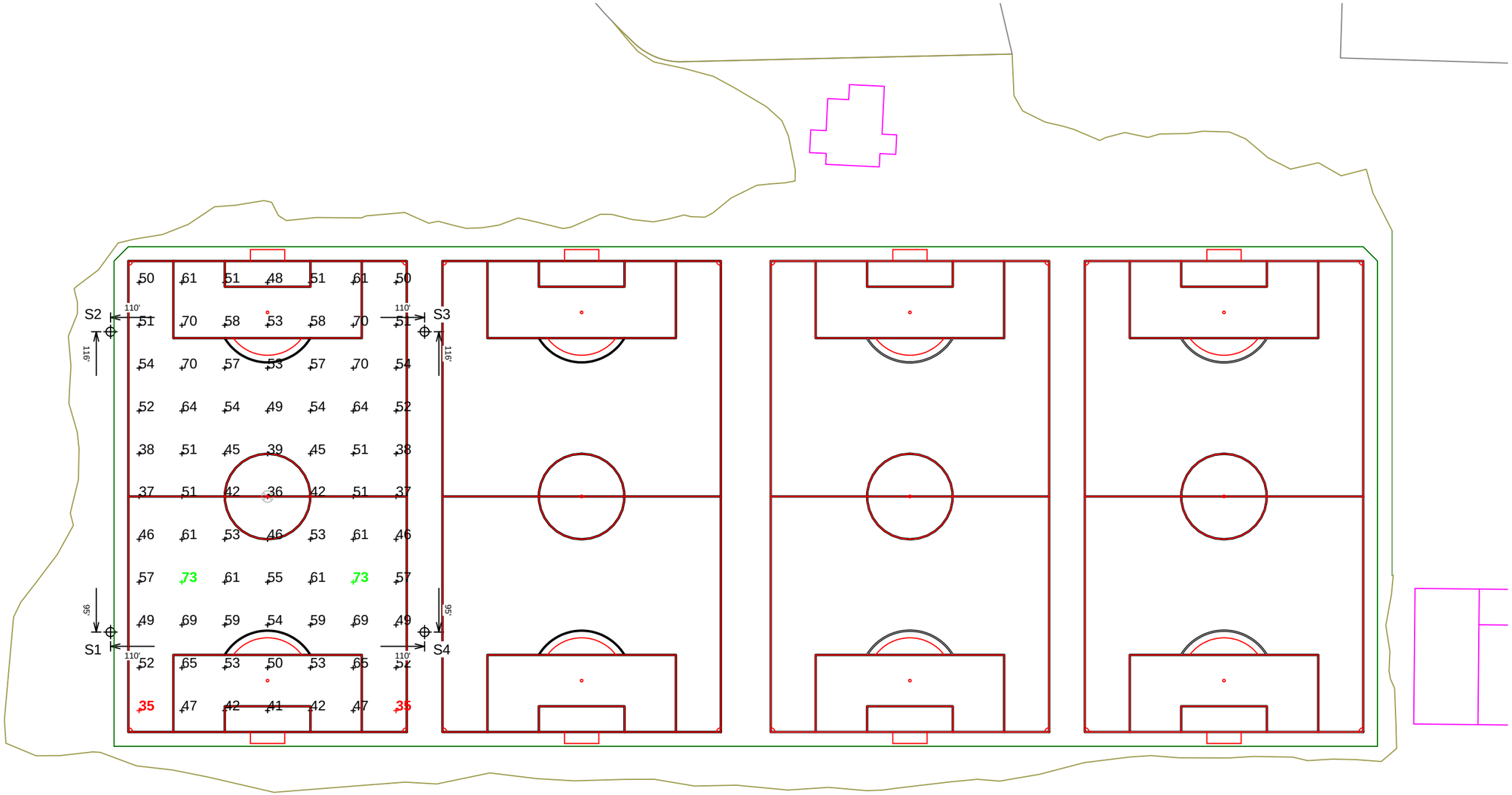
While each system provides comparable light levels on the field and cutoff at the perimeter of the field. We believe based on the quantity of the fixtures and the evenness of the light levels over time the Musco System edges the Qualite system.

END OF MEMORANDUM

EQUIPMENT LIST FOR AREAS SHOWN

Pole				Luminaires				
QTY	LOCATION	SIZE	GRADE ELEVATION	MOUNTING HEIGHT	LAMP TYPE	QTY / POLE	THIS GRID	OTHER GRIDS
2	S1-S2	60'	-	60'	1500W MZ	10	10	0
2	S3-S4	60'	-	60'	1500W MZ	10/10*	10	10
4	TOTALS					60	40	20

* This structure utilizes a back-to-back mounting configuration



SCALE IN FEET 1 : 80

0' 80' 160'

Pole location(s) ⊕ dimensions are relative to 0,0 reference point(s) ⊗

MY PROJECT

Name: **Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location: San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name: **Soccer 1**
Size: 330' x 195'
Spacing: 30.0' x 30.0'
Height: 3.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY	HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES
	Entire Grid
Guaranteed Average:	**50**
Scan Average:	53.0
Maximum:	73
Minimum:	35
Avg / Min:	1.49
Guaranteed Max / Min:	**2.5**
Max / Min:	2.05
UG (adjacent pts):	1.47
CV:	0.18
No. of Points:	77

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION	
Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
No. of Luminaires:	40
Avg KW:	62.56 (68.0 max)

Guaranteed Performance: The Guaranteed Average CONSTANT ILLUMINATION described above is guaranteed for the rated life of the lamp.

Field Measurements: Illumination measured in accordance with IESNA LM-5-04 and CIBSE LG4. Individual values may vary. See the Warranty document for details.

Electrical System Requirements: Refer to Amperage Draw Chart and/or the **"Musco Control System Summary"** for electrical sizing.

Installation Requirements: Results assume +/- 3% nominal voltage at line side of the ballast and structures located within 3 feet (1m) of design locations.

ENGINEERED DESIGN

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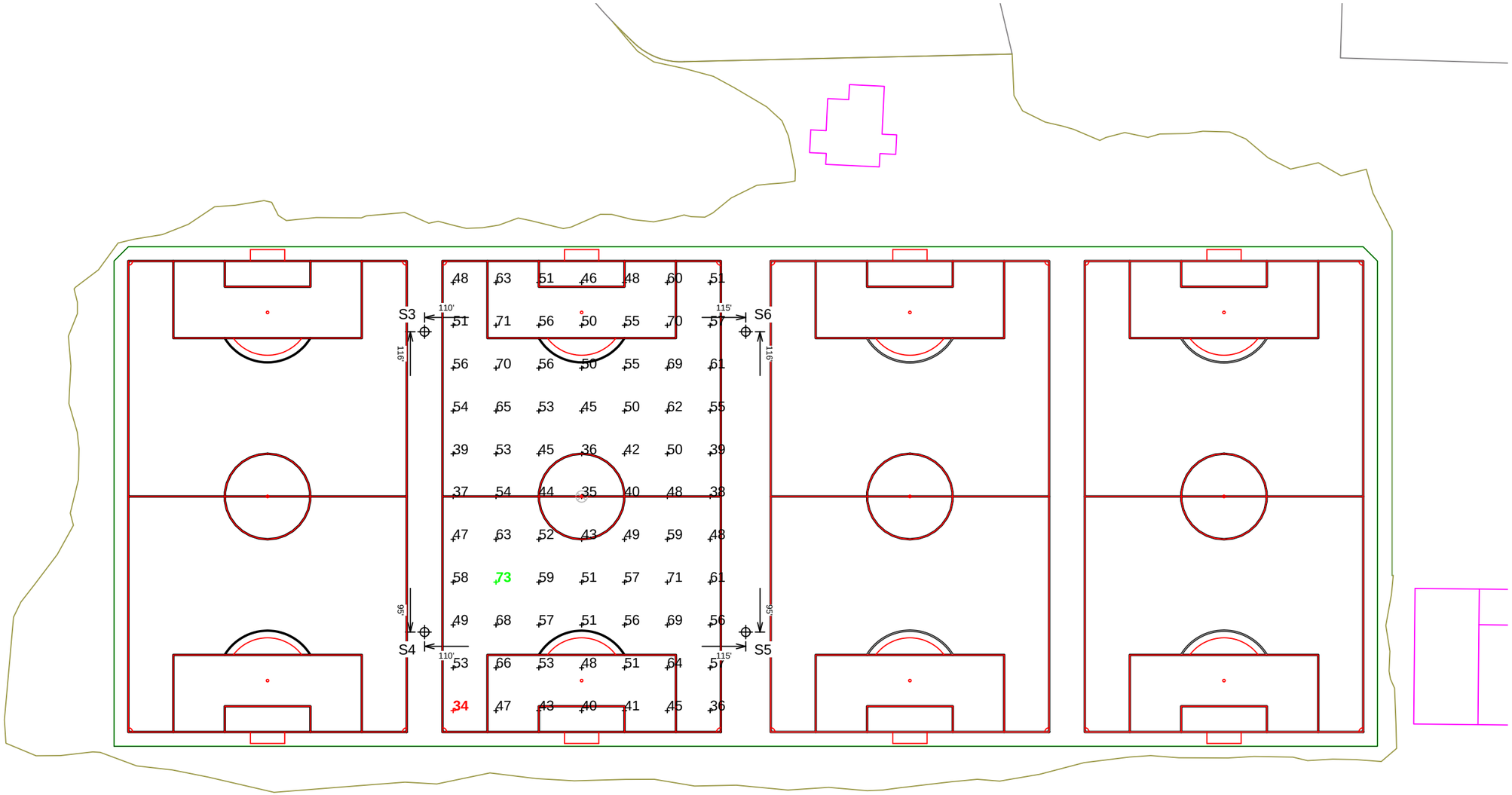
EQUIPMENT LIST FOR AREAS SHOWN

Pole				Luminaires				
QTY	LOCATION	SIZE	GRADE ELEVATION	MOUNTING HEIGHT	LAMP TYPE	QTY / POLE	THIS GRID	OTHER GRIDS
4	S3-S6	60'	-	60'	1500W MZ	10/10*	10	10
4	TOTALS					80	40	40

* This structure utilizes a back-to-back mounting configuration



SCALE IN FEET 1 : 80

0' 80' 160'

Pole location(s) ⊕ dimensions are relative to 0,0 reference point(s) ⊗

MY PROJECT

Name: **Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location: San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name: **Soccer 2**
Size: 330' x 195'
Spacing: 30.0' x 30.0'
Height: 3.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY	HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES
	Entire Grid
Guaranteed Average:	**50**
Scan Average:	52.7
Maximum:	73
Minimum:	34
Avg / Min:	1.54
Guaranteed Max / Min:	**2.5**
Max / Min:	2.14
UG (adjacent pts):	1.59
CV:	0.18
No. of Points:	77

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION	
Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
No. of Luminaires:	40
Avg KW:	62.56 (68.0 max)

Guaranteed Performance: The Guaranteed Average CONSTANT ILLUMINATION described above is guaranteed for the rated life of the lamp.

Field Measurements: Illumination measured in accordance with IESNA LM-5-04 and CIBSE LG4. Individual values may vary. See the Warranty document for details.

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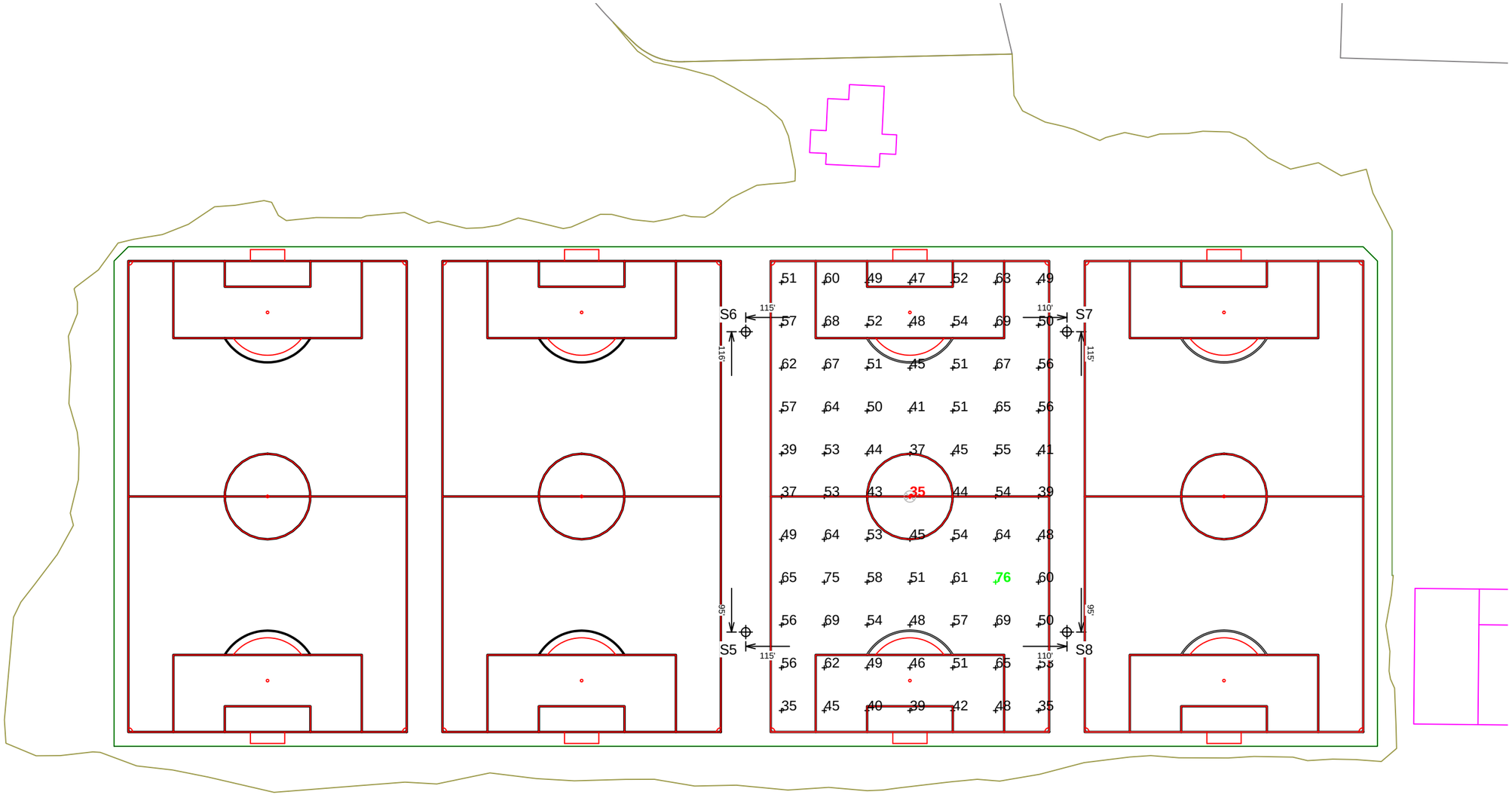
Pole				Luminaires				
QTY	LOCATION	SIZE	GRADE ELEVATION	MOUNTING HEIGHT	LAMP TYPE	QTY / POLE	THIS GRID	OTHER GRIDS
4	S5-S8	60'	-	60'	1500W MZ	10/10*	10	10
4	TOTALS					80	40	40

* This structure utilizes a back-to-back mounting configuration



SCALE IN FEET 1 : 80

0' 80' 160'

Pole location(s) ⊕ dimensions are relative to 0,0 reference point(s) ⊗

MY PROJECT

Name: **Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location: San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name: **Soccer 3**
Size: 330' x 195'
Spacing: 30.0' x 30.0'
Height: 3.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY	HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES
	Entire Grid
Guaranteed Average:	**50**
Scan Average:	52.7
Maximum:	76
Minimum:	35
Avg / Min:	1.52
Guaranteed Max / Min:	**2.5**
Max / Min:	2.19
UG (adjacent pts):	1.61
CV:	0.18
No. of Points:	77

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION	
Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
No. of Luminaires:	40
Avg KW:	62.56 (68.0 max)

Guaranteed Performance: The Guaranteed Average CONSTANT ILLUMINATION described above is guaranteed for the rated life of the lamp.

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EQUIPMENT LIST FOR AREAS SHOWN

Pole				Luminaires				
QTY	LOCATION	SIZE	GRADE ELEVATION	MOUNTING HEIGHT	LAMP TYPE	QTY / POLE	THIS GRID	OTHER GRIDS
2	S7-S8	60'	-	60'	1500W MZ	10/10*	10	10
2	S10, S9	60'	-	60'	1500W MZ	10	10	0
4	TOTALS					60	40	20

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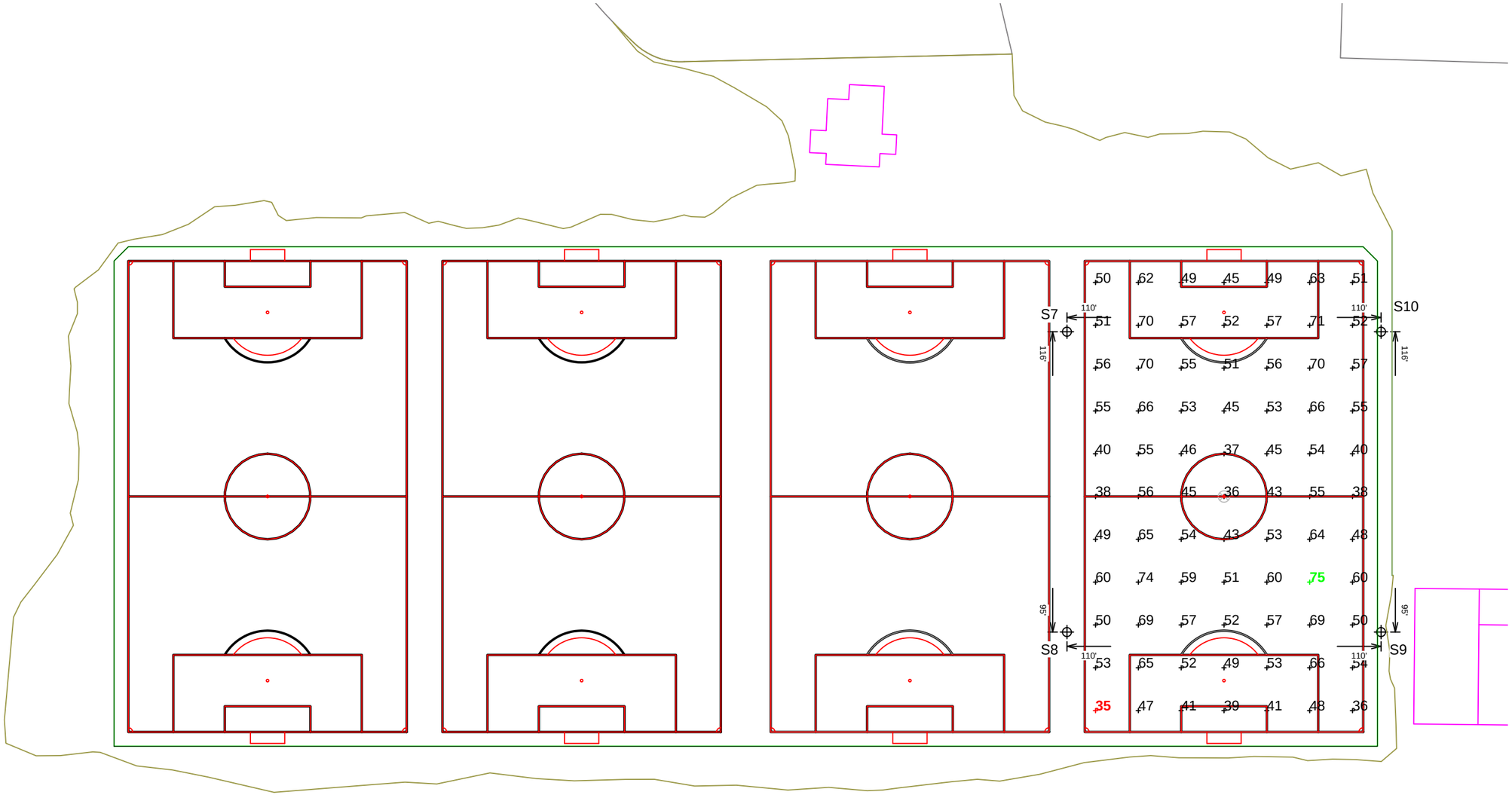

SCALE IN FEET 1 : 80

0' 80' 160'

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MY PROJECT

Name: **Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location: San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name: **Soccer 4**
Size: 330' x 195'
Spacing: 30.0' x 30.0'
Height: 3.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY	HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES
	Entire Grid
Guaranteed Average:	**50**
Scan Average:	53.4
Maximum:	75
Minimum:	35
Avg / Min:	1.51
Guaranteed Max / Min:	**2.5**
Max / Min:	2.12
UG (adjacent pts):	1.51
CV:	0.18
No. of Points:	77
LUMINAIRE INFORMATION	
Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
No. of Luminaires:	40
Avg KW:	62.56 (68.0 max)

Guaranteed Performance: The Guaranteed Average CONSTANT ILLUMINATION described above is guaranteed for the rated life of the lamp.

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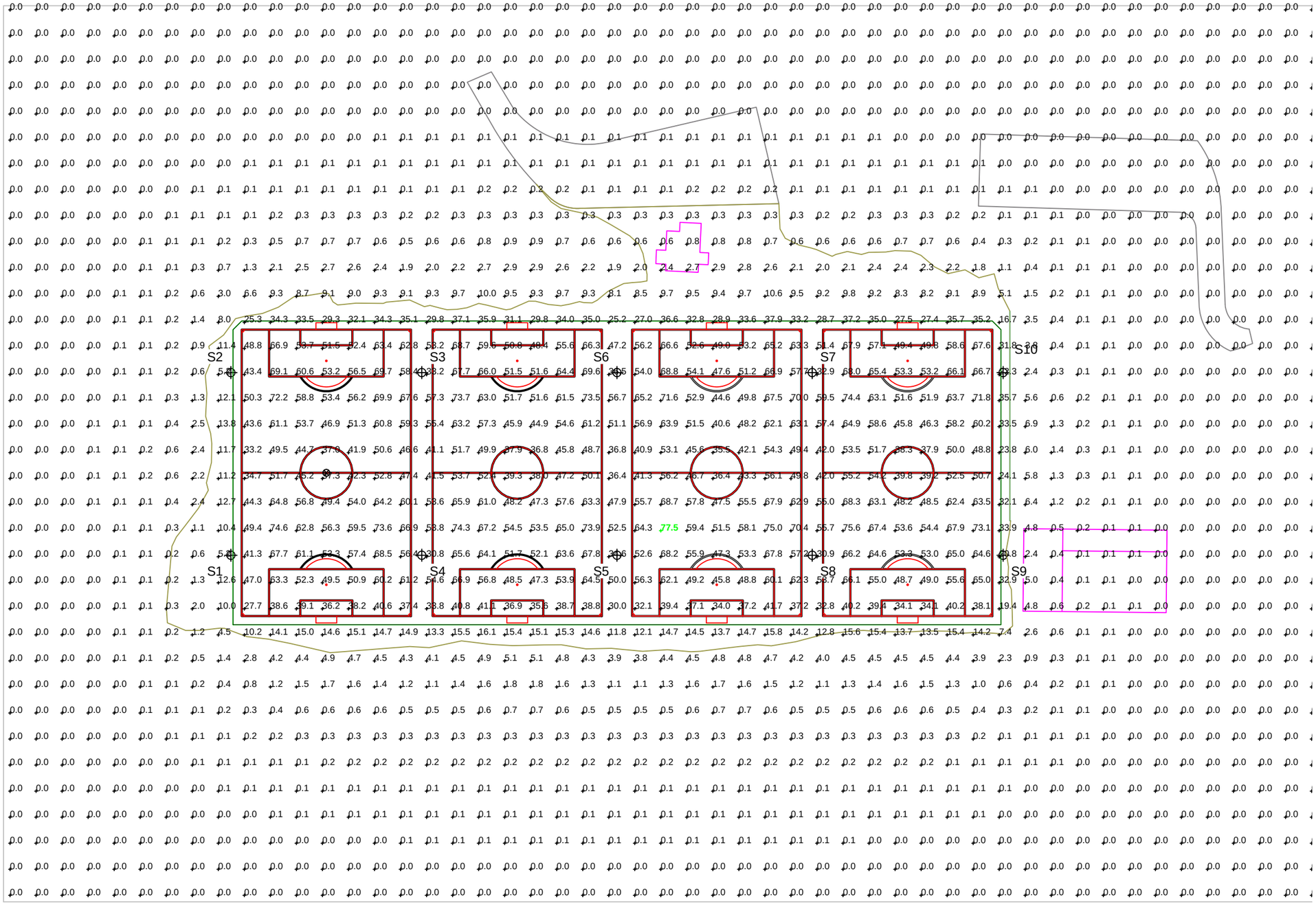

MY PROJECT

Name:	**Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location:	San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name:	**Blanket Grid**
Spacing:	30.0' x 30.0'
Height:	3.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY — HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES

	Entire Grid
Scan Average:	**10.6**
Maximum:	78
Minimum:	0
Avg / Min:	5343.64
Max / Min:	**39106.32**
UG (adjacent pts):	12.84
CV:	1.96
No. of Points:	1855

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION

Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
No. of Luminaires:	160
Avg KW:	250.24 (272.0 max)

Guaranteed Performance: The CONSTANT ILLUMINATION described above is guaranteed for the rated life of the lamp.

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SCALE IN FEET 1 : 120

0' 120' 240'

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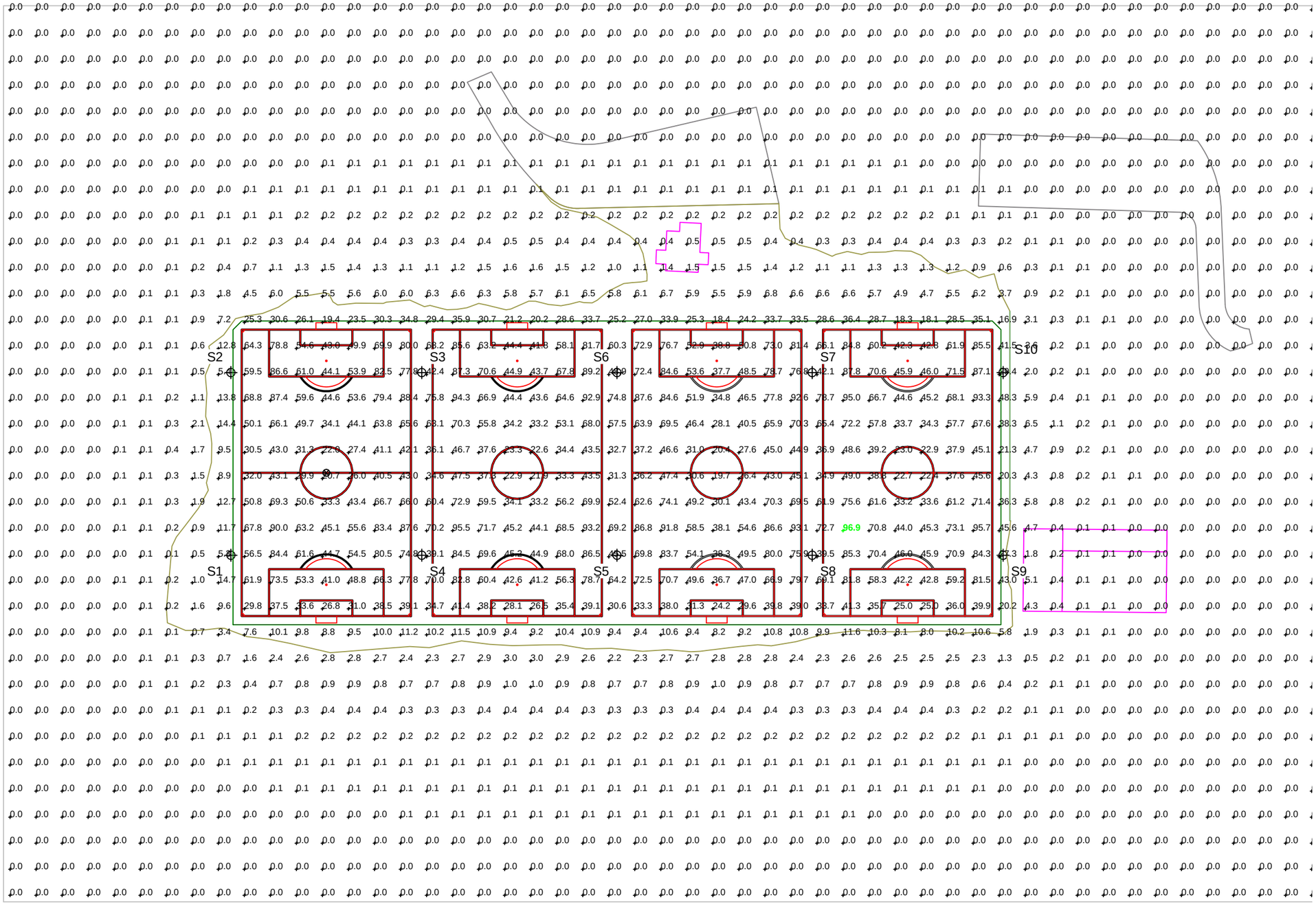

MY PROJECT

Name:	**Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location:	San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name:	**Blanket Grid @ +10'**
Spacing:	30.0' x 30.0'
Height:	10.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY — HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES

	Entire Grid
Scan Average:	**10.6**
Maximum:	97
Minimum:	0
Avg / Min:	6703.60
Max / Min:	**61295.40**
UG (adjacent pts):	19.93
CV:	2.11
No. of Points:	1855

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION

Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
No. of Luminaires:	160
Avg KW:	250.24 (272.0 max)

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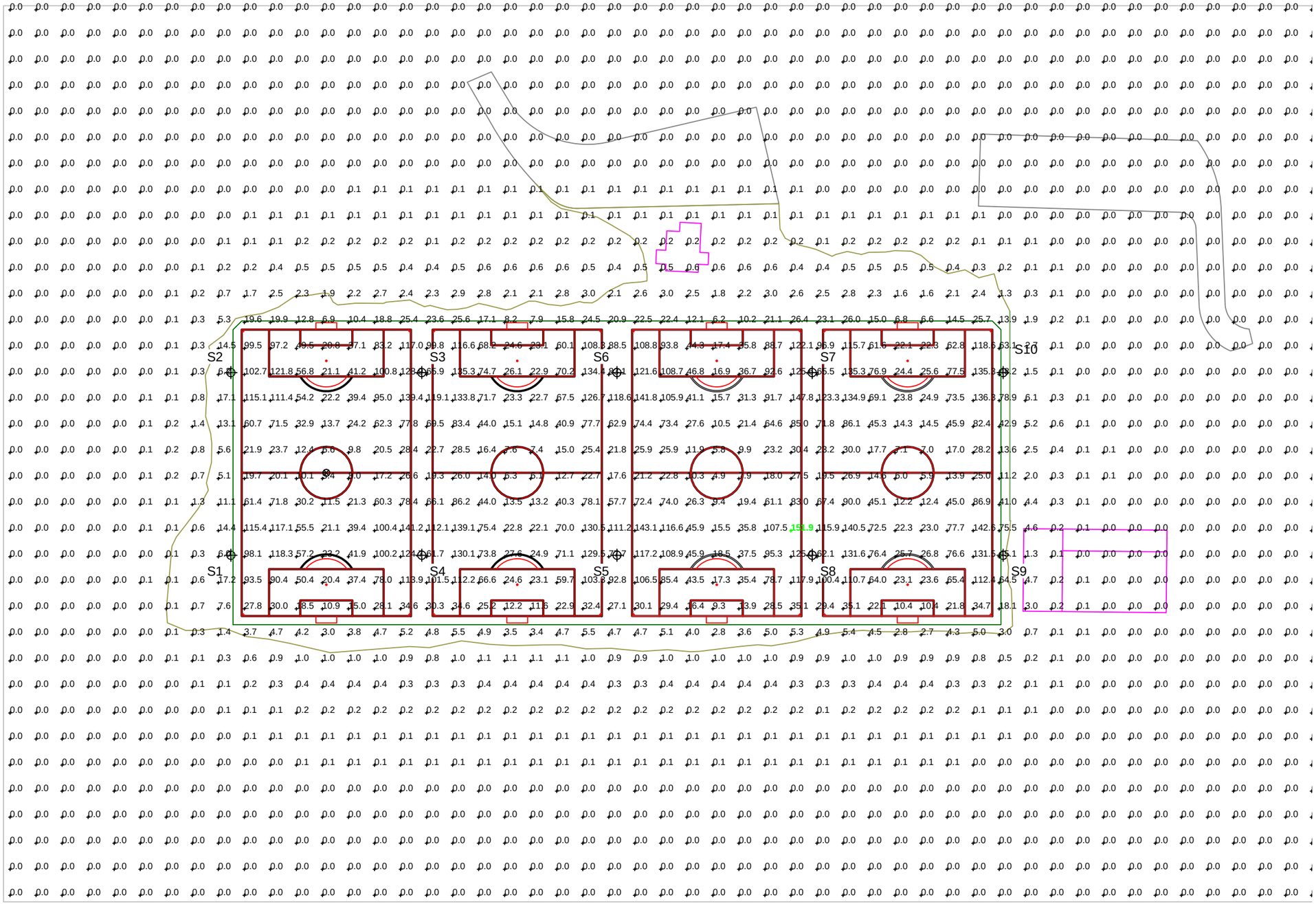

MY PROJECT

Name:	**Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location:	San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name:	**Blanket Grid @ +20'**
Spacing:	30.0' x 30.0'
Height:	20.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY	HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES
	Entire Grid
Scan Average:	**10.6**
Maximum:	152
Minimum:	0
Avg / Min:	9671.91
Max / Min:	**138798.89**
UG (adjacent pts):	45.91
CV:	2.60
No. of Points:	1855

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION	
Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
No. of Luminaires:	160
Avg KW:	250.24 (272.0 max)

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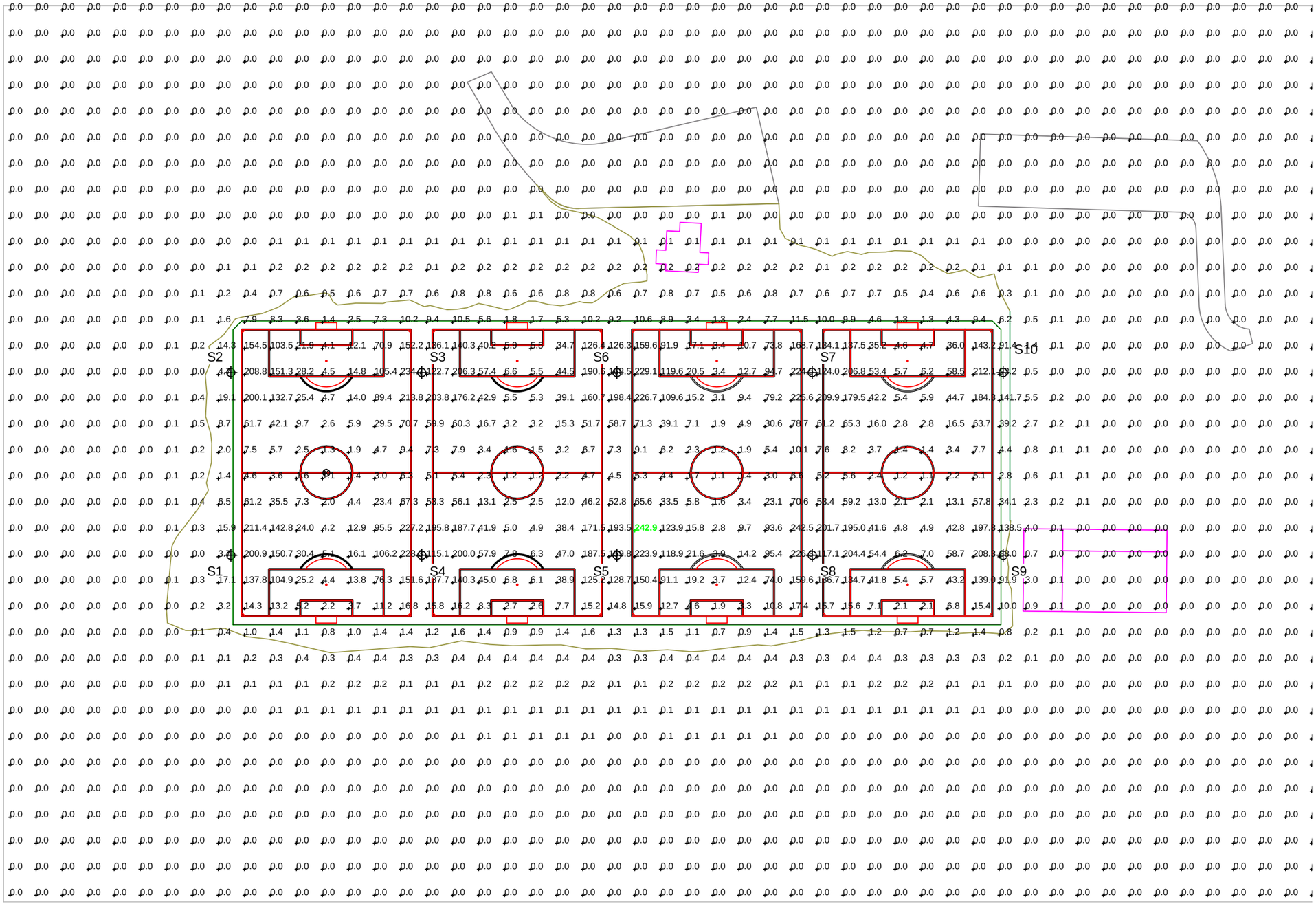

MY PROJECT

Name: Beach Chalet Sports Field
Location: San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name: Blanket Grid @ +30'
Spacing: 30.0' x 30.0'
Height: 30.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY	HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES
	Entire Grid
Scan Average:	**10.5**
Maximum:	243
Minimum:	0
Avg / Min:	14819.78
Max / Min:	**344203.69**
UG (adjacent pts):	202.16
CV:	3.51
No. of Points:	1855

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION	
Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
No. of Luminaires:	160
Avg KW:	250.24 (272.0 max)

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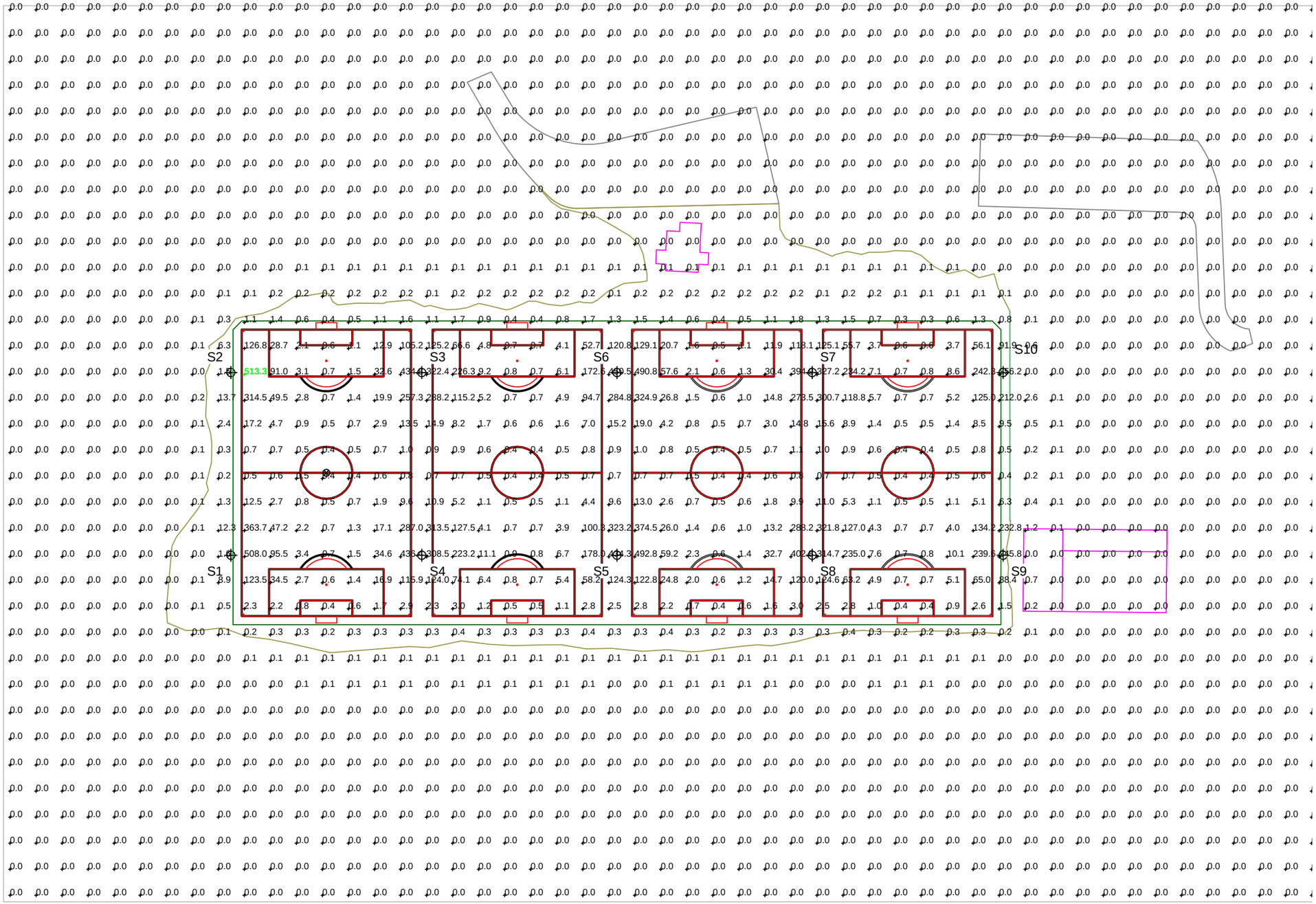

MY PROJECT

Name:	**Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location:	San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name:	**Blanket Grid @ +40'**
Spacing:	30.0' x 30.0'
Height:	40.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY — HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES

	Entire Grid
Scan Average:	**9.5**
Maximum:	513
Minimum:	0
Avg / Min:	23946.50
Max / Min:	**1288780.25**
UG (adjacent pts):	11528.08
CV:	5.28
No. of Points:	1855

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION

Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
No. of Luminaires:	160
Avg KW:	250.24 (272.0 max)

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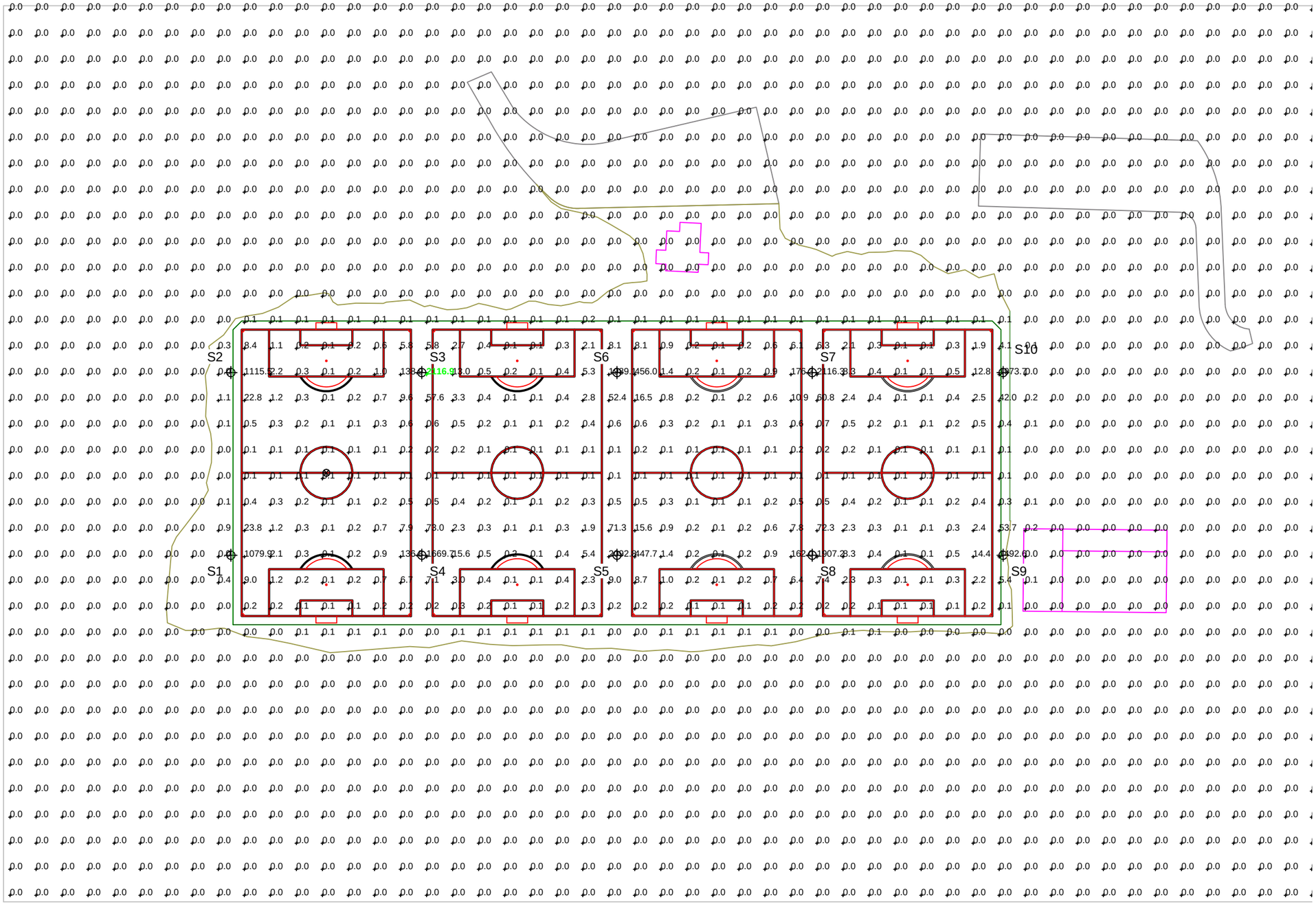

MY PROJECT

Name:	**Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location:	San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name:	**Blanket Grid @ +50'**
Spacing:	30.0' x 30.0'
Height:	50.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY	HORIZONTAL FOOTCANDLES
	Entire Grid
Scan Average:	**10.8**
Maximum:	2117
Minimum:	0
Avg / Min:	70474.89
Max / Min:	**13843074.00**
UG (adjacent pts):	294869.28
CV:	12.30
No. of Points:	1855

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION	
Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
No. of Luminaires:	160
Avg KW:	250.24 (272.0 max)

Guaranteed Performance: The CONSTANT ILLUMINATION described above is guaranteed for the rated life of the lamp.

Field Measurements: Illumination measured in accordance with IESNA LM-5-04 and CIBSE LG4. Individual values may vary. See the Warranty document for details.

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0' 120' 240'

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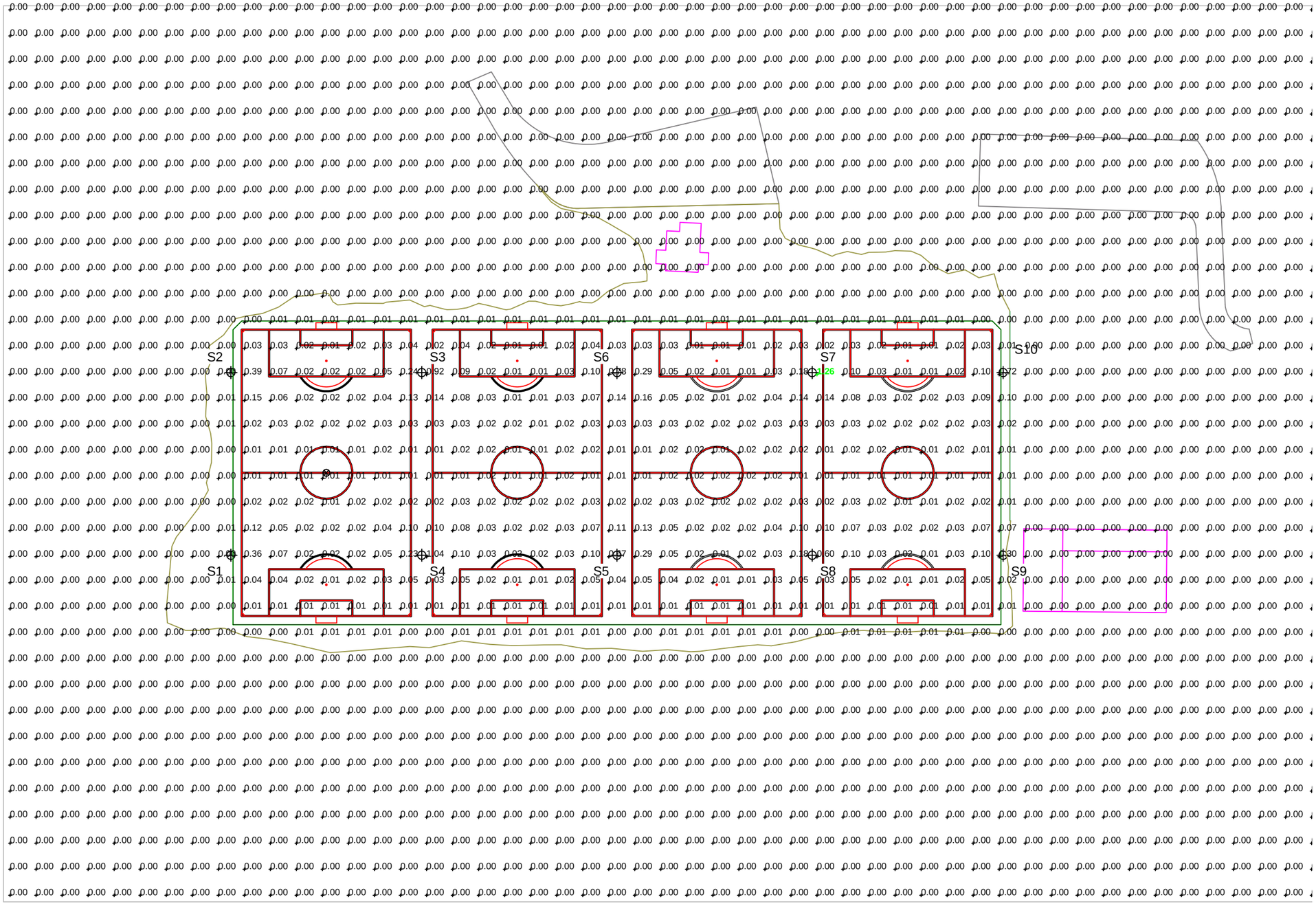

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Name:	**Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location:	San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name:	**Blanket Grid @ +60'**
Spacing:	30.0' x 30.0'
Height:	60.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY — VERTICAL FOOTCANDLES: -90° Tilt

	Entire Grid
Scan Average:	**0.0**
Maximum:	1
Minimum:	0
Avg / Min:	262.14
Max / Min:	**32000.46**
UG (adjacent pts):	531.62
CV:	5.75
No. of Points:	1855

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION

Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
No. of Luminaires:	160
Avg KW:	250.24 (272.0 max)

Guaranteed Performance: The CONSTANT ILLUMINATION described above is guaranteed for the rated life of the lamp.

Field Measurements: Illumination measured in accordance with IESNA LM-5-04 and CIBSE LG4. Individual values may vary. See the Warranty document for details.

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SCALE IN FEET 1 : 120

0' 120' 240'

0° 90° 270° 180° METER ORIENTATION

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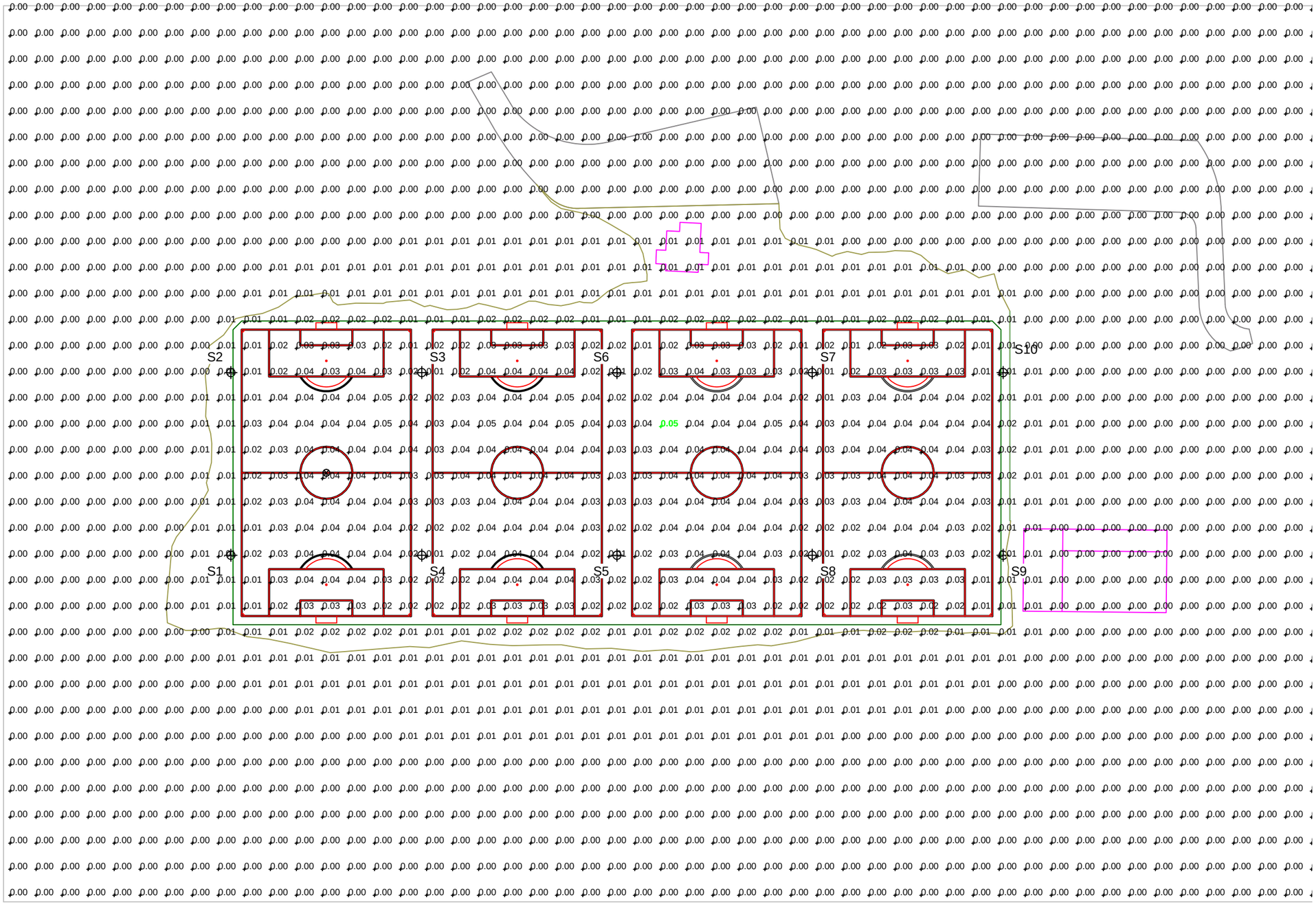

MY PROJECT

Name:	**Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location:	San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name:	**Blanket Grid @ +70'**
Spacing:	30.0' x 30.0'
Height:	70.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY — VERTICAL FOOTCANDLES: -90° Tilt

	Entire Grid
Scan Average:	**0.0**
Maximum:	0
Minimum:	0
Avg / Min:	42.46
Max / Min:	**259.76**
UG (adjacent pts):	3.36
CV:	1.48
No. of Points:	1855

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION

Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
No. of Luminaires:	160
Avg KW:	250.24 (272.0 max)

Guaranteed Performance: The CONSTANT ILLUMINATION described above is guaranteed for the rated life of the lamp.

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SCALE IN FEET 1 : 120

0' 120' 240'

0° 90° 270° 180° METER ORIENTATION

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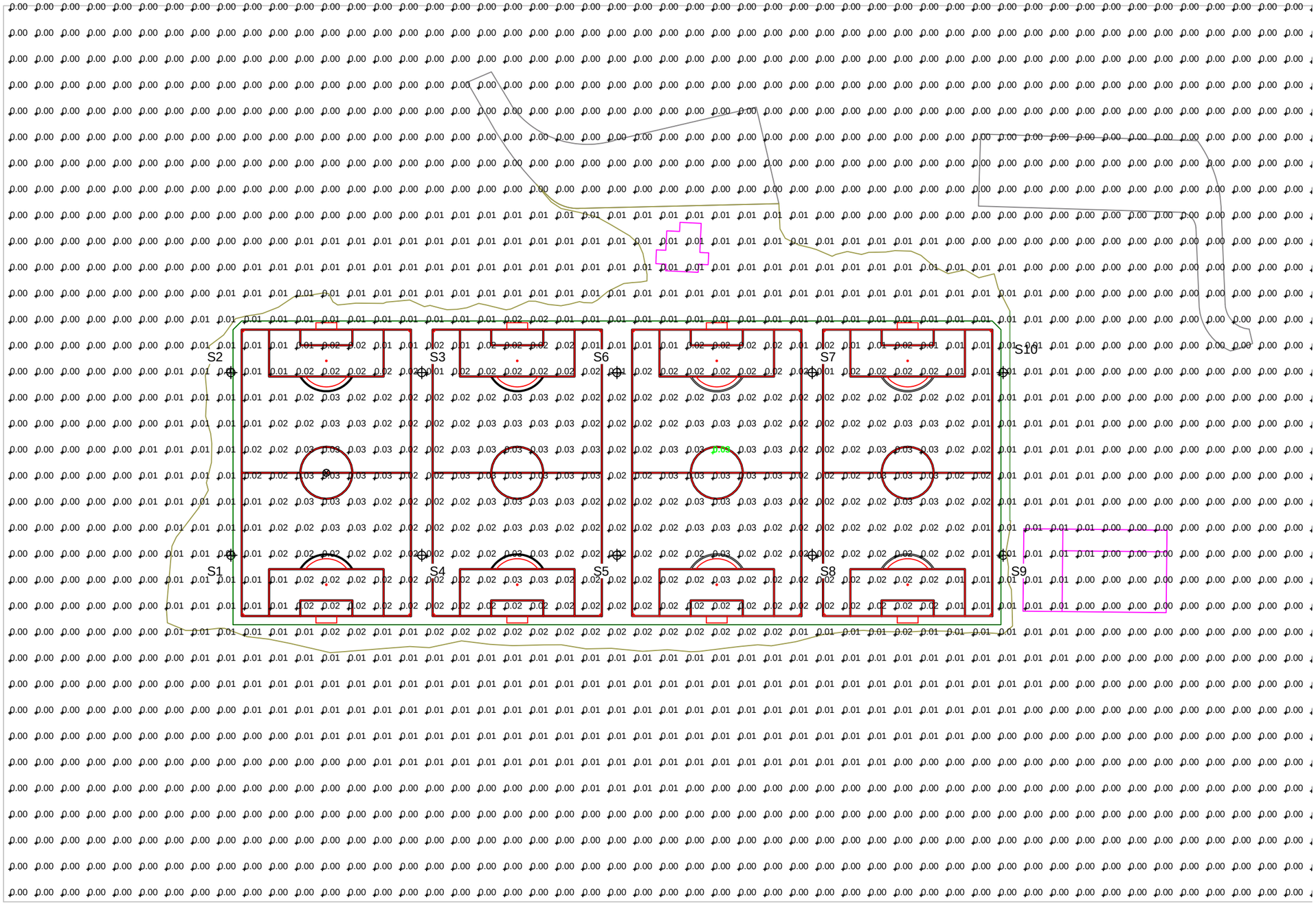

MY PROJECT

Name:	**Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location:	San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name:	**Blanket Grid @ +80'**
Spacing:	30.0' x 30.0'
Height:	80.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY — VERTICAL FOOTCANDLES: -90° Tilt

	Entire Grid
Scan Average:	**0.0**
Maximum:	0
Minimum:	0
Avg / Min:	22.57
Max / Min:	**115.56**
UG (adjacent pts):	1.59
CV:	1.11
No. of Points:	1855

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION

Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
No. of Luminaires:	160
Avg KW:	250.24 (272.0 max)

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SCALE IN FEET 1 : 120

0' 120' 240'

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METER ORIENTATION

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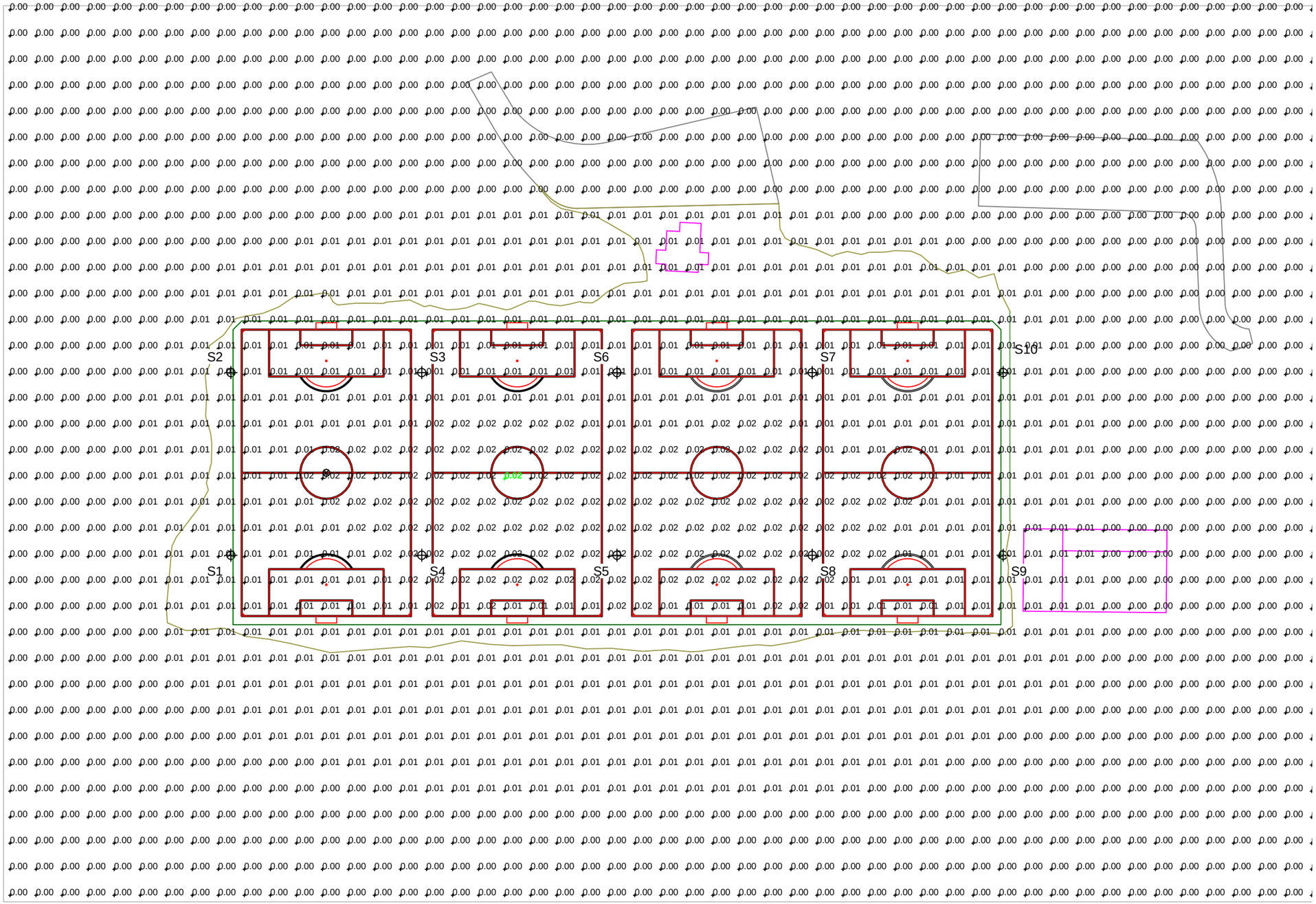

MY PROJECT

Name:	**Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location:	San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name:	**Blanket Grid @ +90'**
Spacing:	30.0' x 30.0'
Height:	90.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY — VERTICAL FOOTCANDLES: -90° Tilt

	Entire Grid
Scan Average:	**0.0**
Maximum:	0
Minimum:	0
Avg / Min:	14.98
Max / Min:	**52.44**
UG (adjacent pts):	1.42
CV:	0.84
No. of Points:	1855

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION

Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
Avg Lamp Tilt Factor:	1.000
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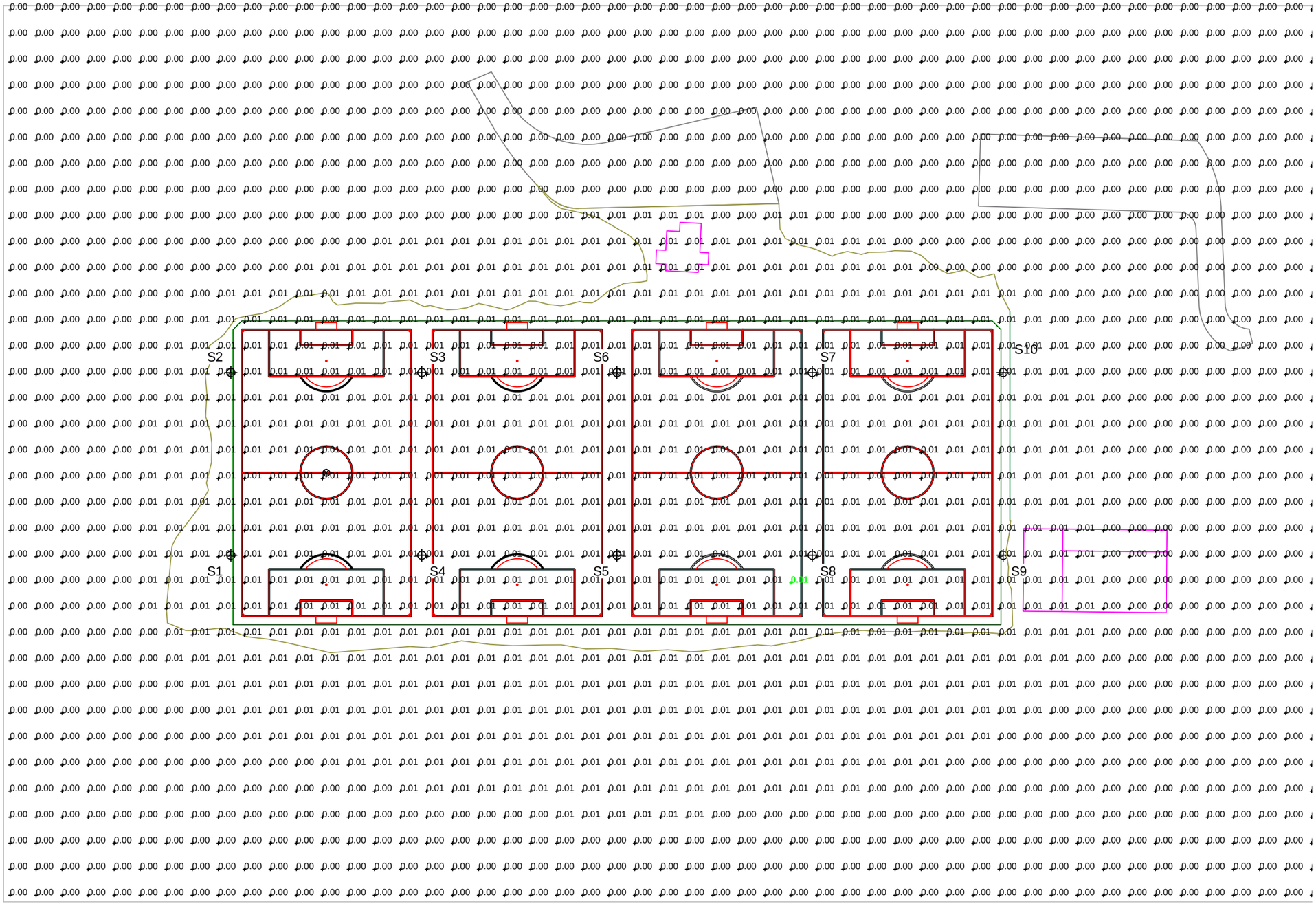

MY PROJECT

Name:	**Beach Chalet Sports Field**
Location:	San Francisco,CA

GRID SUMMARY

Name:	**Blanket Grid @ +100'**
Spacing:	30.0' x 30.0'
Height:	100.0' above grade

CONSTANT ILLUMINATION

SUMMARY — VERTICAL FOOTCANDLES: -90° Tilt

	Entire Grid
Scan Average:	**0.0**
Maximum:	0
Minimum:	0
Avg / Min:	10.99
Max / Min:	**30.83**
UG (adjacent pts):	1.43
CV:	0.67
No. of Points:	1855

LUMINAIRE INFORMATION

Luminaire Type:	Green Generation
Rated Lamp Life:	5,000 hours
Avg Lumens / Lamp:	134,000
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April 18, 2013

Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
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Dear Chair Shallenberger:

I join San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, and the overwhelming majority of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation. I believe the City and County of San Francisco has fully vetted the issues surrounding this project, as evidenced by the public hearings in front of the Planning Commission, Recreation and Park Commission, Board of Supervisors, and Board of Permit Appeals. Moreover, I believe this project will be of tremendous benefit to tens of thousands of children who will have improved access to an amazing facility in our treasured Golden Gate Park.

I urge you to support a finding of "No Substantial Issue" in your consideration of the project. Please feel free to contact my office at (415) 393-0707 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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Mary Shallenberger
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Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

Thank you for your leadership to protect, preserve and enhance California's coast and ocean. It is my privilege to support the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in Golden Gate Park. I urge the Coastal Commission to uphold the City's decision to renovate these sports fields for local youth and athletes.

The City Fields Foundation's Playfields Initiative, in partnership with the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, has renovated busy sports fields and reorganized the City's field permit system. This has added many hours of new playtime for thousands of local children. The Beach Chalet Fields currently serve more than 1,550 children and 600 adults each week, and their restoration will provide more opportunities for athletic and community engagement.

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are not located on open space, and San Francisco's coast will not suffer any significant impacts due to this project. The project will include the planting of 200 new trees and 1,000 new plants; the field lightening will not stand out from the Great Highway, Oceans Beach or the beach promenade; and there will be no impact on current or potential commercial-recreation uses in these areas. Moreover, this project saves water, eliminates herbicide and pesticide usage on the Athletic Fields and turf manufacturers must provide an end-of-life recycling plan when they bid for the project. The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project is consistent with the Local Coastal Program and demonstrates San Francisco's long standing commitment to natural resource preservation and restoration.

The renovation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields is a vital step forward for the City's children, adults and park community. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact my District Office at (415) 556-4862.

Best Regards,

Nancy Pelosi

NANCY PELOSI
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April 12, 2013

Ms. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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Dear Chair Shallenberger and members:

The Recreation and Parks Department has notified me of its proposal to renovate the Beach Chalet playing fields. I am writing to respectfully request that the project receive all appropriate consideration before the commission.

In my judgment, additional playing fields are needed in order to encourage children and adults to exercise more regularly. According to information provided to my office, there are many fields that have been renovated with the consequent result that thousands of additional playing hours have been created. In the heavily urbanized environment of San Francisco, it is important that appropriate venues be enhanced so as to encourage exercise and healthy living. The fields are part of a network of coastal resources that include the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). The Beach Chalet fields probably take pressure off of the GGNRA to some extent as recreation activities that might otherwise spill over into less structured settings in the GGNRA are instead able to be scheduled more appropriately within the fields.

The Beach Chalet athletic fields serve my constituents because they serve all city residents. I know that the commission is concerned about preserving coastal access and the amenities that are contributing to the enjoyment of the coast. Investment in the fields will hopefully result in improved environmental outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration of this project and for your ongoing great work in ensuring that Californians are able to experience coastal assets to their fullest, consistent with the intent of the Coastal Act.

All the best,

Congresswoman Jackie Speier

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Members of the Coastal Commission,

I am writing to encourage a "No Substantial Issue" determination on the permit appeals that have been filed against the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation and to express my strong support of the Coastal Permit issued by the San Francisco Planning Commission for this project.

The City of San Francisco conducted a lengthy and exhaustive environmental review and project approval/appeal process for this project, including numerous public hearings resulting in the certification of the project's Environmental Impact Report and multiple determinations that the project adheres to the Local Coastal Program. These decisions were made during lengthy public hearings and based on clear, consistent interpretations of the Local Coastal Program and public access policies of the California Coastal Act.

- **May 24, 2012** - SF Planning Commission voted 4-1 to certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and approve the General Plan Referral and the Local Coastal Zone Permit
- **May 24, 2012** - Recreation and Park Commission voted 6-0 to approve the project conceptual plan, EIR mitigations and find consistency with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan
- **July 10, 2012** - Board of Supervisors voted 10-1 to deny an appeal of the EIR
- **August 1, 2012** – Board of Permit Appeals voted 4-0 to uphold the Planning Commission's decision to approve the Coastal Permit
- **September 12, 2012** – Board of Permit Appeals voted 3-0 to deny a rehearing request on the Coastal Permit Appeal

Regarding the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation, there was broad agreement at every step in the approval and appeal process that this project is critical for our youth, beneficial to our largest, most popular park, and a unique opportunity for our city. The Board of Supervisors' vote of 10-1 on this issue points to the broad support for a solid, balanced, thoughtful project, such as you are considering.

I urge you support a finding of "No Substantial Issue." Please feel free to contact my office if we can be of any assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Edwin Lee
Mayor

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

Please consider a "No Substantial Issue" determination when you vote on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation appeal.

As San Francisco's District Attorney, I deal everyday with crime and its impacts on our communities. I work closely with the San Francisco Police Department to prosecute criminals and improve safety in our communities. Our law enforcement officials understand that providing recreational opportunities for our youth and increasing activity in our public spaces are both effective ways to prevent crime.

It is clear that the area around the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields would benefit greatly from this renovation project. There have been too many instances of crime at the western end of the park. The inactivity and darkness around the fields attracts drug users and we've seen multiple reports of violence on the site, including a murder last year. Other field renovation projects, like the Playfields Initiative's Crocker Amazon Soccer Fields improvements, brought increased vitality to surrounding neighborhoods and increased safety in the park.

The potential environmental impacts from this project have been studied again and again, at every level of San Francisco's exhaustive review process. This facility in Golden Gate Park is designated for recreational use and has been athletic fields for more than 80 years. This is an appropriate use for this space and the project fits into our Golden Gate Park Master Plan. Renovating these fields will simply improve the field's conditions and public access for neighbors and visitors alike.

Please support this project and help us decrease crime, expand recreational opportunities for our city's children, and make our fields safer for everyone.

Thank you for considering a "No Substantial Issue" finding when you make your decision on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation Coastal Permit appeal.

Sincerely,

George Gascon
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Members of Coastal Commission:

I am writing in regards to the appeal of the Coastal Permit for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. Please vote "no substantial issue" and allow this critical project to move forward.

Despite the wonderful location in Golden Gate Park, these fields simply are not safe. Having been built on sand in a very moist marine climate, the grass fields are generally soggy and the grass turf struggles to survive. Grass out in these fields grow in clumps and is easily, inadvertently removed by even modest running and play. Injuries are frequent – sprained ankles, torn ACL's, broken feet. Having played at these fields many times as a kid, I have turned my ankles and twisted my knees in painful injuries several times on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

Replacing the grass fields with synthetic turf would greatly reduce the number and severity of injuries suffered on those sports fields. Throughout San Francisco, we have seen the success of replacing battered, unsafe grass fields with synthetic turf. Why should the kids living around the Beach Chalet fields not get to enjoy the same quality of play as their friends in other neighborhoods? Why would we not want to activate a space that's closed and empty for most of each day?

I have seen how these kids play at Garfield, at Kimball, at Crocker and at the other parks with sports fields renovated with synthetic turf and lights. It is truly transformative for those kids to have regular access to a safe sports field.

The field lights are also an important part of this discussion because they extend play hours so the fields are active for later into the evening. As seen in other parks, simply illuminating the fields will drive away some of the illicit activities occurring in the bushes around the fields, whether its narcotics use, prostitution, camping, or auto burglaries. In my experience, increasing the opportunities for positive activities, like athletics, both discourages illegal activity and gives kids positive choices here in San Francisco. I believe that is a win-win situation for everyone.

Please vote "no substantial issue" on the appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation's Coastal Permit.

Sincerely,

GREGORY P. SUHR
Chief of Police

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Members of the Coastal Commission,

I am contacting you to express my support for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. I believe the project's Coastal Permit was properly issued and urge you to make a "No Substantial Issue" determination on the permit appeals.

All of Golden Gate Park, including these dilapidated soccer fields, are located in my Supervisorial District and, over the past several years, I have gained extensive knowledge of the project, its environmental review, and the many benefits it will have on the Park and our city's children.

Having read and considered the Environmental Impact Report, the Western Shoreline Plan and the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, I believe that installing synthetic turf and lights on these fields is both environmentally responsible and totally appropriate for this location in a designated "major recreation area" in Golden Gate Park. It will have no significant impact on sensitive wildlife or critical habitat and will achieve the primary goal of the Western Area Plan section of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, **"increase legitimate activities and transform this part of the park."**

It's important to note that the Western Shoreline Plan not only pre-dates the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, the Shoreline Plan actually directs the City to create a master plan for the park. The City then drafted and approved the plan and has been implementing it for the past 15 years.

The Master Plan is a thoughtful planning tool but, at times, provides contradictory guidance. In one section, the Master Plan addresses potential conflicts between recreation and preservation and suggests a way to approach this issue, "The demands for recreation need to be balanced with the objectives of preserving the original intent and purpose of the park as "sylvan and pastoral" retreat. **Emphasis should be placed on improving and maintaining existing recreation facilities, rather than adding new ones.**"

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That is exactly what will be accomplished by this sports fields' renovation: an update of an existing recreation facility to meet the athletic needs of our city's children. I strongly request that you make a determination of "No Substantial Issue" and allow this important project to proceed.

Sincerely,

Eric Mar
Board of Supervisors, District 1
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Member, Board of Supervisors
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Members of Coastal Commission,

I write to encourage you to reject the appeal of the Coastal Permit for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation. This critical project – which will provide much-needed soccer-field access for both children and adults – has broad support and deserves to move forward.

During the project's lengthy local approval and appeal process, there were two items upon which everyone agreed: the need for more sports fields for children and a desire to preserve our existing natural open space. This field renovation does an excellent job balancing those two desires. The athletic fields will be modernized to meet today's youth recreation needs, the site will be made accessible with family-friendly amenities, and the surrounding park landscape will be enhanced with 200 new trees and more than 1,000 new plants.

There has been a lot of hyperbole about the impact the project will have on the natural feel and open space in the west end of Golden Gate Park. I do not agree with this perspective. This field renovation covers less than 1% of Golden Gate Park and is near several other lighted areas. The field is already fenced off and is anything but a natural area. The project will simply renovate and rehabilitate a facility identified as a "Major Recreation Area" in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, rather than introduce new structures and activities to virgin open space.

While I understand and respect the opposition to the Beach Chalet project, this project has been extensively reviewed, analyzed, and approved by every city body that has considered it, including a nearly unanimous vote at the Board of Supervisors. At some point, the opponents need to acknowledge that they have not prevailed through San Francisco's meticulous and extensive processes. Turning to the Coastal Commission to achieve what the opponents could not achieve through the city's agencies and its highest elected body, in my view, is not the right course.

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I urge you to make a finding of "No Substantial Issue" on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation Coastal Permit appeal. Please feel free to contact my office if we can be of any assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Scott Wiener

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Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission;

Like many San Franciscans, I enjoy the natural experience of walking through Golden Gate Park and appreciating the rare moments of solace found in this sanctuary. I did have concerns about the potential environmental impacts of the project. However, through an extensive public process, from my perspective these concerns have been adequately addressed. I am confident that the field renovations will enhance the naturalistic landscaped qualities of the western end of the park while improving the playing fields that have been there for more than 80 years.

The Supervisorial district I represent is among our City's most diverse and includes one of our highest percentages of children and families. Most of the families in my district are earning far less than the average San Franciscan household, and many are living below the poverty line. Access to recreation opportunities is critical to the safety and well-being for the kids in my district. There are far too many of these kids who have never been to Golden Gate Park, and improving the conditions of our fields is one way to change that.

As city leaders, we must strive to make our parks and open space accessible to everyone. For many, their first experience with Golden Gate Park comes from playing on our athletic fields. We owe it to our kids to ensure that we maximize the hours of play-time on our fields.

I would encourage you to come to the same conclusion that the Board of Supervisors did on this project and move forward the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation.

With warmest regards,

Malia Cohen
Member, Board of Supervisors

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Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of the Coastal Commission,

I am writing to you as a member of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors. As a San Francisco native, I grew up playing soccer on these fields and hope that generations to come will have the same opportunity. I'd like to request that you find "no substantial issue" on the appeal of the Coastal Permit for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation.

This project has been designed to address the City's great need for sports fields that are safe for our children. The project has created a unique opportunity to use both public funds and substantial private donations to repair an 80-year-old public recreation facility, Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields aren't safe and haven't been for many years. During the Board of Supervisors' hearing on this project, we heard from many people who had suffered from broken ankles and torn ACLs while playing on these fields. While San Francisco has many wonderful attributes, the weather can be problematic. The year-round rain and fog is damaging to grass fields, creating an environment that is often unsafe and unsuitable for sports activities. Consequently, the fields are frequently closed, leaving many children without a place to participate in outdoor sports.

Last spring, I threw the first pitch for San Francisco Little League. At that time, I learned that many children who wanted to participate in Little League were turned away as a result of the diminishing number of athletic fields in the City. It is unfortunate that, in an illustrious city such as San Francisco, children are denied the opportunity to participate in community sports because of the dwindling quality of our athletic fields.

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The proposed renovation and addition of lights will improve safety and increase the number of usable recreation fields in the city. These upgrades will not negatively affect Golden Gate Park or views of Ocean Beach. Rather, the project will create safer public spaces for our citizens and will provide hundreds of children with the fundamental childhood experience of playing outdoor sports. I believe these plans fully comply with and advance the goals of San Francisco's Local Coastal Program. I ask that you please help us in achieving our objective by finding "no substantial issue" on the Coastal Permit appeal.

Thank you,

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

As you consider an appeal of the Coastal Permit for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, I ask that you to vote "No Substantial Issue."

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project was intensely analyzed and scrutinized at every turn in San Francisco's legislative process. My staff and I spent dozens of hours reviewing the Planning Department's Environmental Impact Report. We looked at each of the issues raised by the project opponents, from the impact of lights to the safety of the synthetic turf. We also met with coaches, families and kids who use our fields across the city each week. When it was time to make a decision on the project last July, I concluded that the need for these fields outweighed the opponents' concerns.

The Supervisorial district that I represent includes the Mission district of San Francisco, the center of San Francisco's Latino community. Thousands of my district's residents are avid soccer players who use the Beach Chalet fields every weekend. Over 40% of the kids who use our athletic fields are from the Latino community. We continue to struggle with keeping families in our great city, and providing free and safe recreation opportunities for all of our children. When we deliberated the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project, we were joined by hundreds of diverse community members, both kids and adults, who stressed the importance of this project. Their participation in the process and their enthusiasm for the project helped increase my understanding of the urgent need for this project.

I have seen the direct benefits of similar field renovations in my own district. Just last year, we reopened the newly renovated Mission Playground, which includes a state-of-the-art synthetic turf field similar to what's proposed at the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

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Over the last several months, we have seen a substantial increase in the hours of play at Mission Playground. It has become one of our community's most important recreational facilities and I'm confident that the Beach Chalet Athletic Fielsd renovation will have a similar impact in Golden Gate Park.

I believe that the questions around environmental impacts have been appropriately addressed through our city process. The Golden Gate Park Master Plan clearly designates this facility as a "major recreation area" and encourages more athletic play in this area of the park.

Thank you for considering a "No Substantial Issue" finding on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project in San Francisco and helping us improve these fields for all of San Francisco's families, athletes and visitors.

Thank you,

David Campos
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

As President of the San Francisco Planning Commission, I would like to share my support for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco and to encourage you to make a "no substantial issue" finding on the appeal of the project's Coastal Zone Permit.

On May 24, 2012, the San Francisco Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the project's Coastal Zone Permit, and other requisite permits and approvals. We found that the project's limited scope, major tree and shrub planting plan, and core goals achieved, on the whole, the goals, objectives and policies outlined in the Western Shoreline Plan, San Francisco's certified Local Coastal Program.

I also want to note that Golden Gate Park is a man-made wonder, it is not a native or preserved environment. Most of the native vegetation was removed during the park's development. It was built on sand dunes and has been modified numerous times to meet the "modern" interests of city residents. In fact, the park used to include a casino and a race track, and a steam train even ran on what's now a walking path near the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

Today, the park includes: two multi-story museums, an underground parking garage, two community centers, concrete fly-casting ponds, the Conservatory of Flowers, a music concourse and bandshell, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, a golf course, an archery range, a Japanese tea garden, two restaurants, a football stadium, a log cabin, numerous offices, a plant nursery, and even a gas station. The famous buffaloes and many of the beautiful birds we see around the park are not native to San Francisco.

Golden Gate Park is a great place to visit, recreate and relax but it is not a nature preserve. Its purpose is to provide a haven for city dwellers, a place to unwind from metropolitan life. For many people, children especially, this means sports and athletic recreation. The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields comprise less than 1% of the entire park. I believe Golden Gate Park is large enough to accommodate many differing uses without overly burdening or denying any group, and this project strikes a thoughtful balance between active and passive recreation and the park's environment.

Please consider a "no substantial issue" finding and allow this project to proceed.

Thank you,

Rodney Fong
SF Planning Commissioner

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I'm contacting you to request that you support a "no substantial issue" determination in regards to the Coastal Permit appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco. Having thoroughly reviewed the project and environmental report, I believe this project will address an important need in San Francisco – providing kids with ample safe and accessible sports fields – while reinvesting in Golden Gate Park's natural landscape.

Prior to this project being considered by San Francisco's Planning Commission, I had numerous questions and spoke at length with City staff and project sponsors to better understand the design, the potential impacts and how the project had been modified to address community concerns.

By my reading of the environmental impact report, there will be no spillover of light onto Ocean Beach. People standing on the beach will not perceive any change in light due to the new field lights on the soccer fields. The lighting caps being used on the fields lights were recommended by the National Parks Service to limit light spill and reduce any potential impacts on "dark skies" or wildlife.

I appreciated that the project was revised to further reduce the visibility of the light fixtures from elsewhere in the park, surrounding residential neighborhoods, Ocean Beach and the Ocean Beach promenade. Light poles were reduced from 80' to 60' and placed onto the fields, instead of on the edges as is the norm. The whole system is timed and automated, and light distribution on the field was engineered to provide consistent light across the field for safe play while minimizing the amount of light escaping the area of play. Plus, the field lights feature two settings: 30 foot candles for regular practices and games, and 50 foot candles for the occasional tournament.

It's also helpful to note that kids and players of all ages and colors will use these fields but the most visible benefit is the massive increase in play by sports leagues and clubs catering to disadvantaged kids. Thanks to the increase in ground sports field access due to synthetic turf and field light installations elsewhere in the City, the Police Activities League has been able to add 50 teams (approximately 600 kids) and America Scores Bay Area has doubled the number of kids they serve to 800 children each year in their literacy and soccer program. Both of these programs, and many more, will be able to serve more low-income kids if the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are renovated.

Please support a "no substantial issue" determination when the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation Coastal Permit appeal is heard by the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cindy Wu
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I'm writing in my personal capacity to encourage your support for a "no substantial issue" determination on the Coastal Permit appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco. I serve on the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission and therefore am very familiar with this project. I believe this project will bring vital improvements to not just the sports fields but also to the surrounding landscape and recreational resources, including Ocean Beach.

This area of Golden Gate Park needs help. As stated in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, the west end of the park largely lacks recreation facilities and enjoys fewer visitors than other areas. The facilities that are meant for active recreation – the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, the archery range, the golf course, and even the tulip garden – largely serve unique, activity-specific visitors. There is not much interaction between these facilities or their users and many of these visitors come to the park, participate in their activity, and leave without ever exploring the adjacent facilities and open space.

That feels like a missed opportunity for park visitors from near and far. For locals, it means that large swaths of our greatest park go unknown and unvisited by all but a few people.

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation would change that. Some of the most exciting elements of the project will be the substantial increase in visitors to the west end of the Park, the creation of more welcoming amenities at the site, and the increase in connectivity between the facilities.

The athletic fields renovation is expected to triple the amount of play at the soccer facility. While a portion of those players already use the Beach Chalet sports fields, many more people will get to enjoy them once the play capacity is increased due to greater field access during the day and evening, the use of all four fields instead of just three (one of the grass fields is always kept in a state of rest to help preserve the facility's overall field condition), and the elimination of rain outs (synthetic turf is permeable and can be played upon in even the heaviest downpour).

As more people gain access to the site for athletics, they will enjoy a more welcoming facility. Spectator seating will be created on and off the fields (there is currently no seating of any kind at the facility), bathrooms will be modernized, a viewing plaza and play structure will encourage visitors to linger and enjoy the area, while picnic tables and barbecue pits will give folks a chance to cook and eat and relax over the course of the day. At the same time, the fields, bathrooms and entire facility will finally be made accessible to the disabled so all park visitors can enter and enjoy the sports fields and surrounding amenities.

The athletic fields renovation will also vastly improve access to the sports facility, the surrounding woodlands and the Beach Chalet restaurants and Golden Gate Park Visitors Center. Currently, most

field users travel to the site in cars and park in the parking lot or, if the lot is locked or fully, they park on JFK Drive, just outside the facility.

Unfortunately, the parking lot has no formal drop off zone, no sidewalk to provide safe pedestrian access, no bicycle parking, and no formal path to the fields, to the Great Highway or the Beach Chalet building itself.

The fields renovation would expand the size of the parking lot by 20 cars to account for 50% of the anticipated increase in field use. A sidewalk will traverse the parking lot between JFK Dr., the restroom, and a gently sloping path down to the fields. Another pathway will begin on JFK Dr. and wind its way through a brief stretch of woods, across the parking lot and onto a curvilinear pathway through the play structure area and down to the fields. There will be bike parking for 81 bicycles and new disability parking spots.

Once at field level, an accessible pathway made of "nature pave" will circumnavigate the fields just outside the fence and fork off to connect with the Beach Chalet restaurants and Golden Gate Park Visitors Center to the north. Another broad disability walkway will cross the middle of the field at a slight elevation to improve access and provide bench seating without the installation of bleachers in the center of the four field expanse. The center pathway will connect to the walkway outside the fence, and to an informal pathway connecting to to the running path west of the fields and the Great Highway beyond that.

So for the first time, a person walking down JFK Drive will be able to take a meandering path through some trees and the existing parking lot, past a kids' play structure, down and across the athletic fields to a path that will take them to either the Beach Chalet or the Great Highway and Ocean Beach. People won't have to hike along park roads or slosh through muddy bogs around the sports fields and in the surrounding woods. These are important and long-overdue pedestrian connections for Golden Gate Park and National Park Service property.

This sports fields renovation would be a tremendous benefit to the park and its many visitors, from both near and far. It would improve access and safety and enhance the tenuous connections between park facilities and adjacent shoreline resources.

Please consider a "no substantial issue" determination when the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation Coastal Permit appeal is heard by the Commission in May.

Thank you,

Paige Arata
Member, San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission

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April 4, 2013

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I'm writing to you as the President of the San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education to ask that you find "no substantial issue" on the appeal of the Coastal Permit for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation Golden Gate Park. This critical project will provide needed sports facilities for our youth while improving the park's natural landscape.

As both a school board member and a mom, I'm very familiar with the needs of our city's youth, and the delicate balancing act that we, as a community, undertake to meet those needs in this busy, gritty, dense urban environment. The Playfields Initiative partnership between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the City Fields Foundation deserves your support and the proposal to renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields with synthetic turf and lights would be a terrific improvement for our park, our city and our kids.

By renovating sports fields in numerous other parks around the city, the Playfields Initiative has already helped increase access for the families, athletes and visitors who enjoy our athletic facilities. SFUSD is also doing our part to help make sure that City kids have safe, accessible places to play sports. Several years ago, we joined the Playfields Initiative partnership by working with Recreation and Parks and City Fields on a unique joint-use athletic field program to allow more community access to SFUSD fields. This program has been a tremendous success and is giving more kids more opportunities to play throughout San Francisco.

San Francisco simply doesn't have enough sports fields for all the kids who wish to play. The proposed renovation to Beach Chalet will bring more than 9,000 more hours of play for kids, for athletes and for park visitors. Our children deserve safer fields to play on, and the general public needs better lit fields to increase safety in the area.

Please help us give our kids a chance. This project has already been delayed for years. Many of the junior high school kids who first spoke in support of the project are now in high school and may never get a chance to play if this project is held up further. Please reject this baseless appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation's Coastal Permit by supporting a "no substantial issue" finding.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rachel Norton
President, SFUSD Board of Education

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

As a newly elected member of the San Francisco Unified School District's Board of Education, I respectfully ask that you vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

I sought election to the San Francisco Board of Education last year because I believe that we can do more to reach educational excellence and keep our families in San Francisco. In my new position representing the tens of thousands of students, parents, teachers and administrators of San Francisco's public schools, I'm committed to standing up for the needs of our city's children, no matter how loud the voices of dissent may be.

Renovating the fields at the Beach Chalet soccer complex is clearly the right thing to do by our children. One of the most common challenges cited by our parents is the lack of athletic fields in our city. I've spoken to several parents who have to drive their kids all over the Bay Area to find a place to practice. In the course of the partnership between the City Fields Foundation and San Francisco's Recreation and Parks Department, we've seen over 76,000 hours of additional play on our fields. We can't stop there when the need persists.

The project opponents are presenting a false choice here. Renovating these fields will not harm our natural environment. The project renovation will actually substantially increase the number of trees in the area and the improvements clearly fit into the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

Please support San Francisco's children and families by voting "No Substantial Issue" finding on the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields renovation appeal.

Sincerely,

Matt Haney
Board of Education Commissioner
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I am writing to ask you to vote "No Substantial Issue" determination on the Coastal Permit appeal of the Beach Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

As a grandmother and mother struggling to have my family in San Francisco, I think every day about the challenges we face here - the skyrocketing cost of living, the rising costs of housing, and struggles of our working class neighbors and communities of color to simply stay in our great city. I want my granddaughter to enjoy the best of San Francisco as she grows up, including our great diversity, our beautiful surroundings, and our parks – and not as a visitor. Please see attached, my favorite picture of my daughter and granddaughter (Francesca and Marley), enjoying our neighborhood park.

I am proud of our San Francisco parks and what they can offer to residents and tourists alike. Golden Gate Park is a world-class park and there's no reason why it shouldn't offer the best recreational opportunities while also preserving the precious natural landscape. Renovating these fields will open up the park to our city's families and visitors and add an additional 9000 hours of critical playtime for youth and adult athletes.

This project went through an incredibly exhaustive process at all levels of city government. The Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors heard countless hours of testimony from both sides. Hundreds of kids and their families showed up to speak about the urgent need for these fields. The environmental concerns have been addressed and mitigations are being made. The decision makers at every level have been convinced that the proposed location is the right one for this project. We are simply trying to make an existing soccer field a better one for our kids.

Please help us move this project forward. Please cast a vote in favor of "No Substantial Issue" for the Coastal permit appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

As a member of the San Francisco Unified School District's Board of Education and the Mayor of San Francisco's education advisor, I respectfully ask for your support for a "No Substantial Issue" finding on the Coastal Permit appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate park.

On the Board of Education, I represent the interests of the students, parents, teachers and administrators of San Francisco's public schools, and know intimately of our community's desperate need for more and safer ball fields that allow our children to enjoy healthy, active lives in our highly-developed, dense city.

The fields at the Beach Chalet soccer complex are currently unsafe and unusable. Without proper lighting, the fields are useless in the evening, and without proper turf, the fields are riddled with gopher holes and unstable surfaces that frequently injure our children.

In a time where city resources are being cut, recreation and education are all too often first on the chopping block. The partnership between the City Fields Foundation and the Department of Recreation and Parks has proven to be immensely successful, and your leadership and direction of the Playfields Initiative has granted in excess of 76,000 additional hours of play on safer fields. In the absence of building new fields at new sites, the partnership proposes to keep the site's use the same and increase its efficiency by adding lights and synthetic turf, which they estimate will add 9,000 of hours of playing time to existing fields, and improve the quality of life for San Francisco's youth.

This project is a good, smart way to get more use out of existing recreation facilities while also investing in the surrounding park landscape.

San Francisco families deserve safe and useable parks and athletic fields, and I respectfully request a "No Substantial Issue" finding on the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields renovation appeal.

Sincerely,

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Members of Coastal Commission,

I am writing to encourage a "No Substantial Issue" determination for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. As the former Supervisor representing the Sunset District, immediately south of the sports fields, I believe this project is in conformance with the Western Shoreline Plan, San Francisco's certified Local Coastal Program.

The City of San Francisco conducted a lengthy and exhaustive environmental review and project approval/appeal process for this project, including numerous public hearings resulting in the certification of the project's Environmental Impact Report and multiple determinations that the project adheres to the Local Coastal Program.

The appeals against this project simply do not rise to the level of substantial issue. The sports fields are designated as a Major Recreation Area in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, a document which encourages increasing athletic play and opportunities in this area of the Park.

When this project was first proposed, a number of public meetings were held in my district to discuss the project. The project would vastly expand athletic opportunities for my constituents while replanting and replacing the aging trees and landscape surrounding the fields.

Further, the project will not reduce the visitor experience at Ocean Beach. Thank you for considering a No Substantial Issue finding to allow this project to finally move forward. Please feel free to contact my office if we can be of any assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Carmen Chu
Assessor-Recorder, City and County of San Francisco
Former Member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, District 4

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission:

I urge you to cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote as you consider the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation project in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

I am a Trustee for San Francisco City College, and more importantly, I am a young father. Our family lives in the Richmond, a short trip away from Golden Gate Park. I want to take my young daughter, and the second one who's on the way, into the park regularly to enjoy the natural landscape and the athletic fields. My wife and I have seen too many of our friends with kids leave San Francisco for the East Bay or other more family-friendly areas. We want to stay in San Francisco, and we want others to have that opportunity too. Offering more safe and accessible athletic playfields is a step in the right direction for our families, and will keep our city vibrant.

As you know, our job as public officials is to balance all of the community's needs and make the best decisions we can. At each level—the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission, Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors—our elected and appointed city officials did just that in regards to this project. They heard countless hours of testimony on both sides of the issue and they read hundreds of pages of information on the potential environmental impacts and community benefits. At each turn, they concluded, usually in a unanimous fashion, that there will be no significant environmental impact and that our families need these fields. The public has witnessed an exhaustive and deliberative process, and for that, we can be proud. We can be even prouder when the project is complete.

Please respect all of the thorough analysis that has gone into this project and vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Ngo
Trustee
San Francisco Community College District

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of the Coastal Commission:

My name is Douglas Goldman. I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project. Specifically, I am requesting that you cast a "***No Substantial Issue***" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for this project.

As a fifth-generation resident of San Francisco, I grew up playing sports in the City, including at our two neighborhood playgrounds. My three children, also born and raised in our City, continued that tradition. I know firsthand the positive and important role that sports plays in children's lives. As a parent and physician, I understand the significance of sports for the physical and mental development of youth. As the president of the Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund, a private philanthropic foundation in San Francisco, I am committed to improving access to sports opportunities for our City's youth and families. In addition to helping youth stay healthy and fit, participating in sports helps kids develop a positive self-image, learn both the importance of teamwork and the value of hard work, and gain self-confidence. Along with their teammates, our kids learn to believe in themselves—a lesson they take with them off the field and carry throughout their lives.

Providing safe, well-maintained, and sustainable athletic fields for our youth is a responsibility for both our city and state. It should be a public-policy priority. Simply stated, we are in desperate need of more athletic fields in San Francisco—not fewer! Some athletic leagues are forced to turn kids away because the City does not have enough sports fields to meet the demand. The current fields at Beach Chalet are often muddy, filled with gopher holes, unsanitary, and, worst of all, dangerous. 50% of the time, City officials close the fields due to damage resulting from overuse and/or rain. These frequent cancellations of practice sessions and games cause further limitations on the opportunities for our City's kids to play and exercise.

As the guardians and protectors of our community's youth, we must do better for our kids! It is our obligation to create safer, more accessible venues for them to engage in recreation and play organized sports. To assist in the fulfillment of this important goal, the Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund has provided significant financial support to City Fields to assist and encourage them in their admirable

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of the Coastal Commission,

My name is Lauren B. Dachs, and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project.

San Francisco needs high-quality athletic fields. Safe, well-maintained, and sustainable athletic fields provide important playgrounds for our children and youth. Sports help children learn the importance of teamwork, the value of hard work, and confidence – in addition to helping them stay healthy and fit. Unfortunately, athletic leagues have to turn children away because the City simply does not have enough sports fields to meet the demand. The current fields at Beach Chalet are often muddy and dangerous, and even though the Golden Gate Park Master Plan designates the Beach Chalet fields as an "active recreation area", the City must close the fields 50% of the time to let them rest from constant play or recover from the rain. This results in frequent game and practice cancellations and limits opportunities for children to play and exercise.

Our children deserve better. The partnership between the City Fields Foundation and San Francisco's Recreation and Parks Department has proven to be an effective model for athletic fields. By working closely with San Francisco communities, these organizations have renovated fields in neighborhoods across San Francisco, resulting in 76,000 hours of additional playtime. This model can and should be applied to the Beach Chalet fields.

Sincerely,

Lauren B. Dachs

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Dave Hultman and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Providing safe, well-maintained, and sustainable athletic fields to California's youth should be a priority for our city and our state. As a city resident, I've seen the positive role that sports plays in the physical and mental development of youth in my community. In addition to helping them stay healthy and fit, sports help kids learn the importance of teamwork, the value of hard work, and the joy that comes with a positive self -image. Kids and their teammates learn to believe in themselves; a lesson they take with them off the field and carry through life.

We are in desperate need of more athletic fields in San Francisco. Some athletic leagues have to turn away kids because the City simply does not have enough sports fields to meet the demand. The current fields at Beach Chalet are often muddy, filled with gopher holes, and dangerous. The City has to close the fields 50% of the time to let them rest from constant play or recover from rain, causing frequent game and practice cancellations, and further limiting opportunities for our kids to play and exercise.

We must do better for our kids and create safer, more accessible places for them to play ball. Through the partnership between the City Fields Foundation and our city's Recreation & Parks Department we have made tremendous progress. We've renovated fields in neighborhoods across San Francisco and we've added 76,000 hours of additional playtime for our kids. We need to do the same thing at the Beach Chalet fields.

PRESIDENT
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Golden Gate Park has been home to the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields for over 75 years. The proposed plan does not call for constructing entirely new fields, rather it simply improves the existing fields, adding 9,000 hours of playtime each year. The Golden Gate Park Master Plan designates the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields as an "active recreation area" and encourages increasing play on these fields to draw more visitors into the western end of the Park.

I have watched for many years as this project has been debated through an exhaustive public process. There have been dozens of hours of public meetings and thousands of letters submitted in support of this project. Last year 300 young people came to City Hall to speak in favor of the project, many of them waiting for hours to have their chance to testify. At every turn, decision-makers reviewed the project, asked questions and voted to approve this thoughtfully designed and critically needed project.

Now it is in your hands. Please stand with San Franciscans and vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

Dave Hultman
President

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger, and members of Coastal Commission,

As the SF Recreation and Parks Tree Topper Supervisor, I oversee and am directly responsible for the Golden Gate Park reforestation program. I have reviewed the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation plan, including project planting plan and reforestation plans.

I can unequivocally state that the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation reforestation plan will help SF Recreation and Parks continue to implement the long-term reforestation program in the western portion of Golden Gate Park.

By replacing 14 trees, many of which are aged or unhealthy, with 200 new trees, this project will further our ongoing efforts to maintain and enhance the existing park tree canopy and wind break. In fact, replacing and planting this many trees around the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields will be one of the largest, most beneficial reforestation efforts during my fifteen years on the department's forestry team. This tree replacement plan is very good for Golden Gate Park, the health of the park's woodlands, and western wind break.

I believe the plants and planting zones identified in the project's general planting plan are appropriate to the site and the west end of Golden Gate Park.

Thank you,

Kelly Cornell
Tree Topper Supervisor
San Francisco Recreation and Parks

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Dear Chair Shallenberger, and members of Coastal Commission,

I am writing in regards to the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation planting plan. Along with site landscape and gardening staff, I have reviewed and analyzed the project's proposed planting plan and believe it does an excellent job emphasizing the naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use.

In my role as the Program Director for SF Recreation and Parks' Natural Areas Program, I joined Golden Gate Park Manager, Eric Anderson, and Park Section Supervisor, Davida Kapler, in providing comments and suggestions to the original plant palate for this project's landscaping plan. Each of us recommended modest changes to the plant palate to encourage the use of plants that have already proved successful in the West end of Golden Gate Park. Those suggestions have been incorporated into the current planting plan.

The identified planting zones and plant palate are appropriate for the landscaping and woodlands around the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields. The plants are a mix of native and non-native, non-invasive species that will thrive in the area's cool, coastal environment and survive constant human activity in and around the project site.

Though Golden Gate Park is a manmade park with no official Natural Areas in its western end, I believe the proposed planting plan for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation will emphasize the naturalistic landscape surrounding the fields to the betterment of the entire park.

Thank you,

Lisa Wayne
Program Director, Natural Areas Program
San Francisco Recreation and Parks

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

Upon thorough review of the Coastal Permit Appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation project in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, I urge you to vote "No Substantial Issue" on the project.

As a former member of the San Francisco Board of Appeals, our role was to review all of the studies completed by city agencies to determine whether any important information was missing or any new facts had emerged in relation to this project. We examined how well the project aligned with the Planning Commission's Environmental Impact Report, the California Environmental Quality Act determination, and the San Francisco Local Coastal Program. At each turn, we found that the Planning Commission had done an exhaustive job examining the environmental impact of this project on the natural landscape.

I believe that projects near our coastline and in our most precious park deserve the upmost scrutiny. It was important and appropriate that the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors decided to conduct a full Environmental Impact Report for this project. I support the thorough city process that ended with our unanimous vote in support of the renovation on August 1st, 2012. It is time to move forward and begin to renovate this important facility for our families.

When you vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation project, you can trust that each public agency before you has studied this issue in the most thorough and comprehensive way. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Hillis
Former Commissioner
San Francisco Board of Appeals

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Dear Chair Shallenberger and Members of the Coastal Commission,

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing over 1,500 local businesses, has consistently supported the proposed renovation of Beach Chalet athletic fields, and urges you to vote "No Substantial Issue" when the project comes before the Commission.

Public space that meets the needs of the surrounding community creates a higher quality of life that attracts businesses, employees and residents. Too often, San Franciscans are forced to leave the city they love because of a lack of family-friendly public spaces and facilities. Local businesses, in turn, lose employees to firms in the East Bay, Peninsula and elsewhere. Renovating Beach Chalet fields is one measure that can be taken to help keep families in San Francisco—and to retain talent that bolsters the city's workforce and economy.

Renovating Beach Chalet fields makes sense for a number of other reasons too. By making the fields safer and more accessible to the public, the proposed renovations may attract new businesses, reduce crime and positively impact home values in the neighborhood. In addition, the renovated fields will be better equipped to host major tournaments, which will draw spectators who inject tourism dollars into the economy. All of these potential outcomes will boost the economic vitality of the Richmond district, and of the city of San Francisco more broadly.

San Francisco residents and businesses deserve to take full advantage of this vital public space. When such spaces are not used optimally, as is the case with the existing Beach Chalet fields, everyone—taxpayers, families and employers—loses. It is our sincere hope that, after reviewing all of the data, the Commission will come to the same conclusion as the San Francisco Recreation & Park Commission, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, and cast a vote of "No Substantial Issue."

Sincerely,

Jim Lazarus
Senior Vice President for Public Policy
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Aidan Ryan and playing soccer is my favorite thing to do. I practice on the Beach Chalet fields, and I hate it when practices are cancelled because of rain which happens a lot. I went to the hearings last year and I'm really disappointed that the Beach Chalet project still hasn't been approved. My parents say it shows how sometimes the political system doesn't really work, because if a few people complain loudly enough, the rest of us lose out even if most people support this project, and it's the best thing for the environment and for the city.

There aren't enough good fields in the city, I really wish we had better fields so I could get to play more. I know it would be a great thing for me and all the other kids who loves to play soccer if the we had turf fields at beach Chalet.

Please vote to let the Beach Chalet Project move forward.

Thanks,

Aidan Ryan

Aidan Ryan
SF United
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Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Claudine Ryan and I am a San Franciscan resident and parent of three soccer-loving children writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Field renovation. I am writing to ask that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Currently, the Beach Chalet fields are not serving their purpose as a public space. The fields are in awful, even dangerous condition, and they are closed to the public except by paid reservation. It is in the interest of the public good to make these fields available to everyone. The new improved Beach Chalet fields will have "open play" hours so that everyone can use this space, not just those who can pay for it.

Renovating the Beach Chalet fields will also improve public safety in the area. The area surrounding the Beach Chalet fields has seen an increase in crime, including a murder last summer. Increasing the lighting and improving the facilities will help to alleviate these issues and make it safer for children who play there and neighbors who live nearby.

Renovating the fields will improve the character of Golden Gate Park. The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields have existed as a part of the park for over 70 years, but the renovation and the use of synthetic turf will help save 5.7 million gallons of water each year. The project will also ensure that hundreds of new plants and trees will also be planted along the fields.

The majority of San Franciscans support the renovation of the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields. Hundreds of us have written letters and attended meetings to ensure that the project moves forward. Last May 300 kids (including my 12-year old son) and 100 adults testified in support of the project. Please do not let a small but vocal minority hold this project back when the good of the city is at stake.

Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal permit appeal and let us move forward as a city.

Thanks for your support,

Claudine Ryan

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Playing at the fields in Golden Gate Park means a lot to me, and I love spending time with my team and friends. Rebuilding the fields is important to me because I want to make sure that my team and other kids like us can continue to play soccer in the city.

Last year, the fields were closed much of the season and we had many games and practices cancelled due to light rain or modestly soggy sports fields. We need to have fields that are in good condition so that everyone has an opportunity to play. There is just not enough space to play right now. Renovating the Beach Chalet fields would add 9,000 more hours of playtime for everyone to enjoy each year.

As youth soccer players, we have spoken out again and again in favor of this project. Many of us have written letters, met with city officials and attended meetings in City Hall. Last year, over 300 players showed up to testify in favor of this project at a Planning Commission meeting.

The time to fix the Beach Chalet Fields is now. Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal permit appeal and let us move forward and play ball.

Thanks,

Name Lia Kilgore
Age 13
Soccer Team
SF Vikings Athena Red

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Raising a child in San Francisco can be very difficult. Due to the high cost of living, insufficient transportation and lack of recreational facilities, we have seen many of our friends and neighbors with kids leaving our great city. We want to stay in San Francisco and are committed to making our city more family friendly.

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Sincerely,

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Mom of a Super Sonics soccer team player

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Sincerely,

Kirsten S. Beckwith

Mom of a Super Sonics soccer team player

2496 Filbert St.
SF, CA 94123

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Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Eve Niquette and I am the parent of three children who play soccer in San Francisco. I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project and ask that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

As a parent, over the last 10 years I have seen first-hand the ways that playing on a soccer team can help a child grow. Through being on a team, youth learn how to depend on others and the importance of cooperation and communication. They learn the value of hard work and what it means to make a commitment to a goal. Even more than that, my daughters have learned to believe in themselves and to celebrate their successes. I just wish that my children had more playfields available them. The demand is just not being met for our family and all of San Francisco's kids.

Our family has financially supported this project, as well as helped during the entitlement process. We believe in making the City a better place for families to live. Unfortunately, San Francisco does not always feel like a family-friendly city. Many of my friends with children have had to move due to the high cost of living, insufficient transportation, and lack of recreational facilities. Our families, including my own, need more accessible recreation fields in this part of town. By adding 9000 more hours of playtime, we can open up our fields to locals and tourists alike.

Renovating the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields is critical to improving the health and safety of our communities. The lighting and improved facilities will transform this part of Golden Gate Park into a safer place—a place I would feel more comfortable sending my child to play. The plan for renovation will not adversely affect the surrounding environment or compromise the character of the park.

Please cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when considering the Coastal Permit Appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,
Eve Niquette
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SFFC Aftershocks98, SF Supersonics
San Francisco, CA

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Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of the Coastal Commission:

I write this letter to urge you to support the Beach Chalet Athletic Field renovation. More specifically, and for the reasons explained below, I ask that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

My family has lived in the Richmond District in San Francisco for over 15 years. My wife and I have two children, one still in middle school and one in high school. One or more of us use various fields and facilities in Golden Gate Park almost every day of the year and have done so for years. Golden Gate Park and the playing fields in the Park have proved an invaluable resource to us as we have tried to keep ourselves and our kids active and healthy while living in an urban environment.

Sadly, and despite the fact that there are not actually that many kids in San Francisco, there are not nearly enough playing fields in the City to accommodate the number of children and adults who want to play on them. The soccer fields near the Beach Chalet are currently terribly underutilized because the fields cannot be properly maintained and as a result are riddled with gopher holes, flooded or bare and dangerous to play on. The fields are often completely fenced off.

Even though my two children no longer play organized club soccer, because I think the issue is so important to other families in the City, I have attended several hearings relating to the plans to renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic Field. The renovated and improved Beach Chalet fields will not have to be constantly closed. The numbers of hours that kids and adults can play on the fields will increase dramatically. Also, the current plan calls for "open play" hours so that everyone can use this space, not just organized soccer leagues.

I don't believe that renovation of the fields will adversely affect the "character" of Golden Gate Park. The notion that this end of Golden Gate Park is, or ever was, a "sylvan woodland" is factually baseless. The existing use for these fields is as soccer fields. These

playing fields have been in this location for decades. The proposed use is as soccer fields as well. The proposed renovations will, in my opinion improve usability and public safety in this area of the Park. Because the fields are so often closed and fenced, the area surrounding the Beach Chalet fields has become increasingly unsafe. I believe that the increased use of the fields by families and better lighting around the fields will help with these safety problems without having any significant negative impact on the surrounding environment.

I have listened to the arguments made about concerns over the proposal to put artificial turf on these fields. On balance, I believe the "environmental" concerns are unsupported by any valid scientific facts or studies. The benefits of putting artificial turf on these playing fields outweigh the emotional arguments put forward for "natural grass" fields. Natural grass soccer fields are not that environmentally friendly. The use of synthetic turf will help save 5.7 million gallons of water each year. The renovation project also calls for hundreds of new plants and trees that will be planted along the fields. The fields will not require mowing, weed killing or fertilizer which will reduce possible toxic runoff and will reduce the amount of fossil fuels used to maintain these fields over the long term. The argument that birds currently eat worms from the field is not a sufficiently compelling reason to replant the field with turf.

In a time where childhood obesity and health problems relating to obesity in America have reached epidemic proportions, we should not let a small but vocal minority prevent the families and children of San Francisco from getting the outdoor exercise space they so desperately need.

Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal permit appeal.

Thank you very for considering my input,

Geoffrey Gordon-Creed
111 14th Ave
(415) 751-6619

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Thanks,

Members of the SFFC Aftershocks 98 U-14 Girls Soccer team

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Last year, the fields were closed much of the season and we had many games and practices cancelled due to light rain or modestly soggy sports fields. We need to have fields that are in good condition so that everyone has an opportunity to play. There is just not enough space to play right now. Renovating the Beach Chalet fields would add 9,000 more hours of playtime for everyone to enjoy each year.

As youth soccer players, we have spoken out again and again in favor of this project. Many of us have written letters, met with city officials and attended meetings in City Hall. Last year, over 300 players showed up to testify in favor of this project at a Planning Commission meeting.

The time to fix the Beach Chalet Fields is now. Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal permit appeal and let us move forward and play ball.

Thanks,

Members of the SF Super Sonics U-10 Girls Soccer team

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California Coastal Commission
Re Proposed Golden Gate Park soccer fields

I am writing to you in support of the plan to build the new soccer fields at the west end of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.

As a long-term member of the Sierra Club, I generally agree with the club's positions, but I do *not* agree with the Bay Chapter's opposition to the proposed soccer fields.

My wife and I live in the Excelsior District a few blocks from McLaren Park. A few years ago, when Rec&Park proposed several upgrades to Crocker-Amazon playing fields, including putting in new, artificial-turf soccer fields, there was loud opposition from some of our neighbors. The objections to the proposed soccer fields in GG Park are the same objections we heard to the fields in Crocker-Amazon, including the exposure of children to "toxic" artificial turf, destruction of the "historic", "natural" playing fields, too much bright light at night, etc.

Fortunately, cooler heads prevailed. The Crocker-Amazon soccer fields have been wildly successful, providing countless hours of healthy outdoor activity for thousands of youths and adults. Crocker-Amazon has greatly benefited from the renovations, and none of the dire predictions about the negative impacts of the upgrades have come true.

The Sierra Club's argument that children are going to be exposed to "potentially toxic" recycled automobile tires used in artificial turf is a tired argument that's been examined in detail and subsequently de-bunked during the course of many park renovation projects throughout the U.S.

The club's argument also implies that Golden Gate Park is a natural feature of the coast. The truth is that the park is hardly natural but rather an impressive example of creative terra-forming, a sylvan park built on top of ancient sand dunes.

Similarly, the club's argument against the soccer field project tries to imply that there's something "natural" about the "historic" ball fields themselves, but, again, this is hardly true: The fields have been made over countless times due both to normal wear and tear and to damage caused by gophers. That is, of course, one of the reasons Rec&Park prefers synthetic turf. It's more expensive to install, but cheaper to maintain over time as well as safer for players because it's free of gopher holes.

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Similarly, the idea that shorebirds might be negatively impacted by the new soccer fields is pure conjecture. Again, what about the existing impact on wildlife of the highway, parking lots, etc., to say nothing of people and dogs on the beach and in the park?

Golden Gate Park is hardly a natural feature of the California Coast. The park is a multi-use, artificial environment and both children and adults would benefit by having new, attractive and safe recreational facilities near Ocean Beach.

Sincerely,

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation
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My name is Sheryl Reuben and I am writing in strong support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Providing safe, well-maintained, and sustainable athletic fields to our children should be a priority for our city and our state. As a city resident and a parent of three athletic children, I have seen the positive role that sports plays.

We are in desperate need of more athletic fields in San Francisco. We have traveled to Burlingame for practice and 90 miles north to play South Bay tournaments. Some athletic leagues have to turn away kids because the City simply does not have enough sports fields to meet the demand. The current fields at Beach Chalet are often muddy, filled with gopher holds, and dangerous. The City has to close the fields 50% of the time to let them rest from constant play or recover from rain, causing frequent game and practice cancellations, and further limiting opportunities for our kids to play and exercise.

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I have 3 daughters who could have benefitted from these new fields and hope to help effect change for others.

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Anthony Bernhardt and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation
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Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission:

My name is Peter Wendell and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Along with my wife Lynn, we have lived in the City of San Francisco for 30 years and raised our six children here. While our children were growing up, they frequently had sports contests on the Beach Chalet fields.

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Playing in organized San Francisco sports leagues and on San Francisco school sports teams was an important part of our children's development and played an important role in their successful transition into young adults. They all used the fields at Beach Chalet for many of their sports games.

Both our daughters, Jenny and Carolyn, played soccer for numerous San Francisco teams, often as young girls at Beach Chalet, and both went onto to play varsity soccer in College – Jenny at the University of California – Berkeley and Carolyn at Dartmouth College. Similar our sons Brian and Patrick frequently played lacrosse at Beach Chalet for a variety of different teams and Brian went on to play varsity lacrosse at Harvard University and Patrick was co-captain of the Club Lacrosse program at Princeton University. Team sports have played an important role in our children's lives and development.

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Many families with young children often decide to leave San Francisco and move to the suburbs. This is not a good trend for our city. Our city will be safer and more vibrant with owner-occupied family housing.

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Sincerely,

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Attention: Mary Shallenberger, Chair Kevin Kahn, Coastal Planner - 415-904-5200

Subject: (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)
Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation – **NO Substantial Issue**

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of the CA Coastal Commission,

I am a San Francisco resident writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Field renovation project. I am writing to ask that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Currently, the Beach Chalet soccer fields are not serving their purpose as a public space. The fields are in very poor, even dangerous condition. The fields are frequently closed due to gofer holes, standing water, and extremely muddy conditions due to poor drainage. The fields are also closed to the public except by paid reservation.

It is in the interest of the public good to make these fields available to everyone. The new improved Beach Chalet fields will have "open play" hours so that everyone can use this space, not just those who can pay for it. The new improved Beach Chalet fields will provide at least twice as many playing hours as the existing fields because they will be all weather fields that can be played on year round and at night until a reasonable closing hour, i.e. 9 PM.

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Renovating the fields will improve the character of Golden Gate Park. The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields have existed as a part of the park for over 70 years, but the renovation and the use of synthetic turf will help save 5.7 million gallons of water each year. The project will also ensure that hundreds of new plants and trees will be planted around the perimeter of the new fields.

The majority of San Franciscans support the renovation of the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields. Hundreds of us have written letters and attended meetings to ensure that the project moves forward. Last May 300

kids and 100 adults testified in support of the project. Please do not let a small but vocal minority hold this project back when the public good is at stake. Children need to be kept busy and involved in constructive, supervised activities. San Francisco has a perpetual shortage of athletic fields. A renovated Beach Chalet soccer complex would be a major step toward alleviating this field shortage.

NIMBYS like the people who are opposing this project don't care about the public good or the thousands of children who don't currently have a place to play soccer. The Beach Chalet Soccer Fields have occupied the same portion of Golden Gate Park for over 70 years. All this project does is eliminate gofers and gofer holes, dramatically improve drainage and surface condition and make the existing fields safer to play on with virtually no down time for maintenance or rain.

Youth soccer saves lives!
Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal permit appeal and let the children play soccer without fear of injury from gofer holes and mud bogs.

Yours truly,

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Andrew Solow, Co-Founder
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

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My name is Courtney Klinge and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

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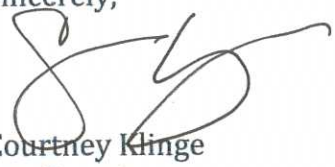

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I have been a San Francisco resident for nearly 20 years and have enjoyed watching my two children play soccer on the Beach Chalet fields numerous times. I also have friends who have participated in adult soccer leagues who have played on those fields. Because of these personal experiences, I also know first-hand the poor condition of these fields, how people risk their ankles stepping around the divots and gopher holes hoping not to be injured playing a game they love. I also have first-hand experience as a Youth soccer coach where our teams have had games and practices cancelled due to the closure of the fields because of rain or overuse.

On the other hand, my children have benefited from being able to play on some of the soccer fields in San Francisco that have been improved through the partnership between the City Fields Foundation and our Recreation and Parks department. My daughter's high school team uses Crocker Amazon as its home field and also plays at Kimball and Silver Avenue. The excellent field quality, lighting, fencing and stands create an environment where players, coaches and fans feel welcome and comfortable. I have often thought how wonderful it would be if San Francisco children and adults enjoyed greater availability of soccer fields, without having to travel to Marin or to the East Bay clogging up highways and polluting the air with car exhaust.

The fields at Beach Chalet are already in place so it is hard to understand the opposition to making them safe and usable, a real resource for the citizens of San Francisco. Changing the existing fields to a surface that supports a greater number of users represents a positive development in the evolving movement toward greater health and wellness for the residents of San Francisco.

As a follower of the local news I know that the Beach Chalet fields project has been the subject of much debate already. The change to a safe sustainable playing surface carries the support of many people. The supporters have turned out in great numbers to express their wish to see this project be approved.

I ask that you and your fellow commissioners vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park. Please do the right thing for the residents of the city of San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,

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Thank you for your consideration.

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On its own this is a great outcome – getting more people close to our coast so that they can understand the value of preserving and maintaining the resource will serve our long term interests.

I have watched for many years as this project has been debated through an exhaustive public process. There have been dozens of hours of public meetings and thousands of letters submitted in support of this project. Last year 300 young people came to City Hall to speak in favor of the project, many of them waiting for hours to have their chance to testify. At every turn, decision-makers reviewed the project, asked questions and voted to approve this thoughtfully designed and critically needed project.

Now it is in your hands. Please stand with San Franciscans and vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

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April 5, 2013

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation
(Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park.

Like my children, I (John) grew up playing at the Beach Chalet soccer fields. The place has been a dump for 35 years!!!

Families leave San Francisco for many reasons, but one of them is a lack of playing fields for youth sports. Turf fields ~~are~~ exist safely all over San Francisco and all over the world.

Please let the Beach Chalet project happen.

Sincerely,
The Manning Family

John Manning
(Dad, coach, former player)

Kristine Manning
(Mom, team manager, former player)

Sean Manning
(player, U13 SFFC Earthquakes)

Alexa Manning
(player, U12 Dynamite United)

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I am one of the thousands of San Franciscans who support the renovation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the coastal permit appeal and let us fix our fields.

Currently, the Beach Chalet fields are not serving their purpose as a public space. The fields are in awful, even dangerous condition, and they are closed to the public except by paid reservation. It is in the interest of the public good to make these fields available to everyone. The new improved Beach Chalet fields will have "open play" hours so that everyone can use this space, not just those who can pay for it.

Renovating the Beach Chalet fields will also improve public safety in the area. The area surrounding the Beach Chalet fields has seen an increase in crime, including a murder last summer. Increasing the lighting and improving the facilities will help to alleviate these issues and make it safer for children who play there and neighbors who live nearby.

This renovation is also the right choice for the environment. The Recreation and Parks Department has committed to replacing the 16 trees and 44 plants being removed with an impressive 200 trees and 1000 additional plants. Additionally, installing synthetic turf will save about 5.7 millions gallons of water each year.

The project is in line with the intended use of the space. It has been used as a soccer field since the 1930s, and this is a project that the majority of San Franciscans want. Last May, 300 kids and 100 adults testified at a hearing in support of this project. Please do not let a small but vocal minority hold this project back when the good of the city is at stake.

Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal permit appeal and let us move forward as a city.

Thanks,

Jim Shapiro, San Francisco

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Doug Abbey and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Providing safe, well-maintained, and sustainable athletic fields to California's youth should be a priority for our city and our state. As a city resident, I've seen the positive role that sports plays in the physical and mental development of youth in my community. In addition to helping them stay healthy and fit, sports help kids learn the importance of teamwork, the value of hard work, and the joy that comes with a positive self -image. Kids and their teammates learn to believe in themselves; a lesson they take with them off the field and carry through life.

We are in desperate need of more athletic fields in San Francisco. Some athletic leagues have to turn away kids because the City simply does not have enough sports fields to meet the demand. The current fields at Beach Chalet are often muddy, filled with gopher holes, and dangerous. The City has to close the fields 50% of the time to let them rest from constant play or recover from rain, causing frequent game and practice cancellations, and further limiting opportunities for our kids to play and exercise.

We must do better for our kids and create safer, more accessible places for them to play ball. Through the partnership between the City Fields Foundation and our city's Recreation & Parks Department we have made tremendous progress. We've renovated fields in neighborhoods across San Francisco and we've added 76,000 hours of additional playtime for our kids. We need to do the same thing at the Beach Chalet fields.

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I have watched for many years as this project has been debated through an exhaustive public process. There have been dozens of hours of public meetings and thousands of letters submitted in support of this project. Last year 300 young people came to City Hall to speak in favor of the project, many of them waiting for hours to have their chance to testify. At every turn, decision-makers reviewed the project, asked questions and voted to approve this thoughtfully designed and critically needed project.

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Sincerely,

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Steven Courlang and I am a 25 year San Francisco Resident, Parent, Home-Owner, Nature Lover, volunteer soccer coach, and huge admirer and frequent user of Golden Gate Park.

Rather than write a form letter in support of building a much needed Soccer Facility in the dilapidated Beach Chalet Fields, I want to point out a few things:

- The current Beach Chalet Fields are borderline unsafe to play on, an eyesore, and perhaps the nastiest area in Golden Gate Park. (Just ask SF Police Chief Greg Suhr.)
- Crocker Amazon, SF's current Soccer Complex, turned a nasty and unsafe area into one of the kids' favorite and safest places to play in San Francisco. Let's do the same to the Beach Chalet Fields.
- I have been coaching soccer in SF for 6 years and am confident that 9 out of 10 kids prefer to play on turf fields because they are safer to play on (no ruts and gopher holes) and the ball moves much truer.
- At each voting level (Board of Supervisors, Committees, etc.) the vote has always been overwhelmingly in favor of building the Soccer Complex at the Beach Chalet Fields.
- The Beach Chalet Fields are not a meadow, as opponents have stated. They are soccer fields in longtime need of an update.
- SF has a huge demand for quality and safe soccer fields.
- The new Beach Chalet Soccer fields will have minimal negative impact on the environment, while creating a much safer part of Golden Gate Park. That part of the Park will finally get a fair amount of usage, creating many needed fields for our kids to play and for families to congregate.

Times have changed. Forty years ago, when I was a kid, at most one out of 20 kids played organized soccer. Now the number is closer to one out of 3. We need more quality fields to try to meet the demand.

SF Ocean's Edge, the Group that is fighting the building of the Soccer Complex at the Beach Chalet, is acting like a spoiled kid. It does not look at or care for others reasons and wants. When my team loses a game, we congratulate the other team. After losing appeal after appeal, all SF Ocean's Edge has done is complain, demand that they are right, and find another way to stretch out the process.

The choice seems rather simple. Do we allow the Plan that almost all the kids and parents want or do we succumb to a group of very nice group elderly citizens who never use the fields and are generally adverse to any change, no matter how much it is needed?

Thank you for working on this project and taking the time to read my thoughts.

Please contact me if you have any questions or want to discuss the situation.

Sincerely,

Steven Courlang
(415)513-7160

April 21, 2013

Dear Ms. Shallenberger and the Commission:

I am an environmental activist (Ms. Enviro Sci and Policy @ Stanford, former full-time campaigner with Sea Turtle Restoration Project) and a parent. In this case the need for fields clearly wins out.

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G.G. Park is huge, with lots of habitat and with corridors for movement. The city has a dire shortage of fields:

- 5th grade soccer teams practicing on half a 1st-grade field
- Basebell teams getting just 45 minutes per week to practice (whereas teams in neighboring towns get much more, e.g. 4 hours in Pacifica).

Please approve the turf fields, particularly because neighborhoods have consistently opposed them, making the park an excellent (+ unique) location.

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Re: Beach Chalet soccer fields, San Francisco

Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

As a committed environmentalist and long-time resident of the Outer Richmond District, I am writing to ask that you reject the baseless appeal of a few self-interested people and allow the badly needed upgrade of the Beach Chalet soccer fields to move forward. By expanding the capacity and improving the quality of the existing fields, this project will provide immediate and substantial benefits to thousands of San Francisco kids and their families who use this and other over-crowded soccer fields throughout the City. In contrast, the pseudo-environmental concerns of the appellants are just another example of the all-too common misuse of our environmental laws in pursuit of a narrow, NIMBY agenda. Please deny this frivolous appeal.

Very truly yours,

Jim Heard

James A. Heard

April 25, 2013

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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I would like to make a personal plea that the Beach Chalet project be approved without appeals.

As you are aware, the project has already received approval of four San Francisco civic boards -- the Rec & Park Commission, the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Appeals. The families of San Francisco need more playing space and soccer fields for our children. Synthetic turf at the Beach Chalet fields will allow triple the playing time on those fields. Our children who play soccer do not have comparable playing/practice time as teams outside of San Francisco, and therefore our children loose out by not having the opportunities to be as competitive with their playing skills. For families with children who want to play on a more competitive level, they choose to play on teams outside of San Francisco (where there are more fields and community support).

My daughter has been playing on a soccer team since kindergarten, and now plays on a girls U15 travel team—they play against teams who practice 3-5X per week…. San Francisco children do not have these options because of limited field space.

Please help make San Francisco "family friendly" and support the Beach Chalet project, with no more appeals.

Sincerely,

Isabelle Ryan

Isabelle Ryan
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation
Coastal Permit Appeal N. A-2-SNF 12-020

Dear Chair Schallenberger and members of the California Coastal Commission:

I am a long time San Francisco resident and one of the thousands of San Franciscans who support the renovation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the coastal permit appeal and let us get to work fixing our decrepit fields.

As a coach, I have had the sad experience many time of seeing one of my young athletes sprain an ankle, tear a knee ligament and break a leg because of the condition of the field at the Beach Chalet. The proposed turf field will prevent almost all of these kinds of injuries from happening.

Since the 1930's, the Beach Chalet fields have been exclusively used for field sports, primarily soccer. It is constantly being overused due to the lack of sport fields in the city. Consequently, teams get very little play and practice time on small parcels of a field. Inclement weather almost always caused the Rec & Park to close the fields, so even less time is available to the youth and adult teams to use the fields.

This project has passed the Rec & Park, the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Department almost unanimously. Most San Francisco residents approve of the project and want a modern, safe play space for our athletes.

Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the coastal permit so we can move forward as city.

Thank you for your vote.

Richard O. Cross
SF Resident for over 50 years

Dear Sir or Madam:

Turfing Beach Chalet is a necessary project that has endured significant review already. Please stamp yes - so our kids can get out and play! Thank you!

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April 16, 2013
Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
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Regarding:
Beach Chalet Athletic Fields' Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Members of Coastal Commission:

I am a San Francisco resident writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields' renovation. I ask you to cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Describe how the project will benefit you and the rest of the public. What is the current state of the fields and how will they be improved by the project? Are there safety issues that renovation will also fix?

From having had two daughters practice and play soccer games on those fields, as well as attending many junior varsity and varsity soccer and lacrosse games in my role as Head of School at Drew School, I know those fields are often in dangerous conditions prior to preventative work we do just before practices and games. Also, frequently the fields are closed due to rainy, wet weather and the decision to close them to the public – often for days on end. I believe that the renovated fields will make these fields available for hundreds of more hours annually, increasing public use and promoting good health among young people in this City. The addition of lighting will make the surrounding area much safer, even as it extends the chances for people to be active nearby.

How will the project improve the character of Golden Gate Park in general? Consider the fact that the fields have been a part of the park since the 1930s.

The renovation of the fields will improve the character of GG Park by allowing, even encouraging, more people to enjoy a greater range of park-like activities like soccer. These fields have been there for 70 plus years: the use is established. The renovation will save water, plant new trees and flora, and enhance the sense of safety that will complement the Park's role in the life of San Francisco.

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Please describe the public's involvement in support of the project. Consider including your own personal experiences.

The majority of San Franciscans support the renovation of the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields. I am one of hundreds who have written letters and attended meetings at City Hall and elsewhere to ensure that the project moves forward. Those hearings have been well-publicized and well-attended. The issues have been debated repeatedly, with multiple decisions made to let the renovations go forward. Last May I was there as 300 kids and 100 adults testified in support of the project. I respect the opposition's sense of what a park is, but in this City, with so few open spaces for soccer and other field sports, the need for this renovation trumps the need for this area of the GG Park to be closed and inaccessible and unsafe for its intended purpose so frequently, as it is now. We need these fields as a daily resource for all citizens.

Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal permit appeal and let us move forward as a city.

Thanks,

Samuel M. Cuddeback III

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April 15, 2013

Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Members of the Coastal Commission,

I am contacting you to express my support for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. I believe the project's Coastal Permit was properly issued and urge you to make a "No Substantial Issue" determination on the permit appeals.

All of Golden Gate Park, including these dilapidated soccer fields, are located in my Supervisorial District and, over the past several years, I have gained extensive knowledge of the project, its environmental review, and the many benefits it will have on the Park and our city's children.

Having read and considered the Environmental Impact Report, the Western Shoreline Plan and the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, I believe that installing synthetic turf and lights on these fields is both environmentally responsible and totally appropriate for this location in a designated "major recreation area" in Golden Gate Park. It will have no significant impact on sensitive wildlife or critical habitat and will achieve the primary goal of the Western Area Plan section of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, **"increase legitimate activities and transform this part of the park."**

It's important to note that the Western Shoreline Plan not only pre-dates the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, the Shoreline Plan actually directs the City to create a master plan for the park. The City then drafted and approved the plan and has been implementing it for the past 15 years.

The Master Plan is a thoughtful planning tool but, at times, provides contradictory guidance. In one section, the Master Plan addresses potential conflicts between recreation and preservation and suggests a way to approach this issue, "The demands for recreation need to be balanced with the objectives of preserving the original intent and purpose of the park as "sylvan and pastoral" retreat. **Emphasis should be placed on improving and maintaining existing recreation facilities, rather than adding new ones."**

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That is exactly what will be accomplished by this sports fields' renovation: an update of an existing recreation facility to meet the athletic needs of our city's children. I strongly request that you make a determination of "No Substantial Issue" and allow this important project to proceed.

Sincerely,

Eric Mar
Board of Supervisors, District 1
City of San Francisco

Member, Board of Supervisors
District 2

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MARK E. FARRELL

March 20, 2013

Supervisor Mark Farrell
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Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of the Coastal Commission,

I am writing to you as a member of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors. As a San Francisco native, I grew up playing soccer on these fields and hope that generations to come will have the same opportunity. I'd like to request that you find "no substantial issue" on the appeal of the Coastal Permit for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation.

This project has been designed to address the City's great need for sports fields that are safe for our children. The project has created a unique opportunity to use both public funds and substantial private donations to repair an 80-year-old public recreation facility, Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields aren't safe and haven't been for many years. During the Board of Supervisors' hearing on this project, we heard from many people who had suffered from broken ankles and torn ACLs while playing on these fields. While San Francisco has many wonderful attributes, the weather can be problematic. The year-round rain and fog is damaging to grass fields, creating an environment that is often unsafe and unsuitable for sports activities. Consequently, the fields are frequently closed, leaving many children without a place to participate in outdoor sports.

Last spring, I threw the first pitch for San Francisco Little League. At that time, I learned that many children who wanted to participate in Little League were turned away as a result of the diminishing number of athletic fields in the City. It is unfortunate that, in an illustrious city such as San Francisco, children are denied the opportunity to participate in community sports because of the dwindling quality of our athletic fields.

Member, Board of Supervisors
District 2

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MARK E. FARRELL

The proposed renovation and addition of lights will improve safety and increase the number of usable recreation fields in the city. These upgrades will not negatively affect Golden Gate Park or views of Ocean Beach. Rather, the project will create safer public spaces for our citizens and will provide hundreds of children with the fundamental childhood experience of playing outdoor sports. I believe these plans fully comply with and advance the goals of San Francisco's Local Coastal Program. I ask that you please help us in achieving our objective by finding "no substantial issue" on the Coastal Permit appeal.

Thank you,

Mark Farrell
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March 25, 2013

Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Members of Coastal Commission,

I write to encourage you to reject the appeal of the Coastal Permit for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation. This critical project – which will provide much-needed soccer-field access for both children and adults – has broad support and deserves to move forward.

During the project's lengthy local approval and appeal process, there were two items upon which everyone agreed: the need for more sports fields for children and a desire to preserve our existing natural open space. This field renovation does an excellent job balancing those two desires. The athletic fields will be modernized to meet today's youth recreation needs, the site will be made accessible with family-friendly amenities, and the surrounding park landscape will be enhanced with 200 new trees and more than 1,000 new plants.

There has been a lot of hyperbole about the impact the project will have on the natural feel and open space in the west end of Golden Gate Park. I do not agree with this perspective. This field renovation covers less than 1% of Golden Gate Park and is near several other lighted areas. The field is already fenced off and is anything but a natural area. The project will simply renovate and rehabilitate a facility identified as a "Major Recreation Area" in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, rather than introduce new structures and activities to virgin open space.

While I understand and respect the opposition to the Beach Chalet project, this project has been extensively reviewed, analyzed, and approved by every city body that has considered it, including a nearly unanimous vote at the Board of Supervisors. At some point, the opponents need to acknowledge that they have not prevailed through San Francisco's meticulous and extensive processes. Turning to the Coastal Commission to achieve what the opponents could not achieve through the city's agencies and its highest elected body, in my view, is not the right course.

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I urge you to make a finding of "No Substantial Issue" on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation Coastal Permit appeal. Please feel free to contact my office if we can be of any assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Scott Wiener

Scott Wiener
Supervisor, District 8

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DAVID CAMPOS

March 15, 2013

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

As you consider an appeal of the Coastal Permit for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, I ask that you to vote "No Substantial Issue."

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project was intensely analyzed and scrutinized at every turn in San Francisco's legislative process. My staff and I spent dozens of hours reviewing the Planning Department's Environmental Impact Report. We looked at each of the issues raised by the project opponents, from the impact of lights to the safety of the synthetic turf. We also met with coaches, families and kids who use our fields across the city each week. When it was time to make a decision on the project last July, I concluded that the need for these fields outweighed the opponents' concerns.

The Supervisorial district that I represent includes the Mission district of San Francisco, the center of San Francisco's Latino community. Thousands of my district's residents are avid soccer players who use the Beach Chalet fields every weekend. Over 40% of the kids who use our athletic fields are from the Latino community. We continue to struggle with keeping families in our great city, and providing free and safe recreation opportunities for all of our children. When we deliberated the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project, we were joined by hundreds of diverse community members, both kids and adults, who stressed the importance of this project. Their participation in the process and their enthusiasm for the project helped increase my understanding of the urgent need for this project.

I have seen the direct benefits of similar field renovations in my own district. Just last year, we reopened the newly renovated Mission Playground, which includes a state-of-the-art synthetic turf field similar to what's proposed at the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

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Over the last several months, we have seen a substantial increase in the hours of play at Mission Playground. It has become one of our community's most important recreational facilities and I'm confident that the Beach Chalet Athletic Fielsd renovation will have a similar impact in Golden Gate Park.

I believe that the questions around environmental impacts have been appropriately addressed through our city process. The Golden Gate Park Master Plan clearly designates this facility as a "major recreation area" and encourages more athletic play in this area of the park.

Thank you for considering a "No Substantial Issue" finding on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project in San Francisco and helping us improve these fields for all of San Francisco's families, athletes and visitors.

Thank you,

David Campos
Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco, District 9

Member, Board of Supervisors
District 10

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MALIA COHEN
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March 28, 2013

Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission;

Like many San Franciscans, I enjoy the natural experience of walking through Golden Gate Park and appreciating the rare moments of solace found in this sanctuary. I did have concerns about the potential environmental impacts of the project. However, through an extensive public process, from my perspective these concerns have been adequately addressed. I am confident that the field renovations will enhance the naturalistic landscaped qualities of the western end of the park while improving the playing fields that have been there for more than 80 years.

The Supervisorial district I represent is among our City's most diverse and includes one of our highest percentages of children and families. Most of the families in my district are earning far less than the average San Franciscan household, and many are living below the poverty line. Access to recreation opportunities is critical to the safety and well-being for the kids in my district. There are far too many of these kids who have never been to Golden Gate Park, and improving the conditions of our fields is one way to change that.

As city leaders, we must strive to make our parks and open space accessible to everyone. For many, their first experience with Golden Gate Park comes from playing on our athletic fields. We owe it to our kids to ensure that we maximize the hours of play-time on our fields.

I would encourage you to come to the same conclusion that the Board of Supervisors did on this project and move forward the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation.

With warmest regards,

Malia Cohen
Member, Board of Supervisors

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March 15, 2013

Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

Please consider a "No Substantial Issue" determination when you vote on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation appeal.

As San Francisco's District Attorney, I deal everyday with crime and its impacts on our communities. I work closely with the San Francisco Police Department to prosecute criminals and improve safety in our communities. Our law enforcement officials understand that providing recreational opportunities for our youth and increasing activity in our public spaces are both effective ways to prevent crime.

It is clear that the area around the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields would benefit greatly from this renovation project. There have been too many instances of crime at the western end of the park. The inactivity and darkness around the fields attracts drug users and we've seen multiple reports of violence on the site, including a murder last year. Other field renovation projects, like the Playfields Initiative's Crocker Amazon Soccer Fields improvements, brought increased vitality to surrounding neighborhoods and increased safety in the park.

The potential environmental impacts from this project have been studied again and again, at every level of San Francisco's exhaustive review process. This facility in Golden Gate Park is designated for recreational use and has been athletic fields for more than 80 years. This is an appropriate use for this space and the project fits into our Golden Gate Park Master Plan. Renovating these fields will simply improve the field's conditions and public access for neighbors and visitors alike.

Please support this project and help us decrease crime, expand recreational opportunities for our city's children, and make our fields safer for everyone.

Thank you for considering a "No Substantial Issue" finding when you make your decision on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation Coastal Permit appeal.

Sincerely,

George Gascón
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Commissioner, Board of Education

March 25, 2013
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California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I am writing to ask you to vote "No Substantial Issue" determination on the Coastal Permit appeal of the Beach Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

As a grandmother and mother struggling to have my family in San Francisco, I think every day about the challenges we face here - the skyrocketing cost of living, the rising costs of housing, and struggles of our working class neighbors and communities of color to simply stay in our great city. I want my granddaughter to enjoy the best of San Francisco as she grows up, including our great diversity, our beautiful surroundings, and our parks – and not as a visitor. Please see attached, my favorite picture of my daughter and granddaughter (Francesca and Marley), enjoying our neighborhood park.

I am proud of our San Francisco parks and what they can offer to residents and tourists alike. Golden Gate Park is a world-class park and there's no reason why it shouldn't offer the best recreational opportunities while also preserving the precious natural landscape. Renovating these fields will open up the park to our city's families and visitors and add an additional 9000 hours of critical playtime for youth and adult athletes.

This project went through an incredibly exhaustive process at all levels of city government. The Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors heard countless hours of testimony from both sides. Hundreds of kids and their families showed up to speak about the urgent need for these fields. The environmental concerns have been addressed and mitigations are being made. The decision makers at every level have been convinced that the proposed location is the right one for this project. We are simply trying to make an existing soccer field a better one for our kids.

Please help us move this project forward. Please cast a vote in favor of "No Substantial Issue" for the Coastal permit appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

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March 28, 2013
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45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

As a newly elected member of the San Francisco Unified School District's Board of Education, I respectfully ask that you vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

I sought election to the San Francisco Board of Education last year because I believe that we can do more to reach educational excellence and keep our families in San Francisco. In my new position representing the tens of thousands of students, parents, teachers and administrators of San Francisco's public schools, I'm committed to standing up for the needs of our city's children, no matter how loud the voices of dissent may be.

Renovating the fields at the Beach Chalet soccer complex is clearly the right thing to do by our children. One of the most common challenges cited by our parents is the lack of athletic fields in our city. I've spoken to several parents who have to drive their kids all over the Bay Area to find a place to practice. In the course of the partnership between the City Fields Foundation and San Francisco's Recreation and Parks Department, we've seen over 76,000 hours of additional play on our fields. We can't stop there when the need persists.

The project opponents are presenting a false choice here. Renovating these fields will not harm our natural environment. The project renovation will actually substantially increase the number of trees in the area and the improvements clearly fit into the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

Please support San Francisco's children and families by voting "No Substantial Issue" finding on the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields renovation appeal.

Sincerely,

Matt Haney
Board of Education Commissioner
San Francisco Unified School District

April 4, 2013

Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I'm writing to you as the President of the San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education to ask that you find "no substantial issue" on the appeal of the Coastal Permit for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation Golden Gate Park. This critical project will provide needed sports facilities for our youth while improving the park's natural landscape.

As both a school board member and a mom, I'm very familiar with the needs of our city's youth, and the delicate balancing act that we, as a community, undertake to meet those needs in this busy, gritty, dense urban environment. The Playfields Initiative partnership between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the City Fields Foundation deserves your support and the proposal to renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields with synthetic turf and lights would be a terrific improvement for our park, our city and our kids.

By renovating sports fields in numerous other parks around the city, the Playfields Initiative has already helped increase access for the families, athletes and visitors who enjoy our athletic facilities. SFUSD is also doing our part to help make sure that City kids have safe, accessible places to play sports. Several years ago, we joined the Playfields Initiative partnership by working with Recreation and Parks and City Fields on a unique joint-use athletic field program to allow more community access to SFUSD fields. This program has been a tremendous success and is giving more kids more opportunities to play throughout San Francisco.

San Francisco simply doesn't have enough sports fields for all the kids who wish to play. The proposed renovation to Beach Chalet will bring more than 9,000 more hours of play for kids, for athletes and for park visitors. Our children deserve safer fields to play on, and the general public needs better lit fields to increase safety in the area.

Please help us give our kids a chance. This project has already been delayed for years. Many of the junior high school kids who first spoke in support of the project are now in high school and may never get a chance to play if this project is held up further. Please reject this baseless appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation's Coastal Permit by supporting a "no substantial issue" finding.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rachel Norton
President, SFUSD Board of Education

April 2, 2013

Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I'm contacting you to request that you support a "no substantial issue" determination in regards to the Coastal Permit appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco. Having thoroughly reviewed the project and environmental report, I believe this project will address an important need in San Francisco – providing kids with ample safe and accessible sports fields – while reinvesting in Golden Gate Park's natural landscape.

Prior to this project being considered by San Francisco's Planning Commission, I had numerous questions and spoke at length with City staff and project sponsors to better understand the design, the potential impacts and how the project had been modified to address community concerns.

By my reading of the environmental impact report, there will be no spillover of light onto Ocean Beach. People standing on the beach will not perceive any change in light due to the new field lights on the soccer fields. The lighting caps being used on the fields lights were recommended by the National Parks Service to limit light spill and reduce any potential impacts on "dark skies" or wildlife.

I appreciated that the project was revised to further reduce the visibility of the light fixtures from elsewhere in the park, surrounding residential neighborhoods, Ocean Beach and the Ocean Beach promenade. Light poles were reduced from 80' to 60' and placed onto the fields, instead of on the edges as is the norm. The whole system is timed and automated, and light distribution on the field was engineered to provide consistent light across the field for safe play while minimizing the amount of light escaping the area of play. Plus, the field lights feature two settings: 30 foot candles for regular practices and games, and 50 foot candles for the occasional tournament.

It's also helpful to note that kids and players of all ages and colors will use these fields but the most visible benefit is the massive increase in play by sports leagues and clubs catering to disadvantaged kids. Thanks to the increase in ground sports field access due to synthetic turf and field light installations elsewhere in the City, the Police Activities League has been able to add 50 teams (approximately 600 kids) and America Scores Bay Area has doubled the number of kids they serve to 800 children each year in their literacy and soccer program. Both of these programs, and many more, will be able to serve more low-income kids if the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are renovated.

Please support a "no substantial issue" determination when the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation Coastal Permit appeal is heard by the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cindy Wu
SF Planning Commissioner

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March 27, 2013

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of The Coastal Commission:

My name is Donald Collins. I am the Athletic Commissioner for the San Francisco Unified School District. I write today to support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Providing safe, well-maintained, and sustainable athletic fields to California's youth should be a priority for our city and our state. As a city resident, I've seen the positive role that sports plays in the physical and mental development of youth in my community. In addition to helping them stay healthy and fit, sports help kids learn the importance of teamwork, the value of hard work, and the joy that comes with a positive self-image. Kids and their teammates learn to believe in themselves; a lesson they take with them off the field and carry through life.

We are in desperate need of more athletic fields in San Francisco. Some athletic leagues have to turn away kids because the City simply does not have enough sports fields to meet the demand. My own league puts an incredible strain on our City's fields. We have 22 middle schools and 12 high schools playing boys and girls' soccer. Next year, we'll have 15 high schools. We and much of the City's user base is growing, and we desperately need sufficient fields to sustain the increased demand.

The current fields at Beach Chalet cannot sustain the present use – and they certainly can't sustain increased use. Beach Chalet is a muddy, rutted field filled with gopher holes. It is frequently shut down for recovery, which further limits the opportunities for our kids to play and exercise.

We must do better for our kids and create safer, more accessible places for them to play ball. Through the partnership between the City Fields Foundation and our city's Recreation & Parks Department we have made tremendous progress. We've renovated fields in neighborhoods across San Francisco and we've added 76,000 hours of additional playtime for our kids. We need to do the same thing at the Beach Chalet fields.

Golden Gate Park has been home to the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields for over 75 years. The proposed plan does not call for constructing entirely new fields; rather it simply improves the existing fields, adding 9,000 hours of playtime each year. The Golden Gate Park Master Plan designates the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields as an "active recreation area" and encourages increasing play on these fields to draw more visitors into the western end of the Park.

I have watched for many years as this project has been debated through an exhaustive public process. There have been dozens of hours of public meetings and thousands of letters submitted in support of this project. Last year 300 young people came to City Hall to speak in favor of the project, many of them waiting for hours to have their chance to testify. At every turn, decision-makers reviewed the project, asked questions and voted to approve this thoughtfully designed and critically needed project.

Now it is in your hands. Please stand with San Franciscans and vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Collins, Commissioner
SFUSD Athletics/CIF San Francisco Section

April 4, 2013
Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Alyce Werdel and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Providing safe, well-maintained, and sustainable athletic fields to California's youth should be a priority for our city and our state. As a city resident and a parent of three children, I've seen the positive role that sports plays in the physical and mental development of youth in my community. In addition to helping them stay healthy and fit, sports help kids learn the importance of teamwork, the value of hard work, and the joy that comes with a positive self-image. Kids and their teammates learn to believe in themselves; a lesson they take with them off the field and carry through life.

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Sincerely,

Alyce Werdel
San Francisco

March 28, 2013
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Anthony Scuderi and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

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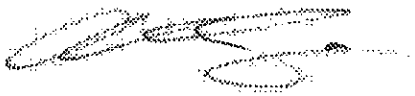

Anthony C. Scuderi
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Sincerely,

Arthur Rock

March 23, 2013

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California Coastal Commission
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Anthony Bernhardt and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

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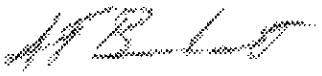

Anthony Bernhardt
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April 9, 2013

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California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

As President of the San Francisco Planning Commission, I would like to share my support for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco and to encourage you to make a "no substantial issue" finding on the appeal of the project's Coastal Zone Permit.

On May 24, 2012, the San Francisco Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the project's Coastal Zone Permit, and other requisite permits and approvals. We found that the project's limited scope, major tree and shrub planting plan, and core goals achieved, on the whole, the goals, objectives and policies outlined in the Western Shoreline Plan, San Francisco's certified Local Coastal Program.

I also want to note that Golden Gate Park is a man-made wonder, it is not a native or preserved environment. Most of the native vegetation was removed during the park's development. It was built on sand dunes and has been modified numerous times to meet the "modern" interests of city residents. In fact, the park used to include a casino and a race track, and a steam train even ran on what's now a walking path near the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

Today, the park includes: two multi-story museums, an underground parking garage, two community centers, concrete fly-casting ponds, the Conservatory of Flowers, a music concourse and bandshell, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, a golf course, an archery range, a Japanese tea garden, two restaurants, a football stadium, a log cabin, numerous offices, a plant nursery, and even a gas station. The famous buffaloes and many of the beautiful birds we see around the park are not native to San Francisco.

Golden Gate Park is a great place to visit, recreate and relax but it is not a nature preserve. Its purpose is to provide a haven for city dwellers, a place to unwind from metropolitan life. For many people, children especially, this means sports and athletic recreation. The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields comprise less than 1% of the entire park. I believe Golden Gate Park is large enough to accommodate many differing uses without overly burdening or denying any group, and this project strikes a thoughtful balance between active and passive recreation and the park's environment.

Please consider a "no substantial issue" finding and allow this project to proceed.

Thank you,

Rodney Fong
SF Planning Commissioner

Office of the Mayor
City & County of San Francisco

Edwin M. Lee

March 25, 2013

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California Coastal Commission
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Members of the Coastal Commission,

I am writing to encourage a "No Substantial Issue" determination on the permit appeals that have been filed against the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation and to express my strong support of the Coastal Permit issued by the San Francisco Planning Commission for this project.

The City of San Francisco conducted a lengthy and exhaustive environmental review and project approval/appeal process for this project, including numerous public hearings resulting in the certification of the project's Environmental Impact Report and multiple determinations that the project adheres to the Local Coastal Program. These decisions were made during lengthy public hearings and based on clear, consistent interpretations of the Local Coastal Program and public access policies of the California Coastal Act.

- **May 24, 2012** - SF Planning Commission voted 4-1 to certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and approve the General Plan Referral and the Local Coastal Zone Permit
- **May 24, 2012** - Recreation and Park Commission voted 6-0 to approve the project conceptual plan, EIR mitigations and find consistency with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan
- **July 10, 2012** - Board of Supervisors voted 10-1 to deny an appeal of the EIR
- **August 1, 2012** – Board of Permit Appeals voted 4-0 to uphold the Planning Commission's decision to approve the Coastal Permit
- **September 12, 2012** – Board of Permit Appeals voted 3-0 to deny a rehearing request on the Coastal Permit Appeal

Regarding the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation, there was broad agreement at every step in the approval and appeal process that this project is critical for our youth, beneficial to our largest, most popular park, and a unique opportunity for our city. The Board of Supervisors' vote of 10-1 on this issue points to the broad support for a solid, balanced, thoughtful project, such as you are considering.

I urge you support a finding of "No Substantial Issue." Please feel free to contact my office if we can be of any assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Edwin Lee
Mayor

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Edwin M. Lee, Mayor
Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

February 19, 2013

Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger, and members of Coastal Commission,

I am writing in regards to the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation planting plan. Along with site landscape and gardening staff, I have reviewed and analyzed the project's proposed planting plan and believe it does an excellent job emphasizing the naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use.

In my role as the Program Director for SF Recreation and Parks' Natural Areas Program, I joined Golden Gate Park Manager, Eric Anderson, and Park Section Supervisor, Davida Kapler, in providing comments and suggestions to the original plant palate for this project's landscaping plan. Each of us recommended modest changes to the plant palate to encourage the use of plants that have already proved successful in the West end of Golden Gate Park. Those suggestions have been incorporated into the current planting plan.

The identified planting zones and plant palate are appropriate for the landscaping and woodlands around the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields. The plants are a mix of native and non-native, non-invasive species that will thrive in the area's cool, coastal environment and survive constant human activity in and around the project site.

Though Golden Gate Park is a manmade park with no official Natural Areas in its western end, I believe the proposed planting plan for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation will emphasize the naturalistic landscape surrounding the fields to the betterment of the entire park.

Thank you,

Lisa Wayne
Program Director, Natural Areas Program
San Francisco Recreation and Parks

Edwin M. Lee, Mayor
Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

February 19, 2013

Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont St, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger, and members of Coastal Commission,

As the SF Recreation and Parks Tree Topper Supervisor, I oversee and am directly responsible for the Golden Gate Park reforestation program. I have reviewed the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation plan, including project planting plan and reforestation plans.

I can unequivocally state that the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation reforestation plan will help SF Recreation and Parks continue to implement the long-term reforestation program in the western portion of Golden Gate Park.

By replacing 14 trees, many of which are aged or unhealthy, with 200 new trees, this project will further our ongoing efforts to maintain and enhance the existing park tree canopy and wind break. In fact, replacing and planting this many trees around the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields will be one of the largest, most beneficial reforestation efforts during my fifteen years on the department's forestry team. This tree replacement plan is very good for Golden Gate Park, the health of the park's woodlands, and western wind break.

I believe the plants and planting zones identified in the project's general planting plan are appropriate to the site and the west end of Golden Gate Park.

Thank you,

Kelly Cornell
Tree Topper Supervisor
San Francisco Recreation and Parks

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March 22, 2013

Mary Shallenberger
Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

Thank you for your leadership to protect, preserve and enhance California's coast and ocean. It is my privilege to support the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in Golden Gate Park. I urge the Coastal Commission to uphold the City's decision to renovate these sports fields for local youth and athletes.

The City Fields Foundation's Playfields Initiative, in partnership with the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, has renovated busy sports fields and reorganized the City's field permit system. This has added many hours of new playtime for thousands of local children. The Beach Chalet Fields currently serve more than 1,550 children and 600 adults each week, and their restoration will provide more opportunities for athletic and community engagement.

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are not located on open space, and San Francisco's coast will not suffer any significant impacts due to this project. The project will include the planting of 200 new trees and 1,000 new plants; the field lightening will not stand out from the Great Highway, Oceans Beach or the beach promenade; and there will be no impact on current or potential commercial-recreation uses in these areas. Moreover, this project saves water, eliminates herbicide and pesticide usage on the Athletic Fields and turf manufacturers must provide an end-of-life recycling plan when they bid for the project. The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project is consistent with the Local Coastal Program and demonstrates San Francisco's long standing commitment to natural resource preservation and restoration.

The renovation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields is a vital step forward for the City's children, adults and park community. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact my District Office at (415) 556-4862.

Best Regards,

Nancy Pelosi

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Democratic Leader

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April 1, 2013

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California Coastal Commission
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission:

I urge you to cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote as you consider the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation project in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

I am a Trustee for San Francisco City College, and more importantly, I am a young father. Our family lives in the Richmond, a short trip away from Golden Gate Park. I want to take my young daughter, and the second one who's on the way, into the park regularly to enjoy the natural landscape and the athletic fields. My wife and I have seen too many of our friends with kids leave San Francisco for the East Bay or other more family-friendly areas. We want to stay in San Francisco, and we want others to have that opportunity too. Offering more safe and accessible athletic playfields is a step in the right direction for our families, and will keep our city vibrant.

As you know, our job as public officials is to balance all of the community's needs and make the best decisions we can. At each level—the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission, Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors—our elected and appointed city officials did just that in regards to this project. They heard countless hours of testimony on both sides of the issue and they read hundreds of pages of information on the potential environmental impacts and community benefits. At each turn, they concluded, usually in a unanimous fashion, that there will be no significant environmental impact and that our families need these fields. The public has witnessed an exhaustive and deliberative process, and for that, we can be proud. We can be even prouder when the project is complete.

Please respect all of the thorough analysis that has gone into this project and vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Ngo
Trustee
San Francisco Community College District

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March 18, 2013

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California Coastal Commission
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Members of Coastal Commission:

I am writing in regards to the appeal of the Coastal Permit for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. Please vote "no substantial issue" and allow this critical project to move forward.

Despite the wonderful location in Golden Gate Park, these fields simply are not safe. Having been built on sand in a very moist marine climate, the grass fields are generally soggy and the grass turf struggles to survive. Grass out in these fields grow in clumps and is easily, inadvertently removed by even modest running and play. Injuries are frequent – sprained ankles, torn ACL's, broken feet. Having played at these fields many times as a kid, I have turned my ankles and twisted my knees in painful injuries several times on the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

Replacing the grass fields with synthetic turf would greatly reduce the number and severity of injuries suffered on those sports fields. Throughout San Francisco, we have seen the success of replacing battered, unsafe grass fields with synthetic turf. Why should the kids living around the Beach Chalet fields not get to enjoy the same quality of play as their friends in other neighborhoods? Why would we not want to activate a space that's closed and empty for most of each day?

I have seen how these kids play at Garfield, at Kimball, at Crocker and at the other parks with sports fields renovated with synthetic turf and lights. It is truly transformative for those kids to have regular access to a safe sports field.

The field lights are also an important part of this discussion because they extend play hours so the fields are active for later into the evening. As seen in other parks, simply illuminating the fields will drive away some of the illicit activities occurring in the bushes around the fields, whether its narcotics use, prostitution, camping, or auto burglaries. In my experience, increasing the opportunities for positive activities, like athletics, both discourages illegal activity and gives kids positive choices here in San Francisco. I believe that is a win-win situation for everyone.

Please vote "no substantial issue" on the appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation's Coastal Permit.

Sincerely,

GREGORY P. SUHR
Chief of Police

April 3, 2013
Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Bob Emery and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Providing safe, well-maintained, and sustainable athletic fields to California's youth should be a priority for our city and our state. As a city resident, I've seen the positive role that sports plays in the physical and mental development of youth in my community. In addition to helping them stay healthy and fit, sports help kids learn the importance of teamwork, the value of hard work, and the joy that comes with a positive self -image. Kids and their teammates learn to believe in themselves; a lesson they take with them off the field and carry through life.

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Sincerely,

Bob Emery
San Francisco

March 25, 2013
Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Judie Lucius and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

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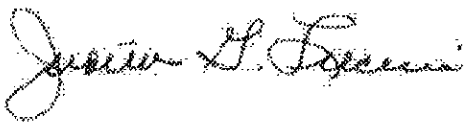

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Matthew Barger

April 1, 2013

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California Coastal Commission
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Matthew Barger and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

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Sincerely,

Matthew Barger
San Francisco

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Dave Hultman and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

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Sincerely,

Dave Hultman
President

Peter C. Wendell
3550 Washington Street
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March 22, 2013

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California Coastal Commission
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission:

My name is Peter Wendell and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Along with my wife Lynn, we have lived in the City of San Francisco for 30 years and raised our six children here. While our children were growing up, they frequently had sports contests on the Beach Chalet fields.

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Playing in organized San Francisco sports leagues and on San Francisco school sports teams was an important part of our children's development and played an important role in their successful transition into young adults. They all used the fields at Beach Chalet for many of their sports games.

Both our daughters, Jenny and Carolyn, played soccer for numerous San Francisco teams, often as young girls at Beach Chalet, and both went onto to play varsity soccer in College – Jenny at the University of California – Berkeley and Carolyn at Dartmouth College. Similar our sons Brian and Patrick frequently played lacrosse at Beach Chalet for a variety of different teams and Brian went on to play varsity lacrosse at Harvard University and Patrick was co-captain of the Club Lacrosse program at Princeton University. Team sports have played an important role in our children's lives and development.

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Many families with young children often decide to leave San Francisco and move to the suburbs. This is not a good trend for our city. Our city will be safer and more vibrant with owner-occupied family housing.

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Sincerely,

Peter C. Wendell
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April 4, 2013
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Jane Cote'-Cook and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

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Sincerely,

Jane Cote'-Cook
San Francisco

March 23, 2013
Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I am a parent of a child who plays youth soccer in San Francisco, and I am writing to ask you to vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park.

Raising a child in San Francisco can be very difficult. Due to the high cost of living, insufficient transportation and lack of recreational facilities, we have seen many of our friends and neighbors with kids leaving our great city. We want to stay in San Francisco and are committed to making our city more family friendly.

San Francisco desperately needs more athletic fields. On so many weekends, we've had to look in the eyes of our disappointed kids and explain why their games are cancelled when it's a perfectly sunny day. The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are currently in such poor condition that they must close to let the grass rest. While teams fill our synthetic turf fields across San Francisco, we watch these precious fields go unused for much of the year.

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are the right place for this project. This region of Golden Gate Park has been used as an athletic field for over 75 years. This project is the right choice environmentally as well. The Recreation and Parks Department has committed to replacing the 16 trees and 44 plants being removed with an impressive 200 trees and 1000 additional plants. Additionally, installing synthetic turf will save about 5.7 millions gallons of water each year.

My child has grown up tremendously during the time this project has been debated. We have testified at hearing after hearing, and our kids have waited for hours to speak about their own experiences on these fields. San Francisco takes development decisions very seriously, and at each turn, city officials have voted in our favor. They have seen hundreds of our kids lined up in their soccer uniforms speaking about the importance of these fields and they were compelled to support them.

Please listen to our kids' voices and vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

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LUKAS

March 23, 2013
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I am one of the thousands of kids who play soccer in San Francisco and support the renovation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the coastal permit appeal and let us fix our fields.

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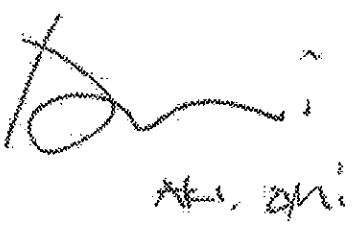

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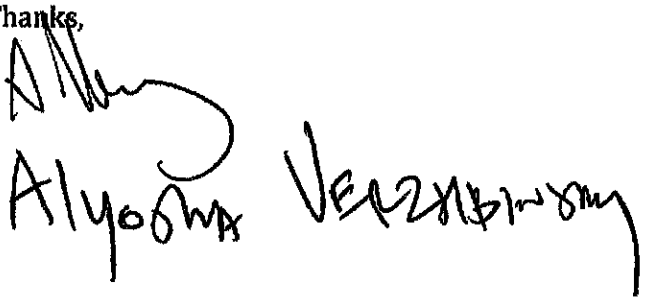

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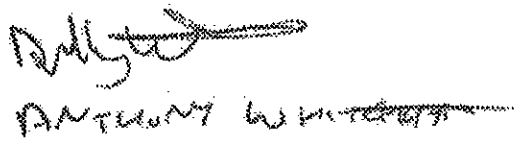

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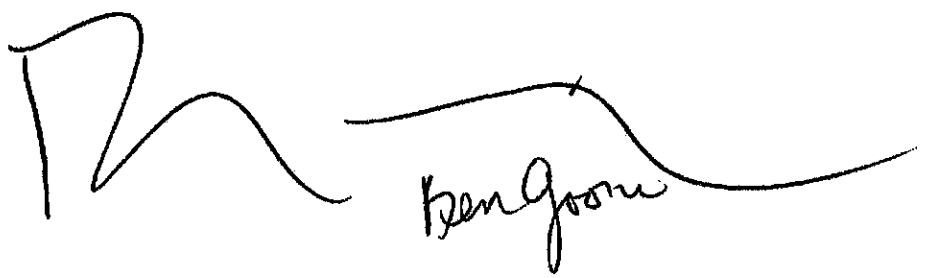

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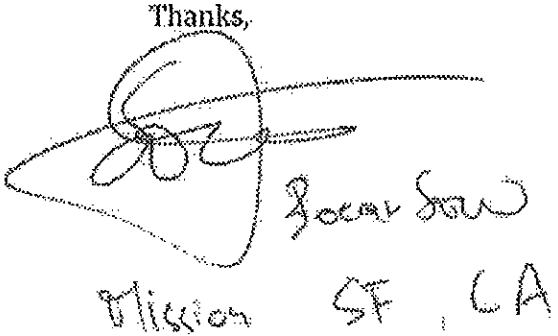

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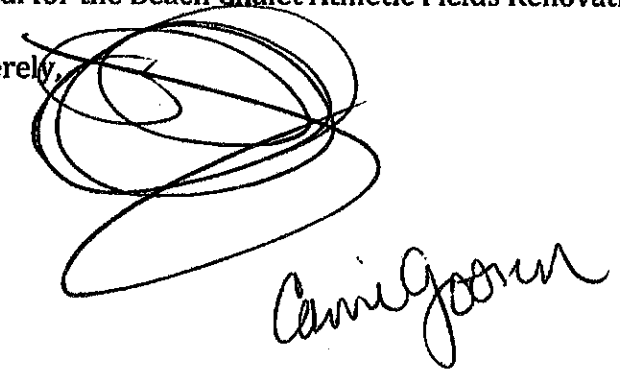

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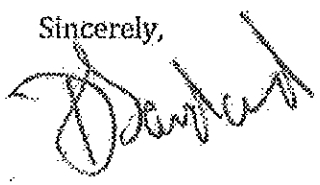

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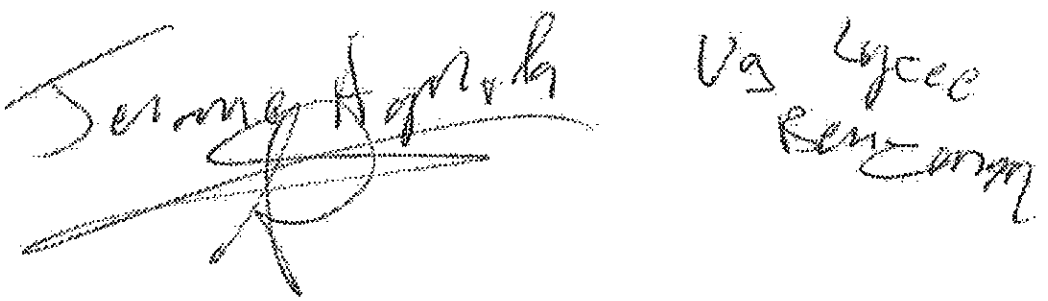

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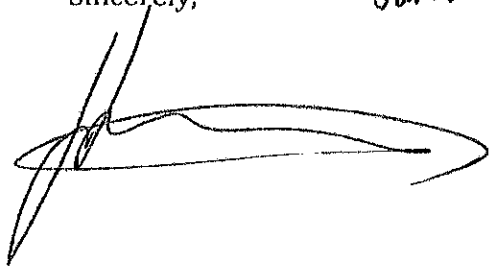

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U9 Boys Red Dragons

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April 4, 2013
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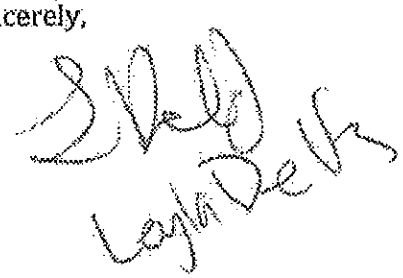

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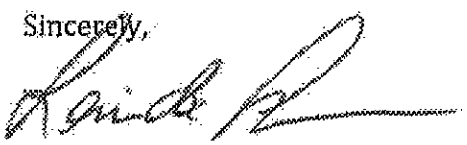

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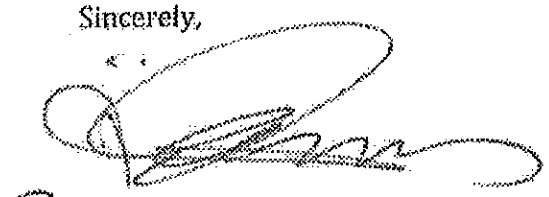

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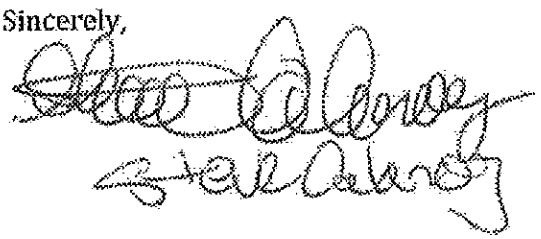

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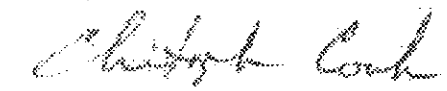

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My name is Lauren B. Dachs, and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project.

San Francisco needs high-quality athletic fields. Safe, well-maintained, and sustainable athletic fields provide important playgrounds for our children and youth. Sports help children learn the importance of teamwork, the value of hard work, and confidence – in addition to helping them stay healthy and fit. Unfortunately, athletic leagues have to turn children away because the City simply does not have enough sports fields to meet the demand. The current fields at Beach Chalet are often muddy and dangerous, and even though the Golden Gate Park Master Plan designates the Beach Chalet fields as an "active recreation area", the City must close the fields 50% of the time to let them rest from constant play or recover from the rain. This results in frequent game and practice cancellations and limits opportunities for children to play and exercise.

Our children deserve better. The partnership between the City Fields Foundation and San Francisco's Recreation and Parks Department has proven to be an effective model for athletic fields. By working closely with San Francisco communities, these organizations have renovated fields in neighborhoods across San Francisco, resulting in 76,000 hours of additional playtime. This model can and should be applied to the Beach Chalet fields.

Sincerely,

Lauren B. Dachs
President

March 27, 2013
Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

I have been a San Francisco resident for nearly 20 years and have enjoyed watching my two children play soccer on the Beach Chalet fields numerous times. I also have friends who have participated in adult soccer leagues who have played on those fields. Because of these personal experiences, I also know first-hand the poor condition of these fields, how people risk their ankles stepping around the divots and gopher holes hoping not to be injured playing a game they love. I also have first-hand experience as a Youth soccer coach where our teams have had games and practices cancelled due to the closure of the fields because of rain or overuse.

On the other hand, my children have benefited from being able to play on some of the soccer fields in San Francisco that have been improved through the partnership between the City Fields Foundation and our Recreation and Parks department. My daughter's high school team uses Crocker Amazon as its home field and also plays at Kimball and Silver Avenue. The excellent field quality, lighting, fencing and stands create an environment where players, coaches and fans feel welcome and comfortable. I have often thought how wonderful it would be if San Francisco children and adults enjoyed greater availability of soccer fields, without having to travel to Marin or to the East Bay clogging up highways and polluting the air with car exhaust.

The fields at Beach Chalet are already in place so it is hard to understand the opposition to making them safe and usable, a real resource for the citizens of San Francisco. Changing the existing fields to a surface that supports a greater number of users represents a positive development in the evolving movement toward greater health and wellness for the residents of San Francisco.

As a follower of the local news I know that the Beach Chalet fields project has been the subject of much debate already. The change to a safe sustainable playing surface carries the support of many people. The supporters have turned out in great numbers to express their wish to see this project be approved.

I ask that you and your fellow commissioners vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park. Please do the right thing for the residents of the city of San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,

Adam Cioth
San Francisco

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Aaron Schweifler and I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Providing safe, well-maintained, and sustainable athletic fields to California's youth should be a priority for our city and our state. As a city resident, I've seen the positive role that sports plays in the physical and mental development of youth in my community. In addition to helping them stay healthy and fit, sports help kids learn the importance of teamwork, the value of hard work, and the joy that comes with a positive self -image. Kids and their teammates learn to believe in themselves; a lesson they take with them off the field and carry through life.

We are in desperate need of more athletic fields in San Francisco. Some athletic leagues have to turn away kids because the City simply does not have enough sports fields to meet the demand. The current fields at Beach Chalet are often muddy, filled with gopher holes, and dangerous. The City has to close the fields 50% of the time to let them rest from constant play or recover from rain, causing frequent game and practice cancellations, and further limiting opportunities for our kids to play and exercise.

We must do better for our kids and create safer, more accessible places for them to play ball. Through the partnership between the City Fields Foundation and our city's Recreation & Parks Department we have made tremendous progress. We've renovated fields in neighborhoods across San Francisco and we've added 76,000 hours of additional playtime for our kids. We need to do the same thing at the Beach Chalet fields.

Golden Gate Park has been home to the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields for over 75 years. The proposed plan does not call for constructing entirely new fields, rather it simply improves the existing fields, adding 9,000 hours of playtime each year. The Golden Gate Park Master Plan designates the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields as an "active recreation area" and encourages increasing play on these fields to draw more visitors into the western end of the Park.

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Suzanne Sande Mrlik and I am writing on behalf of my husband Richard and three sons in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Providing safe, well-maintained, and sustainable athletic fields to California's youth should be a priority for our city and our state. As a city resident and parent of three boys who have used city fields over the last twenty years, I've seen the positive role that sports plays in the physical and mental development of youth in my community. In addition to helping them stay healthy and fit, sports help kids learn the importance of teamwork, the value of hard work, and the joy that comes with a positive self-image. Kids and their teammates learn to believe in themselves; a lesson they take with them off the field and carry through life.

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I have watched for many years as this project has been debated through an exhaustive public process. There have been dozens of hours of public meetings and thousands of letters submitted in support of this project. Last year 300 young people came to City Hall to speak in favor of the project, many of them waiting for hours to have their chance to testify. At every turn, decision-makers reviewed the project, asked questions and voted to approve this thoughtfully designed and critically needed project.

Now it is in your hands. Please stand with San Franciscans and vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,
Suzanne and Richard Mrlik
2213 Broderick Street
San Francisco, CA 94115

March 24, 2013
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

Our names are Su-Moon Paik and Robert Brown, and we are writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project, asking that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

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Sincerely,

Su-Moon Paik and Robert Brown
San Francisco, CA

SF needs more all weather fields!
Allow the "final" decision to stand
on the Beach Chalet renovation so
SF Kids have more places to play!
Eliminate homeless encampments, drug use
at Beach Chalet by allowing project to
go forward!

Pamela Rupright
245 Moncada Way
SF
94127-2705

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Dear MS. Shallenberger,
Please vote to approve the Beach Chalet fields. I love Soccer and we need more and better fields.

I am always sad when practice or games are Cancelled.

I hope we can put turf at the Beach chalet!!!

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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

Please vote to approve the beach Chalet Field renovations.

I would love to have a safe field without pot holes. With the renovation more teams can practice and less games rained out.

I hope you vote yes!!!

Thank you,

Madison Kjeldgaard
age 11
San Francisco
California

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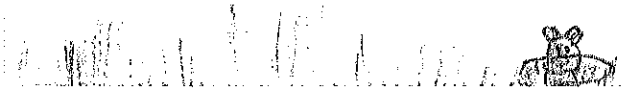

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Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission

My name is Lisa Katz and I'm the parent of a child who plays with Viking soccer in San Francisco. I am writing to support the Beach Chalet Athletics Fields renovation project and ask that you cast a "NO" Substantial issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

As a parent I have witnessed how playing on a soccer team has been invaluable for all 3 of my kids development. They learn life lessons of teamwork, perseverance, comaraderie, winning and losing with grace, friendship, and self esteem. We don't have enough playing fields in San Francisco to accomodate all the players. This field is crucial if we are to continue

support of Youth Soccer.

Thank you for your consideration on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Katz

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

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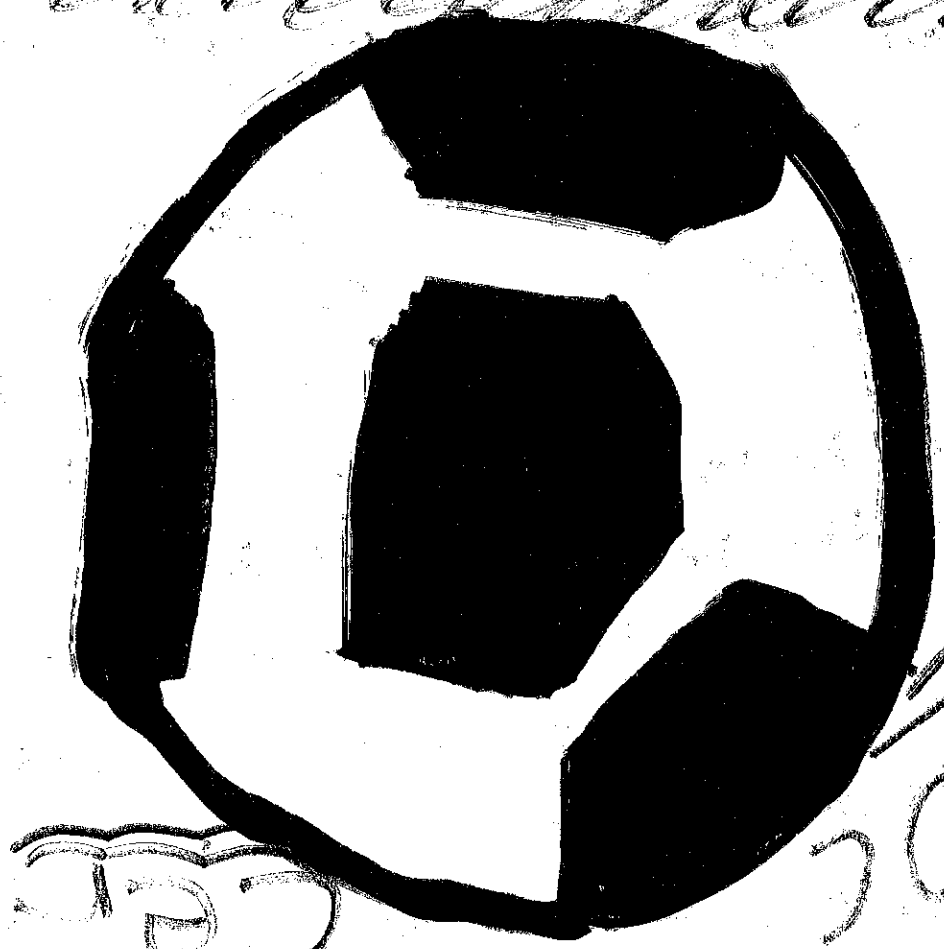
My name is Amelia Skarupski and I play on one of San Francisco's youth soccer teams, the Aftershocks. Please vote to let us renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic fields in Golden Gate Park because we need more safe places to play. I enjoy soccer because I love getting out on the field and dribbling and scoring. Doing soccer with all my friends is a lot of fun!! Please make sure this project moves forward and vote "No Substantial Issue" on coastal permit appeal for Beach Chalet Athletic Renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Thanks

Amel

Age

Viking league, San Fran



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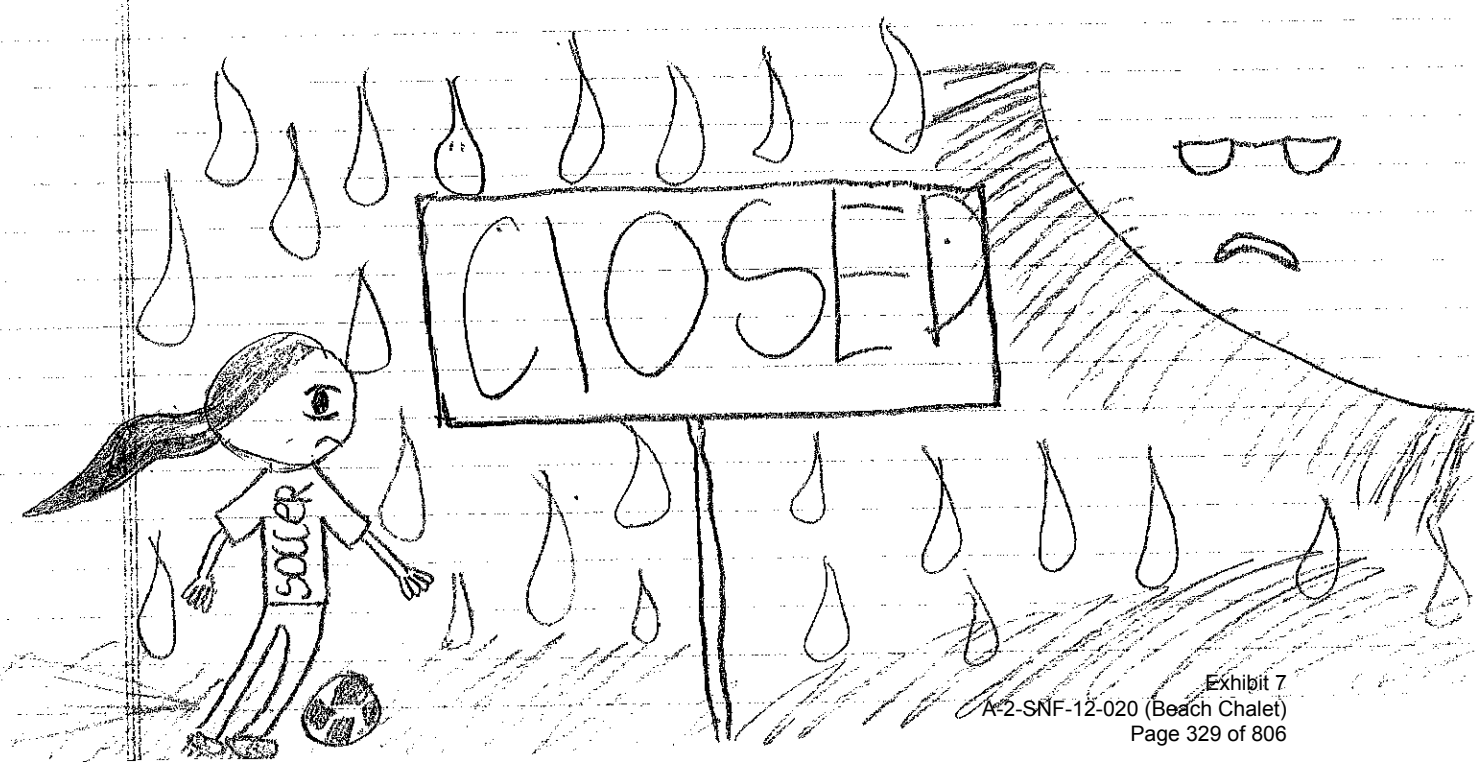
Dear Ms. chair Shallen berger and members of Coastal commission,

My name lucy and I play on one of the San Francisco's youth soccer teams, the astorshocks and the killer bees. please vote to let us renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic fields in Golden Gate park because we need more safe places to play soccer. I really love soccer because I love hanging out with my freind and getting a fun and good exercise. Me and my team think It is really important because we all need places to play soccer so if you choose to not renovate the soccer fields, that creates one last field that we can play on and move fun on. and I love my teams so I would hate for are teams to split apart.



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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Angela Young and I am the parent of a child who plays soccer in San Francisco. I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project and ask that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

As a parent, I have seen first-hand the ways that playing on a soccer team can help a child grow. Through being on a team, youth learn how to depend on others and the importance of cooperation and communication. They learn the value of hard work and what it means to make a commitment to a goal. Even more than that, my two girls learned to believe in themselves and to celebrate their own successes. I just wish that my child had more playfields available in SF. The demand is just not being met for our family and all of San Francisco's kids.

Our families, including my own, need more accessible recreation fields in this part of town. By adding 9,000 more hours of playtime, we can open up our fields to locals and tourists alike.

Renovating the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields is critical to improving the health and safety of our communities. The lighting and improved facilities will transform this part of Golden Gate Park into a safer place—a place I would feel more comfortable sending my child to play. The plan for renovation will not adversely affect the surrounding environment or compromise the character of the park.

Please cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when considering the Coastal Permit Appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

Angela Young

Angela Young, SF Parent
Aftershocks Soccer Team
San Francisco

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Catherine and I play on one of the San Francisco's youth soccer teams, the SF Aftershocks.

Please vote to let us renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park because we need more safe places to play.

I love soccer because I can have fun with my friends while practicing and working hard. My team and I are very close, and we spend long hours practicing to become better players.

We like the turf fields because they are never closed and we can always count on playing our games.

As kids, we have spoken out about this project. Last year, over 300 kids went to City Hall to show support, so we need to save the fields. We need to make sure that every kid who wants to gets the chance to play soccer in the city. The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields could be really great if they were renovated. We need your help to make that happen.

Please make sure this project moves forward and vote "No Substantial Issue" on the coastal permit appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Thanks so much,
Catherine

Catherine Young
8.5 years old
Soccer Team: SF Aftershocks, San Francisco

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Morgan Hudson and I am the parent of 2 daughters who play soccer in San Francisco. I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project and ask that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

Although I didn't grow up in San Francisco, I've played soccer since I could walk. As a player, coach and parent, I have seen first-hand the ways that playing on a soccer team can help a child grow. By functioning as part of a team, kids learn how to depend on others and the importance of cooperation and communication. They learn the value of hard work and what it means to make a commitment to a goal. I just wish that my child had more playfields available to him/her. The demand is just not being met for our family and all of San Francisco's kids.

The Beach Chalet Soccer fields have existed as a part of Golden Gate Park for over 80 years. Using the western portion of the park for increased recreational use is a central goal laid out in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

Unfortunately, San Francisco does always seem to embrace family values. Many of my friends with children have had to move due lack of recreational facilities. Our families need more accessible recreation fields in this part of town. By adding 9,000 more hours of playtime, we can open up our fields to locals and tourists alike.

Renovating the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields is critical to improving the health and safety of our communities. The lighting and improved facilities will transform this part of Golden Gate Park into a safer place—a place I would feel more comfortable sending my child to play. The plan for renovation will not adversely affect the surrounding environment or compromise the character of the park.

Please cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when considering the Coastal Permit Appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

Morgan Hudson
San Francisco/Aftershocks/Girls Under 9

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Chloe Hudson and I play on one of the San Francisco's youth soccer teams, the Aftershocks (Girls Under 9).

Please vote to let us renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park because we need more safe places to play.

I love soccer. My dad and I have played together since I could walk. I also like it because I can have fun with my friends while practicing and working hard. My team and I are very close, and we spend long hours practicing to become better players. We are all good friends and hang out even when we're not playing soccer. I hope to play soccer for a long time.

Lots of times we have to cancel our games or practice because the fields were wet or muddy. This is especially the case in the spring when it rains more in San Francisco.

I like playing on the field turf fields because I don't sprain my ankles as much or get my shoes all wet.

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields could be really great if they were renovated. We need your help to make that happen.

Please make sure this project moves forward and vote "No Substantial Issue" on the coastal permit appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Thanks,

Chloe Hudson
Age 8
Aftershocks/San Francisco

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I am one of the thousands of kids who play soccer in San Francisco and support the renovation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the coastal permit appeal and let us fix our fields.

Playing at the fields in Golden Gate Park means a lot to me, and I love spending time with my team and friends. Rebuilding the fields is important to me because I want to make sure that my team and other kids like us can continue to play soccer in the city.

Last year, the fields were closed much of the season and we had many games and practices cancelled due to light rain or modestly soggy sports fields. We need to have fields that are in good condition so that everyone has an opportunity to play. There is just not enough space to play right now. Renovating the Beach Chalet fields would add 9,000 more hours of playtime for everyone to enjoy each year.

As youth soccer players, we have spoken out again and again in favor of this project. Many of us have written letters, met with city officials and attended meetings in City Hall. Last year, over 300 players showed up to testify in favor of this project at a Planning Commission meeting.

The time to fix the Beach Chalet Fields is now. Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal permit appeal and let us move forward and play ball.

Thanks,

Gianna Wong

Gianna Wong
8 years old
SFFC Aftershocks

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I am a parent of a child who plays youth soccer in San Francisco, and I am writing to ask you to vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park.

Raising a child in San Francisco can be very difficult. Due to the high cost of living, insufficient transportation and lack of recreational facilities, we have seen many of our friends and neighbors with kids leaving our great city. We want to stay in San Francisco and are committed to making our city more family friendly.

San Francisco desperately needs more athletic fields. On so many weekends, we've had to look in the eyes of our disappointed kids and explain why their games are cancelled when it's a perfectly sunny day. The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are currently in such poor condition that they must close to let the grass rest. While teams fill our synthetic turf fields across San Francisco, we watch these precious fields go unused for much of the year.

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are the right place for this project. This region of Golden Gate Park has been used as an athletic field for over 75 years. This project is the right choice environmentally as well. The Recreation and Parks Department has committed to replacing the 16 trees and 44 plants being removed with an impressive 200 trees and 1000 additional plants. Additionally, installing synthetic turf will save about 5.7 millions gallons of water each year.

My child has grown up tremendously during the time this project has been debated. We have testified at hearing after hearing, and our kids have waited for hours to speak about their own experiences on these fields. San Francisco takes development decisions very seriously, and at each turn, city officials have voted in our favor. They have seen hundreds of our kids lined up in their soccer uniforms speaking about the importance of these fields and they were compelled to support them.

Please listen to our kids' voices and vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

Allen Wong
SFFC Aftershocks 18 (U09 Girls)
San Francisco

March 19, 2013

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California Coastal Commission
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is John Zwolinski and I am the parent of two sons who play soccer in San Francisco. I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project and ask that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

My two young sons, 8 and 10, have played soccer here in SF since they were four or five. Currently, one plays for the Glens, and for one for Sunset Elementary. The experience for both has been...I struggle for the right word... *elemental*...and, no doubt, transformative. The early experience of being on, and contributing to, a team; the mental and physical discipline of attending and putting one's all-out in practice and games; the experience of enduring and learning from defeats, and celebrating, in a sportsmanlike manner, victories -- heck, this is the *essence* of growing up well. And all of this is being played out before loving and supportive parents, and has fostered a really wonderful community of families. That said, the fly in the ointment has been the unavailability of playing fields: We live in the Outer Sunset but invariably must drive across town to Garfield Park in the Mission to play our games. Why? The Beach Chalet Soccer Fields next door are perennially in such a poor state of repair that they are closed most of the time and a hazard to play on the rest. And though CityFields has offered to renovate the fields, as they have in several other places in SF, a small but very vocal group of neighbors has been inveighing against the project, claiming, nonsensically, that renovated fields would compromise the "sylvan" quality of this "wildlife preserve." For cryingoutload! It's <u>not</u> wilderness. It's a corner of a man-made urban park that has been for at least seventy years dedicated soccer fields, currently all-but unusable because of gophers and weather, and surrounded by neglected trails and woods that most of us avoid because of illegal and sketchy activity going on there 24/7.

We've been going 'round and 'round with opponents of the project for literally years now. I have lost track of the number of meetings and hearings my wife, sons and I have attended in support of the renovation. Time after time, supporters of the renovation have turned out in force before various boards and commissions, who, after careful deliberation, have invariably green-lighted the renovations. Yet again and again, this small group of well-organized opponents have contrived to block the project anew, resorting to dissembling disinformation campaigns when all else has failed. They have asked for and received a costly and lengthy EIR, for example, but, unsatisfied with the conclusions, now challenge its validity.

Frankly, we enthusiastic supporters of the renovations are fed up with the obstructionist, undemocratic maneuverings of the opponents. Asking the Coastal Commission to weigh in is just the latest in a series of increasingly unreasonable attempts to derail this worthy project. When this debate began, my sons

were four and eight; they are now eight and ten, and the project has yet to break ground. If opponents of this *much-needed* renovation have their way, the fields and the surrounding woods will remain a neglected, decrepit, seedy and even dangerous environ, and my kids and hundreds of others will never have the opportunity to play on the safe and clean fields CityFields wishes to grant to the City.

Renovating the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields is critical to improving the health and safety of our communities. The lighting and improved facilities will transform this part of Golden Gate Park into a safer place—a place I would feel more comfortable sending my sons to play. The plan for renovation will ABSOLUTELY not adversely affect the surrounding environment or compromise the character of the park.

Please, PLEASE, cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when considering the Coastal Permit *Appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields* renovation project in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

John Zwolinski

Glens / Sunset Stars Soccer Dad

San Francisco, CA

April 20, 2013
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California Coastal Commission
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I coach youth soccer players in San Francisco and I writing to ask you to vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park.

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Sincerely,

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Thanks,

Print Name: Cameron Burns

Age: 12

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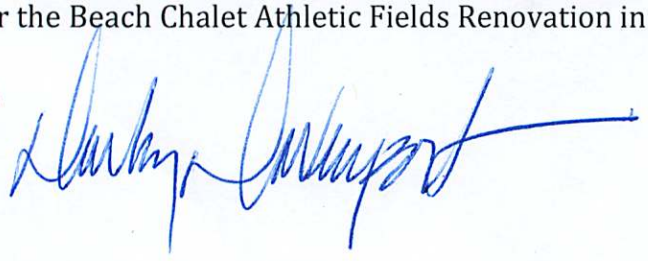

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Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Emily Rupright and I play on one of the San Francisco's youth lacrosse teams, the SF Riptide (girls U13B Gray team).

Please vote to let us renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park because we need more safe places to play.

I love lacrosse because I can have fun with my friends while practicing and working hard. My team and I are very close, and we spend as much time as we can practicing to become better players. Some of the other teams in places like Marin can practice more often than us because they have more fields.

I really hope I can play lacrosse in high school but I'm worried that the school I choose won't be able to have a team because they don't have a field to practice on.

Lots of times we can't practice on a beautiful sunny day because it rained the day before and the fields are too muddy and wet so they are closed. I like the turf fields because they are never closed and we can always count on practicing and playing our games. Also they are more even and we trip and fall a lot less.

Please make sure this project moves forward and vote "No Substantial Issue" on the coastal permit appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Thanks so much,

Emily Rupright
Lacrosse Player, SF Riptide
(and Viking Soccer)

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March 22, 2013

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Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Eric Hansen and I am the parent of two boys (aged 7 and 15) who are passionate soccer players in San Francisco. Our family lives one block away from the beach in the Sunset District and we are also active in surfing and other beach activities. I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation project and ask that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

As a child I was very active in sports and now as a parent I have seen what a positive impact sports like soccer have had on the lives of my children. Our kids spend too much time indoors in front of electronic screens so it is critical that we get them engaged on the sports field where they can focus on hard work, cooperation, and team involvement. Soccer has helped increase their confidence by giving them pride in accomplishing goals while working with others.

The approval process for this project has lasted several years and has had a high degree of community involvement. When plans for the project were first announced, I attended community meetings for the project in both the Sunset and Richmond districts. I attended several administrative hearings where project opponents asked that the project sponsors complete a full EIR for the project. The project sponsors did agree to go through the lengthy EIR process which has delayed the project even further. After the EIR was completed I attended and spoke at several hearings such as the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, Rec and Park Commission, and Board of Supervisors. The project was eventually approved after all the hearings and due process required by the City and County of San Francisco. Community involvement in these hearings has been very high, even by San Francisco standards. It is fairly common to have vocal opposition to any development project but I have been impressed by how the children and families of San Francisco have rallied behind this project to speak about how important this project is for their lives. These children have shown incredible resolve, sitting through long hearings in City Hall often until late into the evening on school nights.

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Sincerely,

Eric Hansen
Ocean Beach Resident and SF Glens Soccer Coach

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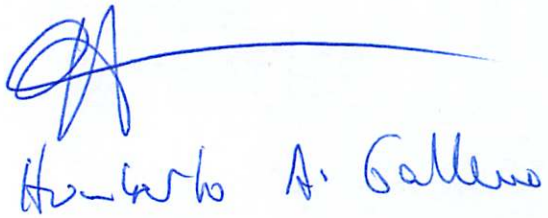

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Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

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Jacob Wilson Gates
Sacred Heart High and SF Vikings Soccer Player

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But we can almost never play on the Beach Chalet fields. The gate is always locked. When we do play there, the field is full of gopher holes.

My brother and I and our friends went to City Hall to support the project. We want a safe and clean place to play soccer. But the fields are dirty and dangerous and that part of the park is not a nice place to visit. Please help us make the fields a nice place to use.

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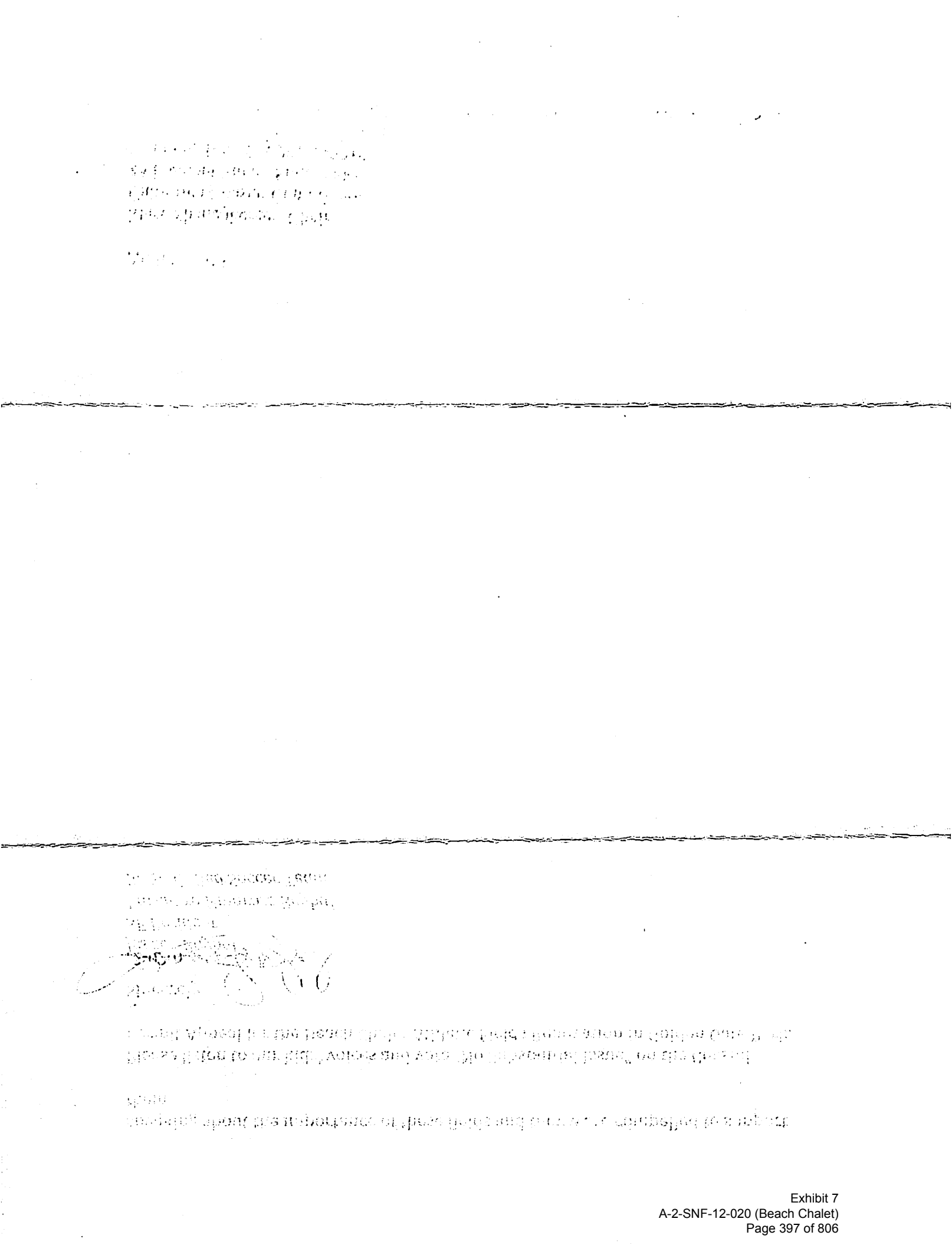

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The time to fix the Beach Chalet Fields is now. Please vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal permit appeal and let us move forward and play ball.

Thanks,

Print Name: Jocelyn Wong

Age: 11

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John Rumsey

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During my tenure with the SFUSD, I have seen the ways that organized sports can positively impact a child's life. Students who participate in athletics often have better grades and are more motivated to succeed. Athletics can also provide a pathway to college through scholarship opportunities that would not otherwise be available.

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March 19, 2013

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Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Jonah and I play on one of the San Francisco's youth soccer teams, the Sunset Stars.

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But we can almost never play on the Beach Chalet fields. The gate is always locked. When we do play there, the field is full of gopher holes.

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Thanks so much,

Jonah

Jonah Zwolinski
Age 10
The Sunset Stars, San Francisco

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Marco A. Camacho

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Age: 11

SFVSL SFFC Aftershocks G00

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Thanks for your consideration,

Mary Nakamura MD
565 Eureka St.
San Francisco, CA 94114

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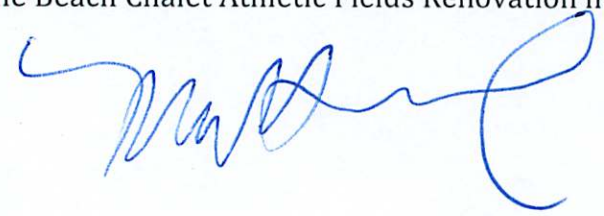

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I coach youth soccer players in San Francisco and I writing to ask you to vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park.

Providing safe, well-maintained, and sustainable athletic fields to California's youth should be a priority for our city and our state. As a coach, I've seen the positive role that sports plays in impacting young people's lives. Through membership of a sports team, kids learn the importance of teamwork, the value of hard work, and the joy that comes with a positive self -image. My players learn how to believe in themselves, and this is a lesson they take with them off the field.

We are in desperate need of more athletic fields in San Francisco. Some athletic leagues have to turn away kids because we simply do not have enough space to handle the demand. The current fields at Beach Chalet are often muddy, filled with gopher holes and dangerous. The City has to close the fields to let them rest, and we lose even more of the limited practice and game space.

We must do better for our kids and create safer and more accessible places for them to play ball. Through the partnership between the City Fields Foundation and our city's Recreation & Parks Department, we have made tremendous progress. We've renovated fields in several neighborhoods across San Francisco and we've added 76,000 hours of additional playtime for our kids. We need to do the same thing at the Beach Chalet fields.

Golden Gate Park has been home to the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields for over 75 years. The proposed plan does not call for constructing entirely new fields, rather it simply improves the existing fields to add 9000 hours of playtime each year. The western area of the park has been designated for residential use and the proposed renovation meets the goals of the Golden Gate Park's Master Plan.

I have watched several youth soccer teams come and go through the many years in which this project has been debated. The public process has been exhaustive. We have sat through dozens of hours of public meetings and submitted letters in support of this project. Last year, we stood with over 300 young people who came out to speak in favor of the project, many of them waiting for hours to have their chance to testify. At every turn, decision-makers questions have been answered and the project has been approved.

Now it is in your hands. Please stand with San Franciscans and vote "No Substantial Issue" on the Coastal Permit Appeal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation in Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

Michael Northover

415-317-8557

April 20, 2013
Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
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March 22, 2013

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Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Michelle Hansen and I am the parent of two boys that play soccer in San Francisco. I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project and ask that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

As a parent, I have seen how much that playing team sports like soccer has helped my kids grow. They have learned how to depend on others and the importance of cooperation and communication – skills that will be valuable when they enter the workplace some day. They have learned the value of hard work and what it means to make a commitment to a goal. They have also learned to believe in themselves - I just wish that my kids had more playfields available to them. The demand is just not being met for our family and all of San Francisco's kids. It does irritate me that I have to shuttle them all over the city to whatever field space is available while we have the Beach Chalet field close to our house that is shut down for much of the year. The Beach Chalet field renovation project would bring some much-needed additional play hours to our side of town and would hopefully spare us so many long car trips.

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Michelle Hansen

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Ocean Beach Resident and Soccer Mom

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Print Name: Olivia Schirle

Age: 11
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Olivia Schirle

March 21, 2013
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation (Coastal Permit Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020)

Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Pamela Rupright and I am the parent of two children who play lacrosse in San Francisco. I am writing in support of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields renovation project and ask that you cast a "No Substantial Issue" vote when you consider the Coastal Permit Appeal for the project.

As a parent, I have seen first-hand the ways that playing on a lacrosse team can help a child grow. Through being on a team, youth learn how to depend on others and the importance of cooperation and communication. They learn the value of hard work and what it means to make a commitment to a goal. Even more than that, my children have learned to believe in themselves and to celebrate their successes. I just wish that my children had more playfields available to them. The demand is just not being met for our family and all of San Francisco's kids.

My son is now in high school and my daughter will enter high school in the fall of 2014. For both, lacrosse is their favorite sport. Unfortunately only a few high schools in San Francisco offer a girls' lacrosse team. This is not because of lack of interest, but primarily due to a lack of field space for potential new teams to practice and play games on. The proposed renovation of the Beach Chalet fields would open up a world of opportunity for girls lacrosse in San Francisco – several girls on my daughter's youth team play only lacrosse and no other sport. I worry about the activity level of those girls if/when they arrive in a high school that is simply unable to offer a lacrosse team for lack of fields.

As President of the San Francisco Lacrosse Club (the "Riptide"), I have dealt for the last five years with lack of fields as the only impediment to growth of the sport. Lacrosse is the fasting growing sport for girls in the country. Our club has grown from one girls team to five in the past three years, yet I have been told that we may not add more teams (despite interest) because there are not enough fields.

Along with hundreds (perhaps thousands?) of other parents, coaches and players, I have written letters, met with city officials, and attended hearings in support of the Beach Chalet Field project. I personally have attended at least four several hours long hearings before various San Francisco Commissions. Last year, over 300 youth players showed up to attend a Planning Commission meeting in City Hall to show their support for and dedication to the project. I used to look forward to my

children playing on the new fields at Beach Chalet. Now I just hope that their young cousin (1st grade) will someday enjoy that space. In the meantime, I hope that my children and their teammates will not trip in one of the many gopher holes on the existing grass fields and break a bone.

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Unfortunately, San Francisco does not always feel like a family-friendly city. Many of my friends with children have had to move due to the high cost of living, insufficient transportation, and lack of recreational facilities. Our families, including my own, need more accessible recreation fields in this part of town. By adding 9000 more hours of playtime, we can open up our fields to locals and tourists alike. Even families who stay in the city often drive their children to Marin County to play in the many family-friendly parks and fields there.

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Parent and President of the San Francisco Lacrosse Club ("the Riptide")
(and resident of the Sunset neighborhood)

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Age: 12

SFVSL SFFC Aftershocks G00

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SFVSC Athena Red G98
San Francisco, CA

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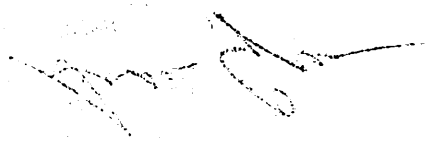

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Susan Green
920 Diamond St.
San Francisco, 94114

Cc: Michelle Myers, Chapter Director, San Francisco Bay Chapter Sierra Club
2530 San Pablo Ave. Suite I, Berkeley, CA 94702-2000

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Print Name: William Hatter
SFVSL SFFC Aftershocks G00
San Francisco, CA

March 22, 2013

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Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

My name is Wyatt Hansen and I play on one of San Francisco's youth soccer teams, the San Francisco Glens. I feel lucky to live a block away from Ocean Beach. I like to walk my dog, go surfing, and play soccer on the beach in front of my house. I go to school at Sunset Elementary a few blocks away from my house.

Please vote to let us renovate the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park because we need more safe places to play.

I love soccer because I can have fun with my friends while practicing and working hard. I look forward to playing soccer and my time on the fields is when I'm happiest.
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Thanks so much,

Wyatt Hansen

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Age 7
SF Glens Champions

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Note: Representative email from 546 individuals

Kahn, Kevin@Coastal

From: form_engine@www.formsite.com on behalf of aostein@attglobal.net <form_engine@www.formsite.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 11:18 AM
To: City Fields Foundation
Subject: Postcard to Coastal Commission

Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
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Dear Chair Shallenberger and members of Coastal Commission,

I cannot attend the Appeal Hearing in early May on the Beach Chalet Renovation Project, so I am writing to voice my support of the project.

San Francisco needs these fields renovated. Please help our kids remain safe, healthy and happy by voting "no substantial issue" on this appeal.

-: Albert Stein
-: 1901 Wawona St
-: San Francisco, CA 94116

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March 29, 2013 (Copy of letter and CV have been sent to Staff)

Re: Beach Chalet Soccer Fields - Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach, San Francisco, CA

Dear Commissioner Belinda Faustinos,

Enclosed please find a letter written by Mr. Milford W. Donaldson, regarding the negative impact of the proposed Beach Chalet Soccer Fields project on San Francisco's Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Park.

Also enclosed is a summary of his experience. In addition to the positions that are listed, in 2010 Mr. Donaldson was appointed the Chairman of the United States Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) by President Obama. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation promotes the preservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of our nation's diverse historic resources, and advises the President and the Congress on national historic preservation policy

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Katherine Howard

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Member, Steering Committee

Attachments: Letter from M.W. Donaldson re: Beach Chalet Soccer Complex Proposal, 2-14-13
Summary of Experience for MW Donaldson

cc: Mr. Kevin Kahn
Coastal Planner, North Central Coast District
California Coastal Commission
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February 14, 2013

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The Beach Chalet Soccer Complex Proposal

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The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared by the City for the project ignores the substantial body of evidence contained in the Urban Design Plan, Western Shoreline Area Plan / Local Coastal Program the Recreation and Open Space Element, the Ocean Beach Master Plan, and the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. Any public body utilizing this EIR document to make decisions regarding the subject project will lack this information and thus the EIR is inadequate and unreliable. In the EIR three additional alternatives and the No Project Alternative were analyzed. Of these alternatives, all three alternatives would decrease the impact to the cultural resource compared to the proposed project. Yet none were pursued by the City.

The following proposed project initiatives conflict with the plans above and would, if constructed, constitute significant adverse, precedent setting impacts on this important historic and cultural resource:

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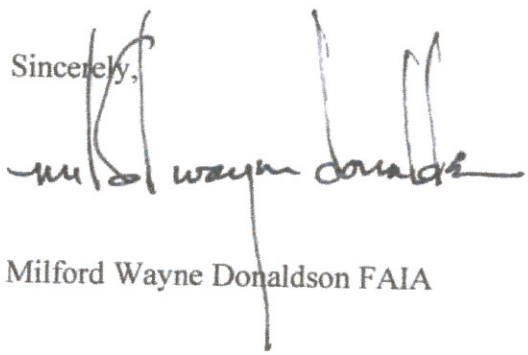

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You have probably already heard of Mr. Donaldson, the architect whose letter you received recently, but here is his mini-bio from Wikipedia:

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I am, as always, available to answer any questions.

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January 4, 2013

BEACH CHALET SOCCER COMPLEX - ITS IMPACT ON THE HISTORIC AND NATURALISTIC CHARACTER OF GOLDEN GATE PARK AND OCEAN BEACH

INTRODUCTION

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco's premier park, was established over 140 years ago. It was designed in the picturesque landscape style. According to the National Register of Historic Places, "*Golden Gate Park was conceived as a naturalistic pleasure ground park to provide a sylvan retreat from urban pressures for all citizens, rich and poor. . . .With development spurred on by the park, the city grew up around the park and it is now a green oasis in a sea of urbanization.*" [1]

However, through the years this historic parkland has often been viewed as open space ripe for development that would destroy the landscape quality of the park; for example, the plan to build the 1915 World's Fair in the Park and the early 1950's plans to run freeways through the park. Therefore, In 1998, after a 10-year community process, the Golden Gate Park Master Plan was completed. [2] Its goal was to prevent further degradation of this historic resource. As stated in the introduction, "*. . .The plan is a preservationist plan, and proposed changes respect the historic context of the park.*" [3]

Today, there is a new threat to the integrity of the parkland and the long-term beauty of not only the Park but also the neighboring Ocean Beach. The proposed Beach Chalet Athletics Field soccer complex runs counter to the National Register designation and also violates the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. Many local citizens and historical, environmental, and neighborhood organizations have been fighting this project but with limited success within the current local political structure. The project is forging ahead, despite violating many other City planning documents, and despite the fact that there is a viable alternative just a few blocks away at West Sunset Playground.

As a result of the disregard of the value of this cultural landscape by the San Francisco city government, over 200 citizens and organizations have appealed the project to the California Coastal Commission.

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BACKGROUND

The historic value of Golden Gate Park

Golden Gate Park is a landscape park that consists of a series of designed, naturalistic outdoor space, connected by winding paths that guide the visitor along meadows, lakes, groves of trees, and waterfalls. The historic and aesthetic character of the Park has been maintained since its creation over 140 years ago and, as such, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. According to the National Register, *"It is designed as a picturesque park landscape that was influenced by the work of Frederick Law Olmsted Sr. Many of the original features and elements from the period of significance are still present and the park maintains a high degree of integrity."* [4]

According to the Golden Gate Park Master Plan Mission Statement, *"The purpose of Golden Gate Park is to serve as an open space preserve in the midst of San Francisco. This historic park is a cultivated pastoral and sylvan landscape, defined by an abundant evergreen woodland."* [5] Golden Gate Park has more than local significance; it is recognized as an important American cultural resource. The Park draws over 10 million visitors a year from all over the world and is the fifth most visited park in the United States. [6]

Golden Gate Park has maintained its design integrity over the years, "*The major design feature of Golden Gate Park and the framework within which all park activities occur is its pastoral and sylvan landscape. The integrity of the pastoral and sylvan landscape must be maintained and remain unaltered.*"[7] It also provides wildlife habitat for a City that will only become denser in terms of human population. *"The eastern park is more actively used, while the western part is more naturalistic and densely wooded. Maintaining this distinction goes a long way towards maintaining wildlife habitat in the park ."* [8]

East - West Division of the Park

Park Surveyor and Superintendent William Hammond Hall envisioned the park as divided conceptually into two different regions. The parkland east of Strawberry Hill was to include a variety of intensively cultivated areas and developed facilities while the land to the west was to be a pastoral and woodland landscape with open meadows defined by stands of trees and enhanced by lakes. [9] Today, the Park follows this vision -- the eastern end of the Park contains many buildings, organized activities, and even a formal landscaped space - for example, the museums and the Music Concourse. However, as one travels west through the park, the naturalistic, sylvan character of the park predominates. The culmination of the park design and experience is the wildness and beauty of Ocean Beach and the Pacific Ocean.

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The overall impression one gets while standing at Ocean Beach and looking back at the Park, is that of being on the edge of a forest, with unlimited, undeveloped, pastoral parkland beyond. Whether walking on the Promenade along the seawall, strolling on the beach at Sunset, gazing up at the stars, or sitting by a fire ring in the dark, the feeling is that of being able to experience nature directly. It is one of the truly non-urban parts of San Francisco, where local residents can get off of a City bus, and in a few minutes, feel that they have returned to the natural world, complimented by historic features which recall a quieter and more bucolic era.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Negative Impacts of the proposed soccer complex on the historic, naturalistic design

The proposed soccer complex is described by the project sponsor as a "renovation," however, it would so materially change the western end of Golden Gate Park that it should more accurately be regarded a new construction project which introduces jarring, rectilinear, man-made elements into an area that is currently naturalistic. As Jim Chappell stated in his DEIR comment letter, *" The proposed project is not a simple renovation but rather a complete remake of the site into a semi-professional sports complex made of modern non-natural materials."* [12] The Beach Chalet soccer complex would substantially degrade the existing visual character and historic context of the Beach Chalet site, its surroundings, and the connection between Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach

The current athletic fields were created in the 1930's, when some of the western park vegetation was removed to provide more opportunities for active recreation. However, the area has maintained its character as a grassy meadow within the forest, and has been open to the general public not only for organized sports but also for other activities such as dog-running, kite-flying, and even a concert.

The construction plans include removing over 7 acres of grass and replacing it with artificial turf, consisting of a gravel base, a plastic carpet, and infill of ground-up old tires (SBR rubber). The project would remove over 55 trees that act as a screen and windbreak and contribute to the pastoral beauty of the area. Although many of these trees are mislabeled in project reports as "tall shrubs," they are in actuality trees and perform an important function not only as a windbreak, but also to define the naturalistic character of the area. The City has promised to replant, but the trees are being removed to allow for expansion of the fields -- replanting would have to take place in another area of the park, if at all. The loss of the trees emphasizes the change from a soft-edged naturalistic space to a hard-edge, rectilinear design -- rectangular fields surrounded by rectilinear 8 to 10 foot wide concrete paths and further bisected by a 30 foot wide concrete sidewalk.

Charles Birnbaum (TCLF) states in his comments on the DEIR: "*. . .The existing historic design of the park encourages passive, informal uses in this area, as suggested by the naturalistic edges and open*

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10 Beach Chalet (1925), City Landmark # 179

11 Dutch Windmill (1903), City Landmark #147 and Murphy Windmill (1907), City Landmark #210.

12 Chappell, James, "Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation, comments on DEIR," 12-10-11, page 1. NOTE: James Chappell is the former Executive Director of SPUR, San Francisco Planning and Urban Research as well as an instructor for over 20 years in the history of landscape design at the UC Berkeley Extension Certificate Program in Landscape Architecture.

space. Alternatives that change the character of this section of the park significantly by establishing it as a heavy use, structured sports area would not be consistent with the historic design." [13]

Impact of introducing sports lighting and other lighting to an area that is currently dark

The soccer complex would bring in other modern features that would clash with the naturalistic landscape. The ten proposed sports light fixtures are state of the art, contemporary, sports lights. The addition of these 60-foot tall light standards with multiple banked fixtures, to what is now a flat, open meadow, will completely change the character of the open meadow. Instead of a peaceful, grassy area, there will be multiple poles sticking up to interrupt the view. In addition, 60 more pole lights will be added to this area, in the parking lot, surrounding the fields, and along nearby paths. All of these light poles and fixtures, even during the day, will destroy any semblance of meadow or pastoral parkland. In fact, this project is more suited to a suburban parking lot than to Golden Gate Park.

At night, these fixtures will be even more prominent. There is no way that a visitor could imagine that they are in naturalistic parkland with 150,000 watts of sports lighting shining on them. According to the National Park Service, the proposed lighting system would be bright enough to be sufficient for televised NCAA events. [14] The light standards are 60 feet tall, while the trees that currently screen the Beach Chalet fields from Ocean Beach are only 25 to 35 feet tall; these trees are unlikely to grow taller, due to the strong winds that blow in from the ocean. Therefore, these light fixtures will be visible from outside the Park and will impair the scenic qualities of this coastal area.

The EIR states that the Beach Chalet is listed in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan as a night-use area that can be lighted; this is incorrect. [15] The Master Plan lists only the Beach Chalet building as a night-use area for the purpose of park lighting. In fact, the Master Plan states that "*Lighting is for safety purposes and is not intended to increase night use.*" [16]

The foggy climate and typical marine layer at the western edge of the City scatters and reflects light. The project proponents have claimed that "*. . . the proposed lighting is unlikely to spill over the site's boundaries substantially enough to adversely affect the surrounding neighborhoods. Also the spillover would not affect the amount of light of the night sky, as the sky appears similar above the athletic field lights as above other areas with no athletic field lights. Specifically, under foggy conditions, the lighting would be more diffused . . .*" [17] [18] However, according to European lighting expert Henk Spoelstra, "*These are questionable and qualitative statements. During foggy conditions the whole sporting field will be like a glowing bright cloud and the surroundings will be brightly lit up to a factor 10 to 20 times brighter than under clear sky conditions. . . So during a number of these occasions the*

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[13] Birnbaum, Charles A. FASLA, FAAR, "CASE No. 2010.0016E - Comment on Draft Environmental Impact Report, 12-08-11", The Cultural Landscape Foundation, correspondence, page 1.

[14] Dean, Frank, "National Park Service Scoping Comments for the NOP of an EIR for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation, Case No. 2010.0016E," 03-04-11, page 3.

[15] "Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation, Draft EIR," EP Case No. 2010.0016E, City and Country of San Francisco, San Francisco Planning Department, October 2011, page IV. B-15 NOTE: The full EIR is available online at: http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=1828

[16] "Golden Gate Park Master Plan, " San Francisco Recreation and Park Department with Royston, Hanamoto, Alley, and Abey, 1998, page 9-5.

[17] "Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation, Draft EIR," EP Case No. 2010.0016E, City and Country of San Francisco, San Francisco Planning Department, October 2011, page IV. B-34

[18] NOTE: the EIR lighting studies were performed by Musco Lighting, the manufacturer that is also selling the lights to the City for this project and from whom the City has purchased lights for other City sports fields.

*proposed lighting is **likely** to spill over the site's boundaries substantially enough and **will** affect the surrounding neighborhood (so complete opposite of the statement in the EIR). "* [19]

About 25% of the light would be reflected upwards, into the sky. On clear nights this reflected light would cause sky glow and degrade the dark sky resources in the northwest coast of San Francisco. Not only does this have an impact on the characteristic darkness of the area and the habitat value, but it will also have an impact on the enjoyment of Ocean Beach. Ocean Beach is used by San Franciscans and visitors for viewing the sunset, for star-gazing, and for enjoying the fire rings in the darkness along the beach.

The Project lights would also have an impact on a greater area than just the immediate location, detracting from the historic views of the Park from Sutro Heights Park, from the Cliff House, and from the 49 Mile Scenic Drive.

In fact, the Department of the Interior (National Park Service, Golden Gate National Recreation Area) has asked that the lighting be modified; however, the City has refused to make the modifications requested, choosing instead to follow the United States Soccer Foundation standards. [20] Plans are to use the area for adult league games at night, and for championship games at various times during the year.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT - CULTURAL IMPACTS SECTION

As a result of this project, the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields would no longer be listed as a historic resource in the National Register for Golden Gate Park.

In addition to the lighting, negative impacts would result from installing seating for over 1,000 visitors, installing additional paving in the form of concrete paths up to 30 feet wide - totaling almost 1 acre new impervious surface [21]- and enlarging the existing parking lot by 33% - -in a City that is supposed to be transit- first. In fact, the EIR for the project states that everyone will drive to this area - - increasing traffic and cars both in the Park and at Ocean Beach.

In the background report written by ESA for the EIR, ESA states that the spatial organization, the change from real to artificial turf, the lighting, the introduction of the spectator seating, and the introduction of new, paved circulation paths do not comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standard and that the impacts *of each one of the components* would be considered significant and unavoidable. [22]

The EIR itself combines impacts from the various proposed changes, for example, the Spectator seating installation *"combined with other proposed elements . . . would collectively result in a significant impact to a historical resource."* [23]

The Environmental Impact Report concludes that "*the Beach Chalet Athletic Field Renovation Project would materially impair in an adverse manner many of the character defining features of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, a contributor to the Golden Gate Park National Historic district . . . As the*

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[19] Spoelstra, Henk, "Expert Comments on the DEIR for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation," 12-10-11, Lumineux Consult, page 6.

[20] "Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation, Responses to Comments," EP Case No. 2010.0016E, City and Country of San Francisco, San Francisco Planning Department, May 2012, page X.H-57.

[21] Brewster, Bradley, and Pollock, "Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation, Historic Resources Evaluation Report" ESA, July 2011, p. 56

[22] Brewster, Bradley, and Pollock, "Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation, Historic Resources Evaluation Report" ESA, July 2011, pp. 47, 49, 53.

[23] "Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation, Draft EIR," EP Case No. 2010.0016E, City and Country of San Francisco, San Francisco Planning Department, October 2011, page IV.C-20.

installation of spectator seating, synthetic turf, and field lights are crucial to the implementation of the proposed project, there are no mitigation measures for these elements that would reduce the level of impact to the less-than-significant level while continuing to meet the objectives of the project. As such, the impact is considered significant and unavoidable." [24]

In a comment letter written by the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), Commission President Charles Chase writes: " *The HPC agrees with the finding that the proposed project will cause a significant impact to historic resources and spatial organization of the western end of Golden Gate Park . . ." Also, the HPC . . ."believes there will be a big change to the aesthetics of the park . . . and that "the mitigation measures should clearly state that the park should be designed to be as naturalistic as possible and to match the semi-wild feeling that currently exists in this part of the park."*[25]

LACK OF SENSITIVITY TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES BY THE SF RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

It is unfortunate that the current administration of the Recreation and Park properties does not appear to be sensitive to the value of the historic properties over which it holds sway. In 2003, preliminary plans for the new underground garage in the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park included cutting down all of the 100-year-old, pollarded trees in front of the Bandshell. It took three years of considerable public input and new landmark legislation to protect these trees from destruction. [26] Two years ago the SF PUC proposed building a 40,000 square foot, above-ground, water treatment plant in Golden Gate Park, despite this very idea being proposed and rejected by the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. The Recreation and Park Department actively supported this project in public meetings and in offering the land to the SF PUC. It was citizen activism and a willingness by SF PUC to work with the public, that enabled finding a better location for this industrial facility, outside of Golden Gate Park. [27]

Just last year, a ballot measure was passed by San Franciscans, asking that the Recreation and Park Department improve its stewardship of Coit Tower and its PWA murals. [28] And, sadly, after years of neglect, the Fleishhacker Pool House has just burned down. The Pool House was ignored for years by the Department. The building could have been restored and made an outstanding addition to the area overlooking the beach as well as providing a historic destination point for the hikers and bikers along the Great Highway. With its loss, all that is left is a parking lot where the magnificent Fleishhacker pool was once located. It is difficult to recreate a sense of history from a parking lot.

Seeking new sources of revenue, the Department has started to charge higher fees for many historic properties. A Recreation and Park Commissioner, who is a retired real-estate developer, has labeled this trend the search for "site specific revenue generation." The Japanese Tea Garden was free for years but now it requires a fee for even residents to enter. The Strybing Arboretum charges a fee for non-residents, but it is expected that residents will soon be charged. The need to either pay or show proof of residency has resulted in the Arboretum becoming essentially a 'ghost-garden,' rarely used by either locals or guests. The fight over Coit Tower was related to vendors and permit-holders not taking care of the areas they were leasing.

The Beach Chalet soccer fields project is also part of the revenue-generating trend. Adult soccer leagues, which come from outside of San Francisco, will have to pay a higher fee to use the artificial turf

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[24] "Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation, Draft EIR," EP Case No. 2010.0016E, City and Country of San Francisco, San Francisco Planning Department, October 2011, page IV.C-27.

[25] Chase, Charles Edwin, President, Historic Preservation Commission, correspondence, to Mr. Bill Wycko, ERO, SF Planning Department, 12-1-11, page 1.

[26] Friends of the Music Concourse, www.musicconcourse.org.

[27] Golden Gate Park Preservation Alliance, www.goldengateparkpreservation.org.

[28] Protect Coit Tower, www.protectcoittower.org.

fields. Since the adult soccer leagues play at night, the fields have to be lighted for them. Although the project is often portrayed as "for the kids," the benefit to the youth leagues is minor in comparison to the projected use by adult leagues. Adult recreation is important, but it is short-sighted to sacrifice parkland that should be open to all to one part of the population -- especially when an alternative is available.

While it is recognized that revenue to support the Department is important, it is also important to look at these proposals in light of the long-term loss of our historic heritage for short-term gain.

OTHER ISSUES TO CONSIDER

Project proponents have stated that this soccer complex takes less than 1% of the land area of Golden Gate Park and that it impacts only 1 of 137 contributing resources to the Historic District. These efforts to downgrade the impact of the project on the historic character of Golden Gate Park ignore these important points:

- A great deal of Golden Gate Park is already taken up with roads, buildings, and infrastructure such a construction yards; in fact, there are few large meadows in the Park. Golden Gate Park may include over 1,000 acres, but this area includes the Panhandle and some 15 miles of roads as well as a multitude of buildings and the paved areas. Golden Gate Park has only 130 acres of meadow, fields, and open spaces. [29] The Beach Chalet fields alone are over 7 acres, and the area around them that will be impacted is much larger. The meadow character is a vital part of the historic character of the Park.

- The 137 contributing resources include every statue and restroom in the park -- it is arguable that the loss of a statue or a restroom would not have the same impact on the overall parkland as the loss of a 7 acre meadow.

- The Beach Chalet fields are located at a crucial junction of beach and park. The built project would erect a barrier - both physical and psychological - between the two major park areas in our city and preclude a natural, flowing connection between them that is envisioned in many planning documents.

- The Beach Chalet fields are also proximate to most of the historic City Landmarks located within Golden Gate Park - the Beach Chalet, the two windmills, and the millwright's house. All have been carefully renovated to preserve their historic character. Placing the modern sports complex in the middle of this area would detract from the historic context for all of these buildings.

- The views from the historic Cliff House, from Sutro Heights Park, and from the 49 Mile Scenic Drive will also be degraded by this project.

- Chris Patillo (HALS) wrote: "*First, the DEIR fails to analyze the impacts of the proposed changes in the context of the entire park. Instead, the impacts analysis focuses exclusively on the western portion of the park. In fact, I was unable to find a single exhibit within the bound portion of the DEIR that shows the entire park. It is essential that the entire park be included in the analysis. Golden Gate Park was designed as a single unit and needs to be consistently viewed in that context. For example, imagine that a museum curator decided it would be a good idea to alter the painting of the Mono Lisa – possibly adding a bright and dazzling ring. Would such a change have a profound effect on the*

[29] "Golden Gate Park Master Plan, " San Francisco Recreation and Park Department with Royston, Hanamoto, Alley, and Abey, 1998, page 1-12

entire painting? I dare say yes. Similarly, by adding artificial turf and 70 new light standards to the Chalet Fields the character of the entire park would be impacted . . . " [30]

- The importance of preserving as much of the historic character of Golden Gate Park as possible is best expressed in the National Register application: " *Although the park contains the individual resources listed here, it is important to view Golden Gate Park as a whole. Golden Gate park was developed over many years, but it was conceived as a single creation that we now consider an historic designed landscape."* [31]

WHAT OTHER PLANNING DOCUMENTS SAY ABOUT PROTECTING THIS AREA

Recreation and Open Space Element (ROSE)

According to Jim Chappell's comment letter on the DEIR: "*The DEIR also ignores the adopted Recreation and Open Space Element of the General Plan (1986, City Planning Department)* . . . The ROSE states, *". . . The overall goal of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan should seek* ***to retain the integrity of the park's original design*** *while having sufficient flexibility to accommodate society's evolving needs. In 1979, the Recreation and Park Commission, adopted "Master Plan Objectives and Policies for Golden Gate Park," to guide any necessary changes, act as a blueprint to guide maintenance of the park's rich landscape, and steward Golden Gate Park through the next century. The objectives are to:*

1. Acknowledge Golden Gate Park's contribution to the diversity of cultural and recreational activities available to residents of San Francisco and the Bay region; recognize the park's importance as an American cultural resource.
2. ***Provide for the protection and renewal of the park landscape****.*
3. ***Preserve the open space of Golden Gate Park****.*
4. Create and maintain a park-wide system of recreation roadways, pathways and trails. Minimize vehicular traffic.
5. Foster appropriate use of park recreation resources." [32]

The San Francisco General Plan – Western Shoreline Area Plan

The Western Shoreline Area Plan [33] policies for land use in the western end of Golden Gate Park includes the following policies:

POLICY 3.1 Strengthen the visual connection between the park and beach. ***Emphasize the naturalistic landscape qualities of the western end of the park for visitor use****. When possible eliminate the Richmond-Sunset sewer treatment facilities.*

POLICY 3.2 Continue to implement a long-term ***reforestation*** *program at the western portion of the park.*

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[30] Patillo, Chris, "Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation," correspondence regarding the Beach Chalet DEIR, PGA Design Group, 12-08-11, pages 1 and 2. NOTE: Ms. Patillo is a founding member of Northern California Chapter of the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS).

[31] "National Register of Historic Places Application Form, Golden Gate Park," Section 7, certified August 24, 2004, page 2.

[32] Chappell, James, "Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation, comments on DEIR," 12-10-11, correspondence, page 1.

[33] "San Francisco General Plan, Western Shoreline Area Plan" http://www.sf-planning.org/ftp/general_plan/Western_Shoreline.htm#WES_GHW

The California Coastal Act

The project is located adjacent to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and within the Local Coastal Zone. The California Coastal Act states:

> ***"The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance.*** *Permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural landforms, to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, and, where feasible, to restore and enhance visual quality in visually degraded areas. "* [34]

The Ocean Beach Master Plan

The 2012 Ocean Beach Master Plan is a collaborative effort of state and local agencies, organizations, neighborhoods, and individuals, coordinated by the planning organization, SPUR. The Plan talks about retaining the natural character of Ocean Beach and the natural connections to Golden Gate Park:

> *Focus Area 1 - Ecology*
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> *"Aspiration -* ***Restore and establish conditions that support thriving biological communities*** *. . . ...Although Ocean Beach is very much a managed landscape . . . important biological communities make their homes there. The beach and dune system* ***provide a corridor of scarce habitat for numerous species, link habitat in adjacent parklands."***
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> *Focus Area 4 - Image and Character*
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> *"Ocean Beach has a wild, rugged character and a unique culture and history. Once home to destinations like Sutro Baths, Playland and Fleishhacker Pool,* ***today the beach draws users who find the elemental beauty of its wind, waves and fog a scenic respite from the city. Improvements should retain and draw upon these qualities."*** [35]

A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE IS AVAILABLE THAT AVOIDS NEGATIVE CULTURAL IMPACTS

There is a viable alternative. The Hybrid Alternative is a combination of the EIR alternatives; it moves this soccer complex out of Golden Gate Park and further southeast to West Sunset Playground. The Hybrid Alternative basically swaps the materials planned for the two fields -- it places artificial turf and the night lights at West Sunset Playground and renovates the Beach Chalet fields with natural grass and no lights.

West Sunset Playground is located outside the Coastal Zone, and 1/2 mile from the beach. It is already a developed sports center with playing fields, restrooms, bleachers, some night lighting, and a children's playground. It is not a place where people go for "a walk in the park." The West Sunset Playground has been allocated $13.2mm in funding for renovation of over 9 acres of grass fields in the 2012 Parks Bond. The Beach Chalet project improvement could be built at West Sunset with artificial turf and a safe infill material. Lighting could be installed that is appropriate for this community, providing hours of play in the evenings for kids in the winter and for adult leagues at all times.

The grass fields at Beach Chalet have not been renovated for over 10 years and need to be upgraded. The soil is compacted, the drainage has always been poor, and there are numerous gophers.

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[34] "California Coastal Act," Section 30251 http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=prc&group=30001-31000&file=30250-30255

[35] "Ocean Beach Master Plan, May 2012," Page 2 http://www.spur.org/climate-change/2012-06-26/ocean-beach-master-plan-final-document

These fields would benefit from a renovation that would install sub-surface drainage, gopher controls, state-of-the-art irrigation, a new soil mix, and new sod. Providing this renovation would give the kids a first-rate grass playing field; professional soccer players prefer real grass, and there should be at least one great grass field in San Francisco on which kids can learn to play professional-level soccer. [36]

The Hybrid Alternative is supported by many groups, including the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The HPC DEIR comment letter states, "*. . . the HPC believes the best preservation alternative is a combination of parts of preservation alternatives no. 2, 3, and 4 which is to improve the soccer fields at Beach Chalet as well as to seek an off-site alternative. The proposed off-site alternative holds real potential . . .*" [37]

In its DEIR comment letter, the California Preservation Foundation stated, "*Public agencies must 'deny approval of a project with significant adverse effects when feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures can substantially lessen such effects.' Sierra Club v. Gilroy City Council (1990) 222 Cal.App.3d 40, 41; see also Public Resources Code § 21002, 21002.1. In the DEIR three additional alternatives and the No Project Alternative were analyzed. Of these alternatives, all three alternatives would decrease the impact to the cultural resource. These alternatives however only took out one aspect of the project and did not explore minimizing the overall impact to the site by reduction of use. We believe that another hybrid alternative could meet most of the project objectives. This would include renovating the existing fields with natural turf and limited to no lighting and renovating fields at West Sunset Park.*"[38]

The City has rejected this alternative, despite the fact that the Hybrid Alternative would provide more time for people to play soccer while preserving the historic character of the western end of Golden Gate Park.

THE VALUE OF PROTECTING THE NATURALISTIC BEAUTY AND HISTORIC INTEGRITY OF GOLDEN GATE PARK AND OCEAN BEACH

There are always development pressures on open space -- and even more so, in a City of 800,000 people. An individual project may be very worthy in and of itself, but the worth of any project should be tempered by the impact it has on the character of the open space where it is located. For example, no one doubts the need for more housing in San Francisco, but on the other hand, no one has proposed covering our parkland with apartments. The soccer complex provides a benefit that would, in and of itself, be advantageous to a limited number of city dwellers. However, the proposed location in Golden Gate Park will deprive the majority of city dwellers of the opportunity to experience nature and historic parkland without the overwhelming intrusion of man-made, built elements. Open space provides the greater good for the greater number of people and makes the city more livable. Cultural landscapes further increase the meaning and the value of the space to the public for now and for future generations and should be preserved.

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[36] Kozakiewicz, Paul, "Soccer fields should be grass," Editorial, *Richmond Review and Sunset Beacon*, March, 2012.

[37] Chase, Charles Edwin, President, Historic Preservation Commission, correspondence to Mr. Bill Wycko, Environmental Review Officer, SF Planning Department, December 1, 2011. page 2

[38] Gates, Jennifer, M., AICP, Field Services Director, California Preservation Foundation, correspondence to Mr. Bill Wycko, Environmental Review Officer, 12-08-11, page 2.

Beach Chalet soccer fields are the large grassy area in the foreground, next to Ocean Beach and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

"The major design feature of Golden Gate Park and the framework within which all park activities occur is its pastoral and sylvan landscape."
GGP Master Plan.

"The purpose of Golden Gate Park is to serve as an open space preserve in the midst of San Francisco. This historic park is a cultivated pastoral and sylvan landscape, defined by an abundant evergreen woodland."

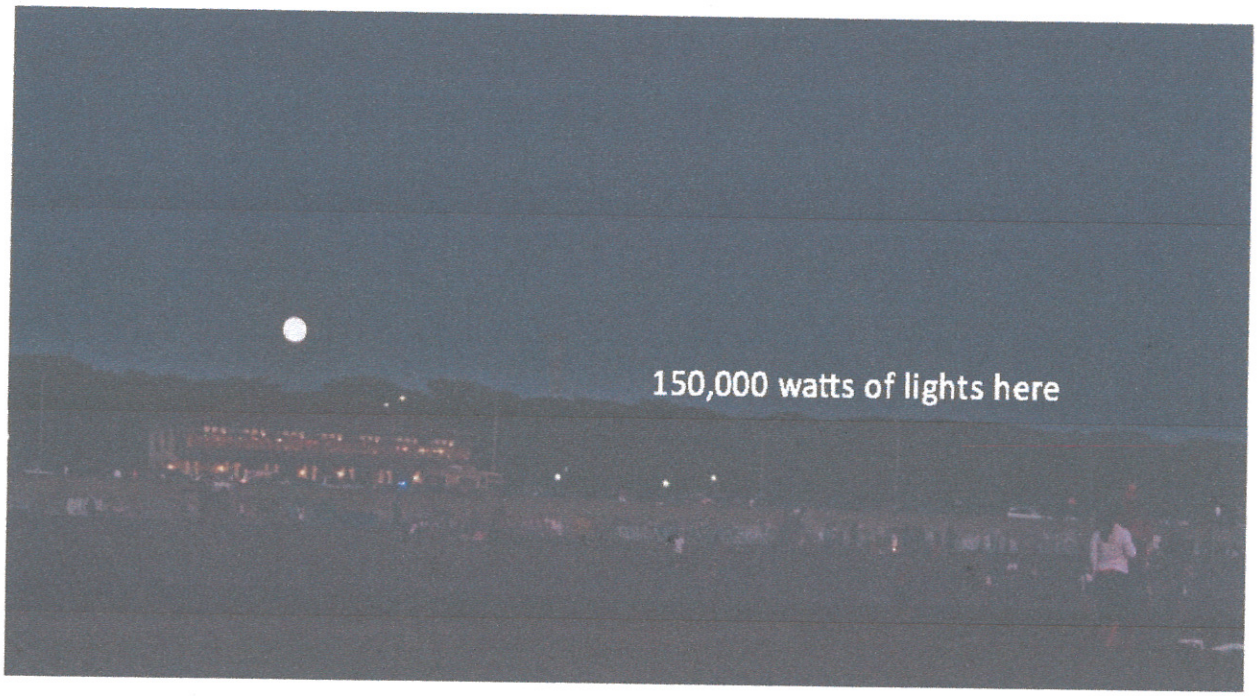
GGP Master Plan

The Beach Chalet fields today - a practice field that sports fans, wildlife, and a variety of park goers of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities can enjoy both for sports and as parkland.

Meadow and the Dutch Windmill in the fog at Beach Chalet – a classic view of Golden Gate Park as a landscape that is used for recreation part of the day, but when the players are not present, it returns to parkland and habitat that can be enjoyed by hikers and wildlife alike.

Proposed project: The project design imposes a severely rectilinear design on the area and destroys the naturalistic feeling of parkland. Note that the concrete pathway through the center of the fields is 30 feet wide. Other walkways bordering the fields are 8 and 10 feet wide, and further emphasize the hard edges of the design.

Proposed lighting fixtures - a drastic change from parkland to developed sports area. The sports light poles will be 60 feet tall – twice as tall as the trees that separate the parkland from Ocean Beach.



Golden Gate Park and the Beach Chalet restaurant as seen from Ocean Beach. The text shows the proposed location of the 150,000 watts of sports lighting on 60 foot poles. Current plans indicate that the lights could be on up until 10:00 p.m., 365 days of the year.

- Proposed sports lighting looks like this . . . .

"Destroy a public building and it can be rebuilt in a year; destroy a city woodland park and all the people living at the time will have passed away before its restoration can be effected."

William Hammond Hall, Surveyor
First Superintendent of Golden Gate Park. 1872

Looking across the dunes from Ocean Beach towards the newly renovated Murphy windmill; The 60 foot light poles will be visible to the immediate left of the historic windmill.

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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Madam President and Commissioners,

The Sunset Architectural and Historical Resource Inventory Committee (SAHRIC), a committee of the Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee (SPEAK) has the following concerns about the proposed Soccer Fields complex at the western edge of Golden Gate Park next to Ocean Beach:

There are four landmark buildings within a few yards of the proposed sports complex. They are the Murphy Windmill, the nearby Millwright's Cottage, the Queen Wilhelmina Windmill and Tulip Gardens, and the Beach Chalet. All four are official City Landmarks. The proximity of these structures to each other is enhanced by a pathway which runs north-south and connects the four landmarks, parallel to the Great Highway. This pathway lies atop what may have been the historic track of the Sutro Railroad which once connected H Street (now Lincoln Way) to the Sutro attractions at the foot of Sutro Heights, such as Playland-at-the-Beach. While this area has not yet been recognized as an historic district, if the Soccer Fields complex is approved, there will be little chance that sufficient historic connectivity and integrity will remain to qualify it as an historic district.

Here are the main points of our concerns of the Soccer Fields Project:
1. the proposed project is the development of an expanded sports facility complex at a nationally recognized site on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP);
2. this project should not be called a renovation: it is an extreme makeover and major expansion which will materially affect the NRHP status;
3. the EIR wrongly treats separately and does not connect the four highly visible landmarks mentioned above; the EIR does not adequately identify and describe them as a potential historic district and does not provide a fully dimensioned map showing the location of the proposed project within the potential landmark district;
4. with the right graphics, it can be demonstrated that the impact of the proposed project would be visually significant; the EIR did not contain adequate graphics or

photographs taken in sufficient light and thus the EIR says the project would not be visually significant;
5. an alternative to the proposed project should be developed which would show how a true restoration and renovation would enhance the historic resources. We ask the California Coastal Commission to carefully analyze the renovation of the Playing Fields with natural grass without additional lighting combined with the location of a high intensity sports complex to other areas such as the West Sunset Playing Fields;
6. approval of the project would foreclose any possibility of the West End of Golden Gate Park becoming a San Francisco historic district.

The proposed project will compromise the integrity of the historic buildings and compromise the visual and functional integrity with the increase in activity and hours of operation of the proposed sports facility.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

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Ms. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council opposes the installation of artificial turf and sports lighting at the existing soccer fields located at the west end of Golden Gate Park, commonly called the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields. This is a development that would be suited to at least one other nearby location that is not in Golden Gate Park and not adjacent to Ocean Beach and the GGNRA.

HANC opposes the development of a soccer complex at the west end of Golden Gate Park for all the reasons that the SF Oceans Edge folks do. It is simply an opportunity for the current San Francisco Recreation & Parks (Rec & Park) administration to further its goal of commercializing our parks.

The western end of Golden Gate Park is supposed to be "wild and natural" as set forth in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. Artificial turf and stadium lights are antithetical to this goal! The Sierra Club and Audubon Society have also worked to defeat the use of artificial turf and stadium lights in this location.

In spite of what Rec & Park says, this is a development to attract adult soccer leagues from throughout the Bay Area (who will pay!), and not just "for the kids".

We support the renovation of the soccer fields (which have not been maintained for years) with state of the art gopher proofing AND the siting of the soccer complex at another location outside of GG Park.

Sincerely,

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The Harvey Milk LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender) Club is opposed to the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields project proposed for the western end of Golden Gate Park and urges the California Coastal Commission to recommend that this project be moved to an alternative location.

The Beach Chalet fields are used today by both youth and adults for practice soccer and competitions. When not in use, the fields are habitat for wildlife; in the past, they have also been used for kite flying, picnics, and even a concert! However, this project takes what is currently parkland benefiting all ages and physical abilities, and restricts it to use only by a limited number of people. It is unlikely that anyone will want to picnic on an artificial turf field. Artificial turf cannot be used for activities such as concerts. The loss of the meadow aspect of the park means that folks who come out to the fields to enjoy the parkland as parkland with grass, trees and birds, will no longer be able to enjoy this area as such.

San Francisco has plans to accommodate a higher population. As the number of people increases, they will need more land that is parkland, to counter the increasing dense urban environment. Even now, San Franciscans would like to have more opportunity for outdoor experiences in nature. The Leon Younger & PROS, LLC Recreation Assessment Report (Aug.2004), commissioned by the SF Recreation and Park Department, showed that over 60% of those polled currently participated in visiting nature areas, while only 12% participated in youth soccer, rugby or field hockey. In addition, when asked what programs that participants would take part in more often if available, almost 25% chose visiting nature areas, while only 3% chose youth soccer.

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Night lighting is damaging to wildlife health and especially to birds, affecting nesting, foraging, and migration patterns. Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach are major stops along the western flyway for migratory birds. The artificial turf and new lighting combined turn valuable parkland and wildlife habitat into a paved, lighted, developed and essentially sterile, lifeless site.

While we understand and support the need for youth recreation opportunities, young people need to have the opportunity to experience nature directly and to learn to appreciate and value nature. What is the lesson to our children in destroying habitat for short-term convenience, especially when an alternative is available?

A strong compromise has been proposed -- renovating the soccer field with natural grass and no night lighting, and using the remaining funding to renovate additional playing fields in San Francisco. We hope that the California Coastal Commission will work with the City to implement this compromise, protecting Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach for everyone's use, now and into the future.

Sincerely,
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The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) is a coalition of over 44 neighborhood organizations, formed to communicate San Francisco residents' concerns with land use and other issues. For the last three years, CSFN has been deeply concerned about the proposed Beach Chalet Soccer Complex and the negative impact it would have on Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach.

The Beach Chalet Soccer Complex would introduce highly urbanized artificial fields into Golden Gate Park, destroying the naturalistic character of the western end of the Park. This project would replace natural plantings with proven toxic artificial turf, increase paving in the park in an area that is now completely vegetated, remove many trees that make up the Park's windbreak, and degraded wildlife habitat in the Park and at Ocean Beach. The project would increase traffic to the Park, to Ocean Beach, and through the neighborhoods. The horrendous 150,000 watts of sports lights and the additional pole lights would significantly decrease the darkness of the night sky and infringe on the wild nature of Ocean Beach; in addition, the lighting would have a negative impact on views not only for the neighbors around the area but also for visitors to historic Sutro Park and the Cliff House.

Ocean Beach is where San Franciscans go to watch the sunset, to sit by a fire on the beach, or to gaze at the stars. In sum, this project would change the overall character of the western edge of Golden Gate Park from a sylvan retreat to that of a developed sports complex and destroy the beauty of Ocean Beach.

We urge you to take into account our deeply felt concerns and to direct the City to renovate the Beach Chalet fields with natural grass and no lighting, and to consider seriously the alternative of West Sunset Playground and other facilities in San Francisco. Many of our playing fields are in need of funding; spending over $14 million on this one project does not serve our children well. Fixing up Beach Chalet with natural grass and using the rest of the funding elsewhere in San Francisco would serve the children equally well, while preserving the beauty and habitat of Golden Gate Park and of Ocean Beach for future generations.

Sincerely,

Nancy Wuerfel
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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

On behalf of the California Preservation Foundation (CPF), I am writing to express our concern over potential adverse impacts stemming from the proposed Beach Chalet Soccer Fields project. Established in 1977, CPF is the only statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of California's diverse cultural and architectural heritage. CPF works with its extensive network of 1,500 members to provide statewide leadership, advocacy, and education.

The Beach Chalet Soccer fields are located at the western terminus of Golden Gate Park. Designed in 1871 by William Hammond Hall, Golden Gate Park is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as an important historic landscape under Criterion C (Design) at the national level of significance in the area of landscape architecture, and under Criterion A (Event) at the regional level of significance in the area of recreation and social history. The construction of the Beach Chalet Recreational fields in the 1930s had relatively little impact to the naturalistic meadows and woodlands. Other contributing features to the western half of the park include the restroom building from the 1930s and the tree windbreak at the western edge of the park.

The currently proposed Beach Chalet Soccer Complex project would replace the existing grass field with up to seven and half acres of artificial turf; erect 60 foot light posts and 4 - 18 foot tall fencing around the soccer fields; remove a number of trees and tall shrubs; add paved pathways; and expand the existing parking lot. These new elements are out of character with the historic design intent of the western end of Golden Gate Park. The proposed improvements would significantly diminish the existing naturalistic character of the park's cultural landscape. Also of concern are potential impacts to surrounding historic resources including the Beach Chalet (San Francisco City Landmark #179), Murphy's Windmill and Millwright Cottage (San Francisco Landmark # 210), the Dutch Windmill (San Francisco City Landmark #147).

The Golden Gate Park Master Plan adopted in 1998 recommends that the original design of the park guide decisions about new projects. The Master Plan improvements to the western end of the park include improvement to the landscaping, continued reforestation of the western windbreak, addition of a grass soccer field, and restoration and rehabilitation for the windmills, Millwright's House and the Beach Chalet. It does not include the complete renovation of the soccer fields or introduction of artificial elements into the landscape.

The addition of the 60 foot light poles and the tall fencing would create a visual impact as both would be visible from the surrounding park area. The trees in that area are short, due to the strong winds that blow in off the Pacific Ocean, and provide little screening.

Night lighting of the soccer field is in conflict with Park Master Plan, which states "[p]ark lighting should not detract visually or physically from the character of the park." The Beach Chalet restaurant is a night use area, but the fields are not.

The Final Environmental Impact Report finds that the proposed improvements for the Beach Chalet Soccer Field would cause a significant adverse impact on a historic resource under the CEQA. The Hybrid Alternative should be considered because it includes renovation of the Beach Chalet fields with natural grass and no additional lighting. It includes the renovation of the nearby West Sunset Playground with artificial turf and lighting that is appropriate to that neighborhood. This would increase the hours of play for children while protecting the historic naturalistic character of Golden Gate Park and the enjoyment of Ocean Beach for everyone.

We hope that you will direct the City to protect Golden Gate Park and seriously consider either the Hybrid Alternative or using available funds to fix up other playing fields in San Francisco for increased use.

CPF encourages the Commission to work with all parties involved to develop sensitive improvements that maintain the historic character of Golden Gate Park. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at cheitzman@californiapreservation.org or by phone at 415-495-0349.

Sincerely,

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March 29, 2013 (Copy of letter and CV have been sent to Staff)

Re: Beach Chalet Soccer Fields - Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach, San Francisco, CA

Dear Commissioner Steve Blank,

Enclosed please find a letter written by Mr. Milford W. Donaldson, regarding the negative impact of the proposed Beach Chalet Soccer Fields project on San Francisco's Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Park.

Also enclosed is a summary of his experience. In addition to the positions that are listed, in 2010 Mr. Donaldson was appointed the Chairman of the United States Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) by President Obama. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation promotes the preservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of our nation's diverse historic resources, and advises the President and the Congress on national historic preservation policy

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Katherine Howard

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Member, Steering Committee

Attachments: Letter from M.W. Donaldson re: Beach Chalet Soccer Complex Proposal, 2-14-13
Summary of Experience for MW Donaldson

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February 14, 2013

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The Beach Chalet Soccer Complex Proposal

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Beach Chalet Fields' Renovation project in Golden Gate Park, proposed by the City & County of San Francisco's Parks & Recreation Department. As a preservation architect I have reviewed the significant cultural and historic features of GG Park, and conclude that, as proposed, the development would have significant irreparable impacts on these resources.

As you know, GG Park is one of the most famous urban parks in the world, and is registered as a historic resource by both the state and federal government, making the park of utmost importance in the promotion of our nation's cultural heritage.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared by the City for the project ignores the substantial body of evidence contained in the Urban Design Plan, Western Shoreline Area Plan / Local Coastal Program the Recreation and Open Space Element, the Ocean Beach Master Plan, and the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. Any public body utilizing this EIR document to make decisions regarding the subject project will lack this information and thus the EIR is inadequate and unreliable. In the EIR three additional alternatives and the No Project Alternative were analyzed. Of these alternatives, all three alternatives would decrease the impact to the cultural resource compared to the proposed project. Yet none were pursued by the City.

The following proposed project initiatives conflict with the plans above and would, if constructed, constitute significant adverse, precedent setting impacts on this important historic and cultural resource:

- The proposed project is inconsistent with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan and conflicts with the City's General Plan policies.
- The proposed project will cause a significant impact to historic resources and spatial organization of the western end of Golden Gate Park.
- The existing historic design of the park encourages passive, informal uses in this area, as suggested by the naturalistic edges and open space. Alternatives that change the character of this section of the park significantly by establishing it as a heavy use, structured sports area would not be consistent with the historic design. The proposed project will adversely affect daytime and nighttime views of the area.

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- The removal of almost 30,000 square feet from the existing planted area impacts the historic tree and shrub edge, significantly altering the historic naturalistic setting. The historic grading will also be significantly altered by the proposed project. Substituting natural turf with artificial turf is a worrisome precedent in such a historic setting.
- The proposed structures, including the entry plaza, light standards, fencing and maintenance shed, are out of scale with the existing surroundings, including the historic vegetation and would significantly compromise historic visual and spatial relationships.
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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Honorable Commissioners,

Enclosed please find letters of concern regarding the Beach Chalet soccer fields project. These letters were originally mailed to the Sierra Club, to forward to the Coastal Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Katherine Howard

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cc: Kevin Kahn, Coastal Planner, North Central Coast District
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Hello Commissioners!

I am a retired S.F. Park Ranger who very much cares about Golden Gate Park and the people it serves.

I ask you to please put an end to the ill-conceived Soccer Field project in the West End.

Thank you

P.S. Enclosed are 2 photos of me teaching children about nature — one in which my Raven puppet, NAZDAQ, does the talking.

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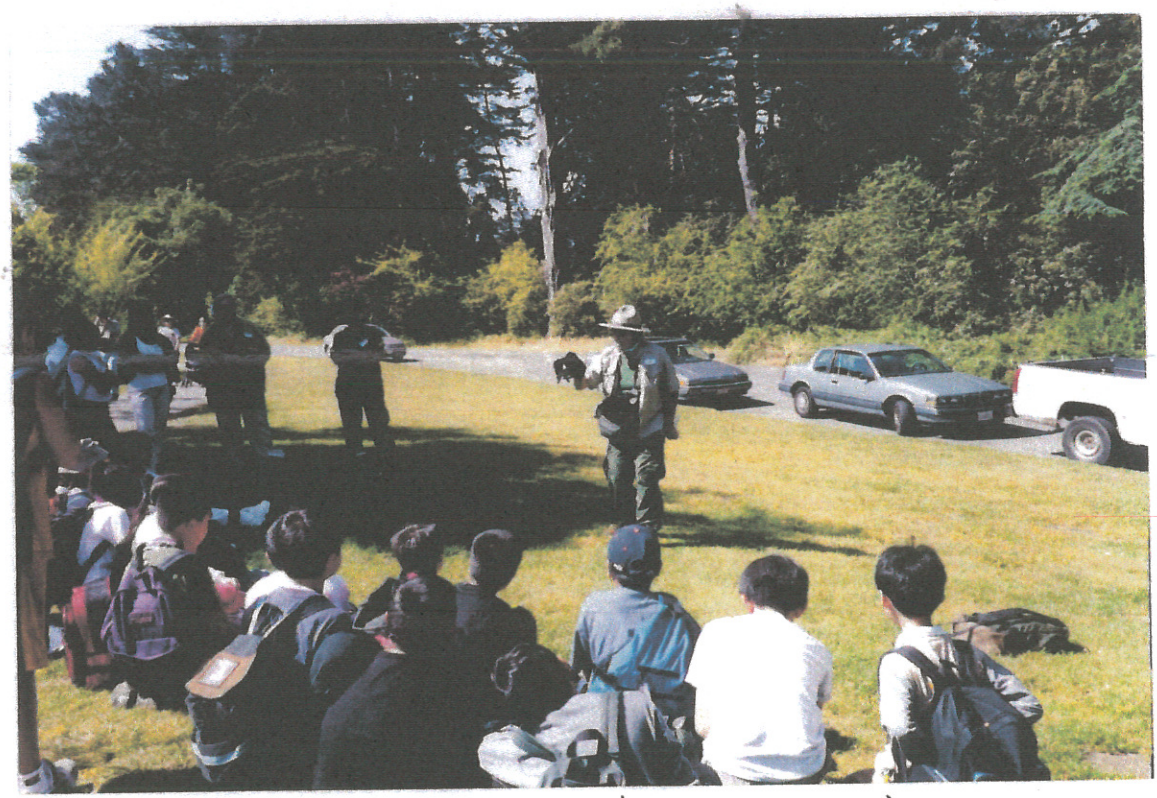

STOW LAKE - LaRanger & NAZDAQ

END OF THE PARK RAP

My name's Nazdaq, the rapping Raven,
And I'm here to talk about how we need to be saving
Golden Gate Park from more paving,
And to be fighting against this trend
That's leading right up to the Park's end:

Commercialize it!
Supersize it!
Privatize it!
More cement!
More buildings and big events!
Down with Nature!
Up with corporate nomenclature!

Across our Park the cancer crept
As John McLaren wept,
"How could they be so unclear on the concept?"

Won't you please help me halt the latest assault?

Astro-Turf by the Sand and Surf!
Bright lights higher than the trees!
Brighter than the Stars!
More noise, more cars!
Bring the wildlife to its knees!

Pushing me and my bros up against a wall,
The Park's supposed to be shared by us all!

(REFRAIN BY OTHER PUPPETS):

OWL (wearing shades): ***Blinded by the light!***

NESTLINGS: ***Bombarded by noise in the middle of our night!***

BUTTERFLY: ***Grass that's synthetic! That's pathetic!***
How will things grow? Where will we go?

ANT: ***Decomposers alert! Where's da dirt? Where's da dirt?***

1st **GIRL:** ***What's up with Emperor Phil, is he dumb? This isn't a Park, it's a stadium!***
2nd **GIRL:** ***Over one hundred trees to bite the dust! What's to trust in the "Parks Trust?"***

ALL PUPPETS: We best start building Noah's Ark!
We're at the End of the Park, the End of the Park!

(BACK TO NAZDAQ)

That's why I'm making a pledge to support SF Ocean Edge,
They're not against kids playing soccer,
But *fake grass* in the Park is a real shocker!
Like, has the Lodge gone off its rocker?

Real green grass, is that too much to ask?
Renovation not lamination!
Planting more plants, not a treatment Plant!
More natural plots, not parking lots!

So while McLaren's rolling around in his grave,
Won't you join me, Nazdaq, in my rap and rave
To try and maintain what remains of our open space and wild land—
Make a stand!
Draw the line at the End of the Park:
No astro-turf! No lights after dark!

Hark! It's time to landmark
ALL of Golden Gate Park,
All one thousand acres and seventeen,
Why, almost THIRTY-PER CENT is no longer green!
Enough is enough! We got to get tough!

Give Emporer Phil "what for"—
Keep G.G.P. "au natural"
FOREVER MORE!

LaRanger and Nazdaq, January 29, 2011

January 20, 2013

California Coastal Commission

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to protest the construction of a large artificial grass and night lit soccer complex at the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields. I have lived in San Francisco for 60 years, growing up here, and we Raised our two sons in the city. Both sons played soccer for many years at the Beach Chalet. I know those existing fields very well. They are lovely places, very natural and just need better maintenance. They can continue to serve as soccer fields without the appalling anti-environmental changes proposed and approved by the government of S.F. The west end of Golden Gate Park is very quiet and restful and serene. The proposed soccer stadium complex would completely destroy this feeling both day and night. There are other places to put this complex that would not permanently mar the natural peacefulness. The night lights would be especially terrible as it is often foggy by the sea and and these lights would appear even brighter as a result. Stadium lighting is a terrible anti-environmental move both for park wild life and the surrounding neighborhoods. Dark skies! Please deny this terrible, anti-environmental project a permit.

Thank you!

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January 24, 2013

California Coastal Commission
c/o Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter
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Dear People:

This is regarding the proposal to remove seven acres of natural grass in Golden Gate Park and replace it with artificial turf.

I would like Golden Gate Park to remain as close to its natural state as possible. I am also concerned about the light pollution caused by the installation of lights and the loss of habitat for wildlife.

Please oppose the proposal.

Sincerely,

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The proposed lights would pollute the only remaining refuge in San Francisco where urbanites can enjoy a stroll along the shore by starlight. The extra crowds and traffic would diminish the sound of the surf. The habitat of native, endangered birds, such as the snowy plover would be disrupted. You may get rid of the gophers, but the herons and egrets will lose their meal ticket. It's a really bad idea. I join the Sierra Club and SF Ocean Edge to implore you to abandon it.

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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am a San Francisco resident, natural history educator and presently a researcher at the California Academy of Sciences through their Ornithology Department. I became aware of the proposal to install synthetic fields at the Beach Chalet Soccer fields early on through friends at organizations I am closely involved in. I'm an active citizen science volunteer for the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory and a natural history instructor for the Golden Gate Audubon Society amongst others. Since 2007 I have lead a team of researchers studying raptor nesting in urban areas (the San Francisco Bay Area Raptor Nest Study) and have become very familiar with raptor and other avian species territories, nest locations and behaviors especially in Golden Gate Park which contains the majority of raptor territories in San Francisco outside of The Presidio.

Initially I was curious about the debate over the Beach Chalet Soccer Field proposal then, once I studied it in detail, became alarmed and ultimately became very opposed. At this point I'm both perplexed that this ill conceived project has made it this far in the process and dismayed that the city of San Francisco would so strongly push a development that has been shown to add hundreds of tons of toxic fill to our waste stream and will pollute millions of gallons of fresh water. As an expert in avian science I'm also appalled that the city is ignoring the numerous scientific studies on the effects of night lighting on migrating birds. As you know a large percentage of western birds follow the Pacific Flyway during both spring and fall migration and many if not most of them fly along the coast at night. Then there is the remnant wintering population of the nearly extinct Western Snowy Plover. Less than 2500 individuals left – about 40 overwinter within view of the proposed project that would light up their night roost.

In November of 2011, along with two colleagues, I met with reporter Lisa Carmack of the Bay Guardian to tour and discuss the artificial turf issue at the Beach Chalet. During our 30 minute walk I identified 27 species of birds by sight and sound, well over 100 individual birds that were using the grass soccer fields and immediate surroundings to feed on a variety of vegetation, insects. Included in that list was a bonded pair of adult Red-shouldered Hawks who were hunting Botta's Pocket Gophers along the perimeter. That was only a 30 minute survey on a drizzly day in November. Over the course of a year many more species and thousands of birds can be documented. As I'm sure you are aware, birds in general, raptors and owls in particular, are the most effective natural pest control agents there are. These will be extirpated.

A defective EIR: I have read in its entirety the Draft Environmental Impact Report commissioned by the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. Based on my own studies I found it to grossly underestimate the impacts on biological resources within the project area in many ways including:

I specifically challenged the species inventory of the two wildlife survey's described in Section IV.F-5 and IV.F-6 of the EIR survey. As a participant of many nest surveys both professional and as a volunteer, while I recognize that birds nests are by design very difficult to detect, a finding of no active nests in the project impact area is almost impossible to believe. The paltry description of avian species identified strongly suggests that the wildlife survey was woefully inadequate for this area. Wildlife moves around, lies in hiding while resting and generally avoids activity when humans are and an inattentive biologist will miss much. Also a single nest survey in May will necessarily miss many species that nest before and after that month.

Regardless of the survey team's inability to find active nests however, the planned removal of over seven acres of grassland and woodland habitat will be a death sentence for the wildlife that use this area today. These animals can not, as the report implies, simply move to another area. Other areas are already in use by other animals surviving in remaining open space areas. Other areas are at their biological limits already and are fully subscribed. This is the simple biological fact that the producers of the Draft EIR were in denial of. This particular pair of Red-shouldered Hawks (that one group I organize, the SF Bay Area Raptor Nest Study has been monitoring since 2007) is a long established pair that uses this area as their primary diner. If this verdant habitat is plasticized and lit up these birds will try to move on but will only run into another territorial pair, conflict will ensue, the result being the removal of this biological resource along with an amount equal to all of the other wildlife that is now using this area including birds, mammals and insects.

Add on top of that the effective removal of the perimeter habitat that will be lit up until 10:00 PM most nights of the year. These areas can not be used for nocturnal animals that use it to feed or diurnal animals that need it to rest from the high demands of surviving in an near-urban environment. The large increase in traffic from humans will also have a negative effect on these animals.

In my professional opinion as an avian researcher and natural history educator the Draft EIR was negligent in addressing the extent of the significant Biological Resource environmental impacts. That the report was commissioned by the SF Recreation & Parks Department who has whole-heartedly endorsed the artificial turf project (without any environmental consideration) as a money maker and only begrudgingly and at the threat of lawsuit commissioned the EIR in itself is ethically challenging.

An EPA study of artificial turf & tire crumb includes a long list of metals and compounds that have long been associated with a host of human ailments. It has also been proven that once these particles are installed, they begin breaking down as they are exposed to light and air and then begin migrating into the ground, eventually to the aquifer. These particles end up in player's clothing, hair and also are inhaled & ingested by players. Twenty years down the road we'll be figuring out how to rid ourselves of these contaminants – but it will be too late - they will have made it into the water table by then. Water that will need to be treated once it has come into contact with these substances. My brother, Eric Bartley, a very experienced and LEED certified Landscape Architect describes to me a project he was brought into a few years after synthetic play fields were installed. Part of the standard installation for synthetic play fields includes the installation of perforated PVC pipes underneath the Tire Crumb. One of the several problems that my brother was made aware of is that the tire crumb would gradually break down and when it rains or is cleaned the water picks up these particles and eventually clogs the perforated PVC pipes that would put in as drainage. Maintenance staff would then need to clean the tarry, sticky goo out of the PVC pipes so that they would drain properly. Of course these same products were working their way into the aquifer and other water ways. Here's a list and a link from the EPA of what we can expect:

http://www.epa.gov/nerl/documents/tire_crumbs.pdf
Heavy metals, volatile compounds and petrochemicals the EPA detected in Tire Crumb include:

a. Barium
b. Arsenic
c. Cadmium
d. Chromium
e. Cobalt
f. Copper
g. Lead
h. Manganese
i. Mercury
j. Nickel
k. Sulfur
l. Zinc
m. Nylon
n. Polyester
o. Rayon

Another concern is that this project will replace the natural green house gas sequestering system that is in place with recycled petrochemical products which produce green house gases. The EPA study found these off-gassing compounds in artificial turf fields:

Benzothizole – known to be harmful if swallowed or inhaled;
Toluene - a skin, eye, and respiratory irritant and can cause headaches;
Acetone - a skin, eye, and respiratory irritant which can affect the central nervous system
Acenaphthene - a known carcinogen
Naphthalene – kills moths – what else?
Others include:

a. Aniline
b. Benzene
c. Chloroethane
d. Halogenated flame retardants
e. Isoprene
f. Methyl ethyl ketone
g. Methyl isobutyl ketone
h. Phenol
i. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
j. Styrene-butadiene
k. Trichloroethylene

Perhaps not as scary, but a problem nonetheless is the projects lack of an "end of life" plan – a massive 400 ton per 10 year cycle of toxic landfill waste.

This area is not the native, now rare, California coastal dune habitat that was removed when settlers and then the park removed it to make way for what is there now. It is not the pristine wilderness it was and it is impractical to consider returning it to such. But it is a testament to the resourcefulness and resiliency of our remaining wildlife that many native species have adapted to what is available to them now. Unfortunately that will never be the case with artificial turf. Plastic fields are a barren, toxic wasteland as far as animals are concerned and these animals will go away, not to another place as is naively being suggested, but go away as in extirpated from this life forever or until the area is returned to a vegetative condition. If we subscribe to the myopic vision that only threatened or endangered species need be considered and protected, then uncommon and common species will become threatened and endangered. We only need look at the list of endangered species now to see that.

Thank you for accepting and considering my comments.

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California Coastal Commission:

I urge the Commission to reject the San Francisco permit request for the western end of Golden Gate Park, The Beach Chalet Plan. This plan would be devastating to the wildlife, and the natural coastal habitat of the Park.

I am a long-time resident of San Francisco and frequent visitor to the Park.

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The proposed lights would pollute the only remaining refuge in San Francisco where urbanites can enjoy a stroll along the shore by starlight. The extra crowds and traffic would diminish the sound of the surf. The habitat of native, endangered birds, such as the snowy plover would be disrupted. You may get rid of the gophers, but the herons and egrets will lose their meal ticket. It's a really bad idea. I join the Sierra Club and SF Ocean Edge to implore you to abandon it.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Zimberoff

cc: Sierra Club San Francisco Chapter

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To: Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219
cc: Kevin Kahn

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park (GGP), San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

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We are long-time San Francisco homeowners who live in close proximity to GGP and our family regularly enjoys bicycling and hiking in the park. We support the naturalistic setting of GGP and are members of the Sierra Club and San Francisco Amateur Astronomers.

One of our principal concerns is that the stadium lighting, no matter how well the fixtures are shielded, will reflect nearly 3 million lumens of light into the sky, destroying some of the best and most accessible dark sky resources in the entire inner Bay Area. The unnatural lighting (sunset to 10 p.m., 365 days a year) will also very likely have negative effects on the local plants and wildlife.

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Sincerely,

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Soccer Field in Golden Gate Park

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Permanent bleachers and high voltage lights are not necessary for the location. No question, the lawn area needs care, but artificial turf is not the way to go. I have also been told that it is not good surface for young people to play on.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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cc: Kevin Kahn + Commissioners

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The western end of Golden Gate Park is the last great oasis from urban pavement and does not deserve this ignominious fate. It would more readily be possible to vastly improve the grass fields (and at a fraction of the money). This is the wisest way to proceed.

Thanks.

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I have closely followed this proposal for over 4 years and have attended many public meetings and hearings to learn and make suggestions to SF Recreation and Parks about this project. Unfortunately, Phil Ginsburg, a lawyer who was appointed by his longtime friend and political crony, then Mayor Gavin Newsom, controls SF Recreation and Parks. Mr. Ginsburg has NO park experience to qualify him for managing any park, yet was gifted with this powerful, lucrative position. In my opinion, after watching Mr. Ginsburg commercialize many aspects of SF parks, I believe his appointment was made primarily to serve the interests of campaign donors and the politicians they support.

It has been a dark time for the environment and San Francisco parks since Mr. Ginsburg became Director, who is known for making back room deals with the rich and powerful who seek to put their name on, and take control of public assets. We have seen the unlawful eviction of a local, 67 year, family run business at the historic boathouse at Stow Lake in Golden Gate Park in favor of an out of state group that is politically connected that is known for evicting historic family businesses. This new group had no boating experience whatsoever, promised all sorts of improvements and revenues that have not occurred after almost 2 years... all while Mr. Ginsburg lost over a million dollars of guaranteed income from the local historic family business.

Other senseless changes have included privatizing our beloved Strybing Arboretum that used to be open to all and was a place of much happy activity on any given day. It has now become a private garden under Mr. Ginsburg's directorship, in spite of major public opposition to this move. What used to be a garden that all economic classes of people enjoyed has become a playground for the wealthy since they now charge fees for non-locals, which means it is gated now and forbidding to use. Mrs. Strybing's will was violated with this move, but Mr. Ginsburg ignored this. He marches to the bidding of wealthy corporations and donors, who are pushing this dangerous project at the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields i.e. the Fisher family, (Gap founders) who are donating to this project in order to obtain naming rights to the new stadium and have refused to consider any site except our beloved Golden Gate Park, no doubt for vanity and corporation enhancement.

Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach are priceless treasures that we must protect from these thoughtless, politically driven developers. The reason I believe this to be true is that over the last 4 years I have listened as the public presented verbally and in writing a multitude of reasonable modifications to this project and Mr. Ginsburg has been unwilling to accept ANY modifications. These modifications would drastically improve the safety of the area for all children and adults who use the fields, Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach, including the ocean life, birds and other wildlife.

In particular I, and many others, have asked that the acres of carcinogenic rubber pellets they now plan to install under the artificial fields, be replaced with something non-carcinogenic. Mr. Ginsburg has refused to consider even this reasonable health and safety request. He has refused many other reasonable alternatives as well, labeling public input as "NIMBYISM" and claiming that any protestor must be against soccer. He claims that he has gone to great lengths to include public input, but the reality is different than he claims because he does not serve the public good, he serves the wealthy few.

Our public parks and beaches are no place for these politically driven games that are excluding public access and benefit the wealthy. We must hold the line, as history has shown that once developed, nature never comes back and the planet is damaged forever.

I am a social worker who has worked for over 25 years with people afflicted by various cancers. Many of these cancers can be directly related to environmental pollutants and I consider it my charge to advocate for non-carcinogenic practices wherever, and whenever, I can. In addition, my great grandfather came to San Francisco during the Gold Rush. Since then my family has enjoyed the beauty of Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Park, and are advocates for their protection. I frequent Ocean Beach and know that Ocean Beach in particular, is already in constant need of cleanup. **Knowing that the ocean level will rise soon, even more of the carcinogenic wash from the proposed stadium will flow directly into the Pacific Ocean.** A carcinogenic artificial turf stadium complete with 60 foot stadium lighting here, is a folly, and will only destroy this area, harm our children's health and quicken the demise of our oceans. It is shocking, that in an era of efforts to clean up toxic waste, anyone would even consider adding known carcinogens!

Thank you in advance for your dedication and assistance in preventing the damage from this vanity project, for the health and safety of generations to come.

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Join the SFPUC when they pulled their plan to put a water treatment plant in Golden Gate Park. They were quoted in the newspaper that the "community did not want it in the park and we listened to them".

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8. Play quality and turf dangers: Artificial turf results in inferior play (the ball skids), joint and foot injuries (studies find a 40% increase in knee injuries with artificial turf compared to grass), and staph infections. In the west end of Golden Gate Park the ground is often wet, and there will be better traction and fewer injuries with cleats on wet grass than on wet rubber.

9. School facilities: The City has a developing policy of encouraging school facilities to be used during non-school hours. This policy should be, but has not been, taken into account as having an ameliorative effect on the scheduling challenges in youth soccer.

10. Golden Gate Park's Overuse: Golden Gate Park bears the brunt of millions of people every year: there is a limit to its carrying capacity, and people should be invited elsewhere. In particular, McLaren Park is dramatically under-utilized and more conveniently located for soccer-playing communities and Peninsula commuters.

Lastly, there was a failure to consider logical alternatives. I suggest review of a useful renovation of the West Sunset Playground, where soccer fields and lighting already exist. West Sunset is an urban park in a location much better suited to fulfill the legitimate objectives of the Project proponents.

The western end of Golden Gate Park is the last great oasis from urban pavement and does not deserve this ignominious fate. It would more readily be possible to vastly improve the grass fields (and at a fraction of the money). This is the wisest way to proceed.

Thanks.

Jason Jungreis

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Hello Commissioners!

I am a retired S.F Park Ranger who very much cares about Golden Gate Park and the people it serves.

I ask you to please put an end to the ill-conceived Soccer Field project in the West End.

Thank you

P.S. Enclosed are 2 photos of me teaching children about nature — one in which my Raven puppet, NAZDAQ, does the talking.

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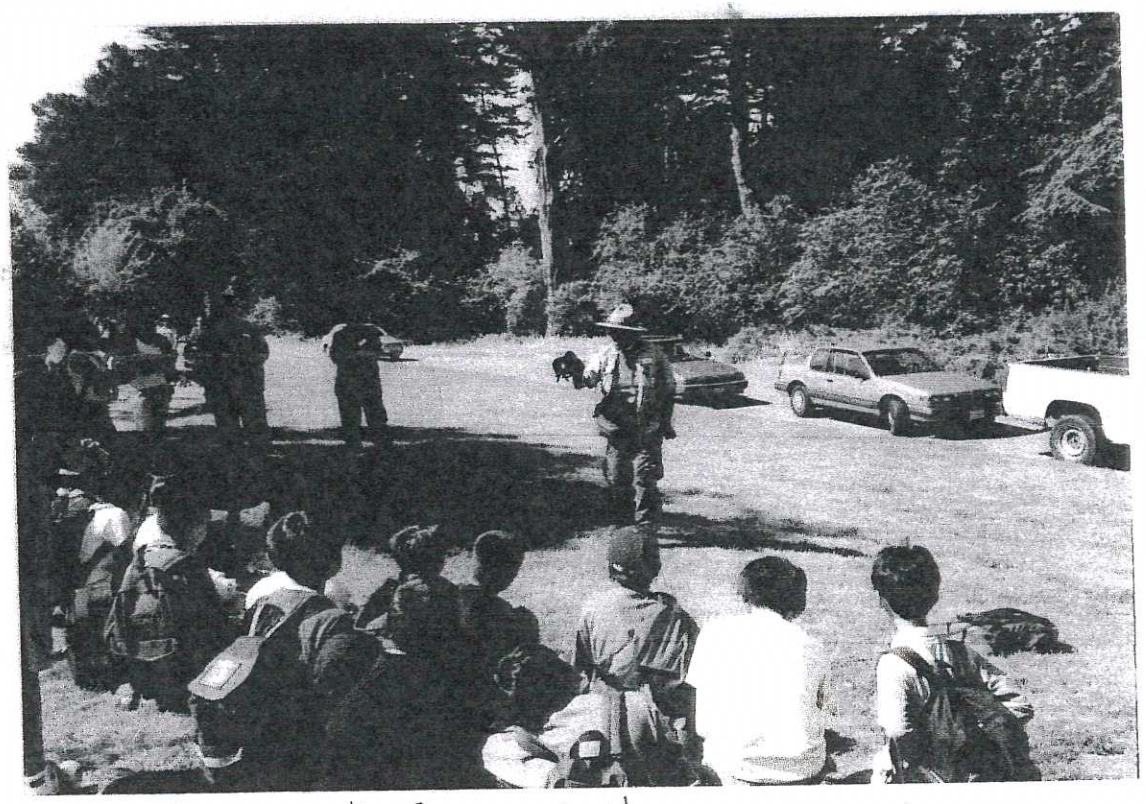

STOW LAKE - LaRanger & NAZDAQ

END OF THE PARK RAP

My name's Nazdaq, the rapping Raven,
And I'm here to talk about how we need to be saving
Golden Gate Park from more paving,
And to be fighting against this trend
That's leading right up to the Park's end:

Commercialize it!
Supersize it!
Privatize it!
More cement!
More buildings and big events!
Down with Nature!
Up with corporate nomenclature!

Across our Park the cancer crept
As John McLaren wept,
"How could they be so unclear on the concept?"

Won't you please help me halt the latest assault?

Astro-Turf by the Sand and Surf!
Bright lights higher than the trees!
Brighter than the Stars!
More noise, more cars!
Bring the wildlife to its knees!

Pushing me and my bros up against a wall,
The Park's supposed to be shared by us all!

(REFRAIN BY OTHER PUPPETS):

OWL (wearing shades): ***Blinded by the light!***

NESTLINGS: ***Bombarded by noise in the middle of our night!***

BUTTERFLY: ***Grass that's synthetic! That's pathetic!***
How will things grow? Where will we go?

ANT: ***Decomposers alert! Where's da dirt? Where's da dirt?***

1st* GIRL:** ***What's up with Emperor Phil, is he dumb? This isn't a Park, it's a stadium!
2nd* GIRL:** ***Over one hundred trees to bite the dust! What's to trust in the "Parks Trust?"

ALL PUPPETS: We best start building Noah's Ark!
We're at the End of the Park, the End of the Park!

(BACK TO NAZDAQ)

That's why I'm making a pledge to support SF Ocean Edge,
They're not against kids playing soccer,
But *fake grass* in the Park is a real shocker!
Like, has the Lodge gone off its rocker?

Real green grass, is that too much to ask?
Renovation not lamination!
Planting more plants, not a treatment Plant!
More natural plots, not parking lots!

So while McLaren's rolling around in his grave,
Won't you join me, Nazdaq, in my rap and rave
To try and maintain what remains of our open space and wild land—
Make a stand!
Draw the line at the End of the Park:
No astro-turf! No lights after dark!

Hark! It's time to landmark
ALL of Golden Gate Park,
All one thousand acres and seventeen,
Why, almost THIRTY-PER CENT is no longer green!
Enough is enough! We got to get tough!

Give Emporer Phil "what for"—
Keep G.G.P. "au natural"
FOREVER MORE!

LaRanger and Nazdaq, January 29, 2011

April 16, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Sports Fields, WT. end of Golden Gate Park

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

If you do not preserve Golden Gate Park and its Wildlife who will? It shocks me when I hear the City named after St. Francis is fighting to destroy the wildlife that are living in peace in a very fragile environment that is the west end of Golden Gate Park.

The proposed 60' stadium lights will have a devastating effect on the whole park.

In this age of childhood obesity I know that children need sports, but they also need nature. Some Inner City kids might never experience nature if it weren't for Golden Gate Park. Do not be fooled by the people declaring "there will be no place for kids to play soccer." That is a falsehood, and they do not need glaring stadium lights.

As I walk in Golden Gate Park every day I see posted signs regarding the wildlife in the park "Careful Raccoons Crossing", "Do not disturb the turtles," "Birds Nesting," and, most recently, "Coyote Alert."

The lights will really destroy the Pacific Flyway and the 64 counted birds, roosts and nests.

I am listing a few residents of the west end of Golden Gate Park: Coyotes, raccoons, skunks, ground hogs, squirrels (red & black) Heron, geese, red-tailed hawks , ground hogs, butterflies, bees, recently spotted "Coot Chicks" and Bison (located a few blocks from the proposed lighting).

Have you seen the acclaimed nature series "Planet Earth" produced by the BBC? They have a section about birds, posted on You Tube "San Francisco Golden Gate Park Wildlife". They think the Park is special.

There is only one Golden Gate Park with 13 million visitors a year -- they do not come here to play soccer.

The lights, noise and cars will have a negative effect on wildlife and the citizens of the City of St. Francis who come to the park for peace, beauty and to feel lost in the wonder of nature.

When you look back on how you left the earth, do you want to say "I Okayed 60' stadium lights" with a negative footprint, covering all of the western end of Golden Gate Park, the Dark Skies and Ocean Beach.

Several alternative sites have been suggested and should be looked at.

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Lynne Whiteside

April 15, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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Subject: Proposed Beach Chalet Soccer/Sports Stadium, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA.

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to you and your fellow commissioners to warn you about the plan by the SFRPD to build a major sports stadium with 60' banked stadium lights in Golden Gate Park and to urge you to support the Hybrid Alternative.

Much of the rhetoric going around is that this project is about "kids playing soccer" it is not. The plan is to build a major sports stadium on a site designated as a "bird/wildlife refuge". Children will not be playing at night only adults. Also for 6 months it is light for children to play until 7pm.

I worked for the San Francisco Recreation & Park Dept. for 37 years. From about 1996 or earlier, to 1998 I, along with others from the department, worked on the GGP Master Plan. Points I remember were:

> "Field lights at the Beach Chalet is not consistent with the GGPMP"
> "(night lightening) inappropriate to the park environment and out of character for the west end of GGP"
> "GGPMP West End Special Area does not recommend soccer field night use"
> "The remainder of this section makes it clear that the impact of the field lights would be significant"

It should be noted that at the east end of the park is already a sports stadium with lights and can be reconfigured to add additional soccer pitches.

In 2004 I participated in the "Recreation Assessment Report" and the overwhelming request by the stakeholders (78%) wanted walking & biking trails. Outdoor sports courts were way down the list. People who live in big cities want peace, quiet and a way to commune with nature.

One of the biggest dangers of the night lightening would be the harmful effect it would have on the abundant wildlife that lives in the west end of the park. The lights would have a big effect on people and would bring in more cars that would disturb the fragile environment that fights daily for its existence. Who if not you will protect them?

The CCC was created to protect all, not a very small group who wants to destroy the Historic GGP.
I think that if you allow this flawed project you will be opening the flood gates from one end of California to the Oregon border to every developer on the coast to say "well you allowed it in Golden Gate Park"

NOTE: there are many alternative sights to put this project, Candlestick Park comes to mind, when the 49ers leave you have a huge stadium with lights.
Shawna McGrew, 1522-32n Ave, San Francisco, CA., 94122

January 20, 2013

California Coastal Commission

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to protest the construction of a large artificial grass and night lit soccer complex at the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields. I have lived in San Francisco for 60 years, growing up here, and we Raised our two sons in the city. Both sons played soccer for many years at the Beach Chalet. I know those existing fields very well. They are lovely places, very natural and just need better maintenance. They can continue to serve as soccer fields without the appalling anti-environmental changes proposed and approved by the government of S.F. The west end of Golden Gate Park is very quiet and restful and serene. The proposed Soccer Stadium Complex would completely destroy this feeling both day and night. There are other places to put this complex that would not permanently mar the natural peacefulness. The night lights would be especially terrible as it is often foggy by the sea and and these lights would appear even brighter as a result. Stadium lighting is a terrible anti-environmental move both for park wild life and the surrounding neighborhoods. Dark skies! Please deny this terrible, anti-environmental project a permit.

Thank you!

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January 23, 2013

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Ms. Mary Shallenberger,
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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

Myriad arguments, better articulated than mine, have already been made to urge the Commission to reject the Beach Chalet plan that would replace ten acres of grass in Golden Gate Park (the soccer fields) with artificial turf, create unnecessary paved parking spaces, and—most egregiously of all—install unabated conspicuous lighting throughout. Nonetheless, let me add my own voice to the chorus of complaints. The obscene economic cost of this plan is eclipsed only by its environmental cost, which will debase a cherished section of the Park, adjacent to a famously magnificent stretch of Ocean Beach.

The proposed lights would pollute the only remaining refuge in San Francisco where urbanites can enjoy a stroll along the shore by starlight. The extra crowds and traffic would diminish the sound of the surf. The habitat of native, endangered birds, such as the snowy plover would be disrupted. You may get rid of the gophers, but the herons and egrets will lose their meal ticket. It's a really bad idea. I join the Sierra Club and SF Ocean Edge to implore you to abandon it.

Sincerely yours,

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Tom Zimberoff

cc: Sierra Club San Francisco Chapter

Date: March 28, 2013

To: Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219
cc: Kevin Kahn

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park (GGP), San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

We are writing to strongly protest the proposed installation of stadium lights and artificial turf at the Beach Chalet athletic fields.

We urge the CCC to soundly reject these proposals that violate the goals of the GGP Master Plan and instead recommend that the City of San Francisco renovate the Beach Chalet athletic fields with real grass and no lights. The City could use the remaining funding to upgrade soccer fields at other locations.

We are long-time San Francisco homeowners who live in close proximity to GGP and our family regularly enjoys bicycling and hiking in the park. We support the naturalistic setting of GGP and are members of the Sierra Club and San Francisco Amateur Astronomers.

One of our principal concerns is that the stadium lighting, no matter how well the fixtures are shielded, will reflect nearly 3 million lumens of light into the sky, destroying some of the best and most accessible dark sky resources in the entire inner Bay Area. The unnatural lighting (sunset to 10 p.m., 365 days a year) will also very likely have negative effects on the local plants and wildlife.

Additionally we are concerned about the health risks to children who play on the artificial turf. The Sierra Club has noted that San Francisco has provided no reason for not analyzing the dangers of artificial turf that exceeds the state's threshold for acute toxicity and cancer risk by 120%.

Sincerely,

Scott Miller Barbara Conahan

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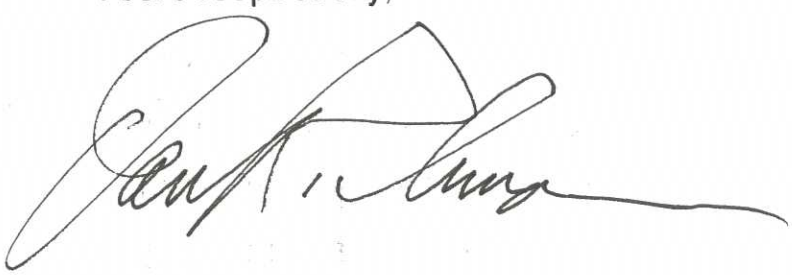
Mr Kahn,

I'm a 74 year old man, an SF homeowner, a father, a devoted walker, and a member of the Golden Gate Audubon Conservation Committee. I have been against the proposed Chalet Soccer Fields project from the first moment I heard about. Now I understand that though this wrong-headed plan has been approved by the SF City Government, its final fate rests with you. I hope and pray you disapprove it. I believe the best way to explain why is to simply send you copies of two letters I've already written on the subject. I hope you will look them over.

Yours respectfully,



Dear Environmental Review Officer: (11/29/11)

Your EIR Report concerning the GG PARK Soccer Fields project is an inch thick and contains enough data, evidence, photos, and legal matter to dizzy us regular SF citizens, no matter how deeply interested we might be in the fate of our beloved Park.

So I wonder if you would consider trying the following experiment that might, just might, clear the air a bit? Please try to forget your position in the SF City Government for a few moments and approach the following questions simply as the rational grown-up I am sure you are. Or, at least try and imagine how other rational grown-ups who are not in the SF City Government might ask the following questions after reading your Report:

1. How can killing more than eleven acres of open grassland and woods in a semi-wild setting with a plastic blanket and concrete, especially in an area directly in the flyway of thousands of migratory birds and used by them as a resting place be "less than significant" (IV.F-36) as regards wildlife? How can you be so supremely certain that if the 1500 watt halide lights aren't pointing upward they won't disorient birds? You quote "one controlled experiment" (IVF-28) to justify this conclusion. Sorry, but in the science classes I attended, one experiment is only the beginning of research.

   Also, an open field surrounded by trees is a "hot-spot' for

wildlife. The open field invites grazing and pecking and burrowing, and the trees invite the predators who feed upon the others. The existing soccer field is "hot." Ask anyone who has walked there at night and watched a Great Horned Owl drop from a branch to snatch a rodent off the ground. Or in the daylight watched a mass of migratory birds feeding off the insects and snails in the grasses. Would this work with plastic?

2. How can 6 or 10 60-foot 1500 watt spot-lights shining until 10 PM every night of the year in this critical bird area be seriously contemplated in a city whose own government initiated a Lights Out Policy that attracted praise from the Governor and Federal Congresspeople, and has inspired cities all over the world to emulate it?

3. Do the "light and glare" (IV.B-12) from cars and residences compare to that produced by 6 to10 60-foot-high 1500 watt halide spotlights?

4. And speaking of those 60-foot-high spotlights (the average single-family house in San Francisco, by the way, is approximately 25-30 feet above the sidwalk), how can an examining body come to the conclusion the lights "would not have an adverse effect on a scenic vista, etc." (IV.B-18) when there is no indication in your pages of anyone in the surrounding neighborhoods being asked their opinion of the proposed lights, nor the proposed project in general. You call

this an Evironmental Impact Report, yet seem to overlook the most vital segment of the environment there is in a city - the people who live there.

5. And while we're on the subject of the people who live in the environs of the West End, did you canvass the neighborhoods to ask our fellow citizens how they feel about the vastly increased traffic that would surely flow down their streets to and from the proposed parking lots?

6. If we go by the sanguine prophecies of the renovation's proponents, those parking lots will never accommodate the vast hordes of soccer-players and their fans who would flock to the plastic-coated fields from all over the City and way beyond it. But they'll have to park somewhere. Surely not on the streets. A visit to the Outer Richmond and Sunset neighborhoods, especially at night, will present the Environmental Impact observer with a solid wall of the parked cars of residents. Here the rational civilian would ask, But that means the overflow cars from the lots will have to park along the Park roads, doesn't it? And how will the public feel about that? Especially in the West End, that is supposed to give urban dwellers a taste of the countryside when they need it (See the Master Plan IV,B-14)?

7. Now, that term "public" raises another question. The Report describes the way "the public" will be able to more safely recreate on artificial grass than on the real McCoy, and the way "the public" will be able to in fact, recreate until 10:00 PM every night of the year beneath those 60-foot-high floodlights. When you say "the public," do you mean baseball players? No. These fields would not be designed for baseball. You mean, basketball players? No. Same reason. Football? No. Track sports like broad-jumping? Pole-vaulting? No, again. How about picnicking? No. Not allowed, probably. And anyway, a little simple research turns up much evidence that plastic grass is uncomfortable to sit on, gets hot in the sun, is a breeding ground for bacteria (since there no bacteria-eaters present) and smells funny besides. So, asks the rational person, What segment of the public, besides soccer-players, a sliver of the general population, will be able to use the proposed synthetic fields? Then, further asks the rational person, Is there no moral problem with spending a ton of dough on a project on public land that will serve a small, exclusive percent of "the public?" Could it be more than one percent? It would seem that if you really want to engage "the public," you would get this Proposal into the next City-wide Referendum. Then you, and all of us, will really find out what the public thinks of Rec/Park's scheme.

Respectfully,

Dan Richman

"Did I give you that assignment? Because..." The queen thought a bit. "Because there's a chance the wine *is* what it's supposed to be. Or perhaps if there is desire in the first place, it fans it. Or perhaps it only works some of the time. And then...belief is a powerful force. If Isolt *believed* in the potion, you see. And that's why you were to tell her of its power on the wedding night."

"And Mark wouldn't need that sort of trick. Not with *that* angel..." breathed Brangien, sounding awed.

The queen sighed. "You begin to understand my reasoning."

"But what of Isolt and Tristan? She was, I can tell you, Milady, a very proper girl. And very conscious of her political importance. And then Tristan was a knight! Sworn to loyalty and so on. And he had...other strong reasons for not getting involved with Isolt." Brangien paused, then added quietly, "Or any girl for that matter, according to Isolt."

"Yes. I sensed that soon after I met him."

"But they did it, Milady! They destroyed their lives to be together!"

Queen Hildrun nodded slowly, then fell into another long silence while ripples of emotion crossed her face. Finally she muttered, "It

was foolish of Mark to send such a charming boy to escort such a lovely girl. Now *there's* a potent brew. The beauty of youth. It can work wonders. And it can turn tragic in a heartbeat. Consider Helen of Troy." She made a wry face, paused again and then asked, "And what did become of the handsome knight? I've heard…things. Several things."

"That's a mystery," Brangien answered. "And it might never be solved. Tristan may have been killed at Land's End by Mark's hunters, though Mark denies it, as did the hunters. The question in my mind is, would the hunters *admit* to having murdered his beloved stepson after learning that Mark had forgiven everything?"

"I see."

"Then some say he arrived at Land's End ahead of the hunters, bought a ship, sweet-talked his old crew, set sail, but just off-shore died of some wound or another. The crew buried him at sea."

"Hmm."

Of course the crew denied this till they were blue in the face. After all, to admit helping Tristan was to admit committing treason. So who will ever know the truth about that?"

"I understand."

"It's even been said that his old First Mate happened to be visiting Land's End and hated Isolt and Tristan enough to betray them in a way that's vague, but somehow involved a sail…"

"A sail?"

"Would you like to hear my theory, Milady?"

"I suppose," sighed the queen, as if remembering how difficult it had always been to shut down Brangien.

"Well, I never trusted that Tristan. I always thought he played a deep game. I think he just may have skipped out while he could…"

Hildrun covered her ears. "Enough! Enough, Brangien! There's only so much an old heart can bear!"

Then the baby girl on Brangien's lap woke and began to happily kick her feet and pump her arms.

The queen turned toward the child as if grateful for the distraction. "May I ask who is the father?" she asked gently.

Brangien swallowed, cleared her throat, and said with some nervousness, "It's Mark, Milady. It's the king. We came to…to an understanding." Then more eagerly, "He's a good man, Milady. He truly is."

"I believe that."

Suddenly Brangien rose from her chair and placed the baby in the startled queen's arms.

"I want to call her Isolt," said Brangien, rattling on. "And Mark agrees. But only with your approval, of course, Milady. Would that please you, Ma'am? And would you care to be the girl's godmother?" Then she held her breath.

Queen Hildrun gazed down upon the precious smiling face for a long moment. Her own face softened.

"Yes," she said. "I believe...I believe I would like that very much."

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April 17, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

Hi, my name is Karen Arnold and I am writing to protest the Beach Chalet Soccer Field project to install 150,000 watts of sports lighting and 7 acres of artificial turf in the area of Golden Gate Park near Ocean Beach. This will have multiple negative consequences on the surrounding natural area, including, but not limited to the migratory routes of many bird species, who will be affected and distracted by this light pollution. This will have a devastating affect on residential bird and animal populations, especially those species who are night-dwellers. The installation of fake grass will degrade the natural, organic feel of the existing area, and who is paying for it?

As a lifetime resident of San Francisco, I am outraged that an area of the park historically designated for general use will be permanently altered to cater to a specialized group. This is not the spirit for which William Hall and John McLaren designed the park. They envisioned an area which could be enjoyed by all residents of San Francisco, not just those who happen to play soccer, as well as protecting the wildlife and migratory birds who visit SF every year.

This project is not appropriate for this geographical area. The proximity to sensitive coastal areas, already in danger due to human impact, warrants that the Coastal Commission take action against this project. Please use all of your influence to voice your concerns as well.

I feel that sports are important for children and adults alike, but they shouldn't be given preferential treatment over other activities or endangered habitats. They should be held in a site that is appropriate for this use. I must stress again that the Beach Chalet Site is <u>not</u> an appropriate site for this project.

Sincerely,

Karen M Arnold 17 April, 2013

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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
Staff has been copied on this letter

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to ask that the Coastal Commision NOT allow the conversion of fields in Golden Gate Park to artificial turf.

As the mother of two young children. I know the enjoyment and other benefits that soccer provides. I also know that the demand for soccer fields in San Francisco is exceeding the supply, leading to scheduling issues and cancelled games. We need to find a solution to these problems. But we need to find one that does not involve artificial turf in Golden Gate Park.

Artificial turf in Golden Gate Park threatens our water quality since the runoff would need to be piped to the treatment plant, thus reducing flow to the aquifer. It threatens our air quality since the artificial turf would replace oxygen-generating grass and would involve the loss of trees as well. It threatens our access to open space since the fields would then be unusable for anything BUT soccer. Artificial turf in Golden Gate Park would also have severe impacts on wildlife, both because of the loss of natural space for everything from gophers to bees to hawks, and because of the night-time light pollution if would cause.

My children and I have enjoyed those fields in many ways over the years. Besides organized sports, they are good for making flower chains, dancing, cartwheels, birdwatching... the list goes on. They smell good when you walk by. And as my daughter pointed out when I told her about the proposal, they have a lot of bees and "I'm worried because I really love bees."

PLEASE do not allow all the ways in which a field of grass is part of childhood be steamrollered to make single-use space for team competition.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
Note: **Staff has been copied on this letter**

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to oppose the athletic field plans for the area behind the Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park. I hope your commission is still undecided on this project and can weigh comments from the general public before making a decision.

I arrived in San Francisco in 1977 as a young man, still very much undecided on my career choice and future. I had always loved history and I also had a love of great places, but growing up in Texas I had almost no idea what to do with these interests. After a few years in San Francisco, however, there was no doubt: becoming a San Francisco historian was the only career path I wished to pursue. I became active as a local historian in 1981 and have worked professionally as an architectural historian since 1993. I served on the city's Landmarks Board during 1995-1996 and have published many works in the field. Although I live in Palo Alto now, I still consider myself a San Franciscan in every way except for may mailing address. Nearly all of my work involves San Francisco projects; I regularly write historical evaluations on older buildings that are reviewed by City Planning staff.

I mention all this because I wish to emphasize how important sense of place is to me; it drives most of what I do. Historical buildings in old cities and natural landscapes have almost equal appeal for me. One of the great things about San Francisco, in addition to its historic buildings and neighborhoods, is the presence of wooded landscapes and natural areas within a dense city. Glen Canyon, Golden Gate Heights, Sutro Forest, the top of Mount Davidson, Land's End in Lincoln Park, and Fort Funston offer opportunities for quiet getaways such as few city-dwellers in other parts of the United States have. All such areas should be treasured by us.

The park in San Francisco that is most accessible to the largest number of people is Golden Gate Park. In this park, there are two great landscapes: the Botanical Gardens (formerly Strybing Arboretum), and Strawberry Hill in Stow Lake. These two areas form just a small percentage of the total park area, and they are not enough, I would say. Golden Gate Park has become too much of a playground of many uses, and is no longer very park-like. I would like to see this trend toward urbanization reversed.

The proposed athletic fields would urbanize the park on a scale comparable to the building of museums in the concourse, the construction of Crossover Drive (from 19th Avenue and Lincoln Way to Park-Presidio Boulevard and Fulton), and the Polo Field. Very tall and bright night lights, a hardpack surface of artificial grass, and other built features will create an extremely intrusive environment for anyone coming to the park for quietude and contemplation. The proposal is much too much, and the negative effects will be felt well beyond the footprint of the athletic fields themselves.

I beg you to consider: if you were a hawk or a squirrel, a solitary human on a stroll, or a resident of the surrounding neighborhood, would you go there, if you did not have to?

In the spirit of Golden Gate Park historian Ray Clary, I thank you for considering these thoughts, and ask you to reject the proposed athletic fields.

Sincerely,

William Kostura

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Madam:

The proposed construction project in the meadow at the west end of Golden Gate Park near the Beach Chalet is unnecessary. It solves no problem. If OK'd, it could cause plenty of problems:

Health. Not even the proponents in the City-County of San Francisco know how toxic the phony turf will be.

Environmental. How would 150,000 watts of lighting affect the atmosphere and wildlife habitat? Killing scores of healthy trees could be a step back toward desert dunes.

Pollution. A lighted, 1,000-seat arena —attracting crowds and traffic — would bring added pollution in the forms of noise, light, air, and trash.

Urbanization. I've lived near Golden Gate Park for some 35 years. I visit it often. It offers an idyllic escape from city bustle. Nature is a main theme of the master plans for GG Park and Ocean Beach. But this latest scheme goes a long way toward urbanizing and spoiling them.

Yours very truly,

Paul W. Lovinger

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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, GGP, S.F., CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing you to protest the artificial lighting/turf project proposed for the Beach Chalet fields. I am a property owner and a mother of two soccer playing children. We live in the Inner Sunset and go to G.G.P. at least twice a week. One of the reasons we bought our house was the proximity to the park and the beach. My family and I have been all over the park and love exploring the "wild "spaces in the different areas.

Raising a family in the city demands open space where city living children and adults can observe wildlife and begin a relationship with nature that will hopefully grow to a priority of preserving and protecting it. Ocean Beach has been a wonderful marine habitat for my family to explore. We collect sand dollars, count shore birds, watch the tides change and experience the overall magnificence of the Ocean.

The Beach Chalet Fields area has some "wild" parts that have trees for climbing and spots for quiet reflection. All these areas allow city dwellers to escape the "City" for a brief period.

My concern is about the impact to Ocean Beach and the loss of this public open space. It is not just for my family but for all the families that desperately need a place to run, play and just breathe. Artificial lighting, turf, more cars and noise do not seem like a good plan for our beautiful park and beach.

My kids are 9 and 12. Both play soccer and my son is with SF Vikings. I like soccer and the exercise it gives kids but I do not think it is the only sport, let alone the only activity I want my kids involved in.

I think the artificial lighting plan is extremely short sighted and benefits few and harms many. We are all unsure of the impact the lighting will have on the coast and will not know for years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet Hohbach

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April 15, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

In regard to the Beach Chalet Soccer Field GGPark proposal:
My concern as a resident of the Richmond District is the proposed sports lighting system for this complex.
It is well known that intense floodlighting, as proposed for the soccer fields ,is disruptive to wildlife,most significantly birds.
The sports lighting system, as proposed, bathes a very large area with light...in fact , I believe during a test of this lighting , from my residence about 1 mile inland adjacent to the north side of GGPark, the whole western skyline was illuminated.
The west end of GG Park, to date, is spared of night time floodlighting ... yes, Ocean Beach is lit by street lights ... and the GGNRA should be required to mitigate the intensity !
It is totally unacceptable that a whole new source of intense lighting be added.
I fully support increasing recreational capacity for children and all citizens in GG Park , in fact a new Nature Trail thru the east end GG Park Oak Woodlands is being created and the east end Horseshoe Courts complex is being renovated.
However, I think this kind of soccer field proposal for the western edge of GGP with its included sports floodlighting is inappropriate.

Sincerely,

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RE: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to you to urge you to say NO to the preposterous plan to plasticize the Beach Chalet Fields. The more research that I do, the more unbelievable the current plan becomes to degrade Golden Gate Park, a nationally known and loved green space abutting the beautiful California coast line.

I live in the Richmond District myself and use the area as a drawing and painting site when the athletic teams are not there. I run the Mary L. Harden School of Botanical Illustration & have 76 students currently enrolled. We paint & draw plant life of different eco systems and mount educational exhibits for non profit organizations.

As a parent, my daughter played soccer at the Beach Chalet athletic fields when she was young. In the 80's I worked with Mission Soccer League to develop new fields in the Eastern side of San Francisco. I am familiar with the City's needs to develop and maintain athletic

fields for all age groups. However, the proposal that organized sport should take precident over all other family activities is unfair as well as being supported by a very large number of activists who live outside of the City & have other options.

The environment impact of plastic turf, bright unnatural evening lighting, the removal of trees, habitat and beauty, is huge.

I have always supported Soccer Clubs but no more.

I urge the Coastal Commission to do its duty. Stop this outrage. Do not be swayed by the rhetoric and political pressure, but think of the long term effects, costs and degredation of greenspace.

Sane folks are counting on you. We know how effective you can be. Please do all that you can to preserve and protect California's beautiful and life sustaining Coastline.

Thanks for your attention,

Mary Harden

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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
Staff has been copied on this letter

Dear Hon. Shallenberger,

I am writing to you to express my concerns with the Beach Chalet Soccer Project in the west end of Golden Gate Park (the "Park").

I have lived in San Francisco (District 5) since October 2007. I am a native Californian.

Specifically, I am concerned about the commercial development of the Park and the introduction of synthetic material in a public park. I am not an expert in environmental matters, but I do believe that this project compromises the purpose of a public park and am wary of the magnitude of such development so close to the edge of the Pacific Ocean. Also, as a taxpayer, I would prefer that city taxes support Park preservation rather than the maintenance of commercial development in a designated public park area.

My greatest concern is that this project will lead to more development and quasi-privatization at the public's expense. The Park is a public space for the benefit of public citizens (a.k.a. voters) and visitors to San Francisco. It is not the appropriate place for commerce and development.

I do not have children but believe that children can play soccer on natural fields. Also, I am unsure of the benefits of playing soccer on synthetic turf rather than a natural field. A natural field, in my opinion, would serve the purpose equally well, if not better.

I am carbon copying Supervisor Eric Mar's office (District 1) and my supervisor's office (District 5) so that their offices are aware of my concerns. I have tried to reach out to my district supervisor, London Breed, but have been told by her legislative aide, Ahmad El-Najjar, that this is outside her jurisdiction.

Hon. Shallenberger, I urge the California Coastal Commission to preserve the Park for the public interest. I am confident that future generations will appreciate the natural, undisturbed landscape more than this type of stadium. In fact, we already have an excellent stadium—Kezar Stadium—near the Park!

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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RE: Proposal for *"Improvements"* to Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park

Dear Ms Shallenberger,

In 1963 PG&E attempted to put a nuclear power plant on Bodega Head. Recognized as an act of lunacy, it was never built. In terms of scale the proposed soccer complex affects a small area yet its impact is great. The lighting alone is very problematic. The150,000-watt proposed stadium lighting will sit on 60 feet poles-taller than the adjacent trees. Additionally night lighting is planned for new sidewalks and an enlarged parking lot.

This planned, year-round, dusk to 10 P.M illumination would light up Golden Gate Park and the adjacent neighborhood impacting Ocean Beach and its visitors, subjecting all to unwanted lights. It would be a nuisance and an aesthetic nightmare effecting prized views like that from Sutro Park. The wonderful expanse from Golden Gate Park down the coast will sport lighting poles above the trees visible both day and night. Having lived in an apartment overlooking Golden Gate Bridge for over 35 years, I can attest to the fact that good views are really priceless and do help to raise one's spirit. It makes no sense to butcher beautiful views.

The western part of Golden Gate Park has always been special in that it preserves the original intent of park planners—to provide a pastoral setting for city dwellers to commune with nature and receive solace from it. Recreation activities and development have been concentrated in the eastern part of the park. Those that do exist in the western part have been modest and those that are proposed must be sensibly planned to fit into this more sylvan environment. Adjacent to the soccer field is the Queen Wihelmina Tulip Garden and restored Murphy Windmill. Unfortunately, the scale of the proposed soccer development will diminish the experience of visiting this lovely place. It would be a shame given the years it took to raise money and restore this area.

Another of my concerns is the increased car traffic that the proposed soccer fields would generate given that the area has limited public transportation. The proposed quality fields would attract players from outside the city who would drive here. On busy weekends the impact on Ocean beach parking may prevent families, older adults with limited mobility, or the handicapped from being able to park, denying them the chance to enjoy the beach and the simple pleasure of just watching the surf and listening to the waves which can be a great comfort for the stress of urban life.

Though I support neighborhood soccer fields and would support a quality field with lighting in an alternate spot for the purpose of increasing park revenue, I cannot support this project. Substantial habitat degradation is my greatest concern. The proposal calls for the removal of over fifty trees, the paving over of parkland to make a bigger parking lot, and the installation of artificial turf and grand stands. All of these factors combined with the increased lighting and number of visitors would have severe negative impacts on the area's vegetation, its birds and other wildlife. That is why I favor the restoration and maintenance of the present grass soccer fields.

I respectfully request that you consider my reasons for opposing the proposed soccer complex. It should be built in an appropriate urban space not Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely yours,
Cira Marie Curri
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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Chair Shallenberger and Honorable Commissioners,

Enclosed please find letters of concern from local organizations regarding the Beach Chalet soccer fields project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Katherine Howard

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cc: Kevin Kahn, Coastal Planner, North Central Coast District
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April 2, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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Subject: Proposed Beach Chalet Soccer Complex, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) is a coalition of over 44 neighborhood organizations, formed to communicate San Francisco residents' concerns with land use and other issues. For the last three years, CSFN has been deeply concerned about the proposed Beach Chalet Soccer Complex and the negative impact it would have on Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach.

The Beach Chalet Soccer Complex would introduce highly urbanized artificial fields into Golden Gate Park, destroying the naturalistic character of the western end of the Park. This project would replace natural plantings with proven toxic artificial turf, increase paving in the park in an area that is now completely vegetated, remove many trees that make up the Park's windbreak, and degraded wildlife habitat in the Park and at Ocean Beach. The project would increase traffic to the Park, to Ocean Beach, and through the neighborhoods. The horrendous 150,000 watts of sports lights and the additional pole lights would significantly decrease the darkness of the night sky and infringe on the wild nature of Ocean Beach; in addition, the lighting would have a negative impact on views not only for the neighbors around the area but also for visitors to historic Sutro Park and the Cliff House.

Ocean Beach is where San Franciscans go to watch the sunset, to sit by a fire on the beach, or to gaze at the stars. In sum, this project would change the overall character of the western edge of Golden Gate Park from a sylvan retreat to that of a developed sports complex and destroy the beauty of Ocean Beach.

We urge you to take into account our deeply felt concerns and to direct the City to renovate the Beach Chalet fields with natural grass and no lighting, and to consider seriously the alternative of West Sunset Playground and other facilities in San Francisco. Many of our playing fields are in need of funding; spending over $14 million on this one project does not serve our children well. Fixing up Beach Chalet with natural grass and using the rest of the funding elsewhere in San Francisco would serve the children equally well, while preserving the beauty and habitat of Golden Gate Park and of Ocean Beach for future generations.

Sincerely,

Nancy Wuerfel
Chair, Open Space Committee

cc: Commissioners
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RE: Proposed Beach Chalet Soccer Complex, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Cindy L. Heitzman

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

On behalf of the California Preservation Foundation (CPF), I am writing to express our concern over potential adverse impacts stemming from the proposed Beach Chalet Soccer Fields project. Established in 1977, CPF is the only statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of California's diverse cultural and architectural heritage. CPF works with its extensive network of 1,500 members to provide statewide leadership, advocacy, and education.

The Beach Chalet Soccer fields are located at the western terminus of Golden Gate Park. Designed in 1871 by William Hammond Hall, Golden Gate Park is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as an important historic landscape under Criterion C (Design) at the national level of significance in the area of landscape architecture, and under Criterion A (Event) at the regional level of significance in the area of recreation and social history. The construction of the Beach Chalet Recreational fields in the 1930s had relatively little impact to the naturalistic meadows and woodlands. Other contributing features to the western half of the park include the restroom building from the 1930s and the tree windbreak at the western edge of the park.

The currently proposed Beach Chalet Soccer Complex project would replace the existing grass field with up to seven and half acres of artificial turf; erect 60 foot light posts and 4 - 18 foot tall fencing around the soccer fields; remove a number of trees and tall shrubs; add paved pathways; and expand the existing parking lot. These new elements are out of character with the historic design intent of the western end of Golden Gate Park. The proposed improvements would significantly diminish the existing naturalistic character of the park's cultural landscape. Also of concern are potential impacts to surrounding historic resources including the Beach Chalet (San Francisco City Landmark #179), Murphy's Windmill and Millwright Cottage (San Francisco Landmark # 210), the Dutch Windmill (San Francisco City Landmark #147).

The Golden Gate Park Master Plan adopted in 1998 recommends that the original design of the park guide decisions about new projects. The Master Plan improvements to the western end of the park include improvement to the landscaping, continued reforestation of the western windbreak, addition of a grass soccer field, and restoration and rehabilitation for the windmills, Millwright's House and the Beach Chalet. It does not include the complete renovation of the soccer fields or introduction of artificial elements into the landscape.

The addition of the 60 foot light poles and the tall fencing would create a visual impact as both would be visible from the surrounding park area. The trees in that area are short, due to the strong winds that blow in off the Pacific Ocean, and provide little screening.

Night lighting of the soccer field is in conflict with Park Master Plan, which states "[p]ark lighting should not detract visually or physically from the character of the park." The Beach Chalet restaurant is a night use area, but the fields are not.

The Final Environmental Impact Report finds that the proposed improvements for the Beach Chalet Soccer Field would cause a significant adverse impact on a historic resource under the CEQA. The Hybrid Alternative should be considered because it includes renovation of the Beach Chalet fields with natural grass and no additional lighting. It includes the renovation of the nearby West Sunset Playground with artificial turf and lighting that is appropriate to that neighborhood. This would increase the hours of play for children while protecting the historic naturalistic character of Golden Gate Park and the enjoyment of Ocean Beach for everyone.

We hope that you will direct the City to protect Golden Gate Park and seriously consider either the Hybrid Alternative or using available funds to fix up other playing fields in San Francisco for increased use.

CPF encourages the Commission to work with all parties involved to develop sensitive improvements that maintain the historic character of Golden Gate Park. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at cheitzman@californiapreservation.org or by phone at 415-495-0349.

Sincerely,

Cindy Heitzman
Executive Director

cc: Commissioners
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Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council opposes the installation of artificial turf and sports lighting at the existing soccer fields located at the west end of Golden Gate Park, commonly called the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields. This is a development that would be suited to at least one other nearby location that is not in Golden Gate Park and not adjacent to Ocean Beach and the GGNRA.

HANC opposes the development of a soccer complex at the west end of Golden Gate Park for all the reasons that the SF Oceans Edge folks do. It is simply an opportunity for the current San Francisco Recreation & Parks (Rec & Park) administration to further its goal of commercializing our parks.

The western end of Golden Gate Park is supposed to be "wild and natural" as set forth in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. Artificial turf and stadium lights are antithetical to this goal! The Sierra Club and Audubon Society have also worked to defeat the use of artificial turf and stadium lights in this location.

In spite of what Rec & Park says, this is a development to attract adult soccer leagues from throughout the Bay Area (who will pay!), and not just "for the kids".

We support the renovation of the soccer fields (which have not been maintained for years) with state of the art gopher proofing AND the siting of the soccer complex at another location outside of GG Park.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bayuk

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Subject: Proposed Beach Chalet Soccer Complex, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

The Harvey Milk LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender) Club is opposed to the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields project proposed for the western end of Golden Gate Park and urges the California Coastal Commission to recommend that this project be moved to an alternative location.

The Beach Chalet fields are used today by both youth and adults for practice soccer and competitions. When not in use, the fields are habitat for wildlife; in the past, they have also been used for kite flying, picnics, and even a concert! However, this project takes what is currently parkland benefiting all ages and physical abilities, and restricts it to use only by a limited number of people. It is unlikely that anyone will want to picnic on an artificial turf field. Artificial turf cannot be used for activities such as concerts. The loss of the meadow aspect of the park means that folks who come out to the fields to enjoy the parkland as parkland with grass, trees and birds, will no longer be able to enjoy this area as such.

San Francisco has plans to accommodate a higher population. As the number of people increases, they will need more land that is parkland, to counter the increasing dense urban environment. Even now, San Franciscans would like to have more opportunity for outdoor experiences in nature. The Leon Younger & PROS, LLC Recreation Assessment Report (Aug.2004), commissioned by the SF Recreation and Park Department, showed that over 60% of those polled currently participated in visiting nature areas, while only 12% participated in youth soccer, rugby or field hockey. In addition, when asked what programs that participants would take part in more often if available, almost 25% chose visiting nature areas, while only 3% chose youth soccer.

We are also concerned about the installation of stadium and other lighting. At this time, the soccer field area is dark at night. We were stunned to learn that the Beach Chalet project will install over 150,000 watts of light from sunset until 10:00 p.m. 365 days a year. Other lighting will be installed for the parking lot and for the new sidewalks. Our members take their families to Ocean Beach to walk along the Promenade, to view the sunset, to look at the stars, and to sit by the fire rings. This lighting will permanently destroy the beauty of the evening in this area for everyone, young and old.

Night lighting is damaging to wildlife health and especially to birds, affecting nesting, foraging, and migration patterns. Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach are major stops along the western flyway for migratory birds. The artificial turf and new lighting combined turn valuable parkland and wildlife habitat into a paved, lighted, developed and essentially sterile, lifeless site.

While we understand and support the need for youth recreation opportunities, young people need to have the opportunity to experience nature directly and to learn to appreciate and value nature. What is the lesson to our children in destroying habitat for short-term convenience, especially when an alternative is available?

A strong compromise has been proposed -- renovating the soccer field with natural grass and no night lighting, and using the remaining funding to renovate additional playing fields in San Francisco. We hope that the California Coastal Commission will work with the City to implement this compromise, protecting Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach for everyone's use, now and into the future.

Sincerely,
Tom Temprano
President

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We hope that you will direct the City to protect Golden Gate Park and seriously consider either the Hybrid Alternative or using available funds to fix up other playing fields in San Francisco for increased use.

CPF encourages the Commission to work with all parties involved to develop sensitive improvements that maintain the historic character of Golden Gate Park. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at cheitzman@californiapreservation.org or by phone at 415-495-0349.

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The western end of Golden Gate Park is supposed to be "wild and natural" as set forth in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. Artificial turf and stadium lights are antithetical to this goal! The Sierra Club and Audubon Society have also worked to defeat the use of artificial turf and stadium lights in this location.

In spite of what Rec & Park says, this is a development to attract adult soccer leagues from throughout the Bay Area (who will pay!), and not just "for the kids".

We support the renovation of the soccer fields (which have not been maintained for years) with state of the art gopher proofing AND the siting of the soccer complex at another location outside of GG Park.

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Sincerely,

Katherine Howard

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In spite of what Rec & Park says, this is a development to attract adult soccer leagues from throughout the Bay Area (who will pay!), and not just "for the kids".

We support the renovation of the soccer fields (which have not been maintained for years) with state of the art gopher proofing AND the siting of the soccer complex at another location outside of GG Park.

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The Beach Chalet fields are used today by both youth and adults for practice soccer and competitions. When not in use, the fields are habitat for wildlife; in the past, they have also been used for kite flying, picnics, and even a concert! However, this project takes what is currently parkland benefiting all ages and physical abilities, and restricts it to use only by a limited number of people. It is unlikely that anyone will want to picnic on an artificial turf field. Artificial turf cannot be used for activities such as concerts. The loss of the meadow aspect of the park means that folks who come out to the fields to enjoy the parkland as parkland with grass, trees and birds, will no longer be able to enjoy this area as such.

San Francisco has plans to accommodate a higher population. As the number of people increases, they will need more land that is parkland, to counter the increasing dense urban environment. Even now, San Franciscans would like to have more opportunity for outdoor experiences in nature. The Leon Younger & PROS, LLC Recreation Assessment Report (Aug.2004), commissioned by the SF Recreation and Park Department, showed that over 60% of those polled currently participated in visiting nature areas, while only 12% participated in youth soccer, rugby or field hockey. In addition, when asked what programs that participants would take part in more often if available, almost 25% chose visiting nature areas, while only 3% chose youth soccer.

We are also concerned about the installation of stadium and other lighting. At this time, the soccer field area is dark at night. We were stunned to learn that the Beach Chalet project will install over 150,000 watts of light from sunset until 10:00 p.m. 365 days a year. Other lighting will be installed for the parking lot and for the new sidewalks. Our members take their families to Ocean Beach to walk along the Promenade, to view the sunset, to look at the stars, and to sit by the fire rings. This lighting will permanently destroy the beauty of the evening in this area for everyone, young and old.

Night lighting is damaging to wildlife health and especially to birds, affecting nesting, foraging, and migration patterns. Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach are major stops along the western flyway for migratory birds. The artificial turf and new lighting combined turn valuable parkland and wildlife habitat into a paved, lighted, developed and essentially sterile, lifeless site.

While we understand and support the need for youth recreation opportunities, young people need to have the opportunity to experience nature directly and to learn to appreciate and value nature. What is the lesson to our children in destroying habitat for short-term convenience, especially when an alternative is available?

A strong compromise has been proposed -- renovating the soccer field with natural grass and no night lighting, and using the remaining funding to renovate additional playing fields in San Francisco. We hope that the California Coastal Commission will work with the City to implement this compromise, protecting Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach for everyone's use, now and into the future.

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The Sunset Architectural and Historical Resource Inventory Committee (SAHRIC), a committee of the Sunset Parkside Education and Action Committee (SPEAK) has the following concerns about the proposed Soccer Fields complex at the western edge of Golden Gate Park next to Ocean Beach:

There are four landmark buildings within a few yards of the proposed sports complex. They are the Murphy Windmill, the nearby Millwright's Cottage, the Queen Wilhelmina Windmill and Tulip Gardens, and the Beach Chalet. All four are official City Landmarks. The proximity of these structures to each other is enhanced by a pathway which runs north-south and connects the four landmarks, parallel to the Great Highway. This pathway lies atop what may have been the historic track of the Sutro Railroad which once connected H Street (now Lincoln Way) to the Sutro attractions at the foot of Sutro Heights, such as Playland-at-the-Beach. While this area has not yet been recognized as an historic district, if the Soccer Fields complex is approved, there will be little chance that sufficient historic connectivity and integrity will remain to qualify it as an historic district.

Here are the main points of our concerns of the Soccer Fields Project:
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The proposed project will compromise the integrity of the historic buildings and compromise the visual and functional integrity with the increase in activity and hours of operation of the proposed sports facility.

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Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I want to express my strong opposition to the soccer field planned for the area of the Beach Chalet. In a city and state on the forefront of conservation, creating a green and organic environment, why would you introduce such an anti-environmental project??? Especially when you have a Hyprid alternative.

Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Gate Park have been enjoyed by my family, neighbors, children and grandchildren. Please do not place artificial turf and lighting in our beloved parks. My children had many recreational experiences in sports of all kinds in San Francisco, and were never unable to find recreational facilities. Recreation is important but not at the expense of artificial turf and huge LED lights.

I have lived on Masonic Ave. in San Francisco for over 43 years. I am retired as Executive Director of a nonprofit that worked for 30 years to end housing discrimination in the Bay Area.

I am told that the Commission is concerned with impacts to the coast and the Park, from loss of access by the general public to open space, wildlife impacts, night lighting impacts, water quality concerns. As a birdwatcher, I predict that these lights will confuse and harm the thousands of migrating birds who fly down our coast each year. Please do not betray our past commitment to a beautiful city.

Sincerely,

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Regarding: Beach Chalet Soccer Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

I am writing to convey my opposition to the synthetic turf soccer fields at the Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park as well as my support for soccer. I have an 8 year old son who is an ardent soccer player and plays in the Viking leagues. Our family supports efforts to expand play opportunities but not at the environmental, historic and cultural costs associated with this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am appalled to hear of California Coastal Commission plans for the destruction of 55 trees and meadow areas in Golden Gate Park for artificially surfaced sports fields and parking lots.

This is particularly egregious as the GGP Master Plan and Ocean Beach Master Plan 's main themes are recreation in a naturalistic setting. Only in a science fiction alternate reality could AstroTurf be consider a naturalistic setting.

My preference would be to renovate the Beach Chalet area with native plants and use the remainder of the funding to fix up playing fields all over San Francisco.

The health of our planet requires more plants and trees, not more human-made surfaces, and the California Coastal Commission should lead the nation in creative projects going in this direction.

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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

On this eve of Earth Day 2013 we are writing you to express our dismay over the proposed project for the athletic fields at the Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park. We in the neighborhood have vehemently opposed this project, yet it does not appear that valid arguments are taken seriously.

I am a current National Park Service Employee and my husband Tim is retired from the National Park Service. I have lived in the Outer Richmond District over 20 years and Tim over 30, and we cherish and regularly use the park. We raised two children just a block from the park and used it heavily for family activities - walks, bike rides, picnics. We feel a strong obligation to protect Golden Gate Park and are concerned that current management is moving in the wrong direction. We heartily support organized activities in the park for children as well as for families. Too many children in San Francisco and surrounding areas do not get the kind of wonderful natural and/or recreational experience that Golden Gate Park can supply. On a walk I once passed a field trip of kids from China Town walking to the Ocean, most of them had never seen the Pacific Ocean although they had lived here all of their lives! It breaks my heart, but also gives me hope that more kids are getting that opportunity. There is no reason this project can't provide superb playing fields for soccer and other events in a natural environment without the negative impacts of the proposal.

The preferred alternative for this project would have a profound negative impact to the California Coast due to loss of wildlife habitat; impacts to night sky due to introduction of lights for night use; and will cause removal of valuable trees and grass. It will introduce more people and cars to wetern Golden Gate Park, nearby neighborhoods, and the beach area adjacent long into the night. Good bye to romantic evening walks on the beach. We note that protecting the night sky is a current National Park Service mandate, and this project will be on the doorstep of Golden Gate National Recreation Area with large lighted playing fields.

We are concerned about the use of artificial turf. Is it toxic? Apparently the long term effects are not known; but because of this, the rain that falls on this turf is to be piped to the sewage treatment plant rather than allowed to be absorbed and to restore the aquifer as can be done with a grass field.

We are also concerned with the loss of the historic character of western Golden Gate Park. This project as proposed will forever change the look, feel, and character of western Golden Gate Park.

This project as proposed is costly, likely toxic, negatively impacts natural and cultural resources, and disrupts the neighborhood. The proposed benefits to children through organized sports can be realized through less impactful ways. We support renovating the athletic fields at the Beach Chalet with real, honest to goodness turf and use the remainder of the funding to restore other playing fields throughout the city.

Sincerely, Robbyn Jackson Timothy Przygocki

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cc: Kevin Kahn

Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

I know you have received so many letters of concern regarding the proposed conversion of the grassy fields at the far western end of Golden Gate Park into a high-intensity soccer venue that will forever diminish the natural environment there. I would like to add just two points.

The myth of "for the children". The stadium lighting that is proposed will enable night-time play by adult leagues. Children will not need the lighting; children play April through October and it's daylight savings time. They do not play in the cold, dark months of November through March. However, adult soccer league play occurs after work hours and on weekends. It is adults who might need the lighting, not the children. Please consider that when the children's leagues line up all the kids to tell you the children need the night lights. It is not school children from the San Francisco public schools, but children bound into leagues for competition play that you will generally hear from. But the children play during the day; it is the adults who play at night. Even so, tonight is April 18 and it is light until 8 p.m. The days are growing even longer, of course.

Precedent for stadium lighting so close to the ocean and its beaches. It will be very difficult to say no to other proposals to light up the coast. Although San Francisco might appear to be a highly developed urban place, the far west end of the city is low-density at the edge of wondrous open space, the huge belt of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), the Ocean Beach and the almost unpeopled west end of Golden Gate Park. There is dark sky here; the migrations of birds fly over the beach; nocturnal wildlife thrive here since it feels almost as remote as open countryside.

You'll hear many other reasons from opponents and proponents, so I hope these are slightly different points that you might not otherwise hear. I urge you to reject the proposal and recommend another site.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Kahn,

Below is a letter I submitted to Ms. Shallenberger regarding protecting the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park. If you have time, I would like to ask that you please read it as well.

Thank you,
Alexis Morris

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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to ask you to please put an immediate stop to this plan to destroy the Beach Chalet Soccer Field in the western most end of Golden Gate Park. This is horrible and extremely destructive plan for San Francisco, for California, for many bird species, and for the entire coastal and park ecosystem.

I am a decades long environmentalist, have lived the Sunset district for 17 years, am a frequent park visitor and am also a member of different environmental groups including the California State Parks Foundation. Ever since I learned that Proposition B (2012) had the rather hidden intention of putting in an industrial astroturf soccer complex in Golden Gate Park, I've been working to talk with and inform people about what is happening. I have been going district by district speaking with people, having them sign postcards to the California Coastal Commission to protect the field, have volunteered with the Sierra Club, SF Ocean Edge as well as started my own group, Save The Field - all in order to build public awareness and support to try to stop this.

The vast majority of citizens and now business owners I speak with, 95% of them, did not know this plan was in the works, are in shock about it and do not understand why the city is moving ahead with this. The continual and most common question I keep being asked is "Why is the city doing this?" People are disgusted, angry and confused about the entire project and have *many* questions.

I've also been contacting our Board of Supervisors and explaining why we need a new public hearing on the matter and have requested one. My idea for a new hearing came out of the frustration I and others kept feeling as we kept realizing how so many people were uninformed about this. Overall the Board of Supervisors is showing very little interest in the fact that most of the city's residents don't know this is happening - and for the most part, they appear even less interested in a new hearing. They claim this is out the city's hands since the CCC is involved now. I have also emailed a legal aid from Supervisor Mar's office (District 1 where the soccer field in Golden Gate Park is) who emailed back with the Supervisor's official position which states (the emphases are mine) "I believe installing synthetic turf and lights

on these fields is both *environmentally responsible* and *totally appropriate* for this location in a designated "major recreation area" in Golden Gate Park. It will have ***no significant impact on sensitive wildlife or critical habitat*** and will achieve the primary goal of the Western Area Plan section of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, ("increase *legitimate* activities and transform this part of the park.")" Saying and believing that this is environmentally responsible, saying it will have no significant impact on sensitive wildlife or critical habitat, and over-valuing certain activities as more "legitimate" than others that are currently taking place on the field is faulty and I will explain a little more about that in a moment.

As you know, the BOS had a seven hour hearing in July 2012 and in that hearing, with people and groups on both sides of the issue presenting their case, the BOS approved the industrialization of the field. This hearing was *before* the November 12 election. In other words, proponents and funders of Proposition B already knew *5 months before the election* that they now had their green light to put in their industrial soccer complex - with a green light, you're far more inclined to spend more money on a campaign. So having this knowledge beforehand, they surged an onslaught of money, spending an outrageously high amount of $4 per voter on that proposition alone in order to convince voters this was a "Beautify Our Parks" campaign as their slogan said and good for the city. To give you an idea of the contrast, groups in favor of protecting the park could only fund at 10c a voter. They talked about "restoring" old fields in the proposition but did not say in their campaign ads nor in their writing in the ballot book "We will replace the natural soccer field in Golden Gate Park and put in a 7 acre astroturf soccer stadium, 60 ft tall, 150,000 watt lighting until 10pm every night of the year, an expanded parking lot, vendors, seating for 1000+ spectators, and more toxic chemicals." None of this is not what "Beautify Our Parks" means. So this was deceptive language, too much was omitted and that is the reason so many San Franciscans were - and remain - entirely unaware that this specific plan was/is even in the works.

I don't think Supervisor Mar perceives or perhaps believes the social and environmental impacts an industrial soccer stadium will have. Key environmentalists, including the executive director of the Audubon Society, have said this is a completely flawed plan at the environmental and wildlife level. There are so many ecological problems with this plan - and that stands whether or not the EIR was properly followed or not. There are also very real problems with changing the entire nature of this public park space and setting from a natural, open space area and available for free use to all, to a more exclusive, event-based set up. We cannot overtake these few remaining open spaces in the park for special interests that tend to cater and privilege certain interests and types of events over a more free-use model that the public parks *were designed for*. This is disrupting and limiting that relationship to a select few with special interests and the park simply cannot be reshaped and used to that kind of end. When the park's first superintendents William Hammond Hall and then John McLaren worked on the park, their entire vision was to create and maintain the western end of the park as a natural retreat *away from* the pressure, stress and commerce of the city, a primary and stated goal was to keep this as a natural oasis so San Franciscans could go be in nature *without having to leave the city*. It was an incredibly wise and rare gift they gave the city (not to mention visitors from all over the world) and one most cities don't have and it must remain protected.

I go down by that field on a regular basis and would like to return to this issue of "critical habitat". There are tons of species of birds in and right around that field: common birds, local birds, coastal birds migratory birds and endangered birds. If you walk along the current fence of the soccer field, you can hear all of them in the trees and shrubs that surround the field - some within 10 and 20 ft of the field. This field and the trees are a perfect habitat for them. It has ample sunlight, open space for flying and foraging, is a natural food ecosystem source (the field itself), has a natural windbreaker from the line of large cypress and other trees (thereby also making it a refuge area during strong weather) and last but not least, it is far less populated with people and cars than almost any other area of the park. The natural wildlife and setting is all part of what the early founders were valuing and protecting. There is one cluster of about 5

trees alone for example, where dozens of hummingbirds live and feed. In fact, in contrast to the Supervisor's claims, I think a case could be made that this is arguably one of the more important environmental areas of the entire park - and that is without even going into any discussion of the concerns about chemicals from the asphalt and astroturf leaching into water table below overtime. Because this area straddles the park and the coast, it serves very important functions for many species that no other area there does in the same way - it is a kind of interstitial zone for them that they can actually thrive, breed and feed in.

The moment all the machines and trucks move in and start tearing out the field to put in the first layer of asphalt, the enormous sounds and exhaust/pollution from this alone will make all the birds *instantly* fly away. 100s of birds who have lived here and rely on this field either year round or as part of their migrations will suddenly have to "adapt". They will have to suddenly flee and find other areas in the park to inhabit - but those areas already have birds in them so there will be this new and immediate problem impacting the entire ecosystem. Environmental studies show time and time again that when you radically transform a natural area through industrialization and development, species disappear and don't come back - *it is that simple*. And in addition to this, there is virtually no other area in the park as ideally suited for the survival of these birds than that area - because no other area there is this unpopulated (and dark at night) as this one, or has as much sunlight *but also* so many trees (for perching, hiding, nests etc) surrounding a direct food source like this. If you walk there, you can see the birds even have their own way of benefitting from the metal fence currently there. They use it as a perch to sight bugs flying above the grass, swoop down and eat them, then return to the fence to do it again. The field is a direct food source for them - *one that co-exists with the people who currently use the field for various sporting activities*. Chemical astroturf doesn't support worms and bugs so obviously they're not going to be able to do that if this soccer stadium is permitted.

I've been walking Golden Gate Park for years now and can tell you unequivocally, the eastern end of the park - which has had a massive surge in privatization, buses coming through and new "recreation" gimmicks for tourists - has experienced a dramatic decline in the wildlife population there. As just one example of many: there is a tree lined road on the north eastern side of the park. These trees used to have hawks flying above, resting and nesting in them all the time, many times even just sitting on a branch 20 feet from the road. I'd see them all the time, especially during the later months of the year. But with each passing year now, hawk sightings in that area are more and more of a rare occurrence. What you do see however, are all kinds of buses and segway riding tourist groups coming down that road that have been in operation more and more frequently. These are very popular in the park.

We are destroying our "public" parks for the pursuit of businesses and other private interest groups making profits in and from the park and from treating it as one of the last "open" spaces this very small and highly populated city has left to "offer" - they do not seem to care too much about the natural and incredibly complex, distinct and rare ecosystem and wildlife that inhabit it, let alone the history and the continuity of the park itself *as an open, public space for all to share equally*. There are plenty of other areas they can pursue their games in - including Koret stadium three blocks from the park, or, as the Hybrid Alternative Win-Win Proposal offers, a new, and non-toxic soccer complex could be put in at the West Sunset Playfields. This field in the park is one of the last remaining areas in San Francisco that can support wildlife like this - and for that reason alone it makes the continued existence of the field all the more crucial, this very much is "critical habitat" for "sensitive wildlife".

I am from Los Angeles originally and saw how rampant development there caused so much environmental destruction in so many different areas. The same thing is happening in San Francisco now, this latest move to take hold of this soccer field is another, very disturbing, "example" of the trend.

Please do all you can to put a halt to this ill-conceived plan. You will be helping not only California and public citizens, but you will also be helping protect our parks, the open space corridor along the coast, and the little remaining but still incredible biodiversity this last area in our urban setting has. I have a petition to save this field with 100s of people's signatures and have also recently begun going to San Francisco businesses in districts surrounding the park who are putting their business' names on this list as well. Because I just started asking for support from businesses the other day, I have 30 on the list so far. But I will continue to go to more businesses to gather more signatures and will keep going to them, in part, because these business owners and managers keep thanking me and encouraging me to do so. I will also send you a copy of that list very soon.

Thank you for your strong consideration,

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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am a native San Franciscan, age 61, who has lived within walking distance of Golden Gate Park all my life; I grew up in the Sunset District; the proposed new soccer fields and lights at the Western edge of Golden Gate Park are part of my home turf. I am greatly dismayed at what the proposal for artifical turf and lights will do to irreparably damage the Western end of the park for the many reasons stated below, and hope that the Commission will consider the Hybrid Alternative and move artificial turf to West Sunset Playground and/or renovate Beach Chalet soccer fields with real grass, better field construction and no light pollution!

The birds and wildlife depend on the natural greenery in the park. City dwellers need open space, too! Worst of all, the lights will pollute the sky and ruin the area for wild animals and birds and destroy the atmosphere of nature for evening beach visitors. The sports lights will also affect the views of nature from the Cliff House and Sutro Heights. The removal of trees to be replaced with seating means a destruction of nature, an introduction of more cars to the area, adding further pollution.

My children's high school science teacher, Mrs. Kovisto, told me that the chemicals in artifical turf leach into the ground over time and make it toxic. Yuck!

The area will lose grass, the rainwater will not go into the ground, the entire historic character of the area will be ruined forever. Please, please, do not allow this project!

I'm all for soccer, however. Please move this project to the West Sunset Playground, where Golden Gate Park is not affected. Alternatively, renovate Beach Chalet with real grass and use the remaining funding to help playing fields throughout San Francisco.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to you as a 44 year resident of San Francisco, an avid park user and advocate**. I am asking your commission to stop the installation of artificial grass fields and powerful stadium lighting at the Beach Chalet Soccer field location in Golden Gate Park.**

My children have grown up around Golden Gate Park. We love the pastoral, bucolic settings and the gradual meandering paths to the sea. It is a treasure for the entire city. We need to preserve what little precious natural land we have left for future generations. I understand the needs of soccer enthusiasts for longer play time, my grandchildren play soccer, but there are alternatives to this plan and perhaps through your commission these concerns and alternatives will finally be "heard".

I shared my concerns about this issue at the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission meetings, at the board of Supervisors hearings and through letter and petition drives. Through it all, the side favoring a natural grass renovation and lower illumination lighting has been ignored and worse yet vilified as being anti-children and obstructionist. There are good people with passionate views on both sides of this issue but so far the alternatives have not been given a fair hearing.

If we go down this road to an artificial grass field and high powered lighting, we won't be able to go back. I observed the construction of this type of field in Crocker Amazon Park. It completely changes the landscape of the park. It can't be reversed if we decide that other types of sport, native plant gardens, or an open meadow for concerts would be a preferred use by another generation.

I hope you will consider these concerns. My family shares this view and we await your decision.

Sincerely;

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Dear Ms. Shallenberger and Coastal Commission,

I live on 43rd Ave. @ Fulton St. because I want to be close to the natural world of Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach. This is a very special area where Park connects to Beach. Sports lighting, and, paving the earth over with more asphalt to bring more cars, and suffocating it with astroturf? This will have a detrimental affect on the wildlife of the Park and Ocean Beach. Please stop this!

I am a teacher at George Washington High School on 32nd Ave. @ Anza. Most of the campus had been paved over with concrete and asphalt. But, at least the students could still connect with the Earth as they played, or ate lunch on the Athletic Field. Out of my classroom window, I would watch flocks of wild geese eating and resting on the Field. About 3 years ago, the Field was covered with artificial turf. The wild geese no longer come. I ask my students, who are athletes, if they prefer natural or artificial turf. Most say that they like to play on natural fields. Some say the artificial hurts their skin, and others question the health affects, and, what happens when the turf breaks down?

We live in times of sacrificing our Earth and wildlife for economic gain! Please save this fragile beautiful area of San Francisco. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

We are long-time residents at Ocean Beach and walk along the sea wall or in the Park daily.

We are very much concerned with the installation of artificial turf and night lighting in Golden Gate Park, as proposed by the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. We ask you to consider the following points and urge you to consider the merits of natural grass and natural lighting for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

1. What fumes will the artificial turf give off? Will these fumes be toxic to plants, animals and people? Will the fumes add to air pollution in the Park and surrounding neighborhoods?

2. How quickly will the artificial turf degrade? What danger does the degradation and resulting detritus pose to the plants, animals and ground water of the Park? Won't this detritus be toxic if inhaled by people using the fields and those in proximity to the fields? What about families with infants and young children who will be playing on, and dining in proximity to the fields? Won't the bits and pieces of artificial turf that are kicked up come in contact with the skin of, and be inhaled by, infants and young children?

3. There will be toxic run-off into the Ocean. There are often surfers in the water directly across from the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

4. The Beach Chalet Athletic fields can not support more than the current set-up of 4 playing fields, with one of the four fields laying fallow at any one time. On a summer's day there is already a heavy load of traffic from people going to Ocean Beach, the Beach Chalet and Park Chalet, The Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden and Wind Mill, Golden Gate Park Golf Course, and just visiting the western end of the Park. The increase in traffic that will occur if four fields are in full time use will result in degrading the environment of the western end of the Park. The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields can't sustain 4 full time playing fields concentrated in one place where there is already high density use of the Park

5. Night lighting will have an unnatural, and inevitably adverse, impact on the flora and fauna of the Park and will increase air pollution due to the additional traffic using the fields after dark.

6. There are safety and traffic issues resulting from the proposed increase in use that will adversely impact anyone visiting the Beach and the western edge of the Park. The safety and traffic issues issues have not been adequately addressed. There is heavy use of this area already by bicycles, walkers and joggers and families visiting Ocean Beach and the Park. Pedestrian

safety will certainly be an issue at the western end of Golden Gate Park if the plan proposed by Rec and Park for night lighting goes forward.

Please consider the above points in evaluating the proposed renovations to Beach Chalet Athletic Fields.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am an Appellant in the referenced case, involving the grant of a Coastal Permit to the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to construct artificial turf soccer fields with stadium lights at the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park. I urge the California Coastal Commission to deny this permit. I also urge the Commission to support the win-win hybrid alternative, which would renovate the Golden Gate Park fields with natural grass and no night lighting, and move the proposed development to a more suitable location at the nearby West Sunset Playground.

There are many reasons why the Coastal Permit should be denied. Following are significant negative impacts of this project:

- Artificial night lighting that will stay on until 10 pm every night of the year will create unacceptable light pollution and ruin the dark sky in the area.
- Night lighting will also harm wildlife habitat and disrupt the migratory pattern of birds.
- Artificial turf with rubber tire crumb infill is toxic. It is unsuitable to use this material above the large aquifer which is below these fields, and in an area close to the Pacific Ocean, where toxic tire crumb poses a risk to sea life.
- Toxic rubber tire crumb also poses a serious health risk to children and adult who would be playing on these fields.
- The project is inconsistent with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, Ocean Beach Master Plan and the Western Shoreline Area Plan.
- A built environment at this location will significantly alter the aesthetic experience of this part of the Park and the adjoining coastline.

- Many San Francisco residents and visitors to the City are opposed to this project. At a recent meeting of the Coastal Commission over 5,000 postcards signed by opponents to the project were delivered to you, and significant environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society, oppose this project.

I am a strong supporter of recreational soccer, and understand there may be a need for more playing fields in San Francisco. But meeting the needs of the soccer community must not be done at the expense of spoiling a priceless natural resource and putting the health of the public at risk. The win-win alternative that Appellants have proposed will provide more soccer-playing time while also preserving Golden Gate Park and the coastline. This win-win alternative, which would restore the Beach Chalet fields with natural grass and no sports lighting, and restore the West Sunset playfields with safe, non-toxic turf and night lights is clearly the ideal solution.

Golden Gate Park is a priceless open-space in the midst of urban San Francisco. Destroying the Park and the adjoining coastline with synthetic turf and night lighting is both short-sighted and wrong. Our children deserve to have the western edge of San Francisco protected for their enjoyment and their children's enjoyment. It is a priceless resource that must be preserved. Please keep San Francisco green and safe by denying the permit to construct this project at the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to support the Hybrid Alternative to the current desecration of Golden Gate Park that has been approved.

I am a retired National Park Service employee (at Golden Gate National Recreation Area) and a board member of the Presidio Historical Association. I am dedicated to the preservation of natural and historic environments and areas. I also am a (Marina District) San Francisco property owner, which is tenant occupied currently. I now live in Oakland, California, as I have an elderly aunt who needs my attention at this time, and I lived in the Presidio for thirteen years until I retired a few years ago.

I (and everyone I know) have long cherished the beauty of the west end of Golden Gate Park, near Ocean Beach, and I make it a point to visit as often as possible. The idea that the natural wonder and healthy ecological balance that it currently enjoys will be lost, and the thought that habitat will be lost due to artificial lighting and turf is excruciating to ponder. This part of the park has long been cherished by humans as well as been the home of much wildlife. Even the fish in the ocean will suffer with "65-foot lights on every day of the year until 10 p.m." I doubt that it's an idea designed for the children to play soccer. I imagine that adults are behind this urging, and the reality that they will be drinking beer afterward and getting in their cars is another very bad idea.

There is a documentary called "City Dark," which tells how destructive artificial lighting is to our environment, which I urge you to see if you haven't already. And the addition of so many more cars to the area is another factor to consider, which will destroy the character and oasis factor that is this park.

Please don't let a few people with big bucks destroy Golden Gate Park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing on behalf Action For Nature (AFN), an international environmental organization based in San Francisco. Action For Nature works to encourage young people to take personal action to protect the environment. For ten years Action For Nature has recognized young environmentalists around the world with the Action For Nature Eco-Hero Award. AFN's Eco-Heroes have saved sea turtles, removed litter from beaches, campaigned for clean water, and kept our environment safe and clean in many other ways. We are very proud of our work and the many young people we have met who care deeply about the world we live in.

Action For Nature is strongly opposed to the development of a sports complex with artificial turf and 150,000 watts of sports lighting at the western edge of Golden Gate Park. This project will light up the dark night sky near Ocean Beach, degrade wildlife habitat, remove natural windbreaks, and increase the risk of toxins in water runoff. A sports complex of this size will significantly alter the overall character of the western edge of Golden Gate Park, changing it from a sylvan retreat to that of a developed sports facility.

There are many reasons this project should not be permitted. AFN Eco-Hero Claire Dworsky of San Francisco demonstrated that water runoff from artificial turf contains dangerous levels of heavy metals and other toxins. Because of the proximity of the artificial turf to the ocean, the runoff water puts endangered marine wildlife at risk. The sports lights will spoil the night sky for star gazers and amateur astronomers as well as endanger the snowy plover that lives at the ocean. But perhaps most important, this project will result in the loss of a beautiful, natural area of Golden Gate Park that is so vitally important to countless children.

Action For Nature joins others in urging the California Coastal Commission to protect San Francisco's crown jewel and the adjoining coastline by not permitting this project. Young people not only need an opportunity to play soccer, they also need places to go that expose them to nature and help them learn to appreciate the natural world. Replacing acres of grass with plastic and rubber tire crumbs, and artificially lighting the night sky near Ocean Beach will forever deny this priceless opportunity to the next generation.

On behalf of our children, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

On this eve of Earth Day 2013 we are writing you to express our dismay over the proposed project for the athletic fields at the Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park. We in the neighborhood have vehemently opposed this project, yet it does not appear that valid arguments are taken seriously.

I am a current National Park Service Employee and my husband Tim is retired from the National Park Service. I have lived in the Outer Richmond District over 20 years and Tim over 30, and we cherish and regularly use the park. We raised two children just a block from the park and used it heavily for family activities - walks, bike rides, picnics. We feel a strong obligation to protect Golden Gate Park and are concerned that current management is moving in the wrong direction. We heartily support organized activities in the park for children as well as for families. Too many children in San Francisco and surrounding areas do not get the kind of wonderful natural and/or recreational experience that Golden Gate Park can supply. On a walk I once passed a field trip of kids from China Town walking to the Ocean, most of them had never seen the Pacific Ocean although they had lived here all of their lives! It breaks my heart, but also gives me hope that more kids are getting that opportunity. There is no reason this project can't provide superb playing fields for soccer and other events in a natural environment without the negative impacts of the proposal.

The preferred alternative for this project would have a profound negative impact to the California Coast due to loss of wildlife habitat; impacts to night sky due to introduction of lights for night use; and will cause removal of valuable trees and grass. It will introduce more people and cars to wetern Golden Gate Park, nearby neighborhoods, and the beach area adjacent long into the night. Good bye to romantic evening walks on the beach. We note that protecting the night sky is a current National Park Service mandate, and this project will be on the doorstep of Golden Gate National Recreation Area with large lighted playing fields.

We are concerned about the use of artificial turf. Is it toxic? Apparently the long term effects are not known; but because of this, the rain that falls on this turf is to be piped to the sewage treatment plant rather than allowed to be absorbed and to restore the aquifer as can be done with a grass field.

We are also concerned with the loss of the historic character of western Golden Gate Park. This project as proposed will forever change the look, feel, and character of western Golden Gate Park.

This project as proposed is costly, likely toxic, negatively impacts natural and cultural resources, and disrupts the neighborhood. The proposed benefits to children through organized sports can be realized through less impactful ways. We support renovating the athletic fields at the Beach Chalet with real, honest to goodness turf and use the remainder of the funding to restore other playing fields throughout the city.

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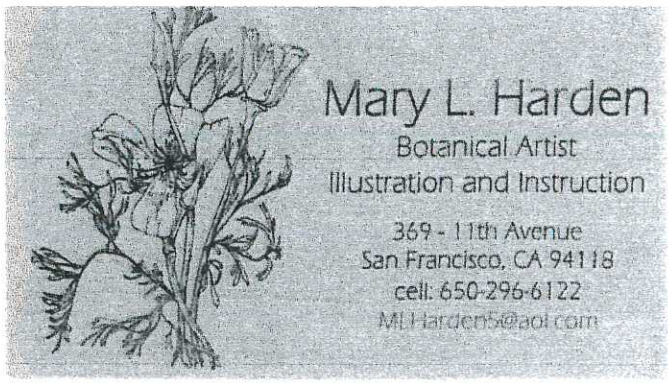

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RE: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to you to urge you to say NO to the preposterous plan to plasticize the Beach Chalet Fields. The more research that I do, the more unbelievable the current plan becomes to degrade Golden Gate Park, a nationally known and loved green space abutting the beautiful California Coast line.

I live in the Richmond District myself and use the area as a drawing and painting site when the athletic teams are not there. I run the Mary L. Harden School of Botanical Illustration + have 76 students currently enrolled. We paint + draw plant life of different eco systems and mount educational exhibits for non profit organizations.

As a parent, my daughter played soccer at the Beach Chalet athletic fields when she was young. In the 80's I worked with Mission Soccer League to develop new fields in the Eastern side of San Francisco. I am familiar with the City's needs to develop and maintain athletic

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fields for all age groups. However, the proposal that organized sport should take precident over all other family activities is unfair as well as being supported by a very large number of activists who live outside of the City & have other options

The environment impact of plastic turf, bright unnatural evening lighting, the removal of trees, habitat and beauty, is huge.

I have always supported Soccer Clubs but no more.

I urge the Coastal Commission to do its duty. Stop this outrage. Do not be swayed by the rhetoric and political pressure, but think of the long term effects, costs and degredation of greenspace.

Sane folks are counting on you. We know how effective you can be. Please do all that you can to preserve and protect California's beautiful and life sustaining Coastline.

Thanks for your attention,

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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am a nurse, Red Cross and Glide Church volunteer and a member of the San Francisco Vegetarian Society. I am writing in opposition to the proposal for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields. Although there is much wrong with this proposal, I have two main concerns.

Specifically, I am referring to the proposal to replace 7 acres of natural grass with tire crumb rubber. These fields are more than just a place for recreation. They are important habitat for birds and other wildlife. Replacing the grass with artificial turf will harm precious wildlife. For this reason, artificial turf should definitely be rejected.

I am equally opposed to the idea of installing stadium lighting. Such bright lights have no place in our park or along our coast. I cannot see the necessity for these lights -- proponents talk about giving kids more time to play, but I think we do not want young students playing soccer until 10 p.m. when they should be home concentrating on school work. These lights will also play havoc with wildlife, and flood the coast and surrounding neighborhood with light pollution. The stadium lighting should be removed from the project.

Finally, I want to express my support for the Hybrid Alternative. The proposed project will be so destructive to the coast, park and wildlife that any reasonable alternative should be seriously considered. The City is already planning to upgrade the soccer fields at the West Sunset Playground with natural grass. This site is approximately the same size as the Beach Chalet Fields and we could save money because stadium lighting is already at the site. If our goal is to give kids a place to play, then why not avoid this controversy and switch this project to the West Sunset Playground? Rehabilitate the Beach Chalet Fields with natural grass and no stadium lighting, and rehabilitate the fields at the West Sunset Playground with artificial turf.

Our kids need a place to play but they also need natural areas. We must remember that someday they will inherit this park and coastline from us, and pass it on to their children. Let's do what is right for them and their future.

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Beach Chalet Ball Fields

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It has become increasingly clear that our climate is changing, ocean levels rising, weather patterns fluctuating, and the ocean is acidifying; and yet we continue to ignore this reality as we dump toxins into the air, water and our bodies, creating more waste in the name of convenience. We cannot maintain these habits and survive as a species. Humans do not have the right to continue to serve our short term desires over the long term effects on the environment, ecosystem, and ourselves.

That is why we need to start looking at the whole picture on projects such as the Beach Chalet Ball Fields; a plan to renovate the fields behind the Beach Chalet restaurant at the western edge of Golden Gate Park, adding artificial turf, stadium lighting, bleachers for spectator seating, barbeques, a playground and extra parking lot space.

For many this sounds like a good idea. However, when the city Parks and Recreation Department (Park and Rec.) was asked to do an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the Planning Commission produced a lengthy report that only scratched the surface of local environmental activists' concerns. The EIR did not look at the big picture, instead, only focusing on the benefits the field would bring and ignoring the negative impacts.

In reading the Draft EIR that was released in October 2011, a section was devoted to reviewing some possible environmental concerns that were raised in prior scoping sessions for the project that were required to be included in the EIR. These included the impact on local wildlife species, water quality, and the effects on the people who use the fields on a regular basis. (Pgs.ES-11 to ES-14). The EIR labeled the project's impact on these areas less than significant but there was little no evidence presented.

Let us begin with the "minimal" impact on the local wildlife. I spoke with Ellen Koivisto, a local resident and public high school science teacher at the Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts who has taught chemistry, biology, physics, astronomy and environmental science. (Koivisto, DEIR Letter) I began the conversation with a question about the effects this project would have on the existing ecosystem. We talked about the consequences of the stadium lighting on the navigation of bird, fish and insect species. For species who navigate by light, the stadium lighting is disorienting and they exhaust themselves attempting to find their direction. This area, so close to Ocean Beach, is a migratory pathway used by a multitude of different species throughout the year, including some identified as endangered or rare. Koivisto explained that, "The soccer fields are used as habitat. They provide food sources for a number of species that pass through this area… [They] eat some of the stuff that is available that lives in, on, or around those

fields." She goes on to explain how these fields are an essential part of the diverse food chain that exists in Golden Gate Park, including native plant and fungal species.

The "removal of 16 trees and approximately 44 shrubs to accommodate the proposed changes," (pg. ES-2 draft EIR) would be actively destroying local animal habitat, and native species. Koivisto also brought up the destruction of the Western Wind Break, the trees and "shrubs" that protect us against the harsh oceanic winter winds, and goes on to explain that the EIR definition of a shrub includes some plants that are up to forty feet tall. "...come March, April you get sandblasted." She says, "The sand just roars up the street...the Western Wind Break prevents that sand from destroying Golden Gate Park." The turf itself that will be replacing the grass removes the homes of animals that feed the variety of local raptor species. All of the above in combination with the lights that are to be left on until 10 pm, 365 days a year, confusing the migrations of more raptors as well as fish shows that the "less than significant" effects would be wiping out an entire western edge ecosystem.

A major argument for the instillation of these fields is that water will be saved because the fields will no longer need watering. However because of the direct sunlight that the field is exposed to the rubber traps the heat of the sun and if it is not watered fairly frequently it can overheat and become unsafe to play on. The fields also need to be hosed down in order to remove animal waste and garbage because it cannot naturally break down as it would on a grass field.

Artificial turf is made of recycled car and truck tires that contain volatile organic compounds, additives that according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are carcinogens. This is in the crum-rubber "recycled" tire padding that the turf is made of. These black rubber pellets are needed to keep the turf blades upright and the field springy because it sits atop a concrete base. This crumb rubber migrates into storm drains via the shoes and clothing of soccer players and spectators, sending it directly to the ocean.

After she won a science competition in 2009, nine-year-old Claire Dworsky partnered with UC Santa Cruz for a project based on her curiosity about the difference in water quality around artificial turf and grass soccer fields. (ucsc.edu) Koivisto spoke about Dworsky's more recent studies, which show that lechate, the chemicals that leak from the turf field into the water, are 100% fatal to marine life. The gardeners have to hose down the turf fields to clean, creating toxic run-off. This lechate goes directly into the water table and into the ocean, affecting sections of marine life as well as the plants and animals that live in the area and consume the water. As a result, artificial turf fields damage water, rendering it toxic and unusable, rather than saving it.

How does this impact the soccer players? City Fields and Park and Rec. only present possible benefits. But the paint that makes the fields green contains lead. Although the amounts are lower than the hazard level as stated in the Draft EIR, an article published by BBC in 2009 says that lead exposure at any amount has affects on children's learning and cognitive abilities. Lead has, according to the article, shown a strong affect on intellectual development and even a correlation to lower SAT scores. (news.bbc.uk).

Toxic exposure from artificial turf fields is not limited to lead, as these fields are also bacterial breeding grounds, which is especially bad for people who come into contact with the fields on a regular basis. Young children playing on the fields inhale bacteria such as *Staphylococcus aureus,* which is normally not harmful and goes unnoticed, but can cause soft tissue infections and toxic shock syndrome based on varying levels of

concentration and exposure. A study done by Pennsylvania State University scientists indicated that the heat built up and trapped by artificial turf fields increases the affects of *Staphylococcus aureus,* but not to extremely concerning levels (plantscience.psu.edu) When Koivisto spoke about it, she expressed concern that the tests were done inside contained areas with no sunlight and the effects could be much larger in the open air with direct sunlight. That soccer players and young children playing in these areas may be at much higher risk than the studies show.

Another concern Koivisto expressed was that of the traveling of the crumb-rubber on the clothing of the players as well as the young children getting it in cuts and in their mouths. Crumb-rubber is made of recycled tires and therefore contains trace amounts of copper from the brake pads and other chemicals picked up off the road; its mixed nature makes it impossible to get a chemical composition for the turf, she explains. However we do know that copper, at least, is a deadly poison to humans and other organisms. And the field also contains lead as a remnant of gasoline and oil that the tires come into contact with before they are turned into crumb-rubber. The rubber gets picked up in the players' clothing which then gets washed in the washing machine with other clothing, all the other clothes are exposed, and chemicals from the rubber leach into the water.

The plastic that the turf may contain endocrine disrupters as well, Koivisto says. She goes on to explain that endocrine disrupters are more effective in smaller amounts because then the body does not recognize them as intruders and fight them off. Now we have not just the soccer players but the whole soccer player's family exposed to these toxins as a result of the crum rubber in the laundry.

What if you do not play soccer? What if you never go near the fields yourself? This does not make you exempt from the effects. Besides the water quality issues discussed above, there is an issue for anyone who lives down-wind of the fields. Due to the heat island affect the airborne toxins rise on the air and move into the surrounding areas. Also artificial turf can catch fire, as Koivisto points out early in our interview. The burning turf produces a billowing choking black smoke that she indicates would be toxic. (youtube.com). She says that she brought this up at the scoping session for the Planning Commission and EIR. The response in the EIR is that turf does not catch fire, when in fact a short internet search will produce countless accounts of turf fires.

Lastly, the stadium lighting will blast into the surrounding areas, lighting neighborhoods until late into the night, creating light pollution that is increased by the refractions of light by fog, and disrupting our natural circadian rhythms. As residents of the area, Koivisto and I both noted that the projected photographs with the light poles in them in the Draft EIR were taken on clear days at twilight when the light pollution would not seem as bad.

When we take all of this into account and weigh it against the benefits of the turf fields, it is clear what decision should be made. I, as a former soccer player, understand the appeal of being able to play even when it is raining. The idea of having a more formal space for people to enjoy the sport seems wonderful, but when you factor in all of the drawbacks, I cannot ignore the reality of this project's negative impacts; including the final one, the fact that the field has to be replaced every 10-12 years, and we have no way of disposing of the turf, which must be classified as toxic waste. I have to ask is it worth it? Is it worth the cost? You may say that it is only one little soccer field. But look at how much damage it can do. Ask yourself if you are willing to be responsible for all the death and sickness it causes. Are a few more hours of playing time worth it? Will those

invested in the project cover the years shaved off each life in relation to the field? Look at it on a global scale, everyone thinks that they are the exception, but those exceptions are starting to add up. We need to start thinking of more than ten years into the future when we look at our projects and truly ask ourselves, who or what does this effect in the long run? Am I willing to be responsible for this?

Bio:

Hello I am Hilary Buffum. I am sixteen years old and a junior at the Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts in the theatre department. I have lived on the outer edges of the Outer Sunset my entire life. Having grown up in the area the effects on the ecosystems in the area are very dear to my heart. I have a deep interest in science, especially chemistry and the way that the chemistry of our small environments effects our entire planet's well being.

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April 22, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to you as both a concerned public school educator and as a resident of the San Francisco Richmond District to **protest** the proposed artificial changes to the GG Park soccer field, and to ask for your consideration of the eco-friendly hybrid alternative.

I have lived in the outer portion of the Richmond District for the past nine years, but have grown up visiting the GG Park and ocean beach areas since my childhood. I am a Speech-Language Pathologist and work in the Marin County schoolsystem for the past ten years; I have also periodically consulted for the San Francisco Unified School District . I have worked with children of all ages and find it incredibly rewarding to not only improve their communication abilities, but also to incorporate the importance of respect for nature and animals in many of my therapy sessions. It is amazing to see how open and eager even the youngest of children are to these ideals. I became involved/affiliated with SF Ocean Edge as soon as I heard about the proposed project one year ago.

I am gravely concerned about the impact that this project can and will have, (should it pass), not only on the environment, but also the on the well-being and values of the children who are/have been involved:

In terms of the park and surrounding coastal area:

- The 60 foot/150,000 watts stadium lighting will obscure the natural night sky for all residents of the Sunset and Richmond districts with an obnoxious, artificially bright reflective, neon quality. Stars will no longer be visible, beach bonfires(located directly across the street) will be impacted; these have offered both individuals and families alike wholesome joy and sanctuary by making us feel like we are in the wilderness someplace far away from the asphalt jungle which is so nearby. The Audubon Society has already reported that the night lighting will grossly impact the migratory patterns of over a hundred species of birds. The Sierra Club reports the lighting (which is to remain on 360 days/year until 10:00 p.m. every night), will leave various animals and birds vulnerable to night time predators.
- At least 55 trees are to be cut down...these add aesthetically to the general soccer field area and to the feel of what is supposed to be nature, not to mention that these

are the homes of ravens, owls and other birds...who will not be given an evacuation notice for themselves nor their young once the excavation crew comes in!

- I am appalled and deeply saddened to know that the city proposes to install artificial turf, from which the runoff has been proven to be toxic, in a large historic park where children play (often barefoot as I did as a child), lush plants and trees grow and wildlife resides. A hybrid, eco-friendly alternative exists...let us please consider that.
- It is hard to imagine that even more cars would be swarming to that specific area of the park, particularly if more stadium seating is added, and asphalt parking lots with parent pickup/drop off areas for more speeding SUV's, minivans and cars which already are a problem, especially on weekends...this is not the proper place for such a high scale, high volume sports project...the West Sunset playground is a better suited area as it is surrounded by streets and parking areas already...and again: will not impact ALL living beings whether they are residents walking dogs, parents with strollers, joggers, wildlife, etc.

In terms of my concerns for the children:

- What does this teach children about the importance of environmental conservation?! We know that the general well-being of our eco-system is in trouble...we need the future generations of tomorrow to become informed, and work in favor of the environment, not against it for personal gain. When attending and speaking at the public hearing in front of the SF Board of Supervisors last May, I witnessed approximately 200 children speak openly about their "needs." I heard reasons such as "My friends had to move to Hillsborough and Marin because there are no places to play here." "I can't get the ball in the goal because of the gopher holes." This is why we have proposed a natural grass field with gopher-proof netting underneath. I heard a lot of "I want" at this hearing. I also later found out that many parents of these children were lyed to by the soccer organizations as they (the parents) were told it would be a night of soccer practice and then pizza afterwards. The children who are involved in this are being taught that lying to their own parents is okay, and that it is acceptable to manipulate politicians and to destroy nature in the name of a game (soccer) they want to play. This is beyond comprehension and I am concerned beyond words.

Children need spaces to play organized sports, they absolutely do, but this is not the place if it means the toxic destruction of a natural environment...children need nature too. And...not if it means teaching children to lye and to disrespect nature, and lastly, not if it is through the ruination of a natural setting, including a peaceful night sky which was planned out carefully for San Francisco residents a hundred years ago. Please consider the alternative plan. Thank you for your time!

Respectfully yours,

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April 21, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
Appeal No. A-2-SNF-12-020
Staff has been copied on this letter

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am an Appellant in the referenced case, involving the grant of a Coastal Permit to the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to construct artificial turf soccer fields with stadium lights at the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park. I urge the California Coastal Commission to deny this permit. I also urge the Commission to support the win-win hybrid alternative, which would renovate the Golden Gate Park fields with natural grass and no night lighting, and move the proposed development to a more suitable location at the nearby West Sunset Playground.

There are many reasons why the Coastal Permit should be denied. Following are significant negative impacts of this project:

- Artificial night lighting that will stay on until 10 pm every night of the year will create unacceptable light pollution and ruin the dark sky in the area.
- Night lighting will also harm wildlife habitat and disrupt the migratory pattern of birds.
- Artificial turf with rubber tire crumb infill is toxic. It is unsuitable to use this material above the large aquifer which is below these fields, and in an area close to the Pacific Ocean, where toxic tire crumb poses a risk to sea life.
- Toxic rubber tire crumb also poses a serious health risk to children and adult who would be playing on these fields.
- The project is inconsistent with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, Ocean Beach Master Plan and the Western Shoreline Area Plan.
- A built environment at this location will significantly alter the aesthetic experience of this part of the Park and the adjoining coastline.

- Many San Francisco residents and visitors to the City are opposed to this project. At a recent meeting of the Coastal Commission over 5,000 postcards signed by opponents to the project were delivered to you, and significant environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society, oppose this project.

I am a strong supporter of recreational soccer, and understand there may be a need for more playing fields in San Francisco. But meeting the needs of the soccer community must not be done at the expense of spoiling a priceless natural resource and putting the health of the public at risk. The win-win alternative that Appellants have proposed will provide more soccer-playing time while also preserving Golden Gate Park and the coastline. This win-win alternative, which would restore the Beach Chalet fields with natural grass and no sports lighting, and restore the West Sunset playfields with safe, non-toxic turf and night lights is clearly the ideal solution.

Golden Gate Park is a priceless open-space in the midst of urban San Francisco. Destroying the Park and the adjoining coastline with synthetic turf and night lighting is both short-sighted and wrong. Our children deserve to have the western edge of San Francisco protected for their enjoyment and their children's enjoyment. It is a priceless resource that must be preserved. Please keep San Francisco green and safe by denying the permit to construct this project at the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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April 23, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to you to protest the implementation of the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields at the western edge of Golden Gate Park.

I grew up in the City's Outer Richmond district and returned to my old neighborhood when I retired. I was a Marine Geophysicist, I spent years travelling, spending months at sea collecting data for geophysical research. I now advocate for my neighborhood. My neighbors and I joined to form the Friends of Cabrillo Playground to address the problems that lack of custodial and gardening services were causing to our neighborhood playground. We Outer Richmond denizens like our quiet neighborhood and do not want a large athletic field and it accompanying crowds, noise and traffic. We do not believe that this is an appropriate usage of the western end of Golden Gate Park.

Several issues worry me about the plan:

1. Night lighting and the impact on wildlife.
2. The use of synthetic turf. While it is true that synthetic turf will obviate the need for irrigation to the area, the plastic turf, obviously, has a life span. It is not recyclable, so image that quantity of plastic turf going into the landfill.
3. As a long-time resident of the Outer Richmond district, I disagree with this usage of the western end of Golden Gate Park. Our end of the park has a somewhat "wild" aspect that we appreciate. It has not been manicured to death like the areas around the museums and Conservatory. We like our end of the park wild and natural.
4. Increase in traffic and congestion. The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Dept. has already forced the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Music Festival and the Outside Lands Music Festival on residents of this community. These events make life in this neighborhood unbearable, but they are limited to three days each. A soccer field that operates daily to 10PM will be a constant harassment.
5. The loss of so many trees that provide a windbreak.
6. Without the trees, there will be an increase in sand and silt in the air that will be unhealthy.
7. Lack of data regarding toxicity of the runoff from the artificial turf. What you don't know can definitely hurt you.

I would urge the California Coastal Commission to weigh the numerous negative impacts of the Beach Chalet Athletic Field. There are other options for athletic fields that will not impact the quality of life for the people and wildlife at the western end of Golden Gate Park.

Best regards,
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Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair

California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
Staff has been copied on this letter

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am a homeowner from the Richmond district writing to express my concerns regarding the Beach Chalet proposal. Although I have many objections to this proposal, I will limit my comments to the two issues that seem to pose the greatest harm to Golden Gate Park and the coast.

The proposal calls for the construction of ten light polls, extending 60ft in height and generating a total 150,000 watts of lighting. This lighting will clearly have negative impacts on birds and other wildlife. It will create light pollution on the coast as well as in the adjoining neighborhood. I have seen estimates that it will impact houses from Fulton Street to Geary Boulevard and from Ocean Beach to 43rd Avenue.

I am equally opposed to the replacement of natural grass with artificial turf in Golden Gate Park. The Beach Chalet field is habit for all kinds of wildlife and replacing it with artificial turf will cause great harm to park wildlife. It could also potentially create toxic runoff that would leech into the ocean.

The City of San Francisco has attempted to portray this as choice between preserving the Park and coastline or, providing more play space for kids. This is a false choice. There is an alternative plan which will provide children with more dedicated play space without harming the Park or our coast. This plan has been referred to as the "Hybrid Alternative." The City is planning to renovate the soccer fields at the West Sunset Playground, which are only a short distance from the Beach Chalet Fields and approximately the same size. But at the West Sunset Playground the City is planning to use natural grass. Why not simply substitute the two and renovate the Beach Chalet Fields with natural grass and no sports lighting. And at the West Sunset Playground use artificial turf. Sport lighting is already in place at the West Sunset Playground. Given how destructive this proposal is for the Park and coast, I cannot understand why the City refuses to consider this alternative.

In closing, I am aware that kids need a place to play, but we must remember that someday these same kids will grow up and have families of their own. I believe we have to ask the question, if we allow this proposal to move forward, what kind of Park and coast will these kids inherit? When I look back over the past 40-50 years, I cannot help but be thankful to those that prevented the City of San Francisco from being covered with freeways. I am thankful that others prevented housing from being built in the Marin Headlands. And recently, we celebrated the opening of the Devil's Slide Tunnel, which was the alternative to Caltrans building a six-lane bypass through Montara State Beach. And now, we turn to the

California Coastal Commission to step forward and protect our Park and coastline. The Commission has the power and duty to stop or modify this proposal. At the very least, you must require that the City abandon plans to install 150,000 watts of sports lighting.

Sincerely,

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April 17, 2013

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
Note: **Staff has been copied on this letter**

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to oppose the athletic field plans for the area behind the Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park. I hope your commission is still undecided on this project and can weigh comments from the general public before making a decision.

I arrived in San Francisco in 1977 as a young man, still very much undecided on my career choice and future. I had always loved history and I also had a love of great places, but growing up in Texas I had almost no idea what to do with these interests. After a few years in San Francisco, however, there was no doubt: becoming a San Francisco historian was the only career path I wished to pursue. I became active as a local historian in 1981 and have worked professionally as an architectural historian since 1993. I served on the city's Landmarks Board during 1995-1996 and have published many works in the field. Although I live in Palo Alto now, I still consider myself a San Franciscan in every way except for may mailing address. Nearly all of my work involves San Francisco projects; I regularly write historical evaluations on older buildings that are reviewed by City Planning staff.

I mention all this because I wish to emphasize how important sense of place is to me; it drives most of what I do. Historical buildings in old cities and natural landscapes have almost equal appeal for me. One of the great things about San Francisco, in addition to its historic buildings and neighborhoods, is the presence of wooded landscapes and natural areas within a dense city. Glen Canyon, Golden Gate Heights, Sutro Forest, the top of Mount Davidson, Land's End in Lincoln Park, and Fort Funston offer opportunities for quiet getaways such as few city-dwellers in other parts of the United States have. All such areas should be treasured by us.

The park in San Francisco that is most accessible to the largest number of people is Golden Gate Park. In this park, there are two great landscapes: the Botanical Gardens (formerly Strybing Arboretum), and Strawberry Hill in Stow Lake. These two areas form just a small percentage of the total park area, and they are not enough, I would say. Golden Gate Park has become too much of a playground of many uses, and is no longer very park-like. I would like to see this trend toward urbanization reversed.

The proposed athletic fields would urbanize the park on a scale comparable to the building of museums in the concourse, the construction of Crossover Drive (from 19th Avenue and Lincoln Way to Park-Presidio Boulevard and Fulton), and the Polo Field. Very tall and bright night lights, a hardpack surface of artificial grass, and other built features will create an extremely intrusive environment for anyone coming to the park for quietude and contemplation. The proposal is much too much, and the negative effects will be felt well beyond the footprint of the athletic fields themselves.

I beg you to consider: if you were a hawk or a squirrel, a solitary human on a stroll, or a resident of the surrounding neighborhood, would you go there, if you did not have to?

In the spirit of Golden Gate Park historian Ray Clary, I thank you for considering these thoughts, and ask you to reject the proposed athletic fields.

Sincerely,

William Kostka

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Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
Support the appeal to deny the LCP permit granted for this project

Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

I am writing to protest the issuance of the Coastal Zone Permit for the Beach Chalet renovation project and to request that the large sports complex as described be constructed at an alternative site that does not negatively affect the natural enjoyment of the beach and the park. A hybrid alternative does exist to accomplish the playfield goals.

This letter is about asking the Commission to preserve the coastline at Ocean Beach in San Francisco and for similarly situated urban areas. There is a very real danger in setting a precedent with this project to allow stadium lighting within the coastal zone to the detriment of the wildlife and accessing the pleasure of our magnificent coastline. I note that the National Coastal Zone Management Act supports "giving development priority to coastal-dependent uses." There is nothing about a soccer complex that *needs to be adjacent* to the ocean. There is no nexus to the sport that requires the location of its playfield to be at the seaside. Conversely, the serenity of the ocean experience at the end of Golden Gate Park is seriously compromised by lights and the built up requirements of the project.

This letter is about asking the Commission to preserve the wild western part of Golden Gate Park for future generations. It is about respecting the land as primarily a place to recreate in nature, and to accommodate other activities that blend in with the natural setting. Many sports that can be integrated with the natural setting are part of the park. Indeed, soccer has been part of the Beach Chalet area for decades. This area should be improved and continue to offer a place for children to play as part of the beautiful experience of being in this gentle place. It is noteworthy how unobtrusively many different sports have been merged into the natural areas at the western end of the park without controversy. That is because there has been respect for the park first, and inappropriate development with lights and plastic grass have not been allowed.

This letter is about asking the Commission to allow me to enjoy this wonderful special place of birds, tall and bent trees, diversity of plants, the smell of the sea, and a place to get away from it all. I should tell you that "nature" to me is the great outdoors, with everything that

thrives there, regardless of its place of origin. It is what lives and grows , that shows me the seasons, the times of day and night, and the stars above. It is not plastic or artificial. Golden Gate Park is such a gift of nature's offerings!

Right now, I can enjoy this nature and the kids can play soccer and there is no conflict. I do support renovations for children to play on real grass fields with proper irrigation and gopher deterrents, but not at the expense of changing 7 acres of open space into a stadium complex. This area is not just raw land awaiting development. It is currently occupied with a mix of everything that a park should be AND it is right next to the crashing waves of the Pacific Ocean. Being from the midwest, it means a great deal to me to be able to view the ocean anytime, but especially at night when the whitecaps glow with the moonlight. Please don't let tall, artificial lights ruin this for everyone.

There is nothing more important that we can offer the future generations of San Franciscans than a natural setting in Golden Gate Park, down by the ocean, and ensuring a mutual respect for the worth of wild things while people pursue their individual recreational interests. Open space indeed is the most valuable possession an urban society has.

Thank you for considering my comments

Sincerely,

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Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
Staff has been copied on this letter

Dear Ms. Shallenberger and to Members of the California Coastal Commission,

I have been asked to write a personal letter to you about this project.
I am requesting that you deny this project as proposed.

I am under the impression that your body acts to protect and preserve the California Coast for this generation and for those generations of all species that will follow.

As a sixth generation San Franciscan, I am aware of the many challenges, losses, and changes that this great City has undergone-- through family narratives and involvement in the City's workings, policies, and agendas.

It is a sad time indeed when the City's public places are pushed for funding through privatization, as if it were a unique and superior option. When I read about the short-sighted thinking around using synthetic, toxic materials to cover natural ground and detrimental night lighting so intimate to the Park and to the Coast, I feel sick.
I grew up in the Avenues, close to Ocean Beach, and spent many years with family and friends in the Park. Life was different then. It's not that I am averse to change or athletic fields. Quality of life is very important to me. I wonder what quality of life is being suggested by using these types of materials with this time of lighting. I wonder what the long-term impacts to seabirds and to ground water. I also wonder what the impacts are to the children who will be in contact with these materials. I think the EIR did not adequately address cumulative health and long-term effects.
In fact, I think that short-term, corporate sponsorship has become the mode of operation for this project, using language to make opposition appear as if against sports or children.
This is not true. I am writing this letter in support of public health, participation, and foresight.

Everything we as human beings do has an impact on this planet we live on. I think projects like this appear benign at first glance. With further study, though, this project is seriously detrimental to the natural environment, the restorative nature of this area, and to the species who inhabit this land and ocean. Jeopardizing nature and the natural environment are not legitimate choices.
I am opposed to the synthetic materials and to the night lighting.
I am also questioning the illegality of violating the Golden Gate Parks Master Plan.
I have included an excerpt about John McLaren for your reading pleasure.

Respectfully,
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EARTHDAY April 22, 2013

Honor. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont St, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA. 94105-2219
Subject: **PLEASE NO STADIUM LIGHTS IN Golden Gate PARK**

A few years ago a group of retired folks at my church wanted to make a difference in the lives of kids in the poorest section of San Francisco (the projects & homeless youth). One of our members, a retired SF school teacher, approached a principal of a school, and suggested that we introduce the children to nature.

Where in an urban big city could we go? Of course the wild nature filled west end of Golden Gate Park. There we could walk on tree lined paths, see the squirrels, all of the birds (have you ever seen a "turkey duck"?), a turtle swimming in 1 of the lakes and geese quacking over us in formation or grazing in the Beach Chalet soccer fields.

It might be hard for you to realize but these inner City kids do not get to see trees & nature they are too poor to go to the mountains.

When we went to the soccer fields, to play kickball, it was sad to see a fence surrounding it, locked and with a sign saying something like "to reserve the fields call".

The CCC's home page states "protect, conserve, enhance environmental & human based resources of the California coast & ocean for environmentally sustainable & prudent use by current & future generations" and to protect "highly urbanized areas up to 5 miles". Please protect all of us.

In 1876 when William Hammond Hall was building the park, he and his commissioners resigned when the "Big 4" wanted to put a racetrack in the west end of the park, because his (Hall) plans for the west of 19th Ave. was to be for the all San Franciscans to experience nature.

Some tour companies describe the west end of the park "explore a magic garden" or "paths, meadows, lakes off a chance to lose oneself in pockets of idyllic scenery" and an "urban oasis".

At the east end of the park is already a stadium with lights.

Everyone wants kids to get out and play, but they do not play at night (restore the natural fields), and what could be better for City kids to be able to experience nature. True story one of the little boys with us one day had a squirrel come up to him and he gave it a piece of an apple, wow the laughter from the child was so heartwarming and he talked about it for weeks.

We are adding to our outings a night beach party so that the children can see stars but if you allow stadium lights the size of Candlestick Park that will destroy our dark sky experience

I fear if you allow these horrible lights it could open up the whole coast to these types of lights. There are many alternative sites and the SFRPD has over 50 places to provide fields.

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Ellen Leaf

cc: staff

April 15, 2013

Hon. Marv Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
Staff has been copied on this letter

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to ask that the Coastal Commision NOT allow the conversion of fields in Golden Gate Park to artificial turf.

As the mother of two young children, I know the enjoyment and other benefits that soccer provides. I also know that the demand for soccer fields in San Francisco is exceeding the supply, leading to scheduling issues and cancelled games. We need to find a solution to these problems. But we need to find one that does not involve artificial turf in Golden Gate Park.

Artificial turf in Golden Gate Park threatens our water quality since the runoff would need to be piped to the treatment plant, thus reducing flow to the aquifer. It threatens our air quality since the artificial turf would replace oxygen-generating grass and would involve the loss of trees as well. It threatens our access to open space since the fields would then be unusable for anything BUT soccer. Artificial turf in Golden Gate Park would also have severe impacts on wildlife, both because of the loss of natural space for everything from gophers to bees to hawks, and because of the night-time light pollution if would cause.

My children and I have enjoyed those fields in many ways over the years. Besides organized sports, they are good for making flower chains, dancing, cartwheels, birdwatching... the list goes on. They smell good when you walk by. And as my daughter pointed out when I told her about the proposal, they have a lot of bees and "I'm worried because I really love bees."

PLEASE do not allow all the ways in which a field of grass is part of childhood be steamrollered to make single-use space for team competition.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kevin Kahn, Coastal Planner
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April 17, 2013

The Honorable Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commissioon
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

RE: Proposal for *"Improvements"* to Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park

Dear Ms Shallenberger,

In 1963 PG&E attempted to put a nuclear power plant on Bodega Head. Recognized as an act of lunacy, it was never built. In terms of scale the proposed soccer complex affects a small area yet its impact is great. The lighting alone is very problematic. The150,000-watt proposed stadium lighting will sit on 60 feet poles-taller than the adjacent trees. Additionally night lighting is planned for new sidewalks and an enlarged parking lot.

This planned, year-round, dusk to 10 P.M illumination would light up Golden Gate Park and the adjacent neighborhood impacting Ocean Beach and its visitors, subjecting all to unwanted lights. It would be a nuisance and an aesthetic nightmare effecting prized views like that from Sutro Park. The wonderful expanse from Golden Gate Park down the coast will sport lighting poles above the trees visible both day and night. Having lived in an apartment overlooking Golden Gate Bridge for over 35 years, I can attest to the fact that good views are really priceless and do help to raise one's spirit. It makes no sense to butcher beautiful views.

The western part of Golden Gate Park has always been special in that it preserves the original intent of park planners—to provide a pastoral setting for city dwellers to commune with nature and receive solace from it. Recreation activities and development have been concentrated in the eastern part of the park. Those that do exist in the western part have been modest and those that are proposed must be sensibly planned to fit into this more sylvan environment. Adjacent to the soccer field is the Queen Wihelmina Tulip Garden and restored Murphy Windmill. Unfortunately, the scale of the proposed soccer development will diminish the experience of visiting this lovely place. It would be a shame given the years it took to raise money and restore this area.

Another of my concerns is the increased car traffic that the proposed soccer fields would generate given that the area has limited public transportation. The proposed quality fields would attract players from outside the city who would drive here. On busy weekends the impact on Ocean beach parking may prevent families, older adults with limited mobility, or the handicapped from being able to park, denying them the chance to enjoy the beach and the simple pleasure of just watching the surf and listening to the waves which can be a great comfort for the stress of urban life.

Though I support neighborhood soccer fields and would support a quality field with lighting in an alternate spot for the purpose of increasing park revenue, I cannot support this project. Substantial habitat degradation is my greatest concern. The proposal calls for the removal of over fifty trees, the paving over of parkland to make a bigger parking lot, and the installation of artificial turf and grand stands. All of these factors combined with the increased lighting and number of visitors would have severe negative impacts on the area's vegetation, its birds and other wildlife. That is why I favor the restoration and maintenance of the present grass soccer fields.

I respectfully request that you consider my reasons for opposing the proposed soccer complex. It should be built in an appropriate urban space not Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely yours,

Cira Curri

Cira Marie Curri

Cc: SF Ocean Edge
cc: Staff of CCC by SFOE

From: Andrew Bennett [mailto:ab48@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 1:18 PM

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April 22, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

We are writing you this letter to protest the Beach Chalet Soccer Complex project and its negative impacts on the community. We want to protect Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach from 150,000 watts of sports lighting and 7 acres of artificial turf. My wife and I live near the park and use it on a daily basis. Our concern is with impacts to the coast and the Park from loss of open space, night lighting and the impact on wildlife, water quality, and increased congestion and car traffic.

We love soccer and the good health and disposition athletics and organized sports can offer to children and their development. My wife and I both played soccer as children and I went on to play semi -pro until my early twenties and then as a coach after that. I am now 57 years old and have always played on natural turf and do not feel deprived.

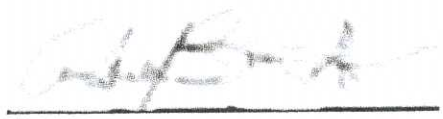
I am not against artificial turf per say, as it has its place in a Stadium context, but I feel it has NO place in a green space like GGP and especially accompanied by 150,000 watts of lighting. The beauty of GGP is that is is a NATURAL respite in the otherwise asphalt and concrete of the surrounding city of San Francisco. The loss of another major Natural open space is criminal and unwarranted. Do you think children will want to stop playing soccer, if they cannot play on astro turf?

I ride my bike on a daily basis through the park and the surface traffic and parking (especially with the new parking allowances on MLK have made it a considerably more dangerous and congested green space for pedestrian and cyclist. There is not a day that a car door is not opened in front of me in the new narrow bike corridor between the curb and the parked cars along MLK. Ocean Beach already fills up on sunny days and during all the events planned for the park. Introducing more cars and pavement to GGP is a really really bad idea. GGP is already dangerously close to becoming more of a car park and less of a people park.

The total environmental impact of this proposed project is unknown, but what is sure is the loss of trees , grass and habitat is always a negative for many well documented reasons from pure asthetics to issues like carbon sequestration, and aquifer recharge.

None of this makes sense. A highly prized NATURAL soccer field, the envy of any city world wide and we want to destroy it with artificial turf and light up the night sky like an airport runway. No thanks. Please stop this madness for the sake of the parks neighbors and the entire city.

Sincerely,



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From: J. C. [mailto:thepoetjc@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 1:07 PM

THIS IS NOT HOLLYWOOD

Only Hollywood, the land of the unreal, would need this horrific lighting, not to mention, fax sets with removable plastic grass. This is one of the greatest spots that remain in The City barely effected by ambient light. Decades ago we lost **Fleischer Pool,** which was almost a **Wonder of the World**, to become a part of a larger Zoo and Water Treatment Plant. The Water Treatment Plant was/is a necessary evil with a needed purpose; but a ugly, phony, and unnatural soccer field at the north western end of a City hailed the world around for its beauty is not necessary, purposeful, or fitting for Golden Gate Park. The Park is a majestic mixture of natural and mystic beauty; not to mention all the decades 4 generations of my family have enjoy: Feeding the ducks in so many lakes; Watching the Buffalo roam; rowing, horse back riding, hiking, and just generally frolicking.

I am not without sympathy for the need of a mammoth field for the worlds most popular sport; so I hardily recommend placing it at the opposite south eastern corner of this great City; like Candlestick or the old Shipyard. Imagine what all that light could do to deter crime in that area. *Not at the western end of the Most Loved City on the west coast, where the beauty of GG Park meets the Great Pacific Ocean.*

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April 20, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I want to express my strong opposition to the soccer field planned for the area of the Beach Chalet. In a city and state on the forefront of conservation, creating a green and organic environment, why would you introduce such an anti-environmental project??? Especially when you have a Hyprid alternative.

Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Gate Park have been enjoyed by my family, neighbors, children and grandchildren. Please do not place artificial turf and lighting in our beloved parks. My children had many recreational experiences in sports of all kinds in San Francisco, and were never unable to find recreational facilities. Recreation is important but not at the expense of artificial turf and huge LED lights.

I have lived on Masonic Ave. in San Francisco for over 43 years. I am retired as Executive Director of a nonprofit that worked for 30 years to end housing discrimination in the Bay Area.

I am told that the Commission is concerned with impacts to the coast and the Park, from loss of access by the general public to open space, wildlife impacts, night lighting impacts, water quality concerns. As a birdwatcher, I predict that these lights will confuse and harm the thousands of migrating birds who fly down our coast each year. Please do not betray our past commitment to a beautiful city.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Kenyon

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April 18, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

cc: Kevin Kahn

Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

I know you have received so many letters of concern regarding the proposed conversion of the grassy fields at the far western end of Golden Gate Park into a high-intensity soccer venue that will forever diminish the natural environment there. I would like to add just two points.

The myth of "for the children". The stadium lighting that is proposed will enable night-time play by adult leagues. Children will not need the lighting; children play April through October and it's daylight savings time. They do not play in the cold, dark months of November through March. However, adult soccer league play occurs after work hours and on weekends. It is adults who might need the lighting, not the children. Please consider that when the children's leagues line up all the kids to tell you the children need the night lights. It is not school children from the San Francisco public schools, but children bound into leagues for competition play that you will generally hear from. But the children play during the day; it is the adults who play at night. Even so, tonight is April 18 and it is light until 8 p.m. The days are growing even longer, of course.

Precedent for stadium lighting so close to the ocean and its beaches. It will be very difficult to say no to other proposals to light up the coast. Although San Francisco might appear to be a highly developed urban place, the far west end of the city is low-density at the edge of wondrous open space, the huge belt of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), the Ocean Beach and the almost unpeopled west end of Golden Gate Park. There is dark sky here; the migrations of birds fly over the beach; nocturnal wildlife thrive here since it feels almost as remote as open countryside.

You'll hear many other reasons from opponents and proponents, so I hope these are slightly different points that you might not otherwise hear. I urge you to reject the proposal and recommend another site.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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April 23, 2013

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to you as a 44 year resident of San Francisco, an avid park user and advocate. **I am asking your commission to stop the installation of artificial grass fields and powerful stadium lighting at the Beach Chalet Soccer field location in Golden Gate Park.**

My children have grown up around Golden Gate Park. We love the pastoral, bucolic settings and the gradual meandering paths to the sea. It is a treasure for the entire city. We need to preserve what little precious natural land we have left for future generations. I understand the needs of soccer enthusiasts for longer play time, my grandchildren play soccer, but there are alternatives to this plan and perhaps through your commission these concerns and alternatives will finally be "heard".

I shared my concerns about this issue at the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission meetings, at the board of Supervisors hearings and through letter and petition drives. Through it all, the side favoring a natural grass renovation and lower illumination lighting has been ignored and worse yet vilified as being anti-children and obstructionist. There are good people with passionate views on both sides of this issue but so far the alternatives have not been given a fair hearing.

If we go down this road to an artificial grass field and high powered lighting, we won't be able to go back. I observed the construction of this type of field in Crocker Amazon Park. It completely changes the landscape of the park. It can't be reversed if we decide that other types of sport, native plant gardens, or an open meadow for concerts would be a preferred use by another generation.

I hope you will consider these concerns. My family shares this view and we await your decision.

Sincerely,

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April 22, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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Subject: NO LIGHTS AT THE WT. END OF Golden Gate PARK

Facts you should know:

60' stadium lights proposed for the soccer fields at the Beach Chalet are NOT for kids but for adult soccer leagues with stadium seating, amplified sound and NO public transit.

The SFRPD has 40 green spaces that are being used for youth soccer plus the current Beach Chalet fields, 12 parks with lights used for night time soccer, and 9 gyms used for indoor youth soccer leagues. There is only one Golden Gate Park.

RECREATION at the west end of GGP: golf, archery, fly casting, model boats, disc golf, tai chi, soccer, par course, French lawn bowling, running clubs, dog training areas, hiking/biking trails and a Senior Center.

Statements in the EIR regarding the Beach Chalet Soccer fields: "fields are used exclusively through reservations" and "when not reserved the fields are closed and unavailable for use". When you see a child peering through a fence at the soccer pitches it is ONLY because you have to "pay to play".

MASTER PLAN paid for by the San Francisco tax payers, with input from all over the City, not just 1 interest group states: "The demands for recreation need to be balanced with the objectives of preserving the original intent & purpose of the park as a **"sylvan and pastoral" retreat.**

Restore the natural soccer fields with better grass, irrigation and gopher barriers. Remember it takes a large amount of water & disinfectants to clean plastic grass and then it goes into the aquifer.

Please LOOK at the suggested alternatives. We want kids to "get out & play" but also to experience nature at its **BEST**.

BE CAREFUL DO NOT WEAKEN THE COASTAL LAWS AND ALLOW HUGE WATTS OF LIGHT ON OUR COAST.

I AM DEPENDING ON YOU

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cc: Staff

April 22, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Honoarable Mary Shallenberger:

I am writing to voice my opposition to a proposal to erect a soccer field (with artificial turf and artificial lighting) at the western most end of Golden Gate Park. I have grave misgivings about the environmental repercussions such a plan would cause. Decay of and run off from artificial turf is harmful and should not be installed at a location in close proximity to the Pacific Ocean, where it will enter and disrupt the delicate ocean ecosystem.

Also, the lighting that is proposed for the soccer complex will have a negative impact on wildlife that make their homes in the Western portion of Golden Gate Park and in the adjoining Pacific Ocean inter-tidal areas.

I am a children's librarian and have a great concern for the welfare of children, but the negatives of selecting this particular coastal location as a site for a soccer field far outweighs any short-sighted and short term benefits. There are other less fragile and more appropriate locations which could be developed for a soccer field without harming the unique and wonderful coastal strip at the end of Golden Gate Park and the wildlife living there. Looking at the big picture, preserving the open space and protecting the ocean is the greatest gift that can be given to children of this and future generations.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns and your dedication in monitoring and protecting the California's coast.

Sincerely yours,

Kathleen Keeler
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22 April, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California
Staff has been copied on this letter.

Dear Ms. Shallenberger :

I write to you on this year's Earthday with deep concern for the ocean-adjacent area of our beautiful Golden Gate Park. I hope that you will protect this area's natural character by halting the proposed artificial turf project, allowing for renovation with grass fields at Beach Chalet and an alternate location for the popular sports facilities.

I was born and raised here in the City, and enjoyed many years playing soccer on the natural turf fields of Beach Chalet as a student at local schools. My wife and I have lived within three blocks of the park for the past 23 years, benefiting from the peaceful and rejuvenating environment on walks through the trees and past grassy meadows. I currently teach painting at the Sharon Art Studio, in the east end of the park, and I often draw inspiration from the park's greenery.

The currently proposed renovations for the Beach Chalet fields would destroy a large portion of the wildlife habitat near our neighborhood, add significant light pollution after dark, and overwhelm the local area with traffic and crowds. Birds, mammals, and insects could not forage or hunt on the artificial turf. The tall, powerful stadium lighting would obliterate the evening views from the beach. And the out-of-scale sports complex would replace what now provides a sylvan respite from urban concrete and noise. This would include the removal of over 55 trees, further degrading our local parkland.

My wife, friends, neighbors and I frequently enjoy the recreational benefits of bird watching, start gazing, and spotting wildlife such as foxes, raccoons, or blue herons in and around the Beach Chalet – Ocean Beach area. We have enough traffic noise, litter, and night lighting near our home as it is. I earnestly plead that you protect this treasure of natural beauty for us and for all visitors to our delightful garden on the coast.

Finally, as a teacher in the San Francisco public schools, I have seen first-hand how students enjoy wildlife and nature-viewing experiences as well as sports. We need to maintain a variety of recreational outlets for our youth to thrive here in a large city. As a balanced alternative, placing the sports lighting and artificial turf at West Sunset Playground, further away from Golden Gate Park and the coast, would benefit all concerned.

Sincerely,

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April 15, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

In regard to the Beach Chalet Soccer Field GGPark proposal:
My concern as a resident of the Richmond District is the proposed sports lighting system for this complex.
It is well known that intense floodlighting, as proposed for the soccer fields ,is disruptive to wildlife,most significantly birds.
The sports lighting system, as proposed, bathes a very large area with light...in fact , I believe during a test of this lighting , from my residence about 1 mile inland adjacent to the north side of GGPark, the whole western skyline was illuminated.
The west end of GG Park, to date, is spared of night time floodlighting ... yes, Ocean Beach is lit by street lights ... and the GGNRA should be required to mitigate the intensity !
It is totally unacceptable that a whole new source of intense lighting be added.
I fully support increasing recreational capacity for children and all citizens in GG Park , in fact a new Nature Trail thru the east end GG Park Oak Woodlands is being created and the east end Horseshoe Courts complex is being renovated.
However, I think this kind of soccer field proposal for the western edge of GGP with its included sports floodlighting is inappropriate.

Sincerely,

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April 23, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am extremely concerned about the proposed development of the soccer fields behind the Beach Chalet. This has been a topic conversation among all my friends, family and neighbors since the plans began and no one I know is in support of the plans.

I am a sixth generation San Franciscan. My son is seventh generation. Six generations of my family have lived in the Richmond District beginning before the 1906 earthquake. Currently we live in our family home of more than fifty years in the Outer Richmond District. We are bird watchers and nature walkers. I walk with friends and family in western Golden Gate Park perhaps three times a week, sometimes more.

We watch the return of the Great Horned owls with joy. We love the hawks and recently a turkey vulture has taken up the park and beach as part of its territory. The coyotes are thrilling and I look forward to seeing the foxes others have seen. We walk in the park in order to catch sight of the birds and animals. It gives us pleasure and hope. There are so few opportunities in San Francisco for families to experience this.

Artificial "turf" in the soccer fields will have many negative environmental elements but further decreasing grassy areas used by the raptors and other animals is very upsetting. The huge electric lights will be devastating for the growing owl populations and the nocturnal animals. The greatly Increased traffic at the new fields will turn this quiet area into another busy, noisy urban area with competition over parking and disregard for pedestrians and wildlife alike. On any sunny weekend parking is already crowded at the beach end of the park.

The western park of Golden Gate Park, right up to Ocean Beach is a quiet, calm area that is safe for walkers, runners, bikers and other recreational users. This is one of San Francisco's greatest treasures. Parts of the park to the east are becoming very crowded but the western end still provides peace for people and protection for returning wildlife.

My son played soccer for two years while at George Washington High School in the Richmond District. We drove to soccer fields all over the city for practice and games. I saw fields similar to what is proposed here. As popular as soccer is, it is inappropriate to sacrifice wild areas of the park for an artificial environment. My nineteen year old son has worked at the zoo since he was twelve. He is now studying wildlife conservation in college. As a single mom, I couldn't take him to distant areas for vacation, but the park provided wonderful opportunities for us.

There are so many reasons why the proposals for the soccer fields will negatively impact our area. This is such an emotional issue it is difficult to discuss. It may seem to be a distant and neglected area to some, but not to those who know, use and love this part of the park. The immediate impact will be, if the fields are torn up and lighting is installed, that the noise, crowds, parking and nighttime activity will continue to push back the areas that support birds and animals towards the east until none of the wilder areas are left.

Sincerely,

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April 23, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
Staff has been copied on this letter

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

We are writing to protest the plans for the Beach Chalet soccer complex that, if implemented, impose 150,000 watts of sports lighting and more than seven acres of artificial turf into our beloved, nature-filled neighborhood. Because there are no countervailing reasons to impose this eyesore on locals and individuals seeking to enjoy the outdoors in this area, the CCC should register its strong opposition to this project.

We recently moved to the Sutro Heights micro-neighborhood from Bernal Heights. We moved here so we can raise our son in a quiet, naturalistic setting rich with open space, wildlife, the ocean and stars—all rarities in a city like San Francisco. The house we were fortunate enough to buy has a view straight south toward Golden Gate Park and the coastline. The lights at the soccer fields, if they are installed, will drastically affect our view. And more importantly, the project threatens the natural surroundings we hold so dear. It is our love for Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Park that brought us to this neighborhood and caused us to spend hard-earned money on a house that we love and intend to pass onto generations of children in our family. Please don't let this project—which appears to be driven by mercenary considerations alone—ruin our nighttime experience and threaten the open spaces and environmental gifts in this area that we hold so dear.

My husband and I were both soccer players as youngsters (I was captain of my high school varsity team) and we both still love the sport. We hope and expect that our son will play soccer and love the sport as much as we do. Yet we do not support the Beach Chalet soccer complex because we recognize that fostering a love for soccer does not require sacrificing valuable open space and threatening the natural resources that we also expect our son to enjoy for a lifetime. We could not be more ardent supporters of soccer and adequate soccer facilities. But the proposed project brings those facilities at too great of a cost.

Because the proposed project imposes far too great a cost on the community and the viability of the fragile ecosystems here at Ocean Beach, we strongly oppose the Beach Chalet soccer complex project. Please let us know how we can be helpful in furthering your efforts to keep this travesty from occurring.

Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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From: gabriel@math.nmsu.edu [mailto:gabriel@math.nmsu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 8:19 AM
To: SF Ocean Edge

My letter to the CCC:

I moved to San Francisco from a small town that had once had a dark sky with many stars, but when the university put up the stadium lights, that was all that we saw. I have no interest in having this happen again.

Despite the assurances of the proponents that the lights can be focused downwards, there is no way to enforce that. In other words, when the attempt to focus the lights downwards fails, the soccer megaplex proponents will shrug their shoulders and go on with the construction.

I live on the ridge north of Golden Gate Park, which means that my apartment, which is actually above where the lights would be shining, would be directly in the glare of the lights.

Please do not approve this project!

Sincerely,
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Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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RE: Proposed Changes to Beach Chalet Soccer Field, Golden Gate Park
(North Central Coast District – Hearing May 9th)

Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

Please reject the proposed changes to Golden Gate Park. Yes, the existing soccer field needs to be improved, but surely not at the expense of destroying our cherished park.

As a longtime resident of the Richmond District, I seen various interest groups chip away at the park, frequently limit large parts of the park to public use, and monetize the park.

The Park is an island of tranquility, a respite for city dwellers who simply cannot leave the city to see trees and expose their children to a bit of nature. The Park is a jewel that must be protected from greed and over-ambitious, essentially privatizing plans.

Furthermore, I recommend that all members of the CCC who have not already driven to the area in question and along Ocean Beach should do so ASAP, on a week-end, as beach parking is already difficult.

Do we want 150,000 watt lamps lighting up the entire neighborhood? Would you want this in your neighborhood? Not to mention all the traffic and litter a sports complex of the proposed size would draw -- day and night.

Sports venues are a good and desirable thing for city kids, but they do not belong in GG Park. Please do not destroy this urban oasis.

Sincerely,

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SF Ocean Edge

From: Denise Dorey [mailto:axisofloveposse@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 4:07 PM
To: SF Ocean Edge

To the Board Of Supervisors;

As a lifetime resident of San Francisco, I am a supporter of keeping Golden Gate Park green & free of odiferous toxic fake grass & lighting. The park was designed & built for all San Franciscans to enjoy a cost free outdoor experience. With so little open space available to urban city dwellers the soccer stadium is not conducive to an outdoor experience. If one must play soccer in the park they can use the natural turf which is less abrasive & causes less injuries. The artificial turf is far more expensive to repair & the cost will no doubt be passed along to SF taxpayers. Wildlife also is obstructed from using the park. There really are no winners except those who stand to profit!

Sincerely,
Denise Dorey

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April 23, 2013

Hon. Mary Shellenberger, Chair
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Re: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am a native San Franciscan, age 61, who has lived within walking distance of Golden Gate Park all my life; I grew up in the Sunset District; the proposed new soccer fields and lights at the Western edge of Golden Gate Park are part of my home turf. I am greatly dismayed at what the proposal for artifical turf and lights will do to irreparably damage the Western end of the park for the many reasons stated below, and hope that the Commission will consider the Hybrid Alternative and move artificial turf to West Sunset Playground and/or renovate Beach Chalet soccer fields with real grass, better field construction and no light pollution!

The birds and wildlife depend on the natural greenery in the park. City dwellers need open space, too! Worst of all, the lights will pollute the sky and ruin the area for wild animals and birds and destroy the atmosphere of nature for evening beach visitors. The sports lights will also affect the views of nature from the Cliff House and Sutro Heights. The removal of trees to be replaced with seating means a destruction of nature, an introduction of more cars to the area, adding further pollution.

My children's high school science teacher, Mrs. Kovisto, told me that the chemicals in artifical turf leach into the ground over time and make it toxic. Yuck!

The area will lose grass, the rainwater will not go into the ground, the entire historic character of the area will be ruined forever. Please, please, do not allow this project!

I'm all for soccer, however. Please move this project to the West Sunset Playground, where Golden Gate Park is not affected. Alternatively, renovate Beach Chalet with real grass and use the remaining funding to help playing fields throughout San Francisco.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Bonnie Knight

cc: Kevin Kahn, Coastal Planner, North Central Coast District
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000, San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

April 19, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, GGP, S.F., CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing you to protest the artificial lighting/turf project proposed for the Beach Chalet fields. I am a property owner and a mother of two soccer playing children. We live in the Inner Sunset and go to G.G.P. at least twice a week. One of the reasons we bought our house was the proximity to the park and the beach. My family and I have been all over the park and love exploring the "wild "spaces in the different areas.

Raising a family in the city demands open space where city living children and adults can observe wildlife and begin a relationship with nature that will hopefully grow to a priority of preserving and protecting it. Ocean Beach has been a wonderful marine habitat for my family to explore. We collect sand dollars, count shore birds, watch the tides change and experience the overall magnificence of the Ocean.

The Beach Chalet Fields area has some "wild" parts that have trees for climbing and spots for quiet reflection. All these areas allow city dwellers to escape the "City" for a brief period.

My concern is about the impact to Ocean Beach and the loss of this public open space. It is not just for my family but for all the families that desperately need a place to run, play and just breathe. Artificial lighting, turf, more cars and noise do not seem like a good plan for our beautiful park and beach.

My kids are 9 and 12. Both play soccer and my son is with SF Vikings. I like soccer and the exercise it gives kids but I do not think it is the only sport, let alone the only activity I want my kids involved in. I think the artificial lighting plan is extremely short sighted and benefits few and harms many. We are all unsure of the impact the lighting will have on the coast and will not know for years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet Hohbach
1443 8th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Soccer Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I have lived in the Richmond District of San Francisco most of the time since my arrival in 1963. I am particularly fond of it. Golden Gate Park has been a big part of it, particularly now, with both windmills looking great.

I am deeply concerned about the proposal to replace the existing natural grass at the Soccer Fields with artificial turf. While I understand the need for more access for soccer players, I would want to see this need addressed with improved grass laying techniques, which are now available, and better maintenance.

The fields are an integral part of the park, to be enjoyed as Nature, as was also envisioned by the Master Plan. It is important for city dwellers to find retreat in the parks, to commune with nature and to share it with wildlife. At present this end of the park is part of the Pacific Flyway for migrating birds, who will be disturbed by the loss of trees, and loose feeding grounds from the loss of grass.

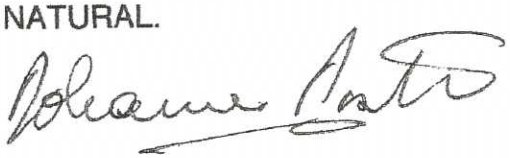
The lights will have a huge impact on the park. The beach will loose the allure of the sunsets with the proposed lights. Sunsets are a big attraction on the beach right now.

The artificial turf would have a sub-base of shredded tires that will leach lead, asbestos and other dangerous elements into the soil, and aquifer. I foresee a lot of misgivings in the future about having been so cavalier in the use of these materials. It will be hard to find a place to dispose of this toxic material in the future, and exorbitantly expensive. I have heard many accounts of children and adults finding a coating of black dust on them on fields that have the artificial turf. These fields have signs to warn players to wash this dust off for health reasons.

I want to express my support for more soccer fields, some of which could easily be added in the park. Just have these fields be with real living grass, and without lights. We do not need to have night games; children would certainly not go out to play soccer after sundown.

Let us keep the park NATURAL.

Sincerely,



Johannes Posthumus
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San Francisco, CA 94121-2406

cc: Kevin Kahn, Coastal Planner, North Central Coast District
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

cc: SF Ocean Edge, 1243 42nd Avenue, San Francisco, Ca 94122

From: David Ambruster [mailto:david_ambruster@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 11:22 AM
To: sfoceanedge@earthlink.net
Subject: Beach Chalet Soccer Fields

April 22, 2013
Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair California Coastal Commission 45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000 San Francisco, CA 94105-2219
Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
Staff has been copied on this letter
Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

As a neighbor of Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach, I oppose the plan to replace the grass soccer fields with artificial turf. Artificial turf is ugly and unnatural and unhealthy. Grass is lovely and natural and healthful. There is no question that grass is a better choice for this area.

Soccer fields and nature can coexist, but the plan for artificial turf and bright lights is a nature killer that should be rejected.

Thank you,

David Ambruster
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San Francisco, CA
94122

April 22, 2013

Berit Pedersen & Vince Rodrigues
582 48th Avenue, SF CA 94121
415.221.3434

April 22, 2013

Re: The Proposed Beach Chalet Soccer Fields

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the California Costal Commission:

Please put a halt to the proposed overdevelopment of the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields located at the edge of Golden Gate Park. There are much simpler and less intrusive ways to enhance the playing experience without compromising the natural beauty of the area.

The proposed 10 banks of 60-foot stadium lights are out of place in an area that is known and valued worldwide for its natural beauty.

There has been considerable investment in the Ocean Beach area recently to restore the natural beauty and make it more accessible for all.

- An example of how things can be done well is the new Lands End Lookout near the Cliff House. This development was done with respect for the environs, was supported by the neighborhood and is extremely popular with locals and tourists.

The stadium lights in particular will have a negative impact on the neighborhood. They will stand out far above the tree line - an eyesore during the day and large glowing monstrosity at night. As the Ocean Beach area can be foggy year round, I hate to think of how light will be reflected over the surrounding area. These lights will alter the area dramatically for all, just for the benefit of a few.

And who stands to benefit? One of the major arguments for the changes is so that more "kids" can play, but I am very curious as to how often"kids" would be playing at times where so much lighting is necessary. The reality is that the proposed changes are most beneficial for the Parks and Rec, as they can schedule more adult leagues during at night, helping their bottom line.

This project is out of sync with the neighborhood. There are better solutions. Please don't let this happen.

I thank you for your attention,

Berit and Vince

April 18, 2013

Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont St., Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

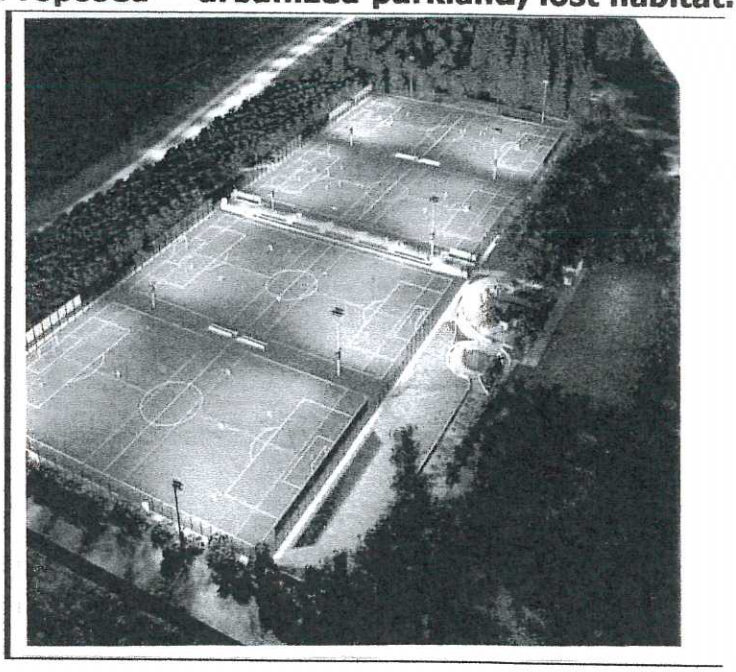
Subject: Proposed Replacement and Expansion of the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields in Golden Gate Park

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

This letter is to request in writing that you oppose the ***Beach Chalet Soccer Fields project*** in San Francisco's beautiful, historical Golden Gate Park. A sports complex of this scope will create disturbance, and destruction that will change the ecological balance of the entire park, its wildlife; and the Parks relationship to its surrounding neighborhoods forever.

- 7 + acres, all artificial turf, to replace a real grass playing field covering an area larger than Candlestick Park! After proposed tree removal, consider what will happen when the natural sand mixes with tire crumb (a component of fake grass) and is blown across the entire park, covering the existing flora and fauna? Or present in the water runoff?
- 10 banks of 60 foot tall stadium lights that will be lighted to 10:00 p.m. every night of the year with 150,000 watts of light that will shine next to Ocean Beach and surrounding neighborhoods. Please consider what this will do to the night skies, migratory birds, and other animals in the park and to the surrounding neighbors.

Proposed -- urbanized parkland, lost habitat.



Then please consider a $13.2 Million project that could be done for much less money, loss of wildlife habitat in an area designated as the most wild and wooded in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jan Matejcik (a native San Franciscan)

Jan Matejcik

cc: staff

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From: Alex [mailto:alxgg@pacbell.net]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 11:57 AM
To: SF Ocean Edge

The plans being considered are against the spirit of the far western end of the park and its long ago planners. I respectfully urge the California Costal Planning Commission deny the petition for this construction and lighting project. There are other places in the city where such a project could be placed; for example, the area where the current plans for a new basketball arena is being discussed. It could be integrated with those plans.

Sincerely, Alexander N. Gansa

Sent from my iPhone

From: Collins, Jonathan [mailto:JCollins@ucsf.edu]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 11:28 AM

To the CCC:

As a resident of the Sunset neighborhood and frequent user of Golden Gat Park, I urge you to not allow the development of soccer fields with artificial turf and artificial lights in the park. Maintaining the park with as much natural vegetation, free from light pollution, and from overuse is the prudent choice to keep one of the city's best resources as it was intended for. The wildlife needs and the appropriate uses of the park dictate that the lighting and artificial turf not be allowed in the park.

Thank you,
Jonathan Collins
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San Francisco, CA 94122

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April 22, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am somewhat new to the Bay area and to the Sunset neighborhood. In my short time here I have enjoyed exploring my new community, especially Golden Gate Park. It is an amazing walk from my closest entrance at 9th & Irving all the way to the Beach Chalet. I am imaging soccer fields with stadium seating and lights and feel that this would spoil the natural setting of the park and surrounding areas.

I am not opposed to kids playing soccer here – but feel that there may be a more suitable alternative to this current plan. Kids love to run and play soccer and they deserve real grass and a neighborhood feel. Stadium lights and extra seating will really take away from everyone's park and beach experience.

I moved here from Denver and lived in a small neighborhood similar to the Sunset and there was a neighborhood park where kids played soccer during the week and weekends. There was not extra lighting other than street lights and parents lined the sidelines with blankets and chairs. It was a wonderful experience for parents and players, and it also was worked well for other park visitors.

Certainly there is a more considerate way to improve conditions here. I love the uniqueness of my new community and hope to help preserve this for future newcomers.

Thanks for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Mary Shields

Mary Shields
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San Francisco, CA 94112

cc: Kevin Kahn, Coastal Planner, North Central Coast District

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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

cc: SF Ocean Edge, 1243 42nd Avenue, San Francisco, Ca 94122

April 22, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
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Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

The proposed soccer field project has certainly generated a lot of frustration – I agree that more soccer time is needed in San Francisco and that the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields need to be upgraded. The problem is that the current proposal causes a major change, which many of us feel is inappropriate and unnecessary because alternatives to the proposed project are available.

The proposed site is on the western edge of the city where families are choosing to live because of the access to undeveloped space. Parents are interested in living in the city and commuting to work by bicycle or public transportation – they want every-day access to nature to get away from development in other areas of the city. The western end of the park provides that access, as well as access to several recreational facilities.

The Golden Gate Bridge and Golden Gate Park are both icons – the Bridge is a magnificent gateway to San Francisco - the western edge of the Park, anchored by a historic windmill in each corner, is a magnificent gateway to the ocean. The Murphy Windmill has just undergone a multi-million dollar renovation. The intrusion of a sports complex with artificial turf and stadium lighting would mar the setting and experience of the western edge of the Park. The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields are not listed in the Golden Gate Park Master Plan as a night use area and the dark skies constitute a unique resource in the project vicinity.

There are alternatives to the proposal which would create an overall increase in soccer time and retain the western edge of the Park as a more sylvan and pastoral setting than the rest of the Park, which I believe is the intent of the Master Plan, which I view as Guiding Principles.

Thank you.

Kathleen Stern

Kathleen Stern
636 46th Avenue
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cc: Kevin Kahn, Coastal Planner, North Central Coast District
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

cc: SF Ocean Edge, 1243 42nd Avenue, San Francisco, Ca 94122

April 19, 2013

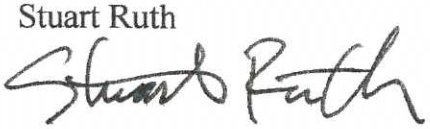
Dear California Coastal Commissioners,

I implore you to disallow the misguided plan to plasticize the natural grass fields of the Beach Chalet soccer venue, and to erect tall, bright lights to illuminate the area for night commercial usage in pristine Golden Gate Park.

Just as a plan to develop a shopping center with brightly lit parking areas in Golden Gate Park would be unthinkable, so should the installation of bright lights and the destruction of the natural grass fields at the Beach Chalet.

Because of the obviously harmful environmental effects to the ground below and the night sky above, this proposal must be rejected.

Stuart Ruth



San Francisco

April 22, 2013

Hon: Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont St., Ste 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, S.F., CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger;

I am writing to protest the Beach Chalet Soccer Field project as currently planned by the Rec + Parks Dept. of San Francisco. I sincerely hope that collectively we can inject some reason into the Rec + Parks and persuade them to pursue the Hybrid Alternative that will preserve the open space of the wild west end of GG Park while also providing for the soccer leagues growing needs for facilities.

The west end of GG Park has been a valuable resource to me since my college years as a Biology Student at SF State University back in the seventies. It continues to be a cherished location to me today. It is really the only expansive wild ground in San Francisco. There are other parks, but none where there is an expanse of natural world where one can feel away from the urban hustle and crowds. I appreciate all of GG Park, but only the western end provides the opportunity for solace and the illusion that one is far away from the city. I have read that John McClaren's master plan for the park specifically designed it with that in mind.

I have been a proud San Franciscan since 1968. I work as a professional medical device sales person and work life can get stressful To unwind and rejuvenate I ride my bicycle in the park and I always finish my ride on the old railroad path that runs along the Beach Chalet soccer fields. I often encounter other individuals, many of whom were children there that also find the spot to be a lovely place to sit for awhile and unwind. The natural setting and the birds there are just especially delightful. I have watched Red Shoulder Hawks hunt for gophers inside the soccer fields on a cloudy day. I revel in the flock of crows there and have enjoyed countless hours watching their antics.

In my opinion this project by the Rec + Parks Dept is strongly skewed by the understandable influence of the Fischer Family funding and the organized voice of the Soccer League. The voices of the many individuals and families that reap huge, ongoing benefit from the undeveloped west end of the park are difficult to organize and hear. It's an obvious fact. The Supervisors and the Rec + Parks Dept just can't hear our voices over the roar of all that money and pressure from the soccer folks. Let's think of all the children, not just the ones that can afford to play soccer.

So I hope that the Coastal Commission will consider weighing in to attempt to persuade the city to give this project a second look.

The lighting planned for the new athletic fields is of great concern for me. We have a small population of Great Horned Owls in the park. The Golden Gate Audubon society believes there are just two breeding pairs in the park.
How will the massive night lighting until 10:00 pm affect their available hours of hunting?
How will the lights impact the many migrating bird species a few feet away on the beach and surf areas? How will the artificial turf reduce the gopher prey for the Red Shouldered and Red Tailed Hawks that call the area home?

Thank you for your efforts in helping us to defend our cherished open space in GG Park.

Regards,

Joyce Warriner
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San Francisco, CA 94110

April 20, 2013

Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Regarding: Beach Chalet Soccer Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

I am writing to convey my opposition to the synthetic turf soccer fields at the Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park as well as my support for soccer. I have an 8 year old son who is an ardent soccer player and plays in the Viking leagues. Our family supports efforts to expand play opportunities but not at the environmental, historic and cultural costs associated with this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Courtney Damkroger
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April 18, 2013

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Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
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Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am appalled to hear of California Coastal Commission plans for the destruction of 55 trees and meadow areas in Golden Gate Park for artificially surfaced sports fields and parking lots.

This is particularly egregious as the GGP Master Plan and Ocean Beach Master Plan 's main themes are recreation in a naturalistic setting. Only in a science fiction alternate reality could AstroTurf be consider a naturalistic setting.

My preference would be to renovate the Beach Chalet area with native plants and use the remainder of the funding to fix up playing fields all over San Francisco.

The health of our planet requires more plants and trees, not more human-made surfaces, and the California Coastal Commission should lead the nation in creative projects going in this direction.

Sincerely,

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cc:

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April 23, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger,
Chair California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Staff has been copied on this letter.

Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

I am writing this letter to protest the proposed changes to the Beach Chalet Athletic Field. I am a long time resident of San Francisco. With my husband, visiting friends and family, I visit Golden Gate Park (GGP) regularly and strongly believe that GGP should be kept naturalistic and that all outdoors activities should be done in a natural environment.

It is not healthy for our children to play in this man made environment you are trying to create. The impact on the environment is also of great concern. In an era when we try so hard to be conscientious about our use of chemicals, energy, and plastics, your plan do not fit.

The alternative is to renovate the Beach Chalet with real grass and use remainder of funding to fix up playing fields all over San Francisco. It will save our environment and create beauty in the city.

Most Sincerely,

Bertille Legrand Peter Desmond

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Charlotte Hennessy 1125 Hollywood Ave. Oakland, CA 94602

April 22, 2013

Honorable Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont St. Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA

Dear Ms. Shallenberger,

I am writing to support the Hybrid Alternative to the current desecration of Golden Gate Park that has been approved.

I am a retired National Park Service employee (at Golden Gate National Recreation Area) and a board member of the Presidio Historical Association. I am dedicated to the preservation of natural and historic environments and areas. I also am a (Marina District) San Francisco property owner, which is tenant occupied currently. I now live in Oakland, California, as I have an elderly aunt who needs my attention at this time, and I lived in the Presidio for thirteen years until I retired a few years ago.

I (and everyone I know) have long cherished the beauty of the west end of Golden Gate Park, near Ocean Beach, and I make it a point to visit as often as possible. The idea that the natural wonder and healthy ecological balance that it currently enjoys will be lost, and the thought that habitat will be lost due to artificial lighting and turf is excruciating to ponder. This part of the park has long been cherished by humans as well as been the home of much wildlife. Even the fish in the ocean will suffer with "65-foot lights on every day of the year until 10 p.m." I doubt that it's an idea designed for the children to play soccer. I imagine that adults are behind this urging, and the reality that they will be drinking beer afterward and getting in their cars is another very bad idea.

There is a documentary called "City Dark," which tells how destructive artificial lighting is to our environment, which I urge you to see if you haven't already. And the addition of so many more cars to the area is another factor to consider, which will destroy the character and oasis factor that is this park.

Please don't let a few people with big bucks destroy Golden Gate Park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Hennessy
cc: Kevin Kahn, Coastal Planner

22 April, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
California Coastal Commission
45 Freemont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California
Staff has been copied on this letter.

Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

I write to you on this year's Earthday with deep concern for the ocean-adjacent area of our beautiful Golden Gate Park. I hope that you will protect this area's natural character by halting the proposed artificial turf project, allowing for renovation with grass fields at Beach Chalet and an alternate location for the popular sports facilities.

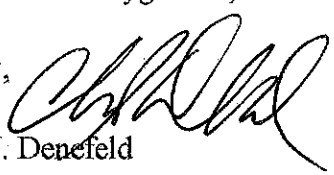
I was born and raised here in the City, and enjoyed many years playing soccer on the natural turf fields of Beach Chalet as a student at local schools. My wife and I have lived within three blocks of the park for the past 23 years, benefiting from the peaceful and rejuvenating environment on walks through the trees and past grassy meadows. I currently teach painting at the Sharon Art Studio, in the east end of the park, and I often draw inspiration from the park's greenery.

The currently proposed renovations for the Beach Chalet fields would destroy a large portion of the wildlife habitat near our neighborhood, add significant light pollution after dark, and overwhelm the local area with traffic and crowds. Birds, mammals, and insects could not forage or hunt on the artificial turf. The tall, powerful stadium lighting would obliterate the evening views from the beach. And the out-of-scale sports complex would replace what now provides a sylvan respite from urban concrete and noise. This would include the removal of over 55 trees, further degrading our local parkland.

My wife, friends, neighbors and I frequently enjoy the recreational benefits of bird watching, start gazing, and spotting wildlife such as foxes, raccoons, or blue herons in and around the Beach Chalet – Ocean Beach area. We have enough traffic noise, litter, and night lighting near our home as it is. I earnestly plead that you protect this treasure of natural beauty for us and for all visitors to our delightful garden on the coast.

Finally, as a teacher in the San Francisco public schools, I have seen first-hand how students enjoy wildlife and nature-viewing experiences as well as sports. We need to maintain a variety of recreational outlets for our youth to thrive here in a large city. As a balanced alternative, placing the sports lighting and artificial turf at West Sunset Playground, further away from Golden Gate Park and the coast, would benefit all concerned.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Denefeld
3820 Lawton Street 94122

cc: Kevin Kahn, Coastal Planner, North Central Coast District

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April 22, 2013

Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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CALIFORNIA
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RE: Proposed Changes to Beach Chalet Soccer Field, Golden Gate Park
(North Central Coast District – Hearing May 9th)

Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

Please reject the proposed changes to Golden Gate Park. Yes, the existing soccer field needs to be improved, but surely not at the expense of destroying our cherished park.

As a longtime resident of the Richmond District, I seen various interest groups chip away at the park, frequently limit large parts of the park to public use, and monetize the park.

The Park is an island of tranquility, a respite for city dwellers who simply cannot leave the city to see trees and expose their children to a bit of nature. The Park is a jewel that must be protected from greed and over-ambitious, essentially privatizing plans.

Furthermore, I recommend that all members of the CCC who have not already driven to the area in question and along Ocean Beach should do so ASAP, on a week-end, as beach parking is already difficult.

Do we want 150,000 watt lamps lighting up the entire neighborhood? Would you want this in your neighborhood? Not to mention all the traffic and litter a sports complex of the proposed size would draw -- day and night.

Sports venues are a good and desirable thing for city kids, but they do not belong in GG Park. Please do not destroy this urban oasis.

Sincerely,

B Garcia

Bernice Garcia
6630 Fulton St.
SF, CA 94121

Cc: Kevin Kahn, North Central Coast District ✓
SF Ocean Edge

NANCY WUERFEL, 2516 23RD AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94116

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Hon. Mary Shallenberger, Chair
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CALIFORNIA
COASTAL COMMISSION

Subject: Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA
Support the appeal to deny the LCP permit granted for this project

Dear Ms. Shallenberger:

I am writing to protest the issuance of the Coastal Zone Permit for the Beach Chalet renovation project and to request that the large sports complex as described be constructed at an alternative site that does not negatively affect the natural enjoyment of the beach and the park. A hybrid alternative does exist to accomplish the playfield goals.

This letter is about asking the Commission to preserve the coastline at Ocean Beach in San Francisco and for similarly situated urban areas. There is a very real danger in setting a precedent with this project to allow stadium lighting within the coastal zone to the detriment of the wildlife and accessing the pleasure of our magnificent coastline. I note that the National Coastal Zone Management Act supports "giving development priority to coastal-dependent uses." There is nothing about a soccer complex that *needs to be adjacent* to the ocean. There is no nexus to the sport that requires the location of its playfield to be at the seaside. Conversely, the serenity of the ocean experience at the end of Golden Gate Park is seriously compromised by lights and the built up requirements of the project.

This letter is about asking the Commission to preserve the wild western part of Golden Gate Park for future generations. It is about respecting the land as primarily a place to recreate in nature, and to accommodate other activities that blend in with the natural setting. Many sports that can be integrated with the natural setting are part of the park. Indeed, soccer has been part of the Beach Chalet area for decades. This area should be improved and continue to offer a place for children to play as part of the beautiful experience of being in this gentle place. It is noteworthy how unobtrusively many different sports have been merged into the natural areas at the western end of the park without controversy. That is because there has been respect for the park first, and inappropriate development with lights and plastic grass have not been allowed.

This letter is about asking the Commission to allow me to enjoy this wonderful special place of birds, tall and bent trees, diversity of plants, the smell of the sea, and a place to get away from it all. I should tell you that "nature" to me is the great outdoors, with everything that

thrives there, regardless of its place of origin. It is what lives and grows , that shows me the seasons, the times of day and night, and the stars above. It is not plastic or artificial. Golden Gate Park is such a gift of nature's offerings!

Right now, I can enjoy this nature and the kids can play soccer and there is no conflict. I do support renovations for children to play on real grass fields with proper irrigation and gopher deterrents, but not at the expense of changing 7 acres of open space into a stadium complex. This area is not just raw land awaiting development. It is currently occupied with a mix of everything that a park should be AND it is right next to the crashing waves of the Pacific Ocean. Being from the midwest, it means a great deal to me to be able to view the ocean anytime, but especially at night when the whitecaps glow with the moonlight. Please don't let tall, artificial lights ruin this for everyone.

There is nothing more important that we can offer the future generations of San Franciscans than a natural setting in Golden Gate Park, down by the ocean, and ensuring a mutual respect for the worth of wild things while people pursue their individual recreational interests. Open space indeed is the most valuable possession an urban society has.

Thank you for considering my comments

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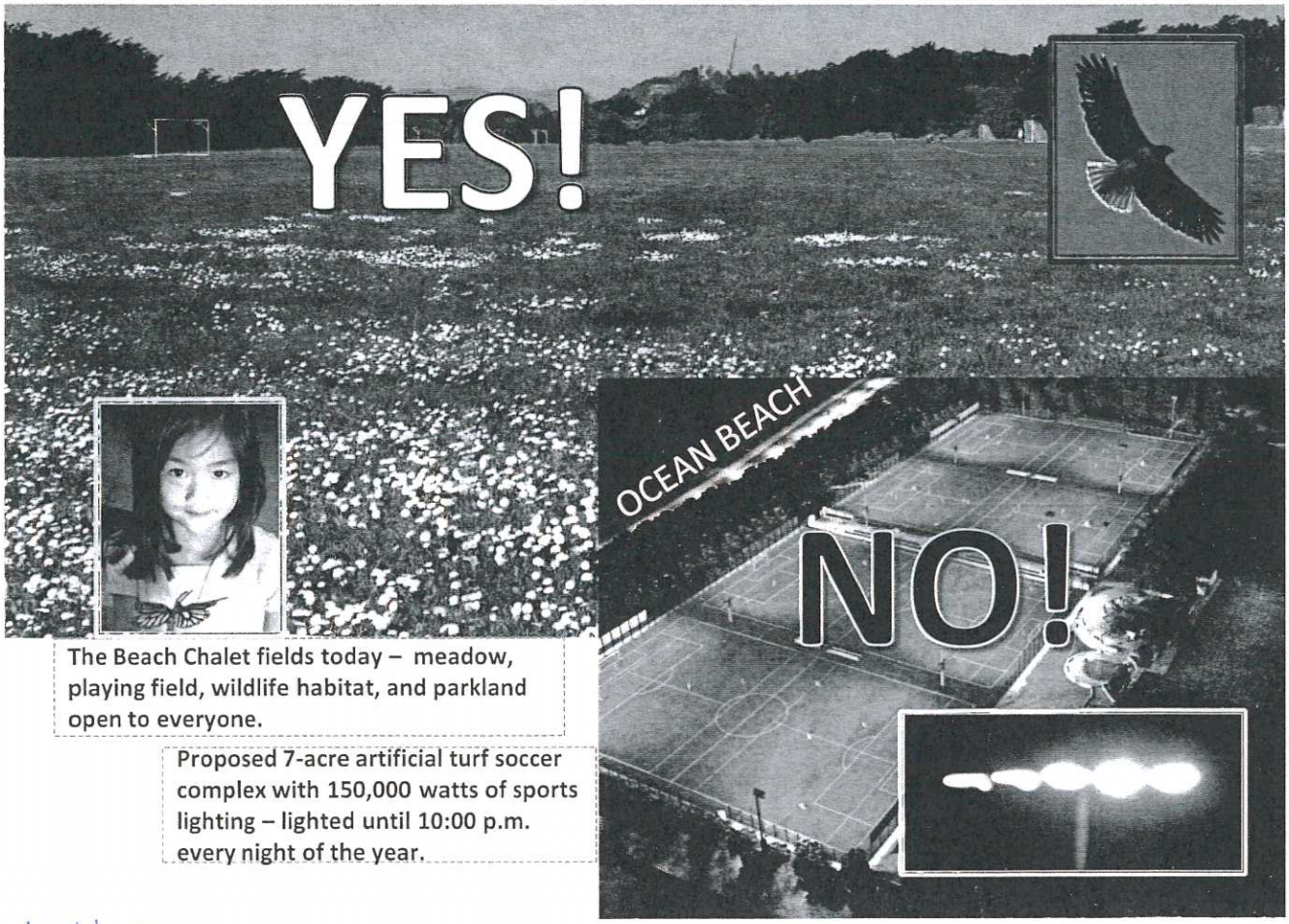

The Beach Chalet fields today – meadow, playing field, wildlife habitat, and parkland open to everyone.

Proposed 7-acre artificial turf soccer complex with 150,000 watts of sports lighting – lighted until 10:00 p.m. every night of the year.

Representative postcard from individuals

Dear Commissioners,

Please protect Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Park:

- ❑ **STOP the removal of over 7 acres of natural grass & the installation of over 7 acres of artificial turf – plastic grass, gravel and tire waste – at Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park, next to Ocean Beach!**
- ❑ **STOP the installation of 60 foot tall stadium lights with 150,000 watts of lights next to Ocean Beach – lighted *every night of the year* until 10:00 pm!**
- ❑ **STOP the loss of over 55 trees and the destruction of wildlife habitat!**
- ❑ **STOP the loss of access to naturalistic parkland for all visitors.**
- ❑ **SUPPORT alternatives for this project.**

Thank you!

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