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Introductions
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Chronic Shortage of Athletic Fields

2004 independent study found Rec/Park short by 35 soccer fields & 30 baseball diamonds

Greatest shortfall –
3:00-6:30pm weekdays
4,000 SF kids use the fields afterschool during spring and fall
The Playfields Initiative

City Fields partnership with Rec/Park was established in 2006

Goal: Address the ongoing shortage of athletic fields in SF & help Rec/Park equitably provide sports facilities

How: Renovate high-use and worn-out athletic fields with synthetic turf and lights and improve efficiency of permit system

To Date: 12 athletic field/light renovations in 6 parks
Garfield Square Playground - 2006

Before

After

Garfield was formerly known as “el parque donde te rompes pie” or “the park where you break your foot”
Formerly a field of last resort, Silver Terrace is now the most requested athletic field in San Francisco.
Franklin Square Playground - 2007

Before

Already a popular artificial turf field, lights were added to Franklin Square to extend play hours

After
South Sunset is now a clean and safe playfield for local school kids and park neighbors.
By improving the field layout during the renovation, two new soccer fields and restrooms were added to the three existing fields at Crocker.
Reopened in June 2010, Kimbell Playground’s athletic field has been a tremendous hit with neighborhood kids and local schools.
Why Synthetic Turf?

Ability to dramatically increase the amount of playtime on a field
- No rain closures
- No rest/regrowth closures
- Every field can be used year-round

Safe, consistent, level playfields

Saves approx. 1,500,000 gallons of water per field each year

Reduces maintenance

Requires no herbicides or fertilizer

Thorough vetting by Synthetic Playfields Task Force resulted in stringent SF purchasing standards
Success Measurements

Play Capacity – The number of hours an athletic field is available for organized groundsports or pick-up play.

The Playfields Initiative has added **66,000 hours of play capacity** to the City’s athletic system and is on track to resolve the deficit of youth groundsports fields in San Francisco.

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<td>Permit Reorganization</td>
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<td>School Dist.-Rec/Park Field Sharing</td>
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The increased play capacity has resulted in more youth teams and more kids playing sports in San Francisco than ever before! The increase in youth soccer teams since 2004 is a direct result of the Playfields Initiative’s efforts.

### 1995-2010 Increase in San Francisco Youth Soccer Teams*

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Teams</th>
<th>Estimated Youth Soccer Players*</th>
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<td>1995</td>
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<td>2004</td>
<td>554</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>702</td>
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*Assumes 12 players per team as youth teams have 10-18 players per team
While the recreation center was renovated in 2007-2008, the athletic field remains in poor condition. The field suffers from poor irrigation, garbage dumping, busy gophers and limited gardening staff.
More Use, More Play

Renovating Minnie Lovie’s athletic field with lights and synthetic turf will more than double the amount of play on the field.

Currently, the Minnie Lovie can host 1,796 hours of annual play on the soccer field or 3,580 on the baseball/softball diamonds.

The proposed renovation is expected to add 5,365 hours of new ground sports play or 3,570 hours of new baseball/softball play.
Proposed Project Plan

Computer rendering by Verde Designs
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Drawing by Verde Designs
Proposed Field Renovation

- Install synthetic turf and field lights
- Create new full-size ground sports field in existing space
- Line both ground sports fields for soccer, men’s & women’s Lacrosse, rugby, and football yard markers

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Proposed Field Renovation

Retain location and size of baseball/softball diamonds – turf infield with a clay pitcher’s mound on the large baseball diamond

Replace rusted baseball/softball backstops

Add volleyball lines and volleyball net pole sleeves to youth baseball outfield
Additional Park Improvements

Remove cargo container at western entrance
Replace rusting fencing to east, west and south with new black vinyl fencing
Replace bleacher seating behind baseball/softball diamonds
Replace worn out baseball dugouts
Improve field entrances
Improve retaining wall in north-east field corner
Install new drinking fountains, bike racks, trash and recycling cans

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Anticipated Timeline

Jan – Feb 2011  Community outreach
Mar – Nov 2011  Environmental review
Dec 2011       Rec/Park Commission considers concept plan at committee and full commission
Jan – Mar 2012  Complete design
Mar – May 2012  Bid & award project construction contract
June – Dec 2012 Construction
Dec 2012       Field opening, ribbon-cutting & community block-party
Questions?

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Thank You!

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