

1 [Preparation of Findings to Reverse Certification of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields
2 Renovation Project FEIR]

3 **Motion directing the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings reversing the certification**
4 **by the Planning Commission of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Beach**
5 **Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation Project.**
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7 WHEREAS, The proposed Project involves the San Francisco Recreation and Parks
8 Department's renovation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields facility, an approximately 9.4-acre
9 public sports field facility located at 1500 John F. Kennedy Drive, along the western edge of
10 Golden Gate Park. The Project site currently include four grass turf athletic fields surrounded
11 by an 8-foot-tall metal chain link fence, an approximately 25,320 square-foot, 50-space
12 asphalt parking lot (including one disabled-accessible space), a restroom building, and a
13 cargo container being used as a maintenance shed. The Project would include replacing the
14 existing grass turf fields with synthetic turf, installing field lighting, renovating the existing
15 restroom building, installing player benches and seating, and completing other modifications
16 for parking, circulation, and spectator amenities; and

17 WHEREAS, The Planning Department determined that an environmental impact report
18 was required for the Project and issued a Notice of Preparation ("NOP") of an Environmental
19 Impact Report on February 2, 2011, analyzing the potential environmental impacts of the
20 proposed project; and

21 WHEREAS, On October 26, 2011, the Department published the Draft Environmental
22 Impact Report ("DEIR") for the Project (Planning Department Case No. 2010.0016E); and
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1 WHEREAS, The Planning Commission held a duly advertised public hearing on the
2 DEIR, on December 1, 2011, at which time opportunity for public comment was provided on
3 the DEIR, and written comments were received through December 12, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, The Department prepared responses to comments received at the public
5 hearing on the DEIR and submitted in writing to the Department, prepared revisions to the text
6 of the DEIR and published a Comments and Responses Document; and

7 WHEREAS, A Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the Project was
8 prepared by the Department, consisting of the DEIR, any consultations and comments
9 received during the review process, any additional information that became available and the
10 Comments and Responses document, all as required by law; and

11 WHEREAS, On May 24, 2012, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the
12 FEIR and, by Motion No. 18637 found that the contents of said report and the procedures
13 through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the provisions
14 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines and Chapter
15 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code; and

16 WHEREAS, By Motion No. 18637 the Planning Commission found the FEIR to be
17 adequate, accurate and objective, reflected the independent judgment and analysis of the
18 Department and the Planning Commission and that the Comments and Responses document
19 contained no significant revisions to the DEIR, adopted findings relating to significant impacts
20 associated with the Project and certified the completion of the FEIR in compliance with CEQA
21 and the State CEQA Guidelines; and

22 WHEREAS, On May 24, 2012, the Planning Commission and the Recreation and
23 Parks Commission at a duly noticed joint hearing each adopted CEQA Approval Findings,
24 including a statement of overriding considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting
25 Program, and approved the Project; and

1 WHEREAS, By letter to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors dated June 12, 2012,
2 Richard Drury of Lozeau Drury LLP, on behalf of SF Ocean Edge, the Sierra Club San
3 Francisco Bay Chapter, the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Sunset Parkside Education and
4 Action Committee, the Richmond Community Association, Golden Gate Park Preservation
5 Alliance, and Katherine Howard (collectively "Appellants"), filed an appeal of the FEIR to the
6 Board of Supervisors, which the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors received on or around June
7 12, 2012; and

8 WHEREAS, On July 10, 2012, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to consider
9 the appeal of the FEIR certification filed by Appellant; and

10 WHEREAS, This Board has reviewed and considered the FEIR, the appeal letter, the
11 responses to concerns document that the Planning Department prepared, the other written
12 records before the Board of Supervisors, and heard testimony and received public comment
13 regarding the adequacy of the FEIR; and

14 WHEREAS, The FEIR files and all correspondence and other documents have been
15 made available for review by this Board and the public. These files are available for public
16 review by appointment at the Planning Department offices at 1650 Mission Street, and are
17 part of the record before this Board by reference in this motion; now, therefore, be it

18 MOVED, That this Board directs the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings specifying
19 the basis for its reversal of the certification of the FEIR by the Planning Commission.