

1 [Reversing Certification of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation Project FEIR]

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3 **Motion reversing the certification by the Planning Commission of the Final**
4 **Environmental Impact Report for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation Project.**

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

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

20 WHEREAS, On October 26, 2011, the Department published the Draft Environmental
21 Impact Report ("DEIR") for the Project (Planning Department Case No. 2010.0016E); and

22 WHEREAS, The Planning Commission held a duly advertised public hearing on the
23 DEIR, on December 1, 2011, at which time opportunity for public comment was provided on
24 the DEIR, and written comments were received through December 12, 2011; and

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

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, By letter to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors dated June 12, 2012,
24 Richard Drury of Lozeau Drury LLP, on behalf of SF Ocean Edge, the Sierra Club San
25 Francisco Bay Chapter, the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Sunset Parkside Education and

1 Action Committee, the Richmond Community Association, Golden Gate Park Preservation
2 Alliance, and Katherine Howard (collectively "Appellants"), filed an appeal of the FEIR to the
3 Board of Supervisors, which the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors received on or around June
4 12, 2012; and

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

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

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

15 MOVED, That this Board of Supervisors reverses the certification of the FEIR by the
16 Planning Commission.

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