

# Minnie Lovie Recreation Center Athletic Field Renovation



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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”



# Silver Terrace Playground - 2006



Before



After

Formerly a field of last resort, Silver Terrace is now the most requested athletic field in San Francisco



# Franklin Square Playground - 2007



Before



After

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



# South Sunset Playground - 2008



Before



After

South Sunset is now a clean and safe playfield for local school kids and park neighbors



# Crocker Amazon Playground - 2008



Before



After

By improving the field layout during the renovation, two new soccer fields and restrooms were added to the three existing fields at Crocker



# Kimbell Playground - 2010



Before



After

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.

<u>Field</u>	<u>Increase in play capacity</u>
Garfield	1,633
Silver Terrace	5,213
South Sunset	6,846
Crocker Amazon	12,358
Franklin Square	1,285
Kimbell Playground	4,193

<u>Other Program Elements</u>	<u>Increase in play capacity</u>
Permit Reorganization	35,000
School Dist.-Rec/Park Field Sharing	475



# Success Measurements

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\**

Year	Total Teams	Estimated Youth Soccer Players*
1995	310	3,720
1999	396	4,752
2004	554	6,648
2010	702	8,424

\*Assumes 12 players per team as youth teams have 10-18 players per team



# Why Minnie Lovie?



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



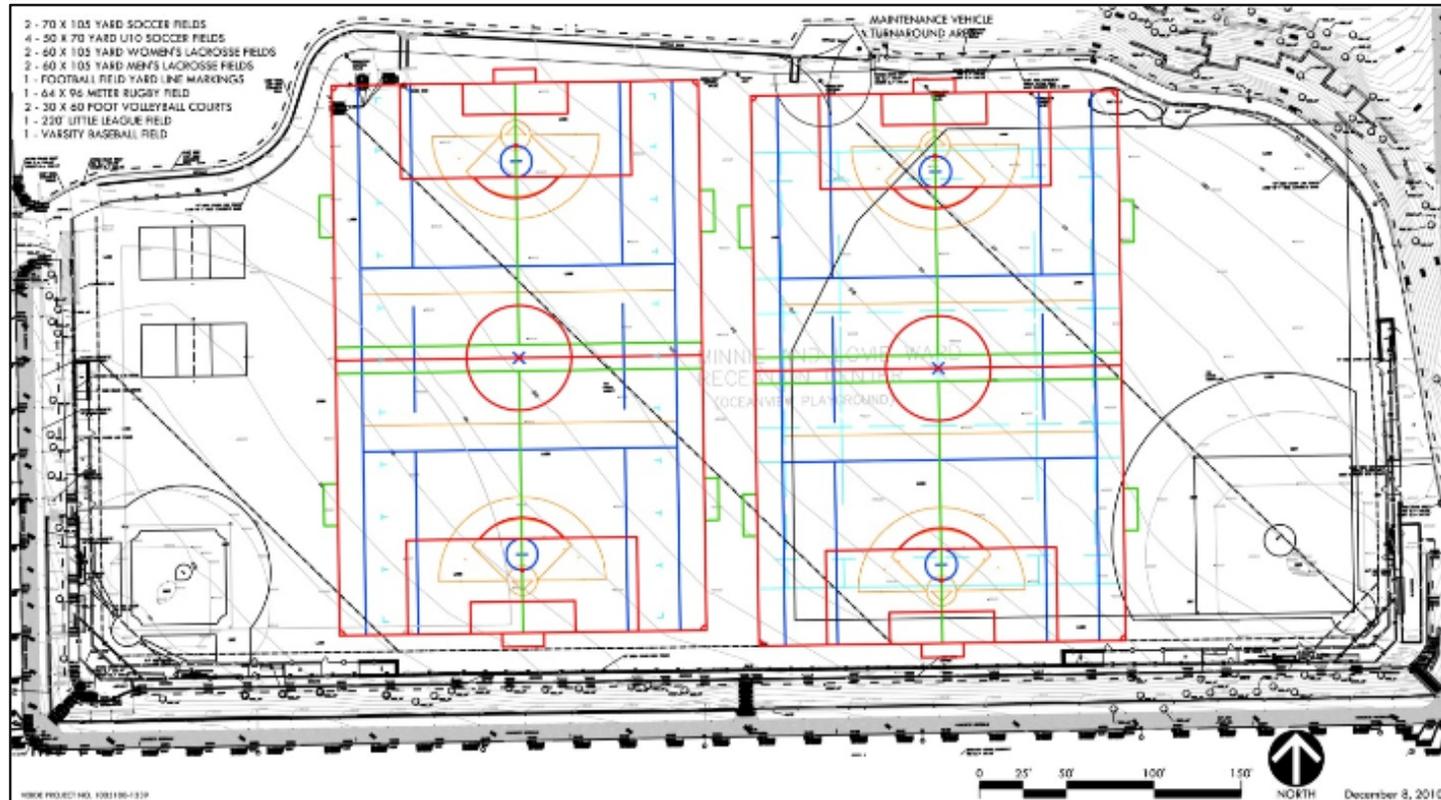
- LEGEND**
- ① Existing Community Center
  - ② Existing Community Center Entry Area
  - ③ Varsity Baseball Field with Clay Mound
  - ④ Little League Softball Field with Clay Mound
  - ⑤ (2) 70 X 210 Soccer
  - ⑥ (4) U-10 Soccer
  - ⑦ (2) Men Lacrosse
  - ⑧ (2) Women Lacrosse
  - ⑨ (1) Rugby Line
  - ⑩ (1) Football Hash Marks
  - ⑪ New 18' Tall Outer Fencing, Typ.
  - ⑫ Chain Link Fencing Dugout
  - ⑬ (4) Open Bullpen
  - ⑭ Field Lighting, Typ.
  - ⑮ (2) 60' Light Post
  - ⑯ (4) 70' Light Post
  - ⑰ (6) 80' Light Post
  - ⑱ Existing Cypress Trees to Remain
  - ⑲ New Spectator Bleachers
  - ⑳ (2) Volleyball
  - ㉑ Protective Netting
  - ㉒ Pathway



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# Proposed Project Plan



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# Proposed Field Renovation



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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



# 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



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# 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!

