



Every San Francisco Kid Deserves a Place to Play Ball!

Winter 2012 Update: Mission Playground a great success, Minnie & Lovie Approved & Beach Chalet Further Delayed

Friends,

The City Fields Foundation took a number of big steps forward in 2012. We wanted to look back on the year, share our latest news and give you a preview of what's to come in the New Year.

Reopened this past summer, Mission Playground's field renovation has been a resounding success. Complementing a major rehabilitation of the park, City Fields teamed up with Rec & Park to install synthetic turf and replace old field lights on Mission Playground's asphalt soccer pitch.



Playing hard on the new field



Opening Day at Mission Playground

Long home to some of the most competitive, free pick-up soccer matches in San Francisco, the new soccer field now hosts youth games and recreation programs while still keeping the field available for the spirited, pick-up games for which the field is known.

Meanwhile, the design for the Minnie & Lovie Recreation Center athletic field in the Oceanview neighborhood is underway after a lengthy delay due to an appeal of the project's environmental review. This fall, the Planning Commission unanimously denied the appeal and the Recreation and Parks Commission quickly and unanimously approved the project plans.

City Fields has now commissioned the field renovation's full design and we expect to hold a groundbreaking ceremony next summer. We'll let you know the exact date closer to the event and hope you can join us.

The proposed renovation of Golden Gate Park's Beach Chalet Athletic Fields was voted upon and approved in seven different votes during a five month



Minnie & Lovie's field renovation has been approved!

period this spring and summer.



*When the kids spoke,
city officials listened*

At one City Hall hearing lasting more than eight hours, 300 kids, parents and coaches testified in support of the project. Their pleas made front page news and led the nightly television news on every channel. We created [this video to thank you and remind all of us of what we can accomplish](#) when we work together.

Still, the Beach Chalet field renovation faces more appeals.

In a last-ditch effort to stop the project, a small, but vocal opposition has filed an appeal to the Coastal Commission and a separate lawsuit in Superior Court, delaying the Beach Chalet field renovation by another year and half.

We are working to get these appeals dismissed and are optimistic that both will be resolved next summer. We'll certainly let you know when the Coastal Commission appeal is scheduled should you want to speak in support of the project at that hearing.

With Minnie's design moving ahead and Beach Chalet slowly winding its way towards final approval, we are hopeful that these playfields will be completed soon.

We want to thank you for being such a consistent friend and stalwart supporter. It's because of you and many other individuals and organizations that we have been able to add thousands of hours of outdoor, athletic play for youth in our City.

Thank you again for your continued commitment and we wish you and your loved ones happy and healthy holidays from all of us at City Fields Foundation.

Talk to you soon,

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Hundreds of kids, parents and coaches testified this year at City Hall hearings in support of the Beach Chalet field renovation