

NEW SOCCER COMPLEX TO DRASTICALLY ALTER GOLDEN GATE PARK AND OCEAN BEACH

The Recreation and Park Department is planning to build a soccer complex in the western end of Golden Gate Park behind the Beach Chalet, replacing the current grassy practice meadow with larger artificial turf fields and adding intensive 60 ft. tall sportsfield lighting. Eventually, two more fields will be added, enlarging the complex to an area one-half the width of Golden Gate Park and larger than Candlestick Stadium. This project will change the western edge of the Park from parkland to a highly developed urbanized space. Yet, *very little outreach has gone out to San Franciscans about this change to the character of Golden Gate Park and Ocean Beach.*



The current practice soccer fields are in a grassy meadow surrounded by groves of trees.



Project with night lighting – computer simulation presented at public meetings by the City Fields Foundation



South Sunset Playing Field – sportsfield lighting seen from four blocks away. What will be the experience at Ocean Beach, with this type of lighting nearby?



The current soccer fields are tucked behind these groves of trees. Over 60 trees and tall shrubs will be removed for this project. The remaining trees vary in height, from 20 to 40 feet. The new 60 foot stadium lights will be clearly visible, day or night.

*We are in favor of active youth recreation! But young people also deserve to know what natural parkland is like and to enjoy the night skies at Ocean Beach without the intrusion of intensive night lighting and the degradation of wildlife habitat. **THIS IS THE WRONG PLACE FOR THIS PROJECT!***

ACTION ALERT! THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING THE NEED FOR AN EIR – TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THIS PROJECT NEEDS A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT! CONTACT US AT : www.sfoceanedge.org sfoceanedge@earthlink.net