

November 30, 1990

TO: Juan Garza, City Manager
FROM: Malcolm Matthews, Director of Park & Recreation
SUBJECT: SOCCER FIELDS AT GARCIA PARK

In reference to Dr. Hector P. Garcia's letter of November 10, 1990, staff has discussed the soccer field concern with Manual Salinas. Mr. Salinas is not a coach nor does he represent any one particular soccer team or league, but he does have an interest in soccer, specifically men's soccer.

A few years ago, there was a request to build a soccer field at Garcia Park behind the school. After one year, the field had drastically settled in many areas because of the landfill problem that occurs over most of the park. It was filled, regraded and reseeded, but again within one year it had moved again, to the point of being unplayable. The youth league that used the field has now moved to West Haven Park.

Fairly extensive funds and labor were spent to repair this field to no avail. It was determined that playing fields and land fills do not mix. Mr. Salinas has been told about the youth teams at West Haven Park and he is satisfied. We discussed with him the opportunity to place an adult field or two over near the National Guard Armory on Horne Road in the near future. He was also told that we have been talking to the State School about an additional 20 acres of stable, undeveloped property along Horne Road that they could lease to us for future fields. He was also pleased with those possibilities.

The usability of Garcia Park where landfill occurred is frustrating for everyone. We need to review unconventional park uses and creatively look at this property for future development. We will keep you informed so that Dr. Garcia can be kept apprised as well.


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