

August 15, 1990

Dr. Hector P. Garcia  
1315 Bright St.  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia:

This letter is in reference to the telephone conversation we had before you left on your trip week before last.

I am a board member of the West Central Soccer League, whose boundaries run west from Kostoryz to Corn Products Road. In the past we have used the Hector P. Garcia Park as our home field for our soccer games.

The park itself is not usable in its current condition, and despite the fact that the city had a five year plan to build soccer fields on your park, none of this has come to pass. We have been in contact with the city in our quest to have the fields improved to such a degree that we could again use it for our children. This park is centrally located for our league and is large enough to house the four different sized fields a soccer league requires.

According to Mr. Orly Lopez of the Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Department, the park was built on a landfill and is not ever going to be able to be used as soccer fields, even though this is the long-term plan the city has for your park. We have located a contractor who is willing to provide the West Central Soccer League with dirt, machinery and manpower to build soccer fields on your park. All of this will be done free of charge to West Central and to the city. I told Mr. Lopez about the offer we received and he continues to inform our league that he does not believe the park will ever be able to be used for soccer fields. The contractor suggested we advise you of the situation since we seem to be hitting our heads against a brick wall in trying to deal with the city.

Our soccer league, Dr. Garcia, is quite small, however, we have a league of which we and our children are proud. We have wonderful parental participation and support, good coaches and great teams. Two of our teams last fall went all the way to the city finals. Unfortunately, many children in our area sign up with the Padre Soccer league, which is the largest league in the city and has its home field at Bill Witt Park. We feel that this is done because West Central has not had a decent place for our children to play, and we would like to rectify this situation. Santa Fe Soccer league plays on South and North Pope Parks, the Oso league plays on Navy land, Great Western league plays at the Nueces River Park, and of course, Padre league plays at Bill Witt.

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We feel that even if the Hector P. Garcia park, once improved, requires additional dirt and leveling in four or five years time (due to the fact that it is on a landfill), that if it has not cost the city any money to make these improvements, that it would be reasonable for the city to allow us to do so. Mr. Lopez does not agree.

Our children need the help of everyone who genuinely cares about the children of the west central area. We are turning to you for your support.

I know you're a very busy man, however, if you could spare thirty minutes to meet with us and the contractor at the Hector P. Garcia Park, we could show you what we're dealing with and what our goals are.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheri Randall".

Cheri Randall  
Secretary  
West Central Soccer League