

**CITY OF SELMA  
JOINT CITY COUNCIL/RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES  
COMMISSION WORKSHOP**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2005**

The joint City Council/Recreation & Community Services Commission workshop was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council chambers. Council members answering roll call were: Derr, Niswander, Mayor Pro Tem Lujan, and Mayor Tow. Council member Avalos was absent. Recreation and Community Services Commissioners answering roll call were: Kessler, Ocegüera, and Vice-Chair Paul. Commissioners absent were Cazares, Rochon, Harris and Teixeira.

Also present were City Manager Heusser, City Attorney Hargrove, Police Chief Whiteside, Fire Chief Kestly, Public Works Director Weaver, Recreation and Community Services Director Kirchner, Finance Director Bier, Administrative Services Manager Hull, the press, and interested citizens.

The agenda for this meeting was duly posted in a location visible at all times by the general public seventy-two hours prior to this meeting.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**ISSUES:** City Manager Heusser stated that the purpose of the joint meeting was to discuss City of Selma Recreation and Community Services issues including the maintenance of City parks, new parks and a sports complex.

City Manager Heusser stated that future developments in Selma include open space areas and that the City is also looking for land to purchase so a park(s) can be built.

Council member Lujan stated that he would like a recommendation from the Recreation & Community Services Commission as to their preference for either one large park or two smaller ones.

Vice Chair Paul then questioned the status of the proposed private sports complex. It was reported that preliminary ground work on the project was started but it stopped because of a lack of funding.

Mayor Tow reported that a large amount of acreage is just not available and that if it were the cost is prohibitive.

Ms. Estella Kessler, a resident of Selma, then stepped forward to let the Council know that the existing City parks need better maintenance and repairs.

Discussion then occurred regarding the allowed use of park development fees. Finance Director Bier stated that according to the Quimby Act the City is limited as to what the funds can be used for and that routine maintenance costs are not allowed under the Act.

City Attorney Hargrove was then directed to research what the funds can be used for and report back to the City Manager and Council with his findings.

A discussion on park priorities then occurred. Discussed were the need for new restroom(s) and/or improvements, picnic shelter roofing, and policies regarding Brentlinger Park usage.

City Manager Heusser reported that new restrooms have been approved and the project will go to bid in the near future.

Mayor Tow stated that staff would continue to work on acquiring property for a City park(s) and would try to involve the Recreation & Community Services Commission more in the parks budget process.

City Manager Heusser also stated that staff would provide the Council with the minutes from each Commission meeting in order to keep them informed of recommendations made.

Mayor Tow then thanked the Recreation & Community Services Commission members for attending and for their valuable input.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Carter, CMC  
City Clerk

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Don Tow  
Mayor of the City of Selma