

## Event Press Release

Odessa Sports Associations

### For Immediate Release

## UTPB “pulls the land out from under us.”

(Odessa, TX) – The Odessa Sports Associations are coming together Tuesday July 20, 2021, at the UTPB soccer fields to hold a public outcry at 6:30pm. The UTPB president, Sandra Woodley, has sent the City of Odessa her official termination letter for the 25-year-old contract held with the City to use the 100-acre area of parks space.

This park is utilized by over 7,500 children and 800 adults who play in the Associations. With the loss of this park, Odessa now has the smallest amount of parkland per capita in the entire United States.

Odessa citizens are begging for a two year extension on this contract to allow for plans to be put into motion for a new park. UTPB could have allowed the contract to auto-renew in 5 year increments for 4 renewals (20 years total), but instead has chosen to pull the land out from under us.

The Associations plan to meet on the soccer fields at 6pm Tuesday to implore UTPB president Sandra Woodley to allow for this extension with no changes. The Associations hope to rally the community to join in the outcry for the children and adults who will be affected by the loss of this park.

Please join us, make your voice heard, and help the children of Odessa have a place to play!

Where: UTPB Soccer fields (North East corner of the property)

When: 6:30pm Tuesday July 20, 2021

We are asking local media to please bring coverage to this event. The general public is not aware of what is happening, and it is our duty to inform them