



Pursuant to ARS #38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the 2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission and to the public that the **2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission** will hold the following meeting, which will be open to the public.

**2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission Virtual Zoom Meeting**  
**Monday, January 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**

Pursuant to safe practices during the COVID 19 pandemic, all in-person public commission meetings are cancelled until further notice. This meeting will be held virtually to allow for healthy practices and social distancing. Meeting materials will be presented as part of the virtual meeting.

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For members of the public that wish to address the commission during the **Call to the Audience**, we ask that you please email your request to Leticia Flores at [info@tucsondelivers.info](mailto:info@tucsondelivers.info) or call 520-885-9009. The email should include your full name, mailing address, phone number, and the topic you wish to address. Also, please specify if you would like to be added to our email distribution list for future notifications and updates. **Please call or send your email no later than 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 24, 2022.** Thank you.

**MEETING MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Quorum was established with roll call, 8-2.

Present			
John Anderson City Manager	*Ryan Anderson Ward 3	Willie Blake Ward 5	**Frank Flasch Ward 2
Nicole Fyffe City Manager	Kathy Kretschmer City Manager	Kendall Kroesen Ward 4	Krista Romero-Cardenas City Manager
Ernesto Somoza Ward 1	Ron Spark Ward 6		

\*Ryan Anderson logged in at 5:33pm \*\*Frank Flasch logged in at 5:35pm and logged out at 6:30pm. There was still quorum.

Ex-Officio Members Present	Staff Members Present		
Lara Hamwey	Jasmine Chan	Greg Jackson	Iliana Gonzales
	Ryan Fagan	Collin Chesston	Blue Baldwin
	Arturo Ledesma	Tim Thomure	

2. **Commissioner Recognition** – <https://tucsonvaluesteachers.org/2021-raytheon-leaders-in-education-award-winners/> – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark announced that Commission member Ernesto Somoza was recently recognized and awarded the 2021 Raytheon Leaders in Education Award for his role as a Pueblo High School teacher, grades 9-12, in Graphic and Web Design.

3. **Approval of November 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes** – Commission member Nicole Fyffe motioned to approve the November 15, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Commission member Ryan Anderson seconded the motion, and the minutes were passed by a roll call vote of 10-0.

4. **Call to the Audience** – No members of the public wished to address the commission. Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark requested a more widespread community outreach process in order to allow more members of the public to participate during the Call to the Audience.

*This is the time when any member of the public may address the 2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission. Due to time constraints, the total time allocated for this is 15 minutes. Individuals are allowed three (3) minutes each. Due to Open Meeting Law, Commission Members cannot discuss topics that are not on the agenda. Items brought up by the public may be considered as an agenda item for a future meeting.*

5. **Program Update** – Discussion was held. No action was taken.

a. **Program Update** – Program Manager Jasmine Chan provided a program update. Ms. Chan mentioned that the Parks staff has begun planning some of the larger Phase 2 projects and the Connections staff continues to make progress while managing a COVID constraining outreach ability. She talked about proposed collaboration and incorporation of the Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) program and with the Urban Forestry program and the Tucson Million Trees Initiative.

i. **Fort Lowell Historic Preservation Grant Application** – Program Manager Jasmine Chan gave an update on the Fort Lowell Historic Preservation project. Ms. Chan stated they are currently writing a proposal for an Arizona Parks & Trails Historic Preservation Heritage Fund grant for additional funding to supplement the current bond allocation amount for the project. She said they are pursuing other funding sources because the cost estimates indicated that the amount needed would exceed the allocated bond amount for the project.

b. **Financial Report** – Program Manager Jasmine Chan gave updated financial information through December 31, 2021. Ms. Chan provided an overview of the program's financials including the bond sales and expenditures. She said the total expenditures so far are \$12,047,155 with a remaining balance of \$212,952,845. In Phase1, Ms. Chan said out of the allocated amount of \$55 million, \$12,047,155 has been spent leaving a balance of \$42,952,844. The amount currently encumbered on active projects is \$6,601,788. She also shared the monetary breakdown of each of the four categories (Parks, Golf, Connectivity, and Greenways) in the program with beginning balances, total expenditures, and ending balances and discussed the year-by-year expenditures for Phase 1 projects. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

6. **Project Updates** – Discussion was held. No action was taken.

a. **Parks** – Parks & Recreation Management Coordinator in Capitol Planning Iliana Gonzales gave updated information on several Parks projects and their progress on behalf of Greg Jackson, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation. Ms. Gonzales said the Morris K. Udall Park splashpad is complete and will open in April. Ms. Gonzales discussed the delay for the playgrounds due to equipment delivery issues. In the meantime, site improvements are being conducted to ensure that when the playgrounds arrive, they are quickly installed. The seven parks awaiting the playgrounds are: Reid Park, Mesa Village Park, Desert Bear Park, Wilshire Park, Conner Park, Linden Park, and Swan Way Park; they anticipate the playgrounds to be completed by March or April. She mentioned a splashpad bathroom being constructed at Purple Heart Park, some lighting projects nearing design

completion for Esteban Park, the Todd Harris Sports Complex, Palo Verde Park, Freedom Park, and Lincoln Park. Ms. Gonzales said Christopher Columbus Park and John F. Kennedy Park are in nearing design completion. Splashpads at Palo Verde Park and Freedom Park are in design, and they anticipate construction to start at the end of the fiscal year. She said Joaquin Murrieta Park is currently in design.

**b. Connections** – Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility Planning Project Managers Ryan Fagan and Collin Chesston as well as Arturo Ledesma, Engineering Project Manager, presented and provided updated information on Connections projects and their progress. Updates given were for Phase 1A, Phase 1B, and Phase 2 bicycle boulevards, pedestrian safety and walkability projects, shared use pathways, and protected bike lane projects. Public outreach was also mentioned.

**i. Design and Construction Projects Update** – Mr. Fagan said the Michigan St./Fair St., Cherry Ave., Greenway Dr., Bantam Rd., and Calle Alvord bicycle boulevards are currently under construction and are anticipated to be complete in June. He said the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. – University and Treat bicycle boulevards are out to bid and have not been awarded a contract as of yet due to project budget challenges. He said they are still working with TEP to relocate the power poles for the Roger Rd. Pedestrian Safety & Walkability project. Currently advertised for construction is the Mary Ann Cleveland Way Shared-use Path, with bids scheduled to be open in February and construction starting in the Spring. Mr. Fagan said public engagement is on-going for the Andrew St. bicycle boulevard with three alignment alternatives. He said public engagement for the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. protected bike lane has wrapped up and the input is being reviewed to revise the design concept. He mentioned the Blacklidge Bicycle Boulevard and said design completion is anticipated for July. Mr. Fagan talked about the outreach efforts currently being conducted for the combined Prop 407 and Prop 101 restriping project for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Street from Campbell Ave. to Wilmot Rd.

Mr. Chesston talked about the 18<sup>th</sup> St., 8<sup>th</sup> St., S. Campbell/Pinal bike boulevards and provided alignment updates. He also discussed neighborhood outreach for 18<sup>th</sup> St. and Main Ave. where the community reviewed and chose from three different intersection design concepts. Mr. Chesston talked about the Jason Vista option that was selected for the El Paso & Southwestern Greenway project and said they would be having a Kickoff meeting this week with City staff and the design team. He said they were able to partner with the Green Stormwater Infrastructure team and Ward 5 and approve a separate contract to do landscape designs, irrigation, and green stormwater infrastructure along the S. Campbell portion of the project. Mr. Chesston mentioned the 36<sup>th</sup> St. Pedestrian Safety & Walkability project and said this project is also having a Kickoff meeting this week.

**ii. Palo Verde/Miramonte Bicycle Boulevard Update** – Mr. Fagan mentioned a few Phase 2 bicycle boulevard projects: Palo Verde/Miramonte. He said they are currently working with a consultant on the scope and fee for the alignment study and they expect the design work to start in February.

## **7. Project Changes**

**a. Parks Projects Allocation Impact Fees** – Parks & Recreation Director, Lara Hamwey provided information regarding the impact fees and how they cannot be utilized on non-park owned land which affects several parks projects. Ms. Hamwey said the parks projects that are affected by this are: CSM Martin R. Gunny Barreras Park, the Cushing Street Skate Park, and Barrio Nopal Park. These parks projects can still move forward if the funding sources can be changed and through Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA's). Ms. Hamwey requested that the commission approve changing the funding sources of these projects while continuing to fund each project at the same

level or more than originally intended and adding the Cushing Street Skate Park to the bond program. Discussion was held.

**b. Cushing Street Skate Park**

Commission member Kathy Kretschmer motioned to approve adding the Cushing Street Skate Park to the bond program along with changing the funding sources of these projects while continuing to fund each project at the same level or more than originally intended. Commission member Willie Blake seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by a roll call vote of 9-0.

**c. Andrew Street Bicycle Boulevard Alignment Proposal** – Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility Planning Project Manager Ryan Fagan provided information on three alignment alternatives for the Andrew Street Bicycle Boulevard project which came about when safety concerns were raised by the public. Mr. Fagan said public outreach led to the reconsideration of the alignment between Alvernon and Columbus area. Public engagement is on-going for feedback on the three alignment alternatives; a survey is also available for input, which will close on February 6. All input and feedback collected will be taken into consideration and a recommendation will be provided to the commission for approval if any changes are made to the project. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**d. Carondelet/5<sup>th</sup> Bicycle Boulevard Project Timeline** – Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility Planning Project Manager Ryan Fagan provided information regarding the original alignment of the Carondelet Drive/5<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Boulevard Phase 1 project and the challenges that are presented in designing an appropriate bicycle facility within the budget. The alignment challenges that they need to work through are that the original alignment goes through the parking lot of St. Joseph’s property and through the Rose Hill Wash. Mr. Fagan requested that the commission approve moving the Carondelet Drive/5<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Boulevard project into Phase 2 to allow it to be combined with other geographically connected projects, therefore resulting in a better use of resources, budgetary flexibility, and cost efficiencies. Discussion was held.

Commission member Willie Blake motioned to move the Carondelet Drive/5<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Boulevard project into Phase 2. Commission vice chair Krista Romero-Cardenas seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by a roll call vote of 9-0.

**8. Next Steps**

**a. Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule (Tentative)** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark pointed out the next tentative meeting dates as well as a special meeting in February.

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| <b>i. Feb 28 Special Meeting</b> | <b>iii. May 16</b>   |
| <b>ii. Mar 21</b>                | <b>iv. August 15</b> |

**b. Agenda Items for Future Meetings** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark suggested an update on the Million Trees Initiative program. Program Manager Jasmine Chan said it could be included in the March meeting.

**c. Commissioner / Staff Announcements** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark recommended drafting a letter to the mayor’s office requesting that the vacant commission position be filled as quickly as possible. All commission members were in agreeance.

**9. Adjournment** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

*Due to Open Meeting Law, only those items on the agenda will be addressed at this meeting. Action may be taken on any item. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Leticia at 520-885-9009 or Leticia@kaneenpr.com. Please allow ample time to make these arrangements.*