



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 Hybrid Meeting **Monday, December 5, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**

**In-person in the Mesquite Room in the Parks & Recreation building at:
 900 S. Randolph Way, Tucson, AZ 85716**

Or Virtual:

To join the Parks + Connections BOC Virtual Zoom Meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, go to:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3830746681> **Meeting ID:** 383 074 6681 **Phone dial in:** +1 719 359 4580

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 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, December 5, 2022.** Thank you.

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Quorum was established with roll call, 6-4.

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

***Frank Flasch logged in at 5:35 p.m.**

Dr. Spark introduced Manon Getsi, the new Ex-Officio representing the Parks & Recreation Commission. Ms. Getsi briefly introduced herself and the commission members welcomed her.

- 2. Approval of October 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – Commission member Willie Blake motioned to approve the October 17, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Commission member Kathy Kretschmer seconded the motion, and the minutes were passed by a roll call vote of 7-0.
- 3. Call to the Audience** – One member of the community addressed the commission. Julie Barbier Bularzik spoke about pedestrian pathways at Reid/Randolph Park. Ms. Bularzik expressed her concern about the connectivity issue through Randolph Park to Reid Park.

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.

4. Program Update – Discussion was held. No action was taken.

- a. **Program Update** – Program Manager Aaron Williams said progress continues on several projects throughout the program and will be discussed further in the agenda.
- b. **Financial Update** – Program Manager Aaron Williams provided a financial update through November 30, 2022. Mr. Williams said expenses increased by approximately \$3.6 million since the last meeting with most projects currently active in the Parks, Connectivity, and Greenways categories. In the Phase 1 Allocations the Total Expenditures are at \$23,999,455, leaving a balance of \$31,000,545 left to spend out of \$55 million. Current Encumbrances are \$11,581,396. Mr. Williams talked about the financial progression towards the 85% spending requirement from the first bond sale. He said 85% of the \$57 million needs to be spent within three years from the date the bond was issued (August 2023) and 100% of the proceeds needs to be spent within five years from the bond issuance date. Mr. Williams shared charts graphs showing the progression towards the allocated amounts for each category within the program. He also talked about Expenditures, Encumbrances, and Completed projects.

5. Project Updates

- a. **Parks** – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson provided an update on various Parks projects and their progress. Mr. Jackson said Joaquin Murrieta Park is in design which is a \$10 million project with anticipated construction to start in March/April of 2023. He said there are three to four projects that will be going into the design phase within the next six months that are each in the \$3 to \$4 million range. He said there are 11 projects currently in permitting that range from \$5 to \$6 million. The cost of these projects have not been included in the financial reports. Mr. Jackson said he has included more detailed information regarding when ARPA funds, Impact Fee funds, and any other additional funding sources are acquired/utilized on projects. Mr. Jackson said the Cushing Street Skatepark will need an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) once Mayor and Council approve the skatepark. Discussion was held. No action was taken.
- b. **Connections** – Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility Planning Project Managers Ryan Fagan and Collin Chesston presented and provided updated information on Phase 1A, Phase 1B, and Phase 2 Connections projects and their progress. Mr. Chesston shared information on an upcoming event for the community to learn about and provide feedback on three Connections projects in the Western Hills II and Las Vistas neighborhoods. He invited the commission to attend if possible. He said the 36th Street Pedestrian Safety & Walkability project (30% concept design), the S. Campbell/Pinal Bike Boulevard (30% concept design), and the El Paso & Southwestern Greenway (60% concept design) projects would be showcased at the community event. He talked about the 18th Street Bike Boulevard project and said it is at a 50% design concept and said the Blacklidge Bike Boulevard is at a 90% design concept. Mr. Chesston said the Blacklidge project is coordinating with Storm to Shade to include green stormwater infrastructure along the bike boulevard. Construction for Blacklidge is anticipated to begin in the Summer of 2023. Mr. Fagan shared status updates on several projects including bike boulevards at Michigan Street/Fair Street, Cherry Avenue, Greenway Drive, Bantam Road, and Calle Alvord and said major construction activities are complete. He talked about the bike boulevards at Treat, 3rd Street/University and said they anticipate for both projects to be complete in January. Mr. Fagan said the TEP pole relocations are continuing through December, a revised 100% submittal is anticipated in early 2023 with construction anticipated to begin in late Summer 2023 for the Roger Road Pedestrian Safety & Walkability project. The Mary Ann Cleveland Shared-Use Path is on hold pending additional federal funding with construction anticipated to begin in 2023. The Andrew Street Bike Boulevard is working through green stormwater infrastructure issues before proceeding to 90% concept design. The 6th Avenue Protected Bike Lane design is expected to start in January with construction starting in late 2023 early 2024. Mr. Fagan said they are working with Pima County on the Limberlost Bike Boulevard project on Right of Way improvements. He talked about the 5th Street/6th Street Pedestrian Safety & Walkability project and said it officially kicked off with public engagement tentatively planned for February and anticipated construction to begin Spring 2024. Commission members complimented the team members on the outreach efforts that have been conducted for the Connections projects. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

- i. **Signage Update** – Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility Planning Project Manager Ryan Fagan provided an update on signage for the Loop for the City of Tucson Bike Boulevards. Mr. Fagan said they are working with Pima County on signage to identify connecting city bike routes from the Loop and vice versa and the signage design. The first signs anticipated for installation will be for the Treat Bike Boulevard & Rillito River and Michigan/Fair Bike Boulevard & Santa Cruz River. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

6. Project Changes

- a. **Parks** – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson provided information on changing the Rio Vista Natural Resource Park project scope for the new splash pad and the renovation of the existing walking path. Discussion was held.
 - i. **Rio Vista Natural Resource Park – Phase 2** – Recommendation to change plan from ‘New Splash Pad’ to ‘Parks Improvements’ based on neighborhood input. The community stated that a splash pad was not an appropriate amenity in a natural resource park. Therefore, Mr. Jackson and staff recommended changing the Prop 407 splash pad project to priorities based upon the approved master plan with the budgeted amount established for the splash pad. (See attached Memorandum). The top five (5) priorities include consolidating the trail network, revegetating disturbed open spaces, upgrading trail signage, enhancing riparian areas and stormwater harvesting. The walking path is considered a renovation (deferred maintenance), therefore will stay the same.

Commission member Willie Blake motioned to change the Prop 407 splash pad project to priorities based upon the approved master plan with the budgeted amount established for the splash pad. Commission member Kathy Kretschmer seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of 7-0.

- 7. **Discussion of Board Vacancies** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark announced there was a vacancy on the commission for a representative from Ward 1. Discussion was held. No action was taken.
- 8. **Next Steps** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark mentioned the next tentative meeting dates.
 - a. **Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule (Tentative)**
 - i. **January 23**
 - ii. **April 3**
 - iii. **July 10**

- 9. **Adjournment** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark adjourned the meeting at 6:42 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.