



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, January 23, 2023, 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~~ *January 23, 2023. Thank you.

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Quorum was established with roll call, 9-1.

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

- 2. Approval of December 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – Commission member Willie Blake motioned to approve the December 5, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Commission member Kathy Kretschmer seconded the motion, and the minutes were passed by a roll call vote of 9-0.
- 3. Call to the Audience** – No public members in attendance wished to address the Commission.
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 program update and a financial update through December 31, 2022. Mr. Williams said the current fiscal year expenditures have increased to \$8.5 million, bringing total expenditures to \$25.7 million. He mentioned the increased expenditures by program category, Parks - \$1.1 million, Connectivity - \$600,000, and Greenways - \$5,000. Mr. Williams discussed the percentage of spending in regards to the first bond sale. He said currently the expenditures are at 45% spent and need to be at 85% spent by August 2023.

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 project manager Howard Dutt had retired and Gabriel Hernandez was hired to replace Mr. Dutt. He also mentioned they are in the process of hiring another project manager. He talked about a few completed projects; the Jacinto Park irrigation project and the Ft. Lowell Park playground project. He said the Ft. Lowell playground was completed with a donation from BCI Burke. He also shared a video of the completed Ft. Lowell Park playground. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Beph5-ldAMc>. Mr. Jackson said there are six projects in construction, Gunny Barreras is almost completed, a few shade structures at Swan Way Park, Harriet Johnson Park, and Linden Park, and Himmel Park courts will be completed within 60-90 days. Four projects have received permits and there are 12 projects in permitting. A \$1 million grant was applied for with AZ State Parks Land and Water Conservation program for the splashpad at Joaquin Murrieta Park as well as a \$3 million grant for Jacobs Park. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

b. Connections – Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility Planning Project Manager Ryan Fagan presented and provided updated information on Phase 1A, Phase 1B, and Phase 2 Connections projects and their progress. Mr. Fagan said construction activities are complete for the Michigan St./Fair St., Cherry Ave., Greenway Dr., Bantam Rd., and Calle Alvord bike boulevards with 18 months remaining in the 2-year landscape establishment period. All Bike HAWKS are in operation in the 3rd St – University and Treat bike boulevard with minor construction activities remaining that are expected to be completed by next month. The 2-year landscape establishment period will begin soon. TEP pole relocations have been completed for the Roger Rd. Pedestrian & Walkability project and Lumen will start relocation of utilities soon. Final design plans are expected in the spring with construction to start in late summer 2023. Federal funding for the Mary Ann Cleveland Way Shared-use Path was awarded and the National Environmental and Policy Act (NEPA) activities continuing which will be completed in 6 months. Construction is expected to start in the fall. Mr. Fagan said he is working with a consultant on contract modifications for the Andrew St. bike boulevard and anticipate a 90% design plan by April. He is also working with a consultant on the scope for the 6th Ave. Protected Bike Lane project with design work starting soon. Construction is expected to start in late 2023/early 2024. The Limberlost bike boulevard is a Prop 411 project that overlaps with a Prop 407 project from Fairview to Oracle that will add sidewalks, lighting, and enhanced bicycle facilities. The Blacklidge bike boulevards is currently on hold due to Keeling Neighborhood and Ward office changes. Project changes have been made and are awaiting comment/approval. Construction anticipated to start in the fall. The design for the 5th St./6th St. Pedestrian & Walkability project is underway. Public engagement is on hold pending Prop 101 project communications. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

6. Advancing Projects

a. **Parks** – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson provided information on advancing a few Parks projects in Phase 3 of the program. Discussion was held.

i. **Stefan Gollob Park Tennis Courts** – Mr. Jackson said a recent inspection of the tennis courts at Stefan Gollob Park showed significant wear to the surface and extensive cracking that needs to be repaired. There are bond funds available to perform the work and it can be managed by park operations staff, not a project manager. This project is currently slated in Phase 3 of the park bonds and the request is to move it up to Phase 2 for safety reasons.

Commission member Kathy Kretschmer motioned to advance the repair of the Stefan Gollob Park Tennis Courts from Phase 3 to Phase 2. Commission member Willie Blake seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of 9-0.

ii. **Sunnyside Pool Deck** – Mr. Jackson said the Sunnyside Pool deck has significant cracking and needs to be repaired. This project can also be managed by park operations staff, not a project manager. This is currently scheduled for phase 3 of the bonds and the recommendation and request is to move it up to phase 2 to alleviate safety concerns.

Commission member Willie Blake motioned to advance the repair of the Sunnyside Pool Deck from Phase 3 to Phase 2. Commission member Frank Flasch seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of 9-0.

7. **Commission Announcements** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark paid tribute and shared an obituary for Donn Steven Anderson, one of the most important Trails and Connectivity professional of our times.

8. **Next Steps** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark mentioned the next tentative meeting dates.

a. **Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule (Tentative)**

i. **April 3** ii. **July 10** iii. **October 9**

b. **Future Agenda Items** – Nothing was mentioned.

c. **Commissioner & Staff Announcements** – Commission member Frank Flasch mentioned that he attended the grand opening of the Ft. Lowell Park playground.

9. **Adjournment** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark adjourned the meeting at 6:15 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.