



2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission 2022 Annual Report

January 24, 2022 – Virtual Meeting

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.
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 with 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 grant proposal for additional funding to supplement the current bond allocation amount for the project.
 - b. **Financial Report** – Program Manager Jasmine Chan gave updated financial information through December 31, 2021. 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.
 - 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**
 - ii. **Palo Verde/Miramonte Bicycle Boulevard Update**
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 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.

b. Cushing Street Skate Park

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. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

Commission member Kathy Kretschmer motioned to approve adding the Cushing Street Skate Park to the bond 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.

d. Carondelet/5th Bicycle Boulevard Project Timeline – Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility Planning Project Manager Ryan Fagan provided information regarding the original alignment of the Carondelet Drive/5th Street Bicycle Boulevard Phase 1 project and the challenges that are presented in designing an appropriate bicycle facility within the budget. Mr. Fagan requested that the commission approve moving the Carondelet Drive/5th 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.

Commission member Willie Blake motioned to move the Carondelet Drive/5th 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.

i. Feb 28 Special Meeting

ii. Mar 2

iii. May 16

iv. August 15

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.

March 21, 2022 – Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. Quorum was established with roll call, 6-5.

2. New Commissioner: Jose Muñoz, Mayor’s Office Appointee – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark announced to the Parks + Connections BOC members and staff that there is a new commission member. Mayor appointed Commission member Jose Muñoz introduced himself. All commission members also introduced themselves and welcomed Mr. Muñoz.

3. Approval of January 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Commission member Willie Blake motioned to approve the January 24, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Commission member Kathy Kretschmer seconded the motion, and the minutes were passed by a roll call vote of 6-0.

4. Call to the Audience – No members of the public were in attendance, therefore, no Call to the Audience.

Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark expressed his concern regarding the lack of attendance from the public and asked if there were any other ways to promote the Parks + Connections BOC meeting to the public. Program Manager Jasmine Chan said more ways to announce the meetings would be researched.

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5. Events: Raised Crosswalks – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark briefly mentioned a news article in the New York Times, which was shared with the commission members, that talked about installing raised crosswalks on busy streets/intersections in an effort to make it safer for pedestrians/bicyclists. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

6. Program Update – Program Manager Jasmine Chan provided a program update. Ms. Chan mentioned construction that is currently taking place and some playgrounds that are coming in. She talked about the quarterly newsletters, interdepartmental and cross-initiative partnerships, additional and supplemental funding sources, the next bond issuance, and the public art progress. Ms. Chan reviewed the Project Changes Guideline as well as the Advancing Projects Guideline. She also gave updated financial information through February 28, 2022. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

a. Program Update

b. Project Changes Guideline Review

c. Advancing Projects Guideline Review

d. Financial Report

7. Project Updates – Discussion was held. No action was taken.

a. Parks – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson provided an update on various Parks projects. Mr. Jackson said out of the eight playgrounds that have been ordered, only one has come in. He talked about projects that are currently in construction. He also talked about the community’s input collected through surveys for several projects.

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. Mr. Fagan talked about the alignment study for the Miramonte Bicycle Boulevard that is planned to take place in Phase 2. Mr. Chesston mentioned the public outreach effort that is taking place for the 18th Street, 8th Avenue, and S. Campbell Avenue Bicycle Boulevard.

i. Miramonte Bicycle Boulevard Timeline

8. Advancing Projects a. Parks Projects: Mansfield Pool, Iron Horse Park, Playgrounds – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson talked about the Mansfield Pool improvements and requested advancing both Phase 3 projects (the replacement of the pool filtration system and renovating the pool plaster, the tile, and the deck) to Phase 1.

Commission member Kathy Kretschmer motioned to advance both Phase 3 projects (the replacement of the pool filtration system and renovating the pool plaster, the tile, and the deck) of the Mansfield Pool to Phase 1.

Commission member Frank Flasch seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by a roll call vote of 6-0.

Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson talked about the Ironhorse Park and requested this project be moved up to Phase 1 from Phase 2 to use the bond funds to accomplish the elements most important to the neighborhood.

Commission member Kathy Kretschmer motioned to advance the Ironhorse Park project from Phase 2 to Phase 1 to use the bond funds to accomplish the elements most important to the neighborhood. Commission member Frank Flasch seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by a roll call vote of 6-0.

Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson talked about the playgrounds at John F. Kennedy (Phase 3) and Rudy Garcia Park (Phase 2) and their failing conditions and requested these two playgrounds be advanced to Phase 1.

Commission member Nicole Fyffe motioned to advance both playgrounds at John F. Kennedy Park (Phase 3) and Rudy Garcia Park (Phase 2) from Phase 2 and 3 to Phase 1 due to their failing conditions. Commission member Kathy Kretschmer seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by a roll call vote of 6-0.

9. Next Steps

a. Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule (Tentative) – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark pointed out the next tentative meeting dates.

i. May 16

ii. August 15

iii. October 17

b. Agenda Items for Future Meetings – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark requested an update on the Million Trees Initiative program.

c. Commissioner / Staff Announcements – Commission member Willie Blake mentioned the Buffalo Soldiers celebration. Program Manager Jasmine Chan mentioned Proposition 411, the ½ cent sales tax extension.

10. Adjournment – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

May 16, 2022 – Virtual Meeting

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Quorum was established with roll call, 6-5.
- 2. Approval of March 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – Commission member Willie Blake motioned to approve the March 21, 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** – No members of the public were in attendance, therefore, no Call to the Audience. Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark was pleased to mention that the 2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission meeting was mentioned in a KOLD News 13 broadcast that morning. Commission member Jose Muñoz mentioned he saw the meeting advertised on social media (Facebook).

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- 4. Urban Forestry Program Discussion** – Program Manager Jasmine Chan provided information to the commission on the Urban Forestry Program that was presented to Mayor & Council at the April 5, 2022 Study Session. Urban Forestry Program Manager, Nicole Gillett was in attendance and provided answers to any questions the commission had. Discussion was held. No action was taken.
- 5. Program Update** – Discussion was held. No action was taken.
 - a. Program Update** – Program Manager Jasmine Chan provided a program update. Ms. Chan had previously discussed the increase in costs of materials and products. She mentioned the City is committed to delivering the improvements approved by voters for both parks and connections and are working with the Parks & Recreation Department and the Department of Transportation & Mobility (DTM) to identify supplemental funding sources internally and externally (state funding).
 - b. Meeting Advertising** – Program Manager Jasmine Chan talked about the different platforms that the 2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission meetings have been advertised and promoted.
 - c. Financial Report** – Program Manager Jasmine Chan shared and provided updated financial information through April 30, 2022.
- 6. Public Art Update** – Program Manager Jasmine Chan talked about working together with the Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona on providing and installing public artwork within different projects throughout the program. Ms. Chan mentioned how the public artwork is funded and shared a map that showed all Phase 1 Bicycle Boulevard projects with potential locations for public artwork along active Bicycle Boulevard projects. Discussion was held. No action was taken.
- 7. Project Updates** – Discussion was held. No action was taken.
 - a. Parks** – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson provided an update on various Parks projects. Mr. Jackson talked about the playgrounds that have been delayed due to logistics and material issues. He also discussed projects currently under construction, projects that are out to bid, projects that are in permitting, and projects that are in design.
 - b. Connections** – Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility Planning Project Managers Ryan Fagan and Collin Chesston presented and provided updated information on Connections projects and their progress. Mr. Fagan gave updates on Phase 1A, Phase 1B, and Phase 2 projects while Mr. Chesston gave updates on bicycle boulevard projects and the outreach efforts that were conducted.
- 8. Advancing Projects a. Jesse Owens Park Walking Path** – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson provided information on advancing the Jesse Owens Park Walking Path. Mr. Jackson requested to advance the Jesse Owens new walking path from Phase 3 to Phase 2. Commission member Willie Blake motioned to approve the advancement of the Jesse Owens Park Walking Path from Phase 3 to Phase 2. Commission member Nicole Fyffe seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a roll call vote of 8-0.
- 9. Next Steps** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark mentioned the next tentative meeting dates.
 - a. Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule (Tentative)**
 - i. August 15**
 - ii. October 17**
 - iii. December 6?**
 - b. Agenda Items for Future Meetings** – No items were suggested for the next meeting.

c. Commissioner / Staff Announcements – Commission member Willie Blake mentioned the celebration event for fallen officers. Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark mentioned he was asked to represent the Commission at two inaugurations: the Udall Park Splash Pad and the dedication of Conner Park. Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark also recognized Commission member Willie Blake’s birthday.

10. Adjournment – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

June 6, 2022 – Special Virtual Meeting

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, 8-3.

2. Project Change

a. CSM Martin “Gunny” Barreras Memorial Park – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson provided information on community feedback on the prioritization of which sports fields would receive new lighting at CSM Martin “Gunny” Barreras Memorial Park. Mr. Jackson requested that the bond-funded project list be adjusted to reflect what the community prioritized: install new lighting at the football and softball fields instead of the baseball and football/soccer fields. Discussion was held.

Commission member Willie Blake motioned to approve the adjustment to the bond-funded project list to reflect what the community prioritized and install the new lighting at the football and softball fields instead of the baseball and football/soccer fields. Commission member Frank Flasch seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by a roll call vote of 8-0.

b. Andrew Street Bicycle Boulevard – Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility Planning Project Manager Ryan Fagan provided information on community input regarding three alignment alternatives (A, B, and C) for the Andrew Street Bicycle Boulevard. Mr. Fagan said although Alternative A received the most votes, votes for Alternatives B and C together accounts for community preference for an option other than Alternative A. For these reasons and safety concerns, he and staff recommend Alternative C but would require additional funding for the extended length of the bicycle boulevard. Mr. Fagan and staff requested to pursue the design for Alternative C while working to identify an additional funding source. Discussion was held.

Commission member Krista Romero-Cardenas motioned to approve pursuing the design for Alternative C while working to identify an additional funding source. Commission member Kendall Kroesen seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by a roll call vote of 8-0.

3. Call to the Audience – No members of the public were in attendance, therefore, no Call to the Audience.

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4. Adjournment – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

August 15, 2022 – Hybrid Meeting

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, 9-2.

Joan Landers, Kaneen Communications support staff, mentioned some ground rules for the hybrid meeting to ensure that the everyone is included and has equal access and opportunity to participate during the meeting.

2. Approval of May 16, 2022 and June 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Commission member Willie Blake motioned to approve both the May 16, 2022 and June 6, 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. Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark complimented staff on the amount of public outreach that has been done to notify the community of the commission meetings. Commission member Willie Blake agreed.

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

a. Program Update – Program Manager Jasmine Chan provided a program update. Ms. Chan discussed the continued quarterly newsletters, supplemental funding sources, the bond issuance schedule, the Phase 1 schedule, and provided a staffing update.

b. Public Art Update – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson provided updated information on public art as part of Prop 407 projects. Mr. Jackson said there was no need for approval on the public art, the information was just for awareness.

c. Financial Report – Program Manager Jasmine Chan shared and provided updated financial information through July 31, 2022.

5. Project Updates

a. Parks – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson provided an update on various Parks projects. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

i. Cushing Street Skatepark – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson provided an update on the Cushing Street Skatepark. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

ii. Playground Replacement – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson provided information on the replacement of playgrounds versus providing new playgrounds. Mr. Jackson requested from the commission to approve replacing four failing playground projects with bond dollars rather than site new playgrounds elsewhere in the parks. (See attached Memorandum) Discussion was held.

Commission member Willie Blake motioned to replace the four existing failing playground projects with bond dollars rather than siting new playgrounds elsewhere in the parks. Commission member Kathy Kretschmer seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a roll call vote of 9-0.

b. Connections – Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility Planning Project Manager Collin Chesston presented and provided updated information on Phase 1A, Phase 1B, and Phase 2 Connections projects and their progress. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

a. Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule (Tentative)

i. October 17

ii. December 5

iii. January 23

iv. March 21

b. Agenda Items for Future Meetings – Nothing was suggested.

c. Commissioner / Staff Announcements – Commission member Krista Romero-Cardenas thanked Program Manager Jasmine Chan for her time served on the Parks + Connections Commission. All commission members echoed their gratitude. Ms. Chan thanked everyone and shared that the Arizona State Parks & Trails Board (agency that awarded grant to program for supplemental funding) would be taken on a tour of the Fort Lowell Park Historic Preservation project on Thursday, August 18, 2022.

7. Adjournment – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

October 17, 2022 – Hybrid Meeting

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, 8-3.

2. Approval of August 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Commission member Kathy Kretschmer motioned to approve the August 15, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Commission member Frank Flasch seconded the motion, and the minutes were passed by a roll call vote of 8-0.

3. Call to the Audience – No public members in attendance wished to address the Commission.

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

a. Program Update – Program Manager Aaron Williams provided a program update and talked about additional funding sources.

b. Financial Report – Program Manager Aaron Williams shared and provided updated financial information through September 30, 2022.

5. Project Updates

a. Parks – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson provided an update on various Parks projects and their progress within each of the wards. Mr. Jackson mentioned a new project manager has been hired. 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. 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 projects from Phase 3 in conjunction with other projects. Discussion was held.

i. James Thomas Park Walking Path – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson said the Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) has the 18th Street Bicycle Boulevard project in phase 1 of the Parks + Connections bond which goes through James Thomas Park. Mr. Jackson requested to advance the James Thomas Park walking path and include it into the design of the 18th Street Bicycle Boulevard to ensure the projects work together resulting in cost efficiencies.

Commission member Frank Flasch motioned to advance the James Thomas Park Walking Path from Phase 3 and work in conjunction with the DTM 18th Street Bicycle Boulevard project. Commission member Kathy Kretschmer seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of 10-0.

ii. Ft. Lowell Playground – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson said the Parks & Recreation Department has a unique opportunity to work with a national playground company to install a new playground in the community. Mr. Jackson requested to advance the Ft. Lowell Playground replacement project from Phase 3 in order to receive a larger playground than what was previously anticipated and eliminate the older existing playground that is at the end of its lifecycle.

Commission member Kathy Kretschmer motioned to advance the Ft. Lowell Playground replacement project from Phase 3 and work with the national playground company to receive a larger playground and eliminate the older existing one. Commission member Frank Flasch seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by a roll call vote of 10-0.

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

a. Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule (Tentative)

- i. December 5 ii. January 23 iii. March 21

b. Agenda Items for Future Meetings – Financial progression towards the 80% spending limit with dates. Signage for the Loop. Status on Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with Pima County. Information on who maintains the Alamo Wash and Christmas Wash.

c. Commissioner / Staff Announcements – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark asked if there were any updates on filling the vacant Parks & Recreation Ex-Officio position. Lara Hamwey, Parks & Recreation Director, said it would be discussed at the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

8. Adjournment – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

December 5, 2022 – Hybrid Meeting

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.

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

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4. Program Update – Program Manager Aaron Williams provided a program update and a financial update through November 30, 2022. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

a. Program Update

b. Financial Update

5. Project Updates

a. Parks – Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Jackson provided an update on various Parks projects and their progress. 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. 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 Blvds.

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. 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.