



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, July 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**

**In-person: Parks & Recreation Mesquite Room - 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](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, July 10, 2023.** Thank you.

**LEGAL ACTION REPORT**

- 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.

**Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark expressed his concern over the Ward 1 vacancy and asked if any staff or commission members knew of possible candidates.**

**Dr. Spark also welcomed Jasmine Chan, Parks and Recreation Administrator, back to the 2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission.**

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

- 2. Approval of April 3, 2023 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 8-0.

- 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** – Program Manager Aaron Williams provided a program financial update through June 30, 2023. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**a. Program Financial Update**

**5. Project Updates**

**a. Parks** – Parks and Recreation Administrator Jasmine Chan provided an update on various Parks projects along with their progress. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

**6. Project Change Requests**

**a. Parks** – Parks and Recreation Administrator Jasmine Chan provided information on adjusting funding sources for the Joaquin Murrieta Park project as well as advancing the replacement of two parks pool filtration systems from Phase 3 to Phase 2. Discussion was held.

**i. Financing/Budget Changes** – Ms. Chan stated that Parks and Recreation started planning for the Joaquin Murietta bond improvements in 2021 and opted to use a Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) delivery method. The CMAR process allows the department to hire a contractor to provide cost estimates for the project at the 30%, 60%, 90% and 100% design phases. The department then negotiates a final gross maximum price for the contractor to construct an agreed upon scope. As construction costs continue to escalate, the department has been tasked with seeking additional funding sources for projects. The city received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds which some Parks and Connections projects have eligible expenses. At Joaquin Murietta Park, the department had allocated \$1,800,000 in ARPA funds to cover the costs of replacing irrigation systems, drinking fountains and playground equipment. In the spring, the department became aware that projects utilizing ARPA funds cannot utilize the CMAR delivery method, but instead must bid projects. Because we are so far along with the CMAR process at Joaquin Murietta Park, the department recommends adjusting funding sources.

The recommendation is to allocate \$1,757,510 of bond funds from Barrio Nopal Park's budget to Joaquin Murietta Park and allocate the \$1,800,000 of ARPA funds from Joaquin Murietta Park to Barrio Nopal. All of the Barrio Nopal project is ARPA eligible. This way all the projects maintain the same level of funding and the Barrio Nopal project will be bid out in compliance with ARPA requirements.

**1. \$1,757,510 from Barrio Nopal to Joaquin Murietta**

**a. Barrio Nopal receives \$1,800,000 of grant funds previously allocated to Joaquin Murietta.**

Commission member Kathy Kretschmer motioned to allocate \$1,757,510 of bond funds from Barrio Nopal Park's budget to Joaquin Murietta Park and allocate the \$1,800,000 of ARPA funds from Joaquin Murietta Park to Barrio Nopal. Commission member Willie Blake seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of 8-0.

**ii. Advancing Projects** – Request to advance from Phase 3 to Phase 2. Ms. Chan stated Parks and Recreation hired a new aquatic manager that was tasked with evaluating all the city pools and their infrastructure. The Kennedy and Oury pool filters were identified as on the verge of failing. The Kennedy filters were last replaced in 1985 and the Oury filters in 1988. Both

systems have exceeded their life expectancy of 30 years. Because the city sold more bonds in 2020 than originally anticipated, funding is available now to advance these projects. Aquatic renovation projects are handled by the park operations team and does not negatively impact the project manager workloads.

The Parks and Recreation department is requesting to advance the John F Kennedy and Oury pool filtration system replacement from Phase 3.

**1. John F Kennedy Park – pool filters**

**2. Oury Park – pool filters**

Commission member Kathy Kretschmer motioned to advance the John F Kennedy and Oury pool filtration system replacement from Phase 3 to Phase 2. Commission member Ryan Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of 8-0.

**7. Next Steps**

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

**i. 10.9.23 / 1.8.24 / 4.8.24**

**b. Future Agenda Items** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark requested that Program Manager Aaron Williams provide an update to the commission on whether or not the bond expenditure percentage, from the first bond sale, is met by the end of August. Dr. Spark and Commission member Willie Blake requested an update on how the flood areas will be handled on the 36<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Safety & Walkability project.

**c. Commissioner & Staff Announcements** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark said he attended the Grand Re-Opening of the CSM Martin R. “Gunny” Barreras Memorial Park and stated it was beautiful and very moving.

**8. Adjournment** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark adjourned the meeting at 6:57 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.*