



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, April 3, 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, April 3, 2023.** 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		Absent
John Anderson City Manager	Willie Blake Ward 5	Frank Flasch Ward 2	Ryan Anderson Ward 3
Nicole Fyffe City Manager	Kathy Kretschmer City Manager	Kendall Kroesen Ward 4	Jose Muñoz Mayor
Krista Romero-Cardenas City Manager	Ron Spark Ward 6		

- 2. Approval of January 23, 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 – 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 March 20, 2023. He said total expenditures are at \$27.6 million with a remaining balance of \$29.5 million left to spend in the first bond issuance. Current encumbrances are \$10.4 million. Mr. Williams pointed out that 48.37% of the project fund has been spent thus far. In order to remain compliant, 85% of the funding needs to be spent by August. Unfortunately, it is anticipated that 85% of the funding will be spent by November. Therefore, the funds will be taken out of the high interest account to avoid any penalties. Mr. Williams talked about the completed project expenditure summary and said the total completed amount is \$11.8 million.

Commission chair Dr. Spark asked why some of the projects are funded with General Funds. Mr. Williams explained that most projects are funded through Prop 407, but additional resources have been acquired to complete the projects due to price increases. Commission member Kathy Kretschmer asked where Impact Fees come from. Mr. Williams said Impact Fees are a City based funding source.

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 there are currently eight projects in construction, the old Anza Park restroom was demoed and completed this March, CSM Martin R. Gunny Barreras Park will have a Grand Opening on June 3 at 10 a.m., the Cherry Avenue basketball shade, three field lighting projects at Estevan, Freedom, and Todd Harris parks, Himmel Park court resurfacing and pickleball court construction, and the Mansfield Park pool slide. There are five projects out to bid, Esquer dog park and bridge, the Ft. Lowell bath house and splash pad, the Iron Horse Park improvements, the Lincoln Park LED lighting retrofit, and the Palo Verde lighting. There are eight projects in permitting, Christopher Columbus Park, the Ft. Lowell pony field lighting, the Freedom Park splash pad, the Jesse Owens Park splash pad, John F. Kennedy Park, and three playground shade replacements at Juhan, Parkview, and Villa Serena parks. There are seven projects in design (have not been submitted for permits), Ft. Lowell Historic Preservation and museum oversight (beginning), Gene C. Reid Park splash pad, OPC, and restroom (beginning), Jacobs Park (30%), Joaquin Murrieta Park (90%), Mission Manor pool, bath house, and splash pad (60%), Robert Price master plan (beginning), and the Santa Rita Park improvements (beginning). Discussion was held. No action was taken.

Commission chair Dr. Spark asked what phase the Robert Price project was in. Mr. Jackson said all the in-design projects are in Phase 2 except for the Mission Manor Park project, that one is in Phase 1.

- 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. Mr. Chesston talked about the Phase 1A projects and shared that the 3rd Street – University and Treat Bike Boulevards are near completion with minor

striping activities needing to be done. The Roger Road Pedestrian Safety & Walkability project has an anticipated bid date of fall with construction starting in early 2024. Easement negotiations are ongoing, and a consultant is working to finalize plan documents. The Mary Ann Cleveland Way Shared-use Path is being supplemented with funding from RTA (\$200K) and \$1M federal earmark. Environmental clearance is ongoing with completion in late summer. The project is anticipated to be bid in the fall with construction starting in early 2024. Phase 1B projects - the Andrew Street Bike Boulevard with an anticipated 90% design in June and supplemental funding of \$1 million from Prop 411, the 6th Avenue Protected Bike Lane with 30% design expected by late spring with public engagement to follow, and the Blackledge Bike Boulevard with staff working on obtaining utility clearance for pavement treatment, pavement treatment to occur late spring or in the fall depending on the utility clearance, consultant is working through revisions from approved contract modifications, and revised 90% submittal is anticipated this summer. Phase 2 projects - 5th/6th Street Pedestrian Safety & Walkability has an expected 15% roll plot this week and upcoming public engagement – Cyclovia, April 16, 9am-3pm, Himmel Park , April, 5:30pm-7pm, and Alvernon Park, April 20, 5:30pm-7pm, and the El Paso & Southwestern Greenway (north end, University Boulevard to Cushing Street) staff is working with consultant on scope and fee design to start in spring with \$2 million supplemental funding from the American Rescue Plan.

Mr. Chesston talked about the 36th Street Pedestrian Safety & Walkability project and said the design is at 30%. This project (from Kino Parkway to Country Club) will consist of new sidewalks, ADA compliant curb ramps, enhanced pedestrian crossings, shade trees, and street lighting. Prop 411 approved funding for a roundabout at 36th Street and Campbell Avenue with additional safety elements. The El Paso & Southwestern Greenway (south), Kino Parkway to Kino Environmental Restoration Project – 90% plans have been submitted, 6th Avenue to Kino Parkway – project is being initiated in collaboration with the City of South Tucson. Staff met with design consultants for the Menlo Park, Golden Hills, and El Rio-Dragoon Bike Boulevards on the westside of Tucson. A survey and neighborhood meetings were conducted for the 18th Street, 8th Avenue, and S. Campbell/Pinal Bike Boulevards for the design concept at the intersection of 18th Street and Main Avenue. 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 to Phase 2. Discussion was held.
 - i. **Lighting projects** – Mr. Jackson said Parks and Recreation wants to convert all the lighting systems to Control Link because it integrates with the registration software, meaning that lights are scheduled to turn on and off when field reservations are put into the system. During Prop 407, 24 of the 49 Skylogic controlled fields and two of the key controlled fields are being replaced with Musco Control Link. Phase 3 of the bonds includes \$150,200 to convert additional fields to Control Link. Several months ago staff received notice that some of the Skylogics modules needed updated hardware and the cost to upgrade them is approximately \$500 each. Rather than spend funds to upgrade the Skylogics modules that will eventually be upgraded to Control Link, staff recommends replacing the Skylogics models with Control Link now with the bond dollars available. Staff would not convert every field at this time, but only the outdated Skylogic systems. The Parks and Recreation department is requesting to advance the conversion of field lighting to Control Link from Skylogics in Phase 3 to Phase 2.

Commission vice chair Krista Romero-Cardenas asked if this was a “blanket” approval or are a certain number of modules going to be replaced/updated. Mr. Jackson said the request would include replacing/updating the modules as soon as it becomes necessary. Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked what the cost was for each module replacement. Mr. Jackson said the cost is between \$6,000 to \$8,000 with a 20-year warranty. Additionally, all new lighting installed will include Control Link.

Commission member Willie Blake motioned to advance the conversion of field lighting to Control Link from Skylogics modules in Phase 3 to Phase 2. Commission member Kathy Kretschmer seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of 8-0.

- ii. **Purple Heart Park** – Mr. Jackson said the Parks and Recreation department is requesting to advance a portion of the Phase 3 Purple Heart Walking Path renovation money to repair a sidewalk that has safety concerns. Several sidewalks are buckling and breaking due to tree roots. The ward office requested staff grind down the trip hazards, however that is only a temporary fix. Staff received a quote of just under \$30,000 to reroute the walking paths away from the trees, which will provide a more permanent solution.

Commission member Kathy Kretschmer motioned to advance a portion of the Phase 3 Purple Heart Walking Path renovation money to repair a sidewalk that has safety concerns. Commission member Frank Flasch seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of 8-0.

- 7. **Commissioner & Staff Announcements** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark acknowledged and praised Commission member Willie Blake on receiving a Community Advocate Award from the Tucson Police Department. Dr. Spark also expressed his concern about the Ward 1 vacancy.

8. Next Steps

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

i. **July 10**

ii. **October 9**

iii. **January 8**

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

- 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.