



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 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.

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.

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 Kathy Kretschmer motioned to approve the April 3, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Commission member Krista Romero-Cardenas 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 – Mr. Williams talked about the bond status stating that Bond Series 2018-A (2020) is \$57,107,248. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-2022 are \$17,151,209. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 to date are \$16,065,162 leaving a cash balance of \$23,890,877. Breakdown by program area is Parks - \$25,500,828, Golf - \$317,015, Connectivity - \$7,187,419, and Greenways - \$201,109. Current Encumbrances are at \$12,663,493 leaving \$11,227,384 in available cash for upcoming purchase orders. Breakdown by program area is Parks - \$10,711,965, Golf - \$165,211, Connectivity - \$1,509,681, and Greenways - \$276,636. And the estimated bond for 2024-2025 is \$70,000,000. He stated total program expenditures have increased to \$33,216,371 with \$191,783,629 remaining for the whole program. Total program expenditures to date equals 58.16% spent of the first bond issuance (Bond Series 2018-A). Completed projects total \$16,546,043.

Commission member Nicole Fyffe asked when Phase 1 projects would be anticipated to be complete. Mr. Williams stated end dates are covered in project level updates with project managers tracking timeframes. Commission chair Dr. Spark said it is also broken down by ward.

5. Project Updates

a. Parks – Parks and Recreation Administrator Jasmine Chan provided an update on various Parks projects along with their progress. Ms. Chan stated that in early June the CSM Martin R. “Gunny” Barreras Memorial Park was opened. She said many projects are coming out of permitting therefore moving into the construction phase. Progress continues on Joaquin Murrieta Park; permits have been submitted. She said a couple of Greenways projects are on hold on the Parks side. Commission member Krista Romero-Cardenas asked about a potential collaboration with an external partner for greywater projects affecting Greenways projects. Lara Hamwey wasn’t familiar with greywater projects but said there is collaboration with Green Stormwater Infrastructure. Commission chair Dr. Spark asked about soccer field delay at Menlo Park. Lara Hamwey stated that Menlo Park is not in design as of yet and that the team is pursuing matching funding for various projects, Murrieta Park, Jacobs Park, and Barrio Nopal Park, etc. 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. (Phase 1A projects) Mr. Fagan said they continue to work with real estate on the Roger Road Pedestrian Safety & Walkability project with easement negotiations. Also working with Pima County on including two speed humps on the project and going through their Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) process for approval. Project is anticipated to be bid in the fall with construction starting in early 2024. Environmental clearance is ongoing for the Mary Ann Cleveland Way Share-use Path. Project is anticipated to be bid in the fall with construction starting in early 2024 as well. Funding is being supplemented by \$1 million in federal funding and \$200,000 from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). (Phase 1B projects) The Limberlost Bicycle Boulevard project (Prop 407 – Flowing Wells Road to Oracle Road) will be combined with a Prop 411 project. Traffic calming improvements from Flowing Wells to Fairview are contingent on the Pima County NTMP process. Prop 411 improvements are expected from Fairview Avenue to 1st Avenue. The Complete Streets Coordinating Council (CSCC) has approved the project from Fairview to Stone Avenue, Stone Avenue to 1st Avenue are expected later this month which include pavement improvements, lighting, complete sidewalks, and curb ramps. A road diet analysis will be conducted to determine if the project can include protected bike lanes. The design consultant is working on the scope and fee proposal. Commission chair Dr. Spark asked about the process from Pima County on the NTMP. Mr. Fagan said the City has a similar process, that when a neighborhood is requesting improvements whether it is a speed hump, a traffic calming circle, chicanes, or a street closure, etc., the request is reviewed and must be approved by 60% of the property owners in order to proceed with the improvements within the project. Since the project is within the county, the county must approve of said improvements. Commission member Willie Blake asked if there would be any community outreach. Mr. Fagan said yes, letters would be mailed out to

residents and door to door outreach would also be done. 90% plans are expected in October for the Andrew Street Bicycle Boulevard and Storm to Shade funded Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) improvements will be incorporated. The 6th Avenue Protected Bike Lane project has been on hold pending review of the project scope with 30% plans expected in the fall. (Phase 2 projects) 60% plans are expected by September for the 5th/6th Street Pedestrian Safety & Walkability project with public engagement tentatively planned for the same month. Dr. Spark asked if that project includes lighting. Mr. Fagan said yes. The design from University Boulevard to St. Mary's Road is on hold pending the determination of the alignment on north end of the El Paso & Southwestern Greenway (University Boulevard to Cushing Street) project with a revised scope and fee proposal expected later this week.

Mr. Chesston said the Blacklidge Bicycle Boulevard is expected to have 100% plans by the end of July. More Green Stormwater Infrastructure was requested and therefore was approved and incorporated. Residents in the area were pleased. Pavement resurfacing was also completed with Prop 411 funding. 90% plans for the 18th Street, 8th Avenue, and S. Campbell/Pinal Bicycle Boulevards are expected to by July 27th with 100% in September. Mr. Chesston said the south portion of the El Paso & Southwestern Greenway project, Kino Parkway to Kino Environmental Restoration project is expected to have 100% plans by next week. And 15% plans expected in November for the 6th Avenue to Kino Parkway portion. Commission member Ryan Anderson asked if this would connect to the Loop. Mr. Chesston said yes. 60% plans are expected by the end of the year for the 36th Street Pedestrian Safety & Walkability project. The team is pursuing additional ARPA funding. The CSCC approved funding for a roundabout in this project. 30% plans are expected this fall for the Menlo Park, Golden Hills, and El Rio-Dragoon Bicycle Boulevards which are located on the westside of Tucson. Successful public engagement events were held and different alignments were explored based on community feedback. A new bicycle boulevard (Ontario-Mecedora) will be added that will connect Pima Community College West Campus and the Loop. Dr. Spark asked about the timeline for this project. Mr. Chesston said it is in Phase 2. Mr. Chesston is working with Toole Design Group to finalize the scope of work for the alignment study alternatives for the Palo Verde-Camino Miramonte Bike Boulevard within the next few weeks. Commission member Willie Blake asked about the flood areas in the 36th Street /Campbell Avenue project. Mr. Chesston said the Western Hills projects are looking into the street grades to address the issue and change the slope of the street. Commission chair Dr. Spark commented that the Michigan Avenue segment of the bikeways is beautifully designed with its safety features. 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 36th 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.