

2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission Hybrid Meeting Monday, April 29, 2024, 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: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/s/82836961895</u> Meeting ID: 828 3696 1895 Phone dial in: +1 669 900 6833

For members of the public who wish to address the commission during the **Call to the Audience**, we ask that you please email your request to Joan Landers at <u>info@tucsondelivers.info</u> 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. <u>Please call or send your email no later than 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 29, 2024.</u> Thank you.

LEGAL ACTION REPORT

1. Call to Order and Roll Call – Commission Chair Dr. Ron Spark called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Quorum was established with roll call, 9-2.

Present			Absent
Willie Blake	Nicole Fyffe	Kathy Kretschmer	John Anderson
Ward 5	City Manager	City Manager	City Manager
Kendall Kroesen	Jose Muñoz	Ron Spark	Frank Flasch
Ward 4	Mayor	Ward 6	Ward 2
Lisa Vega Ward 1	Krista Romero- Cardenas City Manager	Ryan Anderson Ward 3	

- 2. Approval of January 29, 2024 Meeting Minutes Commission Member Willie Blake motioned to approve the January 29, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Commission Member Kendall Kroesen seconded the motion. The minutes were passed by a roll call vote of 9-0.
- 3. Attendance Review Program Manager Aaron Williams provided a summary of commissioner attendance covering the previous two years. Commission Chair Dr. Ron Spark praised the commission for their diligence and didn't feel the need to review in-depth.
- 4. Call to the Audience Commission Chair Dr. Ron Spark said fifteen members of the community were currently present to address the commission and would allow them to speak.
 - Dr. Thomas Bever stated he would like the commission to delay the vote of the proposed Camino

Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood to the next meeting.

- **Olga Bever** stated she would like the commission to delay the vote of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood to the next meeting.
- **Susan Tarrence**, stated she is not in favor of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood.
- **Clotilde Williams** stated he is not in favor of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood.
- **Rick Volk** stated he is in favor of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood.
- **BJ Gibbons** stated she is not in favor of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood.
- **Bill DuPont** stated he is not in favor of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood.
- Jean Davies stated she is not in favor of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood.
- **Bonnie Sedlmayr-Emerson** stated she is not in favor of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood.
- Wiley Cornell stated he is in favor of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood.
- **Rory Juneman** stated he is in favor of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood.
- **Mia Gay** stated she is not in favor of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood.
- **Chris Tanz** stated he is not in favor of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood.
- Lawrence Hecker stated he would like the commission to delay the vote of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood to the next meeting.
- **Margo Garcia** stated she is in favor of the proposed Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route through El Encanto neighborhood.

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. Project Change Requests

- **a. Overview of Project Change Guidelines** Program Manager Aaron Williams provided information on project change guidelines.
- **b. Connections** Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility Planning Project Manager Collin Chesston provided information on Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route.
 - i. Alignment Change Request for decision on the voter approved Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route. Staff provided an overview of the initial review and public outreach actions. Staff presented a recommendation for the Commission to consider while determining a final decision on the proposed change. Mr. Chesston explained each section of the Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route. The route will feature shared lane markings, wayfinding signs, 20mph speed limits, and push-button crossings for busier crossings such as Broadway and 5th Street. He continued to state these features won't be

changing the fundamental operations of the streets along the path. Mr. Chesston further stated the streets will not be widened, a bike lane will not be added, nor will a separate path be added that would affect any existing landscaping or curbs. He explains how data was collected to determine the traffic volumes and speeds along Camino Miramonte. The street was found to have low volume and low speed traffic, ideal conditions for a bike boulevard. Mr. Chesston goes on to explain the extensive outreach and research of each route alternative that was then presented to neighbors through neighborhood association meetings, pop-ups at Reid Park, and an online survey. Through the public outreach it was found that the voter approved route received the highest levels of support and lowest level of opposition. Mr. Chesston added there is a project change request to the original voter approved route to remove the Arroyo Chico section in Colonia Solana neighborhood, to avoid removing trees and reduce overall project costs.

The recommendation is to approve the proposed project change to Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route, removing the Arroyo Chico section near the Randolph Golf Course. Members of the board asked clarifying questions and discussion was held.

Commission Member Willie Blake motioned to approve the recommended project change to the Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route, removing the Arroyo Chico section. Commission Member Kathy Kretschmer seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of 9-0.

- **6. Program Update** Program Manager Aaron Williams provided a program financial update through April 25, 2024.
 - a. Program Financial Update Discussion was held. No action was taken.

7. Project Updates

- **a. Parks** Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation, Greg Jackson provided updates on current Parks projects throughout the city. Discussion was held. No action was taken.
- **b. Connections** Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility Planning Project Manager Ryan Fagan provided updates on Connections projects and talked about current projects and community outreach and engagement efforts. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

8. Next Steps

- a. Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule (Tentative) Commission Chair Dr. Ron Spark pointed out the next tentative meeting dates.
 - i. 7.15.24 / 10.21.24 / 1.13.25
- **b.** Future Agenda Items Staff reports as it relates to updates and reports for the connection project.

c. Commissioner & Staff Announcements

- i. Loop to COT Bikeways Signage Commission Chair Dr. Ron Spark asked Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility Planning Project Manager Ryan Fagan about the status of the loop signage installation, in partnership with Pima County. Mr. Fagan said he met with Pima County to ensure both parties are happy with the proposed signage concepts. The City of Tucson will fabricate and install the signage. Dr. Spark asked Ryan to present a map at the next commission meeting of where the signage will be installed along the loop.
- 9. Adjournment Commission Chair Dr. Ron Spark adjourned the meeting at 7:23 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 Joan at 520-885-9009 or Joan@kaneenpr.com. Please allow ample time to make these arrangements.