



## **2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission Hybrid Meeting** **Monday, January 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.**

**In-person: Parks & Recreation Mesquite Room - 900 S. Randolph Way, Tucson, AZ 85716**

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### **MINUTES**

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

#### **1. Call to the Audience**

Dan Linhart addressed the committee with concerns regarding the Jacob's Park projects. There is a concern with project items that are not on the original Mayor and Council approved resolution or included as a priority item from survey results. Dan Linhart sought clarification on how the remaining projects compare to the original resolution adopted Mayor and Council.

#### **2. Call to Order and Roll Call**

At the request of Commission chair Ron Spark, the agenda item was addressed out of sequence before agenda Item 1. Call to the Audience.

Commission Chair Spark called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Quorum was established with roll call, 10-1.

Commissioner, Lisa Vega joined the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Commissioner John Anderson was absent.

#### **3. Approval of November 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chair, Krista Romero-Cardenas brought forward a typo error in the second paragraph on page 2 of the November 4, 2024, meeting minutes. The statement, "The larger projects in Phase III will begin early." was revised to read, "The larger projects in Phase III will begin early in 2025."

Commissioner Kroesen motioned, seconded by Vice Chair, Romero-Cardenas, to approve the November 4, 2024, meeting minutes with the amendment. Motion passed by a voice vote of 10-1.

#### **4. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Protected Bike Lane Project: Speed Study, Speed Humps, Speed Tables**

Transportation and Mobility Senior Project Manager Collin Chesston provided an update on the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Protected Bike Lane project. Transportation and Mobility is under contract with the designer, and staff will have a 30% design by the end of February 2025.

In addition to the project update, the agenda item was at the request of the commission to conduct a speed study to seek additional speed reduction strategies.

Traffic Engineering conducted an assessment using Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) USLIMITS2, a tool used to help with determining appropriate speed limits. Traffic Engineering reviewed the information and are in support of reducing the speed limit from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles an hour. The next step in the process is Mayor and Council review.

Collin Chesston mentioned that the old speed tables on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave will be replaced with newly designed ones, specifically intended for collector roadways. To add, Transportation and Mobility is exploring opportunities for additional speed tables for the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave corridor.

Chair, Ron Sparks expressed concerns about the fading and disappearance of striping on roadways. Collin Chesston noted that thermoplastic road markings are used on roadways. The thermoplastic design includes a durable and reflective pavement marking with a life span of approximately five years. In effort to increase awareness, raised pavement markers with built-in reflectors and post mounted object markers are being installed by staff.

#### **5. Jacobs Park Update**

Parks and Recreation, Administrator, Jasmine Chan provided an update on Jacob's Park project. The project design is completed, and staff will seek construction services for the project in the coming weeks.

Vice Chair, Krista Romero-Cardenas requested an update on the Jacob's Park Master Plan including a review of the plan and comparison with the design for shade, tree plantings and irrigation.

#### **6. Fort Lowell Park: Historical Preservation Expenditure Update**

Parks and Recreation Administrator Jasmine Chan provided a PowerPoint presentation on the historical preservation project in Fort Lowell Park. A map of Fort Lowell Park and historical sites were shared with the committee as well. The project involves renovations of the Commissary Apartments and Donaldson House. The project received \$3,150,000 from the Proposition 407 bond program and \$300,000 from the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund. The project encompasses the commission-approved expansion of scope for Historic Preservation, all within the budget allocated for the project. A list of prioritized projects was shared with the committee.

The project also includes repairs to the interior of the Fort Lowell Museum, and adobe façade. The cost estimate for the project is \$318,800. The actual cost is \$343,900. The commissary roof was repaired, with a cost of \$271,000. The original cost estimate for the project is \$122,900. The increase in costs is attributable to structural issues with support beams for the roof framework.

The rehabilitation project for the Commissary Apartments and Donaldson House will facilitate a combination of commercial, event space and/or office use within these facilities. The project is in permitting status through Pima County. The timeline for construction will begin in Spring 2025 through Spring 2026.

Jasmine Chan shared the following expenditure summary:

- Museum (actual): \$343,900
- Commissary Roof (actual): \$271,400
- Design Cost for Commissary and Donaldson House: \$328,000
- Cost Estimate for Commissary: \$1,219,900
- Cost Estimate for Donaldson House: \$708,100
- Contingency/Permitting/Monitoring: \$578,700
- Total: \$3,450,000

#### **7. Program Update: Finance Detail and Timeline**

Business Services Deputy Director Aaron Williams presented a financial overview of the bond

program as of January 9, 2025. The second issuance of the bond program began in December 2024. The program has utilized 21% of its allocated funds. The first series of bonds has been expended.

**8. Alamo Wash**

Senior Project Manager, Collin Chesston provided information on the Alamo Wash Greenway project. A map of the project was shared with the commission. The project will connect the loop at the Rillito River Park and Aviation Bikeway. The project is negotiations with a firm, currently. It was noted that the costs exceeded the initial cost estimates due to the increase in construction costs. Staff plan to investigate federal funding opportunities for supplement funding. The current cost estimate for the project is approximately \$26 million dollars.

**9. Bike Boulevard-Loop Map**

Transportation and Mobility is working alongside the Geographic Information System (GIS) team to create a map incorporating bike boulevards. In addition, Transportation and Mobility is updating the Regional Active Transportation Master Plan. The Pima Association of Government (PAG) is leading the initiative. PAG updated maps and data. A map with the bike boulevards and locations for signage was shared with the board.

**10. Loop-Bike Boulevard- Signage Update**

Project Manager, Collin Chesston provided an update on signage installation for bike boulevards. The City of Tucson is in collaboration with Pima County for the sign program. The Pima County Department will produce signs that provide directions to all bike boulevards and shared use paths. A map with bike boulevard project locations was shared with the board. Signage will be installed at various locations as the bike boulevard projects are completed. The new sign design is the standard protocol for all bike boulevards.

**11. Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule**

- April 21, 2025

**12. Future Agenda Items**

Greenways- Timeline

**13. Commissioner and Staff Announcements**

Commissioner Willie Blake mentioned the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at Reid Park on January 20, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Chair Ron Sparks explained there is an applicant for the commission. The applicant is currently undergoing the induction process for the Ward 2 seat.

Vice Chair, Krista Romero-Cardenas relayed messages from community members complimenting the Iron Horse Park.

Commission chair Ron Spark discussed signage at facilities that provide background information for recognized individuals. Chair Ron Spark addressed the concern with the Mayor and Council.

Collin Chesston invited the board to attend public meetings for the Miramonte Boulevard project at Catalina High School on January 23, 2025, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Pop-up Café in the Park on January 25, 2025, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**14. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Vice Chair, Krista Romero-Cardenas, duly seconded, by Commissioner Kendall Kroesen to adjourn the meeting. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**