



2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission 2024 Annual Report

January 29, 2024 – Hybrid Meeting

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Quorum was established with roll call, 7-4.
2. **Approval of October 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes**- Commission member Willie Blake motioned to approve the October 9, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Commission member Kathy Kretschmer seconded the motion. The minutes were passed by a roll call vote of 7-0.
3. **Call to the Audience** – Eight members of the public addressed the Commission regarding the proposed pedestrian lighting along 5th/6th streets from Campbell Ave to Alvernon Way.
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 January 22, 2024. Discussion was held.
Commission member Ron Spark asked for approval of the financial overview. Commission member Kathy Kretschmer motioned to approve the recommended financial overview as presented. Commission member Willie Blake seconded the motion. The financial overview was passed unanimously 7-0.
5. **Project Updates**
 - a. **Parks** –Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation, Greg Jackson provided updates on Parks projects throughout the city. Discussion was held. No action was taken.
 - b. **Connections** – Tucson Department of Transportation & Mobility (DTM) Planning Project Managers, Ryan Fagan and Collin Chesston, provided updates on Connections projects and talked about current projects and community outreach and engagement efforts. No action was taken.
6. **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 Managers Ryan Fagan and Collin Chesston provided information on street lighting along the 5th/6th Pedestrian Safety and Walkability project corridor.
 - i. **Alignment Change** –The recommendation is to approve the proposed lighting improvements related to the 5th/6th Pedestrian Safety and Walkability project as currently designed, and as originally described in the project documentation.
Commission member Willie Blake motioned to approve the recommended street lighting related to the 5th/6th Pedestrian Safety and Walkability project. Commission member Kathy Kretschmer seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of 7-0.
7. **Next Steps**
 - a. **Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule (Tentative)** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark pointed out the next tentative meeting dates.
 - i. **4/29/24 / 7/15/24 / 10/21/24**
 - b. **Future Agenda Items** – Staff reports as it relates to updates and reports for the connection project.
 - c. **Commissioner & Staff Announcements** – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark and Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility Planning Project Manager Ryan Fagan stated they have been in contact with Pima County about adding additional bicycle signage in areas where the Loop transitions to the City of

Tucson bike boulevards. No action was taken.

8. Adjournment – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

April 29, 2024 – Hybrid Meeting

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.

2. Approval of January 29, 2025, Meeting Minutes- Commission member Willie Blake motioned to approve January 29, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner, 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. There was no action taken.

4. Call to the Audience- 15 members of the public addressed the Commission regarding 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 30 minutes. Individuals are allowed three (3) minutes each. Due to Open 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 and 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. Collin Chesston explained each section of the Camino Miramonte-Palo Verde bike boulevard route.

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

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

7. Project Updates

a. Parks –Deputy Director Greg Jackson provided updates on current park projects throughout the city. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

b. Connections – Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility Planning Project Manager Ryan Fagan provided updates on Connections projects and talked about current projects and community outreach and engagement efforts. 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. 7/15/25, 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 – Department of Transportation and Mobility Planning Project Manager

Ryan Fagan provided an update on the status of the loop signage installation, in partnership with Pima County. Ryan Fagan discussed the proposed signage concepts with Pima County. The City of Tucson will fabricate and install the signage.

9. Adjournment- Commission Chair, Dr. Ron Spark adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

July 15, 2024 – Hybrid Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call – Commission chair Dr. Ron Spark called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Quorum was established with roll call, 7-4. Commissioner Frank Flash arrived at the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

2. Approval of April 29, 2024, Meeting Minutes – Commission member Willie Blake motioned to approve the April 29, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Kathy Kretschmer seconded the motion, and the minutes were passed by a roll call vote of 7-0.

3. Program Financial Update – Interim Deputy Director of Business Services Department, Aaron Williams provided a program financial update, and shared program expenditures. A discussion was held. No action was taken.

4. Project Updates–

a. Connections- Department of Transportation and Mobility provided updates on Connections projects. Discussion included a review of project locations and an interactive map. No action was taken.

b. Parks- Project Manager Jasmine Chan provided updates on parks projects. Discussion included updates on newly opened locations, and current project phases. No action was taken.

i. Clarification- Project Manager, Jasmine Chan presented clarification related to pool slide complete product replacement versus flume refurbishing and associated costs. Commissioner Willie Blake motioned to clarify the scope of the project does allow for refurbishing of the pool slide instead of complete replacement where appropriate, seconded by Commissioner Frank Flasch. Discussion involved years of service and the overall product lifespan under both methods. Motion passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

5. Project Change Requests

a. Overview of Project Change Guidelines

The agenda item was placed on the agenda in case it needed to be addressed. There was no discussion. No action was taken.

b. Parks- Jasmine Chan

i. Scope Change– Keeling Dessert Park

Parks and Recreation Administrator Jasmine Chan and Project Manager Joe Barr presented data related to Keeling Dessert Park playground improvements, community concerns related to security, and community input for alternative improvements.

Commissioner Willie Blake motioned to expand the project scope Keeling Dessert Park to include improvements based on community feedback as requested by staff. There was no discussion. Motion passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

6. Call to the Audience- Chairperson Dr. Ron Spark opened the Call to the Audience. Comments involved the 6th Ave Protected Bike Lane project, and Jacob's Park.

7. Next Steps – Commission chair Dr. Spark mentioned the next tentative meeting dates.

a. Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule (Tentative)

i. 10/21/24, 1/13/25, 4/21/25

b. Future Agenda Items

Items were discussed.

c. Commissioner & Staff Announcements

Chairperson Ron Spark shared experiences and feedback observed at project kick offs and ribbon cuttings.

Commission Chair Ron Spark mentioned the direct positive impact these projects have on community members.

8. Adjournment – Chairperson Spark adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

September 10, 2024 – Hybrid Meeting

- 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, 9-0. Commissioner, Jose Munoz, joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Commissioner, Frank Flasch, was absent.
- 2. Approval of July 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes** – Commissioner Willie Blake motioned, duly seconded by Commissioner, John Andeson to approve the July 15, 2024, meeting minutes. All committee members were in favor of the motion in a voice vote, 9-0.
- 3. Call to the Audience** – Chairperson Dr. Ron Spark opened the Call to the Audience. Comments involved the 6th Ave Protected Bike Lane projects.
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- 4. 6th Ave Protected Bike Lane Project**
The Transportation and Mobility Project Manager Collin Chesston provided an extensive presentation on the 6th Ave Protected Bike Lane Project. Collin Chesston presented two design recommendations for the project change. There was a discussion.
A motion was made by Commissioner Nicole Fyffe seconded by Commissioner Ryan Anderson to move forward Option 1 of the project design recommendations. Commissioner Kathy Kretschmer casted a vote in opposition to the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote, 9-1.
- 5. Project Change Request: Jacob's Park/Ochoa Sports Complex Lighting** –Parks and Recreation Director Lara Hamwey reported that the department was successful for an application with the Outdoor Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program for the Jacobs Park project. The department was awarded \$2.9 million dollars.
Parks and Recreation Administrator Jasmine Chan shared the bond language with the different improvement items for the Jacobs Park project and provided information on the different change requests for the project scope.
Staff made a recommendation to re-purpose the tennis courts to futsal courts. It was also recommended to reallocate funding for the light upgrades to multipurpose fields and soccer fields G, H and I to implement a skate park, light the softball fields and expand the dog park, as well as a family -use area.
Motion was made by Commissioner, Kendall Kroesen, duly seconded by Commissioner, John Anderson to approve the proposed changes for the project change request for the Jacobs Park/Ochoa Complex Lighting initiative. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 9-0.
- 6. Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule** – October 21, 2024
- 7. Future Agenda Items**- Items were discussed.
- 8. Commissioner & Staff Announcements**- There were no announcements.
- 9. Adjournment** – Vice Chair, Krista Romero-Cardenas adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Commissioner, Fyffe left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

November 4, 2024 – Hybrid Meeting

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** – Commission Chair, Ron Spark called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Quorum was established with roll call, 9-0. Commissioner Lisa Vega attended the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Nicole Fyffe joined the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Commissioner Jose Anderson joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Commissioner John Anderson was absent from the meeting.
- 2. Call to the Audience**- Chairperson Ron Spark opened Call to the Audience.
Two constituents addressed the Commission. Dan Linhart addressed the committee regarding Jacob's Park Master Plan, and court projects. Shelby Althouguia spoke to the commission regarding excessive speeding and pedestrian safety with the roads near 4th Avenue between 12th and 14th Street.
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- 3. Approval of September 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes** – Commissioner Willie Blake motioned, duly seconded by Commissioner, Kathy Kretschmer to approve the September 10, 2024, meeting minutes. All committee members were in favor of the motion in a voice vote, 8-0.
- 4. Program Update: Finance and Timeline** – Commissioner Nicole Fyffe made a request to discuss the plan and timeline to complete projects by the program deadline.
Finance Administrator, Aaron Williams, provided a brief financial update on the Prop 407 bond issuance program.
Administrator Jasmin Chan gave an overview of Proposition 407 funding status including progress details for each program phase.
Deputy Director, Andy Beemis provided an extensive overview of the Connections Prop 407 projects including financial information and schedule.
There was a discussion. No action was taken.
- 5. Project Update: Christopher Columbus Park**
Parks and Recreation Director Lara Hamwey shared information regarding the proposal to rename Christopher Columbus Park to Danny Lopez Park. The process is in the 45-day public comment period, ending on November 25, 2024.
Transportation and Mobility Director Sam Credio spoke about the RTA project to widen Silverbell Road. The project includes safety and drainage improvements along Silverbell Road. The construction will occur on land of cultural significance, and staff are in the process of obtaining a required 404 permit through the U.S. Army Corporation of Engineers.
- 6. Project Update: 36th Street Pedestrian Safety & Walkability** – Engineering Project Manager Dustin Ahlrich provided a presentation on the 36th Street Pedestrian Safety and Walkability project. The project is located at East 36th Street from Euclid Avenue to Country Club Road. The project will provide connecting sidewalks on the north side of the road. There was a discussion. No action was taken.
- 7. Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule** – October 21, 2024
- 8. Future Agenda Items**- Items were discussed.
- 9. Adjournment** – Commissioner Frank Flasch, duly seconded by Vice Chair, Krista Romero-Cardenas to adjourn the meeting. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.