



2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission Hybrid Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

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

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MINUTES

Present			Absent	
Ron Spark Ward 6	Krista Romero-Cardenas City Manager	Jose Munoz Mayor	John Anderson City Manager	Nicole Fyffe City Manger
Lisa Vega Ward 1	Kendall Kroesen Ward 4	Kathy Kretschmer City Manager	Harold Coleman Ward 2	
Willie Blake Ward 5				

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Ron Spark called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
 Vice Chair Krista Romero-Cardenas, joined the meeting at 5:41 p.m. Commissioner Jose Munoz joined the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

2. Call to Audience

Alfredo Araiza addressed the committee with comments regarding conditions at Palo Verde Park and related maintenance initiatives.

Stephen Tidwell and Beverly Tidwell raised concerns with the commission regarding a proposed bike path initiative, and its potential disturbance to Loma Verde Park.

3. Approval of October 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Willie Blake motioned, seconded by Commissioner Kathy Kretschmer to approve the October 20, 2025, meeting minutes. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a voice vote, 7-0.

4. 2025 Annual Report and Attendance Report

The reports were distributed previously in the meeting packets.
 Commissioner Kathy Kretschmer to approve the 2025 Annual Report and Attendance Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendall Kroesen. Commissioner. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote.

5. Loma Verde Park and Alamo Wash Staff Update-

Project Manager Collin Chesston provided a brief update on the Alamo Wash Greenway- Loma

Verde Park segment, noting that staff are finalizing an alternative analysis for the project. A trail design and planning consultant has evaluated potential alignments and constraints. It was noted that project costs have more than doubled since 2017, and the current design approach prioritizes the most feasible option within existing funding. Staff plan to present a recommendation draft to the committee at the March 16, 2026, special meeting.

6. Cushing Street Skate Park Update

Administrator Jasmine Chan provided an update on the Cushing Street Skate Park project. The Parks Department is working in coordination with the Department of Transportation on permitting and approvals, as the project is located within the DOT right of way. Staff completed the required Section 106 federal consultation process, which included outreach to tribal entities and local jurisdictions for input. Final approval is required from the Federal Highway Administration; however, a review timeline has not yet been provided. Once FHWA approval is received, legal agreements between the City and State will be finalized, after which staff will proceed with rebidding the project and beginning construction.

7. Todd M. Harris Sports Complex Phase 2 Project Change Request

Jasmine Chan provided updates on the Phase 2 projects for the Todd M. Harris Sports Complex, which include a new walking path and parking lot, renovation of existing parking areas, playground replacement and new restrooms with a concession stand. The program is approaching 100% design completion. Jasmine Chan also presented change requests including replacing the concession stand with a food truck hook-up and reallocating funds originally planned for a new parking lot to the renovation of existing parking lots. A food truck option provides flexible service for users while lowering both project costs and ongoing operating expenses compared to a traditional concession stand.

Commissioner Kathy Kretschmer moved to approve the proposed change requests for the Todd M. Harris Sports Complex. The motion was second by Commissioner Kendall Kroesen. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote

8. Jacobs Park Skate Park Update

Jasmine Chan provided a brief project update on the Jacobs Park skate park. In December, staff launched a survey to select the skate park design, now concluded. The selected design is being finalized with the builder and general contractor, with completion planned to align with the current construction schedule, potentially by August 2026.

9. Program Update: Finance Detail and Timeline-

The discussion on this agenda item is deferred to the next meeting due to the absence of Executive Management Advisor Aaron Williams.

10. Next Steps

a. Next Meeting and Future Meeting Schedule

- i. 1/12/26, 7/20/26, 10/19/25
- ii. Special meeting with focused discussion on the Alamo Wash Greenway: 3/16/26

b. Future Agenda Items were discussed:

- i. Loma Verde Park
- ii. Palo Verde Park

11. Staff Announcements

Chair Ron Spark noted that the new Ward 6 Council Member has indicated that the appointments to

Commissions and Boards are currently under review. Chair Ron Spark expressed appreciation to both the committee and staff.

Commissioner Lisa Vega shared information regarding the Fuga Barrio El Rio block party on January 25, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Ron Spark adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

-LAST ITEM-