



2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission Hybrid Meeting
Monday, March 16, 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	Harold Coleman Ward 2
Kathy Kretscher City Manager	Nicole Fyffe City Manger	Lisa Vega Ward 1	Willie Blake Ward 5	Kendall Kroesen Ward 4
Frank Flasch Ward 3				

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Ron Spark called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
 Commissioners- John Anderson, Willie Blake, and Harold Coleman were absent.

2. Call to Audience-

The Commission received feedback on the Alamo Wash Greenway program from various community members. Some raised concerns about safety and the potential impact on green spaces and trees, while others expressed support for the program, particularly in relation to its alignment with certain project goals.

3. Approval of January 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kathy Kretschmer made a motion to approve the January 12, 2026, as presented, meeting minutes. Vice Chair Krista Romero-Cardenas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all committee members in favor, carrying by roll call vote, 7-0.

4. Palo Verde Park

In response to a constituent inquiry regarding the conditions and maintenance initiatives at Palo Verde Park, the agenda item was discussed, with Administrator Jasmine Chan providing updates. Construction, originally expected to finish in June 2025, was delayed to October 2025 due to challenging site conditions, late electrical equipment, and replacement of failing concrete-asbestos irrigation. The new irrigation system now separates turf and tree watering, with lost trees replaced by the contractor. Additionally, accessibility was improved with decomposed granite pathways connecting existing sidewalks and ball fields. Turf restoration is underway, with Bermuda grass growth, fertilization, aeration, and weed control in progress. Lighting upgrades include dusk-to-dawn

lights. Restrooms and playgrounds are open, and the basketball court has been restriped. The basketball court is closed currently through May 2026 for a hardcover canopy installation.

5. Alamo Wash Greenway Update

Project Manager Collin Chesston provided a detailed overview on the Alamo Wash Greenway program, covering timelines, alternatives analysis, opportunities and constraints, community feedback, costs considerations, and recommended alignments.

The project includes the development of a new shared off-street asphalt path, with associated improvements such as landscaping, shade trees, lighting, and benches, connecting The Loop at the Rillito River Park and Aviation Bikeway.

The project team conducted an alternative analysis of potential route options and recommends the following proposed segments for consideration by Proposition 407 Bond Oversight Commission:

- Glenn Street at The Loop's Pantano River Park trailhead to Broadway Blvd: A low-stress, on-street bicycle facility along Sahuara Ave and Chantilly Drive with push-button crossings at all major intersections (likely a buffered bike lane due to stormwater constraints associated with additional traffic calming features)
- Broadway Blvd to Stella Road: a 10' wide asphalt shared-use path along the edge of Loma Verde Park and following the southern/western side of the Alamo Wash.
- Stella Road to Aviation Bikeway: A low-stress, on-street bicycle facility along Jessica Avenue (likely a Bicycle Boulevard including speed humps, 20mph speed limit sign, wayfinding, and shared lane markings)

The public engagement process involved in-person meetings, pop-ups, and an on-line survey and interactive map. Public input showed strong support for improved connectivity and access to recreation, safe crossing, preservation of shade trees and wildlife habitat, and beautification efforts. Key concerns involved privacy, safety, environmental impacts, neighborhood character, and maintenance. Resistance to the project is mainly from The Loop at Rillito River Park to Ft. Lowell Park and Loma Verde Park. It was noted that the segment proposed between The Loop at Rillito River Park and Glenn Street at Sahuara is not included as part of the preferred alternative based on technical constraints and public feedback. Staff recommended alternative options for the preferred Loma Verde Park plan in response to public concerns with a shared-use path in the park. Alternative one proposes replacing the shared-use path with a sidewalk designed to reduce turf disruption. Alternative two proposes eliminating sidewalks entirely. Both alternatives include a shared-use path along the park between Chantilly Drive and 14th Street, where the street network is disconnected. Visual representations were provided to illustrate potential impacts and alignments.

The topic will be revisited at the meeting on April 20, 2026, meeting, for consideration of the preferred alternative.

6. Next Steps

- a. Future Meeting Schedule
4/20/26, 7/20/26, 10/19/26
- b. Future Agenda Items
There were no items scheduled for discussion.

7. Commissioner and Staff Announcements

There were no announcements.

8. Adjournment- 7:24 p.m.

Commissioner Kathy Krettschmer presented motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Krista Romero-Cardenas seconded the motion. All Commission members were in favor of the motion.