



Pursuant to ARS #38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the 2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission and to the general public that the **2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission** will hold the following meeting, which will be open to the public.

**2018 PARKS + CONNECTIONS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**  
**Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Tucson Parks and Recreation Administration, Mesquite Room**  
**900 S. Randolph Way Tucson, AZ 85716**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Commission chair Ron Spark called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

**Bond Oversight Commission Members**

Present		
John Anderson City Manager – 5:36 pm	Ryan Anderson Ward 3	Willie Blake Ward 5
Frank Flasch Ward 2	Nicole Fyffe City Manager – 5:34 pm	Ian Johnson Mayor – 5:31 pm
Kathy Kretschmer City Manager	Kendall Kroesen Ward 4	Krista Romero-Cardenas City Manager
Elizabeth Soltero Ward 1	Ron Spark Ward 6	

Ex-Officio Members Present		Staff Members Present	
Brent Dennis		Ann Chanecka	Ryan Fagan
		Greg Jackson	Jasmine Chan

**7. Advancing Project(s) – (Agenda item was discussed out of order)**

Dr. Spark advanced the discussion of a shade structure at Udall Park based on a couple of Calls to the Audience.

**a. Udall Park Shade Structure – Greg Jackson**

Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Greg Jackson talked about advancing a playground shade structure at Udall Park planned for Phase 3. Mr. Jackson said community members would like to contribute money they have raised and would like the shade structure installed now instead of waiting until Phase 3.

Commission member Frank Flasch asked what the cost efficiency was with advancing the playground shade structure. Mr. Jackson said the money raised by the community members would reduce the price and that the shade structure could be included with the 13 other shade structures that will be built within the next few months.

Commission member Ryan Anderson asked if the advancement of the shade would affect the schedule. Mr. Jackson said it would not.

Commission member Elizabeth Soltero asked where the advanced projects would be listed on the website. Program Manager Ann Chanecka said at every meeting there would be a spreadsheet with updates on the projects that would include the advancement of projects. Updates on projects for the year would also be included in the Annual Report.

Ms. Chanecka introduced Shellie Ginn, Deputy Director for the Tucson Department of Transportation. Ms. Ginn spoke about her role and involvement with various projects.

A motion was made by Commission member Ryan Anderson to advance the shade structure project at Udall Park. Commission member Kendall Kroesen seconded and the motion was passed by a roll call vote of 11-0.

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**3. Call to the Audience – (Agenda item was discussed out of order)**

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Stephanie Balazs and Brian Sabelka requested the advancement of a playground shade structure at Udall Park. Ms. Balazs and Mr. Sabelka said they raised funds through a community fundraiser. Discussion was held. Action was taken and noted in item **#7 Advancing Project(s)**.

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**2. Approval of August 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

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Dr. Spark and the Commission members went over the minutes.

A motion was made by Commission member Ian Johnson to approve the August 19, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Commission member Krista Romero-Cardenas seconded and the motion was passed by a roll call vote of 11-0.

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**4. Project Manager Introductions and Project Updates – Greg Jackson & Ryan Fagan**

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Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Greg Jackson introduced the project managers for the Parks projects, along with Iliana Gonzales, City of Tucson Management Coordinator.

**a. Parks: Rob Just, Joe O’Neil, Howard Dutt, Frank Hagaman**

Each of the project managers talked about their specific roles within the projects. Mr. Jackson presented a list of the capital projects for fiscal year 2019/2020. The project managers provided updates on the Parks projects in each ward.

### **Ward 1**

Project Manager, Frank Hagaman talked about the 13 shade structures throughout all six wards. He said all 13 shade designs have been completed and have been submitted for permits and reviews. Mr. Hagaman said three of the shades would be completed by November 6, 2019 with all 13 being completed by January 6, 2020. He gave an update on the advancement of the Menlo Park project, which was approved for advancement by Commission members at the August 19, 2019 meeting, due to a sinkhole.

Commission member Krista Romero-Cardenas asked if this was the only park with a sinkhole issue. Project Manager, Howard Dutt said this is the only soccer field that is over a landfill that they are aware of and every situation would be different.

### **Ward 2**

Mr. Hagaman talked about the Ft. Lowell project. He said the Ft. Lowell Neighborhood Association requested that they keep the facility there a tennis only facility and relocate the Pickleball courts to Udall Park. Mr. Hagaman said he met with the U.S. Pickleball Association and agreed to the request, however, pricing calls for repairs to the Tennis courts. Ms. Chanecka said that there are a few more details that would need to be worked out before a formal request will be taken to the Oversight Commission regarding these projects.

Dr. Spark asked about modifying specific language in the voter-approved bond that was approved by the voters. Ms. Chanecka said it would be discussed at the January meeting.

Mr. Hagaman talked about the completion of the filtration system at Jesse Owens pool and said the design of the splashpad would start in 2020.

Project Manager Rob Just said the design for the Udall Park splashpad is underway. He also said the Palo Verde project was the first project to be completed. Mr. Just said the Stefan Gollob Park lighting project is in design and some landfill issues will need to be addressed. Dr. Spark asked where the park was located. Mr. Just said it is on Prudence between Broadway and Speedway.

### **Ward 3**

Project Manager Joe O'Neil said the Jefferson Park project design is complete and was waiting for permitting. He said construction could start in November or December of 2019.

### **Ward 4**

Mr. Just talked said the Lakeside Park project design was complete and permits would soon be requested. Mr. Jackson mentioned the Clements Park pool project and the Lincoln Park splashpad project. Mr. Dutt talked about doing both projects at the same time; Spring of 2020.

Commission member Nicole Fyffe asked if splashpads have a standard size and cost. Mr. Dutt said there are seven or eight standard features that are considered and cost-wise, for the larger splashpads, they found that using the pools existing filtration system would help meet the budget.

Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked how sanitary the pools would be if the splashpads were connected to the existing filtration system. Mr. Dutt said the splashpads would draw treated pool water that would drain into the pool's filtration system, where it would be sanitized and chlorinated. The water from the splashpads would never go straight to the pool. Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked if the pool's filtration systems have been evaluated to see how old they are. Mr. Dutt said there is a program in place to upgrade the systems.

Commission member Kathy Kretschmer asked what, if any, impact would the splashpads have on the pool's water flow, temperature and cleaning cycle. Mr. Dutt said there would not be any

significant change because they would only be using the sanitation system not the pumps.

Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked if the pool's sanitation system could handle the extra water flow. Mr. Dutt said yes. Mr. Just said that is all part of the code requirements.

Dr. Spark asked if the systems are regularly inspected. Mr. Just said yes. Dr. Spark asked about the ADA improvements to the Clements Recreational Center.

Mr. Hagaman talked about the replacement of the pool slide and stairs at Freedom Park. Mr. O'Neil talked about the Purple Heart Park project and said it is in design, along with lighting for the baseball fields. He said construction could start in Spring of 2020. Mr. Jackson explained that when a project is in design that is when meetings are setup with ward offices, neighborhood associations and the public to provide feedback and input. Mr. Just added that they also make sure to meet the budget during design.

Ms. Romero-Cardenas recommended that once a project is completed that the dollar amount be added to the project list to show how much funding was used.

Mr. Hagaman said the Rolling Hills project is in design with options that fit the budget and is in public review.

#### **Ward 5**

Mr. Just talked about the Cherry Avenue project. Mr. Dutt talked about the Gunny Barreras Park project and said they are still negotiating with the designers.

Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked about the maintenance and life of the shade structures. Mr. Hagaman said the shades fabric would have to have a 10-year warranty. Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked if funding for new shade structures after 10 years has been added to the budget. Mr. Jackson said it would be in future capital. Mr. Dutt said only the shade would need to be replaced not the entire structure. Dr. Spark asked if there are incentives in place when a product fails before the warranty is up. Mr. Hagaman said yes.

#### **Ward 6**

Ms. Chanecka talked about her goal of having the project managers at the meeting to explain their roles and projects. She said that if anyone needs more information, they can reach out to the specific project manager for details.

##### **b. Connections: Ryan Fagan**

TDOT Program Manager Ryan Fagan gave an update/overview of the Connections projects. Mr. Fagan said there have been two Open House events with other informational public events scheduled. He mentioned that an online survey was conducted along with survey mailers were sent out. He discussed the results of the surveys.

Mr. Flasch asked how bike path locations were selected. Mr. Fagan said they were taken from the Bicycle Boulevard Master Plan. Ms. Chanecka said bicycle boulevard projects are part of neighborhood traffic safety projects and the bike paths were selected through the Master Plan with prioritized projects but staff also considered connectivity to the parks.

Mr. Flasch asked what a speed hump was. Mr. Fagan said it is a longer version of a regular speed bump. Mr. Flasch asked if the speed humps would be located close to the bike paths. Mr. Fagan said yes.

Mr. Fagan talked about traffic circles and diversion treatments/partial closures. Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked if policies from Complete Streets would be implemented on these projects. Mr. Fagan said the bicycle boulevards are part of a Complete Streets network. Mr. Fagan talked

about curb extensions and speed limit signs. Mr. Flasch asked what a curb extension was. Mr. Fagan said it is an extension of an existing curb to narrow the roadway to reduce traffic, slow traffic down and/or to add landscaping.

Commission member Ian Johnson asked if the results that were being discussed were from the surveys alone or also from the Open Houses. Mr. Fagan said both.

Dr. Spark asked what was meant by traffic counts; pedestrian, bicycle or vehicle. Mr. Fagan said vehicle counts. Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked if counts from Pima Association of Government's Bicycle and Pedestrian Count would be included with the vehicle counts. Mr. Fagan said yes.

Dr. Spark asked about systematic signalization coordination through the Department of Transportation. Ms. Ginn said the Mobility Master Plan is being developed that would incorporate the signalization to improve traffic, bicycle and pedestrian flow.

Ms. Chanecka said Mr. Fagan is wrapping up the first phase of public project engagement, which provides public input/concerns early on. She said that information will provide bicycle boulevard design ideas, which will then be presented in a second round of public engagement in early 2020. Mr. Johnson asked what happens if the public in a certain neighborhood dislikes a project and does not want it. Ms. Chanecka said the projects in Proposition 407 were approved by voters and all projects were identified beforehand. There could be some flexibility within the neighborhood projects, keeping safety in mind. Safety will be the most important consideration and so crossings at busy intersections are considered critical to connectivity.

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## **5. Financial Reporting Update – Jasmine Chan**

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City of Tucson Financial Specialist Jasmine Chan presented updated financial information and project status reports. The first document was the Parks + Connections Project Overview as of September 2019. The second document was the Cumulative Expenditure chart for Phase 1 projects. The third document was the Expenditure and Encumbrance chart with each project category. The fourth document was the Expenditure Detail with allocations, expenditures, balances and PO encumbrances as of September 2019 in each project category.

Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked about when spending for greenways would take place. Ms. Chanecka said there is some program funding for re-surfacing existing greenways in Phase 1 and is categorized under the Parks projects. She also said based on how the bond sales work, the Greenways are categorized in Phases 2 & 3. Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked if any additional trees would be added to the existing greenways projects. Ms. Chanecka said not for the existing greenways.

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## **6. Commission Member Appointments (Elected Official Seats) – Ann Chanecka**

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Program Manager Ann Chanecka talked about the upcoming election and how it will affect appointed Commission members. She talked about how the newly elected individuals had the option to re-appoint the Commission members or choose new ones. She mentioned that the Commission members could also reach out to the new officials and request to continue to serve on the Commission.

Dr. Spark asked if there was a term of service. Ms. Chanecka said it was con-current with the ward representatives and the new Mayor.

Clarification from the Clerk's office since that meeting indicates that the term of service is with the bond program and so existing members are still appointed despite the changes on Mayor and Council. The exception to this is Ward 1, as the former Ward 1 representative is now employed with the City of Tucson and therefore cannot serve.

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## **8. Update on Education Materials – Ann Chanecka**

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Ms. Chanecka thanked everyone for their input/feedback on the English and Spanish brochures and said they are complete. She talked about changes to the website, shared a presentation draft with bond/project updates and asked for feedback.

Dr. Spark asked if the website would be in Spanish. Ms. Chanecka said there is an effort to translate into Spanish and she would check the status.

Ms. Chanecka presented and talked about the PowerPoint presentation and asked for feedback. Mr. Flasch suggested adding "Proposition 407" to the main page. He also suggested creating a one-page project sheet specific to each ward to hand out to the community. Commission member John Anderson suggested adding a slide that shows where to provide feedback. Dr. Spark suggested reducing the amount of information on each slide.

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## **9. Next Steps**

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### **a. Next Meeting and 2020 Meeting Schedule**

Dr. Spark said the next meeting will be Monday, January 27, 2020. The Commission will determine, at that meeting, the 2020 Meeting Schedule.

### **b. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Project/Financial status and updates. Progress on projects on website. Website changes. Overview of how Proposition 407 fits into other City projects (the Loop).

### **c. Commissioner/Staff Announcements**

Because there might be changes to the Commission as a result of the election, Dr. Spark thanked the Commission members for their service. Director of Parks and Recreation Brent Dennis acknowledged community members that have contributed outside funds toward different projects (Kaboom-Udall playground, Buffalo Soldier's Memorial).

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## **10. Adjournment**

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Dr. Spark adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.