



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, January 27, 2020 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			Absent
Ryan Anderson Ward 3 – 5:36 p.m.	Willie Blake Ward 5	Frank Flasch Ward 2	John Anderson City Manager
Nicole Fyffe City Manager	Ian Johnson Mayor – 5:31 pm	Kathy Kretschmer City Manager	
Kendall Kroesen Ward 4	Krista Romero-Cardenas City Manager	Ron Spark Ward 6	

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

2. Approval of October 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

A motion was made by Commission member Kathy Kretschmer to approve the meeting minutes from October 21, 2019. Commission member Krista Romero-Cardenas seconded the motion and the minutes were passed by a roll call vote of 8-0.

3. Call to the Audience

Four members of the public addressed the Commission. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

Cindy Lutz, representing Tucson Area Pickleball Club, commented that she and other members of the Club wanted to learn more about the swapping of the pickleball courts at Ft. Lowell Park with the tennis courts at Udall Park (agenda item #4).

Bill Dupont, representing Colonia Solana Neighborhood, requested that the Commission reconsider plans for a bike path because there is already one in the neighborhood.

Brian Manning, a volunteer at the Udall Park tennis courts, said he and other avid tennis players fully supported adding pickleball courts at Udall Park.

Jason Coleman, with the Tucson Skatepark Alliance, requested access to the Santa Rita Park swimming pool to remove the safety lip tiles to use them for the I-10 Cushing Street Skatepark.

4. Swapping Pickleball at Ft. Lowell Park with Tennis Courts at Udall – Brent Dennis

Program Manager Ann Chanecka introduced herself and gave a brief overview of the 2018 Bond Oversight Commission's roles and responsibilities. She clarified the requirements and constraints when modifying/changing a voter-approved project. She talked about two anticipated scenarios where these changes may be considered as well as two other scenarios that would require Mayor & Council or voter approval.

Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked how staff is safeguarding funding future projects if there are changes in the cost. Ms. Chanecka said inflation was factored into the cost estimates and many projects are scalable. Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked if funding has been allocated according to each phase. Ms. Chanecka said yes. Dr. Spark said that is the reason the commission receives financial reports. Ms. Chanecka said the dollar amounts are fixed based on what voters approved in the bond.

Director of Parks and Recreation Brent Dennis discussed the proposed pickleball courts at Ft. Lowell Park and the existing tennis courts at Udall Park, and why the department recommended that those projects should be modified in the bond program. Mr. Dennis said after community feedback, a new plan was suggested; it was proposed that the original plan to convert the tennis courts at Ft. Lowell Park into pickleball courts be modified to keep and renovate the tennis courts at Ft. Lowell Park and move the pickleball courts to Udall Park due to the noise decibel levels. He said the pickleball noise levels had been tested and determined to be an issue to the neighboring residents. Mr. Dennis also said the other part of this proposal is to advance the repairs to the tennis courts at Udall Park from Phase 3 to Phase 1 and to convert them into pickleball courts.

Dr. Spark asked how many courts at Udall Park would be converted. Mr. Dennis said four tennis courts would be converted into twelve pickleball courts.

Commission member Nicole Fyffe asked what the estimated cost would be to advance the project from Phase 3 to Phase 1. Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Greg Jackson said it would be the original estimated cost of \$400,000.

Dr. Spark asked if the landfill issue was also included in the estimated cost. Mr. Jackson said yes.

Ms. Fyffe asked if other landfill issues arise, could Environmental Services cover the cost rather than have the funds come out of the bond. Ms. Chanecka said alternate funding sources would be sought out if the issue is severe.

Commission member Frank Flasch made a motion to resurface the tennis courts at Ft. Lowell Park and advance improvements of the Udall Park tennis courts from Phase 3 to Phase 1 and convert them into pickleball courts. Commission member Ryan Anderson seconded, and the motion was passed by a voice vote of 9-0.

5. Clements Center High Priority Needs – Ann Chanecka

This item was tabled pending more information.

6. Advancing Project (s)

a. Udall Tennis Courts – Brent Dennis

This item was discussed and addressed in Agenda item #4.

b. Clements Center Outdoor Basketball Court Resurfacing – Ann Chanecka

Mr. Dennis talked about the heavily used basketball courts at the Clements Center at Lincoln Park and the need to resurface them. He asked the Commission to consider advancing the resurfacing project from Phase 3 to Phase 1 due to safety issues/concerns.

Mr. Jackson said there are six courts that will be resurfaced in the next six months and adding the Clements Center courts to the bid could result in a better price.

Mr. Flasch asked if these advancements need to go to Mayor & Council for approval. Mr. Dennis said only if the cost is 10 percent or greater.

Ms. Fyffe asked what the cost difference is. Mr. Jackson said \$27,000.

Commission member Ian Johnson asked if the advancement of the basketball court resurfacing met the criteria of the Advancing Projects Guidelines. Ms. Chanecka said yes, under cost efficiency and safety/health. Dr. Spark also said under projects of opportunities/leveraging our resources.

Ms. Romero-Cardenas made a motion to advance the resurfacing of the basketball courts at Clements Center from Phase 3 to Phase 1, following the criteria in the Advancing Projects Guidelines. Commission member Kendall Kroesen seconded, and the motion was passed by a voice vote of 9-0.

c. Archer Pool Resurfacing – Brent Dennis

Mr. Dennis talked about the resurfacing of the pool at Archer Center in Phase 3. He mentioned the slide flume renovation at the Archer Center pool is in Phase 1. He said after an evaluation, it was discovered that resurfacing of the pool had a greater need. Therefore, he requested to move the renovation of the slide flume from Phase 1 to Phase 3 and move the resurfacing of the pool from Phase 3 to Phase 1.

Ms. Fyffe made a motion to swap the slide flume renovation project from Phase 1 to Phase 3 and the pool resurfacing project from Phase 3 to Phase 1. Ms. Kretschmer seconded, and the motion was passed by a voice vote of 9-0.

7. Project Updates

a. Parks – Greg Jackson

Mr. Jackson presented a list of the Parks projects and gave updated information on a few projects. **(Please see attached project list)** He talked about the resurfacing and striping of the indoor Clements Center walking track and the three newly completed shade structures at Balboa Heights Park, Country Club Annex Park and Riverview Park. He said 14 new playground shade structures would be completed by the summer.

Dr. Spark asked what type of material the shades are made of. Mr. Jackson said canvas.

Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked if other types of shade options, like trees, were being looked at. Mr. Jackson said they would consider trees as a shade option during irrigation projects.

Ms. Fyffe asked if signs are posted that show these projects are voter approved. Ms. Chanecka said yes, during construction there are big orange signs letting the community know.

Mr. Jackson talked about four playgrounds being replaced this fiscal year, the pool stairs and slide renovations at El Pueblo Park and the new splashpads at Udall Park, Clements Center and at Purple Heart Park. He also talked about field lighting for Purple Heart Park and Chuck Ford Lakeside Park.

b. Connections – Ryan Fagan

Tucson Department of Transportation Program Manager Ryan Fagan showed a Power Point presentation and gave updated information on Phase 1A and Phase 1B Connections projects. He discussed bicycle boulevards that are expected to start construction in July 2020, the Roger Road pedestrian safety and walkability project with an expected construction start date in fall 2020 and the Mary Ann Cleveland Way shared-use path with an expected construction start date in summer 2020.

Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked who the consultant was. Mr. Fagan said Kimley-Horn.

Mr. Fagan talked about the different types of public engagement for Phase 1A projects, including traditional “open house” style events, non-traditional events in parks, neighborhood festivals, neighborhood association meetings, pop-up park events, online surveys, intercept surveys and mailers.

Mr. Johnson asked what type of public feedback was sought. Mr. Fagan said primarily feedback from the neighborhood residents who will be impacted by these projects.

Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked who she could provide feedback to from the community. Ms. Chanecka said to give her the feedback and she would provide it to the communications team.

Mr. Flasch asked if having these public engagements has changed anything. Mr. Fagan said there has been positive feedback. Ms. Chanecka said these public engagements were particularly helpful to the Transportation Department in planning and designing the projects in Phase 1A. She said Mr. Fagan has also gathered vehicle and speed counts to help with the planning and design.

Mr. Fagan briefly talked about the bicycle boulevards, pedestrian safety and walkability projects and the protected bike lane in Phase 1B and said they aim to start construction in Summer 2021.

Ms. Romero-Cardenas asked what a protected bike lane looks like. Mr. Fagan said this bike lane will have a two-lane road, no center turn lane, parking, bike lanes and curbs. He said parked cars would provide the protection.

8. Project Items Discussion: Chair Request – Ron Spark

Dr. Spark talked about the need for shade structures at splashpads. He also talked about the need for benches along the proposed shared-use paths and greenways. Both items will be added as future agenda items.

- a. Shade for Splash Pads** – Dr. Spark asked if there were any plans to add shade structures to new and existing splashpads. Ms. Chanecka said shade structures for splashpads were not factored into the cost estimate, but they are looking for other funding sources to provide shade structures over the splashpads.

- b. Benches for Shared-Use Paths** – Dr. Spark asked if benches could be provided along the shared-use paths and greenways for community members of all ages who would like to utilize the pathways.

9. Financial Reporting Update – Jasmine Chan

City of Tucson Financial Specialist Jasmine Chan presented updated financial information and project status reports. **(Please see attached reports)** Ms. Chan gave an overview of expenditures as of December 2019. She said the first bond sale of \$20 million would be in June and would pay back funds that have been used from the general fund account. She talked about the allocation of funding for each program in Phase 1.

Mr. Ryan Anderson asked what the timeframe was for Phase 1. Ms. Chan said 2020 to 2023.

Mr. Flasch asked when the fiscal year ended. Ms. Chan said June.

10. Next Steps

a. Next Meeting and 2020 Meeting Schedule (Tentative)

- March 16, May 18, Aug 17, Nov 16

Discussion was held and a few dates were modified. March 23, 2020 will be the next meeting date. May 18 and August 17 remain as tentative dates and November 9, 2020 was chosen.

b. Agenda Items for Future Meetings – Funding for shade structures at splashpads and benches along shared-use paths. Proposed bike path in Colonia Solana neighborhood.

c. Commissioner Announcements – Program Manager Ann Chanecka announced there is a vacant position that needs to be filled from Ward 1 and from the Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission (Ex-Officio).

11. Adjournment

Dr. Spark adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.