

City of Norcross

65 Lawrenceville Street

Norcross, GA 30071



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 16, 2025

5:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Parks, Green Spaces, & Trails Commission

Tixie Fowler, Chair

Joe Weber, Commission Member

Kassie Diehl, Commission Member

Scott Leslie, Commission Member

Jon Davis, Commission Member

1. **Call to Order by Chair Tixie Fowler**
2. **Action Item:** Ratification of September 2025 Meeting Minutes
[Parks, Green Spaces & Trails Commission - Regular Meeting - September 18, 2025](#)
3. **New Business:** Introduction to Helen Balch, new Community Development & Planning Director
4. **Ongoing Business:**
 - A. **Council Update** (*Councilman Bruce Gaynor*)
 - B. **Tree Preservation Board Update** (*Terry Sutton*)
 - C. **Piedmont Pathway Feasibility Study Update** (*Michael Jones*)
Michael and Scott will report current status of Piedmont Pathway Feasibility Study.
 - D. **Thrasher Park Bench Project Update** (*Michael Jones & Kassie Diehl*)
 - E. **New Projects Status**
Commission members will update Commission members with their individual progress developing projects addressing selected strategies outlined in the PGT&GI Master Plan.
 - F. **Pedal Norcross**
Commission members will discuss how to engage community and inform them about Commission activities at the annual event.
 - G. **Atlanta Regional Commission: Regional Development Plan Update Project** (*Tixie Fowler*)
ARC is updating their Regional Development Plan:
[Growing Together for 2050: Metro ATL Development Strategy](#)
5. **Additional Input and/or Discussion Not Otherwise Addressed by this Agenda**
6. **Adjourn**
Next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, November 20, 2025.

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1. Call to Order by Chair Tixie Fowler

Parks, Green Spaces, and Trails Commission was called to order at 5:09 PM by Chair Tixie Fowler.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tixie Fowler	Chair	Present	
Joe Weber	Commission Member	Absent	
Kassie Diehl	Commission Member	Present	
Scott Leslie	Commission Member	Absent	
Jon Davis	Commission Member	Present	

Attending Public:

Michael Jones - Staff Liaison
 Matt Myers - City Council

2. Action Item: Ratification of August 2025 “Special Called” meeting minutes

Parks, Green Spaces, and Trails Commission – Special Called Meeting - Aug 18, 2025, 5:00 PM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kassie Diehl, Commission Member
SECONDER:	Jon Davis, Commission Member
AYES:	Tixie Fowler, Kassie Diehl, Jon Davis
ABSENT:	Joe Weber, Scott Leslie

3. Ongoing Business

A. Council Update - (Councilman Matt Myers)

- Matt reported Council will be reviewing a proposal collaboratively organized by PG&T board member Scott Leslie and Staff member Michael Jones recommending a bike route and signage supporting bicycling between historic Norcross residential areas and Norcross Elementary and Brookhaven Innovation Academy (on Hopewell campus). Myers noted additional route supporting the rest of Norcross' elementary schools will be prioritized once the “Safe Streets Initiative” study is completed.
- Matt also reports the Council is reviewing the development of linear parks along the railroad. After being encouraged to include PG&T in that planning, Myers agreed PG&T would be included in these discussions and review as the project moves forward. Myers also invited PG&T to join “Walk with Council” on September 24, during which Council members would share details about the proposed vision.

B. Tree Preservation Board Update - (Terry Sutton)

- Terry was absent, no report.

C. RFP for Piedmont Pathway Concept Report Update (Michael Jones)

- Michael reported BBC Engineering was awarded the contact for the city's “Piedmont Pathway Feasibility Study”, noting the kick of meeting with the subcontractor was held September 18 and attended by Scott Leslie and Tixie Fowler. Tixie shared the proposed communication and outreach strategies discussed at that meeting, adding that PG&T would play a key part in supporting staff and BBC Engineering in their project development.

D. Subcommittee Projects Planning

- Kassie reported she and Michael Jones have meet to discuss parks programming for 2026; however, no developments that they were ready to share. Kassie added that she has not been able to complete the article about the bike route she and other parents take daily with their kids to and from Brookhaven Innovation Academy (BIA).
- Scott was absent and no report was offered regarding his focus on bike routes inside city limits; however, Matt Myers shared the fact that a Gwinnett County-managed bike route

called "Western Gwinnett Bike Way" is in place, noting that its' the name of the multi use path that extends from the corner of Holcomb Bridge and Peachtree Industrial north. No one on PG&T had heard of this route. Myers added that the "missing link" in this county trail is the City of Norcross, as it's not connected inside city limits. Board members agreed to focus on this segment of connectivity as part of PG&T's overall focus on bike route within the City.

- Joe Weber - absent, no report.
- Jon Davis - had not been able to dedicate time towards developing his project concept.
- Tixie Fowler - had not been able to dedicate time towards developing her project concept.

4. New Business

None.

5. Additional Input/Discussion Not Otherwise Addressed By This Agenda

- Matt Myers suggested the Commission consider opportunities to revitalize Heritage Park, noting that project is of interest to City Council.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM with a motion made by Kassie, seconded by Jon. Motion passed 3:0.