

City of Norcross

65 Lawrenceville Street

Norcross, GA 30071



Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

6:30 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Norcross Public Arts Commission

Chair Elizabeth Simpson
Board Member Samantha Spitzner
Board Member Robert Forro
Board Member Jacques Murphy
Board Member Nicole Morgan
Board Member Michael MacManus

A. Call to Order by Chair Elizabeth Simpson (Roll Call)

Please silence cell phones and electronic devices.

B. Approval of Minutes:

[Approval of the Norcross Public Arts Commission January 27, 2026, meeting minutes](#)

C. Citizen Input:**D. Treasurer's Report – Mike/Jacques****E. Board Updates**

o Bylaws Adoption – The bylaws are currently under review with Eric and Tracy. A red-lined copy will be sent once finalized. Eric and Tracy also suggested the March policy for presentation to the Mayor and Council.

o Social Media updates, newsletter, & Valentine engagement – Samantha

o Grant submission completed

o Tree Board update – Arbor Day tree craft @ Pinnacle Park – April 24 timeframe

o Discovery Gardens 10 year anniversary – Celebration planning

F. Council Updates:

• Sales Tax – per Eric we need to charge sales tax on the fundraiser items

G. New Agenda Items:**1. 2026-75: Norcross Forever Stamp books - 10 minutes**

a. Begin design ideas

i. Set of stickers (all 10 light boxes)

ii. stamp booklet with holding spots for 10 boxes

b. Submit design to Accent Creative in March

c. Get printing quotes/turnaround time

2. 2026-79: PT&G Board update – City Hall parking design and Heritage Park 10 minutes

a. Themes: Tree City. Community

b. Location: New City Hall parking with Heritage Park in mind

3. 2026-79: Gwinnett Placemaking Grant Opportunity 10 minutes Jacques

- Project ideations kick off

H. Returning Agenda Items:

1. **2025-295: Porchfest 2025 15 minutes - Nicole**
 Porchfest financial support is tabled. How else can NPAC get involved?
1. Organize and judge porch decorations
 2. Award prizes (check on using the acorn as a prize)
 3. Set up an NPAC table?
 4. Partner with NG&S? Partner with BIA?

2. **25-7251: Norcross Forever Stamp Program 15 minutes – Mike**
- 2025 Gwinnett Creativity grant extended to March 12th, 2026
 - Vinyl wraps modifications completed by Accent Creative
 - Installation – planning - Need 4-5 warm weather days in a row
 - 1st box – Holcomb Bridge and West Peachtree
 - 2nd box – Holcombe Bridge and Atlantic

Attachments:

1. Project Installation NHS Artwork Planning Steps

3. **2025-346: Framed Art Display in City Hall 10 minutes - Mike**
 Quoting based on these sizes: Skinny 24W x 48L, Wide 30W x 48L
 Norcross Public Works will install hanging kit plus actual hanging
 Start with 3 light boxes.
- Trains, Hispanic Heritage, Jazz in the Alley

Attachments:

1. NPAC Agenda Report - Framed Art Display in City Hall

4. **25-7252: White Squirrels of Norcross 15 minutes - Liz**
- Connected Marty with Len Housley re: NGS pole
 - Actual installations April 6-10, what about ribbon cutting?
 - Names – solicit outside input (Bob Grossman, Sean Casey, Traci)
 - Names can be the focus for social media campaigns in March

Attachments:

1. Top Names

5. 25-7369: White Squirrels of Norcross Fundraiser 10 minutes

- Acorn (marble composite) - \$200
- Squirrel (marble composite) – -\$800

Attachments:

1. Fundraising Spreadsheet

I. Additional Input/Discussion Not Otherwise Addressed by This Agenda:

J. Adjourn Motion

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A. Call to Order by Chair Elizabeth Simpson (Roll Call)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Liz Simpson.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Elizabeth Simpson	Chair	Present	
Jacques Murphy	Vice Chair	Present	
Michael MacManus	Board member	Present	
Nicole Morgan	Board member	Present	
Robert Foro	Board member	Present	
Samantha Spitzner	Board member	Present	

B. Approval of Minutes:**1. 2026-42: Norcross Public Arts Commission - Regular Meeting - December 17, 2025.**

A motion to Approve the December 17 Meeting Minutes.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] 6-0

MOVER: Nicole Morgan, Board Member

SECONDER: Jacques Murphy, Board Member

AYES: Simpson, Morgan, Murphy, Foro, MacManus, Spitzner

C. Citizen Input:

A citizen representing Lionheart Theatre is interested in having a public art installation in Heritage Park.

D. Treasurer's Report - Mike MacManus 10 minutes

Transition task to Member Mike McManus, continue to review the finances

E. Board Updates**Greetings from Norcross** (Jacques and Nicole)

All is well. The photography opportunity went well. The newsletter article was well written. Jacques has used the newsletter to share with others.

Board Seat

The open role will be posted again. There were no applicants. Board members should post in their networks, and the NPAC social media should mention this data.

Bylaws Adoption (Jacques and Nicole)

Continues to be under review. Hopeful for an update in March.

Social Media (Samantha)

Currently has access to Facebook and Instagram. We must decide what our policy is. How does NPAC consistently interact with the public? Recommended that our open board seat is communicated through both Facebook and Instagram.

Valentine Engagement (Samantha)

The Valentine cards are in process to be ready to print. The NPAC logo needs to be added to the cards. NPAC does not have enough brand recognition. This is a good place to begin.

Love Art Mural (Liz)

City Council approved the funding. We will continue to be engaged in the process.

F. Council Updates:

The donation was made by Nicole's neighbor. She and Jacques processed the donation. Mike gave the acorn to the neighbor.

G. Returning Agenda Items**2025-295 Porchfest 2026 15 minutes - Nicole**

Working with Kristen to ensure NPAC is properly listed as a 'supporter' and not a sponsor. We've been asked to consider organizing a Porch Decorating Contest. Robert expressed concern about the event's success. He mentioned concerns about people misbehaving (drunkenness and such). Nicole's comment noted that such problems can happen at any public event. Perhaps more interest in the event's success regarding performers, attendance, and being well-organized.

1. 25-7251 Norcross Forever Stamp Program 20 minutes - Mike

Robert is in possession of the student art consent forms. He will provide those to Monique this week.

Gwinnett county is excited about this project. Other communities are interested in décor for their traffic light boxes.

The Gwinnett Creativity grant has been extended to March 12, 2026. NPAC will not meet the grant's engagement requirements for the Stamp Collection project by the aforementioned deadline. Upon project completion, we will submit the grant results to the Grantor. Nicole asked Jacques whether not meeting the deadline would affect our reputation with the Grantor. It was recommended that NPAC satisfy the grant's engagement requirements.

4 vinyl wraps finalized, 6 in progress.

Boxes completed by 3/1/26.

2. 2025-346 Canvas Wrapped Art Display in City Hall 10 minutes

Desire to display the art in a consistent manner. Need the canvas dimensions and vendor quotes.

2025-345 Gwinnett Creativity Fund Grant Opportunity 15 minutes

– Application for Grant – Due January 31, 2026 - Jacques

Greetings from Norcross Mural spin-off engagements

A. Provide kids with coloring mats for restaurants, including crayons

B. Create postcards suitable for mailing (welcome center, retail shops)

3. 25-7252 White Squirrels of Norcross 15 minutes – Liz

We need to decide on other poses for squirrels. "Cheerleader" and "lounging" squirrels are favored.

Need to confirm the Mayor's availability for Squirrel installation.

More conversation regarding naming the squirrels.

How many squirrels can be installed in a day?

Marty will teach 1 installation.

Map design (Mike) at the next meeting.

4. 25-7369 White Squirrels of Norcross Fundraiser -10 minutes

Need additional commitments to order a marble composite squirrel to support the project. Mike has 2 forthcoming donors.

Then we can place an order!

Acorn decorating display continues at Savage Pizza.

H. New Agenda Items:

2025-345 Gwinnett Creativity Fund Grant Opportunity 15 minutes

The "Welcome to Norcross" artwork will be a coloring page for children. This will engage children and teach local history. Local restaurants will provide the coloring page to children who are in the restaurant. 6,000 placemats. 750 to each restaurant with 720 crayon packs.

The Welcome to Norcross artwork will also be a postcard (replacing the old postcard), which will be provided to the Norcross Welcome Center. Visitors to Norcross can pick up the postcard and mail it to family and friends.

Motion: to apply for the Gwinnett Creativity Fund grant requesting funds to complete the Welcome to Norcross placemat project to engage children regarding our local history, and to provide postcard replicas of the Welcome to Norcross mural for visitors to have as keepsakes or mail them to family and friends. NPAC to commit and reserve \$875 per the grant requirements, to cover 25% of this project's cost.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] 6-0

MOVER: Robert Foro, Board Member

SECONDER: Nicole Morgan, Board Member

AYES: Simpson, Morgan, Murphy, Foro, MacManus, Spitzner

I. Additional Input/Discussion Not Otherwise Addressed by This Agenda:

There was a conversation about the remaining acorns. Liz initially considered giving them away to reduce inventory at Norcross Gallery. However, Nicole asked Council Members to consider continuing to sell acorns. NPAC may hold other décor/artistic contests in the future for fundraising. NPAC may also want to use the acorns as 'prizes' or rewards.

J. Adjourn Motion

Light Box Wraps Installation Plan

02/11/2026

Confirm Measurements

- Test art work with Jay
- Confirm format at A1
 - Thrasher Park and Lillian Web Park first
- Survey all boxes to confirm plan
- Packet of box (by box number) with art and sizing – Jay Review
 - Thrasher Park and Lillian Web Park first

Review orientation

done

Schedule (weather dependent)

- Temp 50+ for 4 consecutive days
 - Thrasher Park and Lillian Web Park *first*

Wrap in Black – all 10 (NPAC photo shoot 1st)

- Experts team for doors and hinges etc.
- Share dates with team

Print designs – all 10 (NPAC photo shoot 1st)

- Apply designs on top of black wrap
- Share dates with team



CHAIR **ELIZABETH SIMPSON** · BOARD MEMBER **YAMILY MIJES-O'REILLY** · BOARD MEMBER **NICOLE MORGAN** · BOARD MEMBER **ROBERT FORRO**
BOARD MEMBER **JACQUES MURPHY** · BOARD MEMBER **MICHAEL MACMANUS** · STAFF LIAISON **SHAYLA ALEXIS**

Agenda Report

To: Norcross Public Arts Commission (NPAC)

From: **Liz Simpson**

Date: Nov 26, 2025 – Regular NPAC Meeting

Item #: (provided by staff liaison)

Title: **Framing vinyl wrap artwork for display in City Hall conference room**

Recommendation: Reuse the digital art created for the Forever Norcross vinyl wrap project. Print the enhanced art in consistent sizes, by theme. After printing, frame the art for hanging in the 2nd floor conference room at City Hall. Themes can be rotated, on a cadence agreed by the City, in order to showcase all 10+ themes available. Frames could possibly be purchased for the first set only and the frames reused by replacing the themes.

Background: NPAC collaborated with Accent Creative to create digitally enhanced, theme-based photography suitable for depicting vibrant events and beloved parks in the City of Norcross. These themed art sets were designed to showcase Norcross on traffic light boxes throughout the city. The city invites us to re-use this art to adorn the walls of the City's conference room.

Financial Impact: We need estimates for printing and framing

Consistent with Master Arts & Cultural Plan? yes

Next Steps: Accent Creative will confer with City Manager to get further detail on this request and to measure the wall in order to size and plan the exhibit.

Attachments:

Updates:

THRASHER PARK	BETTY MAULDIN PARK	DISCOVERY GARDEN PARK	LILLIAN WEBB PARK
	Casper	Yeti	
JJ for John J Thrasher "Cousin John", founder and first mayor of Norcross	Betty	Debbie for one of the founders, Deb Hawkins	Lily
Casper	Snowflake	Powder	Polar
Choo-Choo	Elm-er	Carrot	Splash
Mayor marshmallow.	Deputy nut cracker	Sergeant Snow	Miss fluffington.
Ivory	Milk	Snowball	Ghost
Squirky			
Ivory	Hudsy	Starry	Felicity
Joy	Fluffy	Wonder	Sunset
Caboose	Daffodil	Mater	Homer in honor of the baseball heritage there
Doublecross	Crosstie	Redcross	Kriscross

Frosty	Pearl	Cotton	Blizzard
Blanco	Betty white	True	Snowy
Bernardo	Bernardo	Bernardo	Bernardo
Olivia Bowdoin	Gandalf	Frodo	Bilbo
• Ardilla: (pronounced ar-DEE-yah) is the standard and most common word for squirrel in Spanish.	Zeke means squirrel in Cajun french	Zeke or Zeki a Biblical name "God will Strengthen"	
Ollie	Gene	Ivy	Lily
Bernardo	Bernardo	Bernardo	Bernardo
Brutus	Bartholomew	Bertha	Beavus
Buster	Rocky	Eli	Amelia

Dasher	Jazzy	Sprout	Nutmeg
Bianca	Betty	Pearl	Shiro
Jonathan	Betty	Disco	Lillian
	Betty		Lillian
Squirrely Fries	Squirrely Fries	Squirrely Fries	Squirrely Fries
Teddy (Theodore)	Betty	Eddy (educational)	Letty (Leisure)
Blanca	Acorn	Flora	Estrella
Dasher	Squeaky	Casper	Crystal
Nicky Norcross	Betty Parks	Billy Bits	Nutsy Magoo
Professor Cottontop	Wisp	Oscar	Fluffernutter
Theodore	Penelope	Ferdinand	Sarah
Brunswick (for the former Inn)	Elmer (for the champion elm tree)	Darwin	Lilly

Dash	Pearl	Whisper or Sage	Gatsby
Nuts Buchanan	Jazzy Tails	P. Nut Butter	Squirrel Heart
Valentin	Leti	Joseph	Shadow
Chubbs	Robert	Cacahuete	Robert
Casper	Betty's Biscuit		
Ash	Betty White	Lola	Lily
Stasher	Milky	Cheeky	Nutty
Nuts McGee	Krispin	Cheeky Monkey	Noodles
Fluffernutter	Casper	Blanche	Snowflake
Martin	Bestie	Tixie	Luther

NORCROSS GALLERY & STUDIOS	(Any Location)	Is there anything else
	Marshmallow	
Artie	Dee for Ardilla Blanca	
Chalky	Ghost	
Paintbrush	Boxcar, Painter, Brushy, Canvas, Popcorn	Use a theme for each location -- Thrasher is next to the train tracks, Norcross Gallery should have a painting theme, what do they grow at Discovery Garden
Snowbi won Kenobi		
Dumpling		There's another white squirrel on Autry street across from Rosie Brundage Park
Brielle	Basting, Petula, Roadie, Wrecker, Splinter, Buzzer, Boogie, Bingo, Bolt, Trickcee, Nutsy	Hope you pick a couple of my names, thanks for including me.
Fluffy	Chalky, Star, blanket,bouncy	
Kudzu(because of the original name of the gallery)	Casper (in honor of our ghost tours), Thrasher, Leo (in honor of Lionheart Theatre)	
Crosswalk	Motocross	

Casper	Snowball	2 more white squirrels by Autry St.
Picasso	Pearly, Lacey, Annie, Barrett	Love this!
Bernardo	Scrappy Steve, Eleanor, Bruce	Please name one of them Bernardo
Sam	Gollum	I think it would be cute / funny if you made up an elaborate "origin story" of how they came to Norcross and what their quest is
Ludie	Oliver	
	Moby dick	I think we should have Moby dick quotes with the white squirrel sculptures
Bernardo		
	John (Thrasher), Johnathan (Norcross), Tom (Jones), Arch (Lietch), Ed (Buchanan)	
	Frank, Dean, Sammy, Peter, Joey	
Barney	Betty	
Juan		

Matisse	Squirrely Temple	Such a cute project!
Edelweiss	Casper	
Gal	Fred	
	Women's names - particularly those from another era - Eleanor, Lydia, Bessie	I think this a cute idea. I love downtown norcross
Squirrely Fries	Squirrely Fries	
Arty		
	As a group name, the knights in white satin	
Frida		
Luna	Q-tip, Cotton , Dogwood, Georgia, Grits,	
Sweetness		
Sebastian	P. Nutt	This is a cool idea! Thanks for doing it!
Vincent	Alvin	
Picasso	Scrat	

Sketch	Sprig, Mochi, Willow, Petal	
Margie	JJ	
Gillian		
Vince		
Blanca	Winter	
Snowy	Squeaky	
Num-Nums	Chubbs	
Sugar	Albie	
Lilac	I think the Norcross mascot should be a white squirrel! I've spotted white squirrels dozens of times in Norcross and I have	Norcross mascot = white squirrel

Name	Location		Nicole	Mike	Liz
Fluffy					
Sugar					
Cross Tie					
Snobie Wan Kenobi					
Snowflake					
Georgia					
Betty	Betty Mauldin			*	*
Elmer	Betty Mauldin				
Jazzy / Jazzmine	Betty Mauldin				
Pearl	Betty Mauldin		*		
JJ (Thrasher)	Thrasher				
Jonathan (Norcross)	Thrasher		*	*	*
NorX	Thrasher				
Brunswick	Thrasher				
Blanco	Webb		*	*	
Homer	Webb				*
Lilly	Webb				
Snowball	Webb				

White Squirrels of

Buyer	Phone
Cindy Flynn	678-427-6450
Jacques P. Murphy	404-630-4735
Angeli Rey	678-333-8361
Savage Pizza	770-337-4976
Matthew Whaley	770-461-9905
Rukwana Aguilar	678-276-9923
Mary Dowdy & Lorraine White	770-316-3482
Deb Ulrich	404-375-7569
Eleanor Gilcrist	
Mike MacManus	
Kevin Adams	
Barry Adams	
Geoff Hammet	

Norcross: ACORN SALES

Email	Art Title	Material
splashfestivals@gmail.com	Acorn Statue	Marble Composite
jacquespmurphy@me.com	Acorn Decorating	Plaster
angyrey22@gmail.com	Acorn Decorating	Plaster
mylizsimpson@gmail.com	Acorn Decorating	Plaster
matthew.whaley@gmail.com	Acorn Decorating	Plaster
ruka708@tasteofbritain.com	Acorn Decorating	Plaster
dowdyone@msn.com	Acorn Decorating	Plaster
debulrich57@yahoo.com	Acorn Decorating	Plaster
	Acorn Statue	Marble Composite

cash

Unit Price	Qty	Payment Type	Sold By
\$ 200.00		1 Check	Liz Simpson
\$ 30.00		2	Norcross Gallery & Studios
\$ 30.00		1	Norcross Gallery & Studios
\$ -		1	Liz Simpson (compd for display)
\$ 30.00		1	Norcross Gallery & Studios
\$ 30.00		1	Norcross Gallery & Studios
\$ 30.00		3	Norcross Gallery & Studios
\$ 30.00		1	Norcross Gallery & Studios
\$ 200.00		1 Check	
\$ 800.00			
\$ 800.00			
\$ 800.00			
\$ 20.00			

Plaster Acorn Total
Marble Acorn Total
Marble Squirrel Total
Cash

Total

\$	200.00
\$	60.00
\$	30.00
\$	-
\$	-
\$	30.00
\$	90.00
\$	30.00
\$	200.00

\$	240.00
\$	400.00
\$	2,400.00
\$	20.00