

City of Norcross

65 Lawrenceville Street

Norcross, GA 30071



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 16, 2026

5:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Parks, Green Spaces, and Trails Commission

Tixie Fowler, Chair

Jon Davis, Commission Member

Joe Weber, Commission Member

Kassie Diehl, Commission Member

Scott Leslie, Commission Member

1. Call to Order**2. Action Item:** Ratification of March 17, 2026, meeting minutes

[Parks, Green Spaces, and Trails Commission – Regular Meeting – March 19, 2026, 5:00 PM](#)

3. Ongoing Business**A. City Updates** (*Michael Jones and Joe Weber*)

Michael will provide updates on the following:

B. Thrasher Park bench installation

C. Status of recommended street signage to promote and direct to local parks.

D. Status of city negotiations with church to purchase parcels expanding Johnson Dean.

B. Developer Checklist (*Terry Sutton and Scott Leslie*)

Terry Sutton (Tree Preservation Board) will present a draft of the developer checklist supported by the Tree Board. Chairperson Tixie will encourage discussion and input.

ACTION ITEM: The Board will be asked to vote on the submitted checklist and next steps.

4. New Business and General Updates**A. Greenspace Improvement along Mitchell Road** (*Tixie Fowler*)

Tixie will update the Board on activity underway to clean up city property near church that is the site of past dumping.

B. Programming in the Parks (*Tixie Fowler and Michael Jones*)

Tixie will update the Board on her interactions with students at Summerour Middle School and their programming requests. Michael will share costs of proposed "Movie in the Parks" program and Board will brainstorm potential funding resources.

ACTION ITEM: The Board will vote on the children's programming suggestion and recommend next steps for securing program funding.

C. Other**5. Adjourn**

Next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026

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1. Call to Order at 5:07 PM by Chair Tixie Fowler

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

Attending Public:

Michael Jones – Staff liaison
 Heath & Lineback
 Terry Sutton – Tree Preservation Board

2. Action Item: Ratification of February 19, 2026 meeting minutes

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] 5-0
MOVER: Jon Davis, Board Member
SECONDER: Scott Leslie, Board Member
AYES: Fowler Diehl, Leslie, Davis,
ABSENT: Joe Weber

3. Ongoing Business

A. City Updates (*Michael Jones*)

Michael provided updates on the following:

- a. Proposed playground upgrades: circle bench recommended by Commission ordered for Thrasher Park.
- b. Status of marketing recommendations made at February meeting: website undergoing major updates, so recommended updates to park names, search engine, etc. won't be made for awhile.
- c. Status of city negotiations with church to purchase parcels expanding Johnson Dean: City made an offer and is waiting for counteroffer. Len recently applied for a Federal grant that would potentially pay for this purchase – award notice is pending.
- d. Status of Swenson-Brown development project: Staff's inventory project is expected to be delivered in June, 2026 and will be used to develop a 5-year forest management plan for the space.

B. City Hall Parking Lot & NPAC Collaboration (*Tixie Fowler*)

Tixie reported collaboration with NPAC confirmed, and that NPAC Chair Liz Thompson has been working directly with Len Housely for input re site selections and feasibility of providing lighting, etc. Tixie noted that Liz will draft a proposal for art installations for PGT review prior to submitting it to Council for approval.

C. Piedmont Pathway Feasibility Update (*Heath & Lineback*)

The Heath & Lineback consultants shared the second draft of the Piedmont Pathway Feasibility Study and invited feedback. Board members discussed details for over an hour and made several informal recommendations which the consultant will incorporate into the next presentation they are scheduled to give to Mayor and Council.

4. New Business**5. ADDITIONAL INPUT AND/OR DISCUSSION NOT OTHERWISE ADDRESSED BY THIS AGENDA**

Terry presented the proposed framework of a checklist that will better align the UDO and city planning, clarifying expectations, regulations, and “next steps” for developers and city staff.

6. Adjourn: Next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, April 17, 2026.

ACTION ITEM: Motion made by Scott Leslie at 6:37 pm; seconded by Kassie Diehl. Motion passed 4 – 0.