

City of Norcross

65 Lawrenceville Street
Norcross, GA 30071



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

6:30 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Norcross Public Arts Commission

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

A. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Elizabeth Simpson	Chair	Present	
Yamily Mijes-O'Reilly	Board Member	Present	
Nicole Morgan	Board Member	Present	
Robert Forro	Board Member	Present	
Jacques Murphy	Board Member	Absent	
Michael MacManus	Board Member	Present	

The NPAC Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Chair Elizabeth Simpson.

B. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**1. Norcross Public Arts Commission – Regular Meeting - Dec 17, 2024, 6:30 PM**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Yamily Mijes-O'Reilly, Board Member
SECONDER:	Nicole Morgan, Board Member
AYES:	Simpson, Mijes-O'Reilly, Morgan, Forro, MacManus
ABSENT:	Jacques Murphy

C. Citizen Input

None.

D. Ceremonial Presentations

New board member Michael MacManus was sworn in by Mayor Craig Newton.

E. Treasurer's Report

No updates to report but Yamily will give us a review during January's meeting.

F. Board Updates**a. Collaboration with the Parks, Green Spaces, and Trails Commission**

Guest speaker: Presentation by Tixie Fowler, on current and planned projects within the Parks, Greenspaces, & Trails board. Tixie expressed a keen interest in partnering with NPAC on future projects that beautify and enhance the city's parks and trails.

b. Fundraising Discussion

Decision to meet with City Manager to better understand our options.

c. Grants - Our Town Grant (Jacques)

Our Town Grant - due to funding cuts at the Federal level, we are no longer assured of this grant availability. Jacques will continue to watch for open application in the April timeframe.

d. Secretary for NPAC

SECRETARY ROLE is vacant. Nicole Morgan stepped up to the plate to take on this duty which includes taking minutes for our meetings and publishing them on a timely basis.

e. Renaming of Scavenger Hunt Project

Refer to item I (1)

G. Council Updates

a. Arts Ordinance Discussion

The proposed Art Ordinance will not be adopted by City Council. NPAC board members discussed extensively how we might rework the Art Ordinance to state clearly that NPAC should be included in discussions of capital expenditures over 100K. We want the opportunity to ask the builders to appropriate a small percentage of total budget to Public Art. Example: Creation of a Living Wall or Green Roof Top for the new Public Works building. Robert offered to reach out to Council to reiterate this approach and the opportunity for finding funds and supporting Public Art board endeavors. Another idea is enhancing the new walls proposed down Jones St by the eateries. Discussion made to consider the eco system in our art proposals to help promote cleaner air as we beautify the city.

H. Returning Agenda Items

1. 24-7219: Annual Visioning Session Planning - Purpose Possible

Meeting is scheduled for February 13 from 5-7pm in the community room, 2nd floor of City Hall. All board members confirmed they will be in attendance. Nicole Morgan will pick food for everyone.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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2. 25-7235: Wooden Fence by the Crossing (Dumpster Enclosure)

Discussed how best to proceed with resurrecting this project. It was delayed in 2024 but still considered a viable project. Tossed around ideas about making it community art but that idea was nixed. The decision was made to submit another RFP to find an artist but will need to rewrite the older RFP. We want to strive for a more concise and direct description of our vision for this piece.

RESULT:	THIS MATTER WAS REFERRED TO
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I. New Agenda Items

1. 25-7236: Scavenger Hunt – Location Identification

We will split the Zone Location ID effort off from the Scavenger Hunt project to make it more universal for any and all Public Art efforts. Vote taken to reclassify this project. All were in favor. We discussed the zones that had been completed. An idea came from Nicole's study about art wrapping utility boxes. Robert's zone lends itself to painting a crosswalk. Robert suggested a painted crosswalk would slow down driver to obey stop sign. Minor discussion about school zone art but the board decided this was not in our jurisdiction. Still need documentation from Robert. Liz suggested adding a FROG to the bench at Holcombe Bridge and Atlantic Avenue. Need to get artist name from Cindy Flynn. Update - the NORCROSS letters are not being moved so no need to find a suitable home for those at this time. It was noted there is no signage and no art along Jimmy Carter. Question was raised why we don't use the NOR-X logo (only Vinyl shop is using).

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2. 25-7237: Community Mural - Wall by Lowes

Wall by Lowes. The board voted to table this item until mid-summer and reassess for fiscal year 2025-2026

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3. 25-7238: Maintenance of Metal Sculpture "Grasshopper"

Maintenance of Metal Sculpture "Grasshopper" Richard Sells unable to contact

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4. 25-7239: Maintenance of Metal Sculpture "George"

Maintenance of Metal Sculpture "George" Debbi Rhodes need phone or email.

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J. Additional Input/Discussion Not Otherwise Addressed by this Agenda**K. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm with a motion made by Nicole, seconded by Yamily.

L. Signed By: _____ **Elizabeth Simpson, Chair**

M. Attested By: _____ **Shayla Alexis, Deputy City Clerk**