

City of Norcross

65 Lawrenceville Street
Norcross, GA 30071



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 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

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

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	Late Arrival	
Jacques Murphy	Board Member	Late Arrival	
Michael MacManus	Board Member	Present	

B. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**1. Norcross Public Arts Commission – Regular Meeting - Apr 22, 2025 6:30 PM**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael MacManus, Board Member
SECONDER:	Yamily Mijes-O'Reilly, Board Member
AYES:	Elizabeth Simpson, Yamily Mijes-O'Reilly, Nicole Morgan, Michael MacManus
ABSENT:	Robert Forro, Jacques Murphy (Late arrival)

2. Norcross Public Arts Commission - Special Called Meeting - May 6, 2025 5:30 PM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael MacManus, Board Member
SECONDER:	Yamily Mijes-O'Reilly, Board Member
AYES:	Elizabeth Simpson, Yamily Mijes-O'Reilly, Nicole Morgan, Michael MacManus
ABSENT:	Robert Forro, Jacques Murphy (Late arrival)

C. Citizen Input

- * Norcross Gallery and Studios expressed appreciation for NPAC's participation in the Reflections exhibit. NPAC plans to take part in the event again next year.

D. Treasurer's Report

- * Presented by Yamily. The Visioning Session with Purpose Possible is \$2,000, not \$500 as previously noted. The board will review and adjust the budget as needed.

E. Board Updates

- * FLAGs (Free Little Art Gallery) the door needs to be reinstalled. For 4X4 shelves were added. New FLAG will be installed (Betty Maudlin Park).
- * Who will replenish art supplies? How often will we replenish art supplies? Perhaps working with Norcross Gallery to review the FLAGs?
- * Jacques submitted the Grant. Zoom meeting may be scheduled for interview by Grantor for clarification. Decision will be June 15, 2005.
- * Update on Art Exhibit at Rectory: Mike says we should do it again next year.

F. Council Updates

- * Updates to the Mayor and Council transpired well. Councilmembers and the Mayor support both projects. A few ideas from the audience. They love both ideas. Moving forward on the Stamp Collection project, and 2 squirrels. Engage the schools in artwork on boxes.
- * Direction from Council to engage with the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) for the box for downtown.

- * IGA (Inter Government Agreement) is still in the works. Shayla is working on this item. Need to submit with maintenance plan. Will work with Mike and then pass it to Len (Director of Public Works). The packet is: sample art, maintenance plan, IGA.
- * Squirrels who are traveling, squirrel on train engine. Brainstorm other funding methods. 3D printing a squirrel to show corporate sponsors?

G. Returning Agenda Items

1. 25-7235: Wooden Fence by the Crossing (Dumpster Enclosure)

- * Discussions with the city and conditions of the fence. Money has been reallocated away from this project. The city is rebuilding the entire structure, perhaps a different material.

A motion to table this project indefinitely until the 2027 fiscal year.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jacques Murphy, Board Member
SECONDER:	Michael MacManus, Board Member
AYES:	Simpson, Mijes-O'Reilly, Morgan, Forro, Murphy, MacManus

2. 25-7251: Norcross Forever Stamp Program

- * Mike has photo-ed all boxes and measured. Some boxes have a "backpack." Having two pieces of art and four sides. Josh was concerned about graffiti. This is more like a 'sticker.' Make sure to brainstorm ideas for each box. The council wants to work with the CID for funding. Councilmember Hixson serves as the CID representative.

RESULT:	THIS MATTER WAS REFERRED TO
	Next: 6/24/2025 6:30 PM
TO:	Norcross Public Arts Commission

3. 25-7238: Maintenance of Metal Sculptures Mantis and George

- * Public works has done all the work they can to remove rust. Sculptures need to be painted. Who can do this task? Perhaps asking Blue Moon Motorcycles? Original artists (1 moved to Montana). Is there a shop class (students) who could complete this task?

RESULT:	THIS MATTER WAS REFERRED TO
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4. 25-7252: White Squirrels of Norcross

- * Will meet soon with Cherryllion Studios. Decide on the first to squirrel positions. Can have sponsors/squirrel? In other avenues art (squirrels, cows) are sponsored because the item is in front of their business. Must consistently list this item by name as White Squirrels of Norcross. Avalon declined to work with NPAC by sharing their squirrel casts.

RESULT:	THIS MATTER WAS REFERRED TO
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5. 25-7305: Visioning Session Schedule Review

- * All is going well with the major (squirrels) and small projects (FLAG) upcoming. The major projects which came out of the Visioning Session are in motion.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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H. New Agenda Items**1. 25-7338: Greetings from Norcross Mural Refresh**

- * Atomic Wash is out of business. The goal is to replicate and replace. Digital Precision is in business and using our "Greetings from Norcross" sign as part of their promotional materials. More research to follow.

RESULT:	THIS MATTER WAS REFERRED TO
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2. 25-7339: FY 25/26 NPAC Budget Discussion

- * Shayla will submit the proposed budget tomorrow.
- * Making an announcement for budget reallocation for this year.

A motion to approve the FY 2026 NPAC budget as discussed and presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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MOVER:	Jacques Murphy, Board Member
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SECONDER:	Michael MacManus, Board Member
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AYES:	Simpson, Mijes-O'Reilly, Morgan, Forro, Murphy, MacManus
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I. Additional Input/Discussion Not Otherwise Addressed by this Agenda

- * Robert gave a great overview of the selecting the student the NPAC award.

J. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM with a motion by Jacques, seconded by Nicole.

K. Signed By: _____ Elizabeth Simpson, Chair

L. Attested By: _____ Shayla Alexis, Deputy City Clerk