



**City of Roswell
Meeting Agenda
Roswell Recreation Commission
Work Session**

**David Smith, Chair
Erica Davis, Vice Chair
Amour Carthy
Cliff Dittmore
Jose Gonzales
Erica Lowman
William Strika**

Thursday, February 5, 2026

6:30 PM

Adult Recreation Center

****Possible Quorum of Mayor and City Council****

Call to Order

Agenda Items

1. Consideration to approve the America250 Community Art Installation and Activation plan.

Adjournment



City of Roswell
Roswell Recreation Commission
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

ID # - 10302

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Roswell Recreation Commission

ITEM TYPE: Agenda Vote

Consideration to approve the America250 Community Art Installation and Activation plan.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE

Agenda Vote

ITEM BACKGROUND

The America250 Art Installation and Activation is a collaborative public art initiative developed by the City of Roswell in partnership with Dashboard, Inc., as part of *Roswell, Georgia's America 250: Tapestry of Generations* celebration in 2026. Dashboard, Inc is a creative-based non-profit producing transformative arts experiences in public spaces. The City previously partnered with Dashboard, Inc. in 2018 for a successful public art installation at Historic Town Square.

Throughout 2025, this community-wide initiative invited residents and visitors to create tapestry-inspired artwork reflecting personal stories, shared heritage, and community identity through a series of professional, artist-led workshops at multiple City events. These individual works will be conceptually unified and inspire a singular, temporary public art piece to be installed at Heart of Roswell Park. The completed installation will be unveiled to the public during a reception on National Quilt Day, March 21, 2026, celebrating Roswell's diverse voices and collective history.

The initiative is further amplified through a coordinated cultural activation at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center, including a staged production of *Quilters* and a companion exhibit featuring selected community artworks. The musical, which honors the lives and stories of frontier women through music and storytelling, provides a natural thematic extension of the community-created installation and reinforces the broader goals of the America 250 celebration—connecting past and present through shared stories, creativity, and place.

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ITEM DETAILS

Project Highlights

- Community-created artwork generated through professional, artist-led workshops held at:
 - July 4 Celebration at Roswell Area Park (July 2025)
 - Youth Day Celebration at Art Block, Cultural Arts Center (October 3, 2025)
 - Roswell Visual Arts Center Holiday Maker's Market (December 6, 2025)
- Public reception and official unveiling on National Quilt Day, March 21, 2026
- *Quilters* production at Cultural Arts Center
- Public art installation and corollary gallery exhibit coordinated with the ***Quilters*** production in August 2026

Timeline

- **July–December 2025:** Artist-led community workshops
- **February 5, 2026:** Presentation of the public art installation for approval at Heart of Roswell Park, pursuant to Public Art Policy Section 2.2:
 - *"The Recreation Commission shall approve locations for all temporary or long-term art displayed in City parks and facilities within City parks."*
- **March 21, 2026:** Public unveiling at Heart of Roswell Park
- **August 2026:** *Quilters* opens at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center, accompanied by a gallery exhibition
- **September 2026:** Deinstallation; permit applications and bid documentation prepared

Applicable Public Art Policy:

Per Public Art Policy, Adopted December 2020:

DEFINITIONS

Temporary Art means any art proposed to be installed for less than 12 months, and the City's ArtAround Roswell Temporary Sculpture Tour Program.

1. AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 1.1. The Mayor and Council shall vote on locations for all Temporary art displayed on City property, including sites associated with the ArtAround program, except parks and facilities located in parks.

2. AUTHORITY OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

- 2.1. The Recreation Commission shall approve locations for all Temporary or long-term art displayed in City parks and facilities within City parks, including sites associated with the ArtAround program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Budget & Funding

- **Total budget for art activation and installation:** \$59,500 (Community Quilt public art component, City funded through America 250 Funds at \$52,500.00 and

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National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Grant at \$7,000)

- National Endowment for the Arts Grant also supports Quilters the Musical.
 - Grant awarded at \$70,000 total
 - \$35,000 from NEA
 - \$35,000 matching City funds from the grant contingency fund

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approval