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Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, February 3 - Afternoon and Evening Sessions

Reminder that Council will meet next **Tuesday** in regularly scheduled sessions at **1:00 P.M.** and **7:00 P.M.** The agenda for the meeting was published on Thursday:

<https://pub-raleighnc.escribemeetings.com/>

Please note there will be a **Closed Session** immediately following the afternoon session of the Council meeting.

Reminder: If there is an item you would like to have pulled from the consent agenda for discussion, please send an e-mail mayorstaff@raleighnc.gov by 11 A.M. on the day of the meeting.

INFORMATION:

Small Business Grant Awards in FY 2025

Staff Resource: Mark Weldon, Economic and Social Advancement, 996-3139, mark.weldon@raleighnc.gov

In FY 2025, the City awarded \$432,970 to 17 small businesses and disbursed \$172,012 to 7 businesses through the Building Upfit Grant (BUG) and Façade Rehabilitation Grant.

Awards spanned restaurants, retail, entertainment, and personal services industries, and facilitated over \$1.46 million in building improvements, a leverage of 9.7 times the amount awarded.

The BUG matches 50% of construction costs for interior improvements in commercial buildings. BUG helps businesses do shell buildouts, open new spaces, and expand existing ones. Completed projects in FY25 include Raleigh Investing, Past Participle Books, and Litt Fitness. 22 projects are in progress including Left Hook Coffee, Bossa Nova, and the Yard Cafe and Dog Park.

The Façade Rehabilitation Grant matches 50% of costs for commercial building exterior improvements, with a maximum award of \$10,000. Exterior improvements increase foot traffic for businesses and enhance placemaking in local neighborhoods. Completed projects in FY25 include BaySix and Willow House Coffee. 15 projects are in progress including Little by Little Daycare, the Newsagents Shop, and the LGBT Center of Raleigh.



Bryan Lee, Façade Rehabilitation Grant recipient and co-owner of Willow House Coffee says: "There were several projects that we knew would come much later because of limited funds. Thanks to the grant, we were able to fast track those projects and give our community the beautiful space they so deserve..

To learn more about the Small Business Development division's impact, read the [FY 2025 Small Business Development Annual Report](#).

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Art Meets Mobility: Downtown Raleigh Welcomes New Mural Project

Staff Resource: *Hannah Dos Santos, Transportation, 996-2165, hannah.dossantos@raleighnc.gov*
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Jenn Hales, Arts, 996-4689, jenn.hales@raleighnc.gov

The City Transportation Department in collaboration with Raleigh Arts, is advancing a downtown expansion of shared micromobility parking with approximately 70 new e-scooter and e-bike corrals planned for installation in 2026. This project builds upon the success of the Glenwood South scooter corral pilot, and pairs durable, road-safe infrastructure with locally designed public art to improve parking compliance and safety. Public participation in the design of these new corrals is welcome and all concept designs are currently open for public review and feedback through February 13, 2026 at <https://publicinput.com/j27307>. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum explaining this project.

(Attachment)

Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: *Sarah Heinsohn, Office of Special Events, 996-2200, sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov*

Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

(Attachment)

Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow up to the January 20 Council Meeting

Trailwood Drive Rezonings

Staff Resource: *Jacob Hunt, Planning & Development, 996-6333, jacob.hunt@raleighnc.gov*

During the meeting, Council requested information about each of the three pending rezoning requests on Trailwood Drive. The requests can be viewed together [here](#). A staff memorandum with additional information about each of the three requests is included with the *Update* materials.

(Attachment)

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Paul Kallam, Transportation Director
From	Hannah Dos Santos, Active Transportation Planner Natalie Carmen, Sr. Mobility Engineering Coordinator Jenn Hales, Public Art Project Manager
Department	Transportation, Raleigh Arts
Date	January 30, 2025
Subject	Art Meets Mobility: Downtown Raleigh Welcomes New Mural Project

Public Art Meets Transportation Infrastructure

Last summer, the City issued a call for local artists to help create designs for the new shared micromobility parking corral network planned for 2026. Eight local artists were selected in fall 2025 and have since developed their first round of concept designs. An example of one artist's concept design is shown below. All concept designs are currently open for public review and feedback at <https://publicinput.com/j27307>.



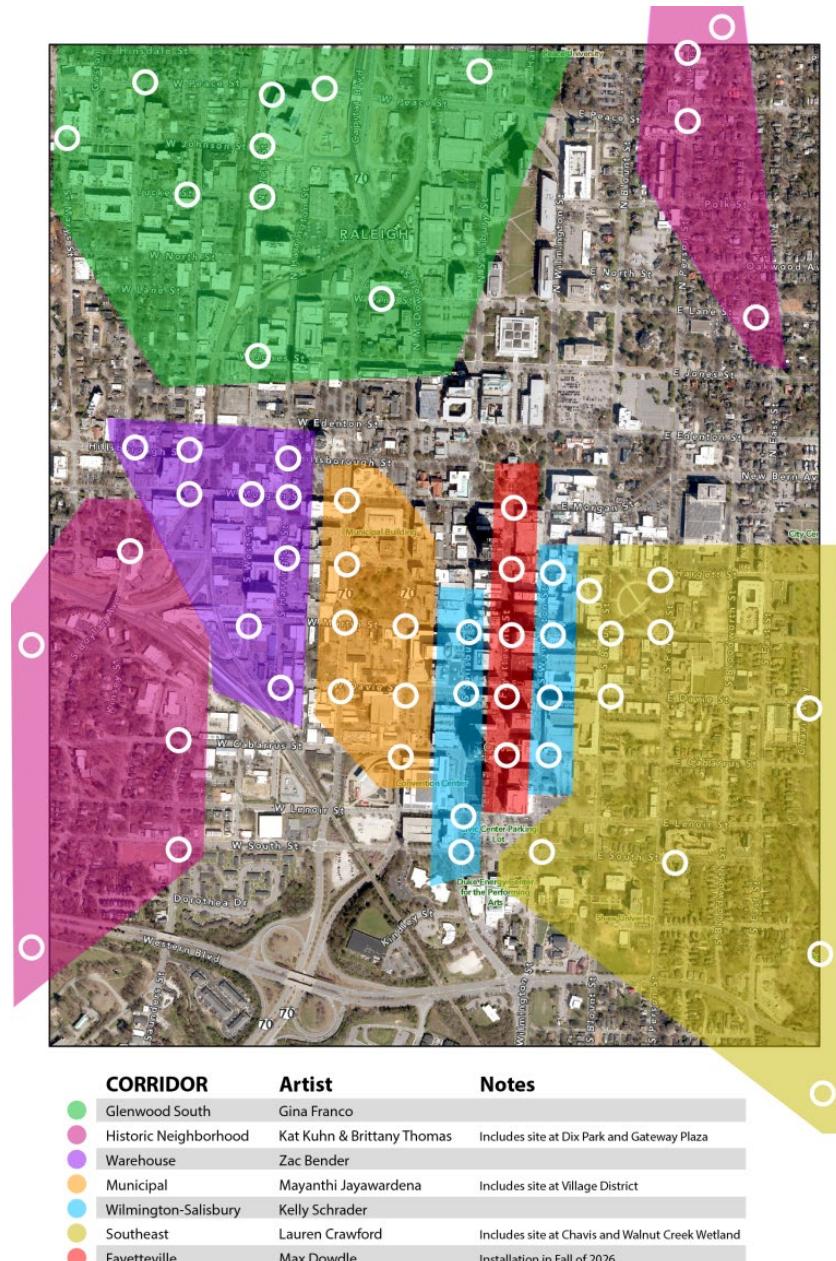
Concept design above created by local artist Gina Franco

To support a cohesive yet place-based approach, approximately 70 new corral locations have been organized into seven downtown corridors, with each artist assigned to a specific corridor. This structure allows designs to respond to the character of each area while maintaining visual consistency across the network.

The artists will use professional-grade, road-safe pavement coatings to create bold, simple designs that:

- Clearly highlight scooter and bike parking locations
- Improve visibility for drivers and pedestrians
- Add color and character to the downtown streetscape

To ensure cohesion across the downtown wide implementation, artists are working within a 10-color palette and designing graphics suited to fast-drying, multi-coat application.



Corral locations within zones highlighted

Community Engagement Underway

The project is currently in its community outreach and feedback phase, with the public invited to review and provide feedback on the artists' concept designs. Community feedback will help inform final design selection.

- **Public outreach & feedback:** Now through February 13th
- **Final designs selected & communicated:** March–April 2026
- **Installation window:** Spring through end of summer/fall 2026

What Are Micromobility Corrals?

Shared micromobility corrals are designated parking areas for shared e-scooters and e-bikes available for rent in Raleigh. A standard corral is approximately 20 feet long by 8 feet wide, though dimensions vary by location.

These corrals:

- Help keep sidewalks clear and ADA accessible
- Improve predictability and safety for all street users
- Make it easier to find and park shared devices
- Support rider compliance through clear visual cues

The installation of the micromobility corrals will utilize non programmed curb space. No parking spaces are being removed or impacted as part of this project.

Supporting Tools & Ongoing Compliance

As a reminder, the City's reporting feature for improperly parked scooters continues to be available, and since August 2025, reports are now submitted through the Ask Raleigh portal (<https://ask.raleighnc.gov/ask>), streamlining requests and improving response coordination.

This reporting tool complements existing measures such as in-app parking guidance, designated parking zones, and the City's escalating compliance policy. All these tools contributed to strong results along the Glenwood South corridor.

A Citywide Expansion Informed by Success

The Glenwood South corridor demonstrated that clear design, durable materials, and visible cues can meaningfully improve parking behavior and corridor safety. Since the corrals were upgraded, the Glenwood South corridor has had a scooter parking compliance rate greater than 72%. This mural initiative builds directly on that success, pairing infrastructure expansion with public art and community engagement to support a growing shared micromobility network downtown.

Together, these efforts help make Raleigh's streets safer and more inviting, pairing functional transportation infrastructure with public art and thoughtful design.



One of the 14 artistic Glenwood South scooter corrals installed in 2025

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, January 30 – Thursday, February 5

City of Raleigh Office of Special Events
specialevents@raleighnc.gov | 919-996-2200 | raleighnc.gov/special-events-office

NOTE: Schedules are subject to change due to inclement weather. Please check event websites for the latest information.

Permitted Special Events

[ARTivation: The Iceberg Trail](#)

Market Plaza

Through Monday, February 16

Event Time: 8:00am - 11:00pm daily

Associated Impacts: Market Plaza will be used until 11:45pm on 2-17-26.

Other Upcoming Events

[Appalachian Road Show – PineCone](#)

Friday, January 30

Fletcher Opera Theater

[Zachariah Porter](#)

Friday, January 30

Meymandi Concert Hall

[CINCH World's Toughest Rodeo](#)

Friday, January 30

Lenovo Center

[Madama Butterfly – NC Opera](#)

Friday, January 30 & Sunday, February 1

Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

[Serial Killers with Dr. Scott Bonn](#)

Saturday, January 31

Fletcher Opera Theater

[Los Angeles Kings vs. Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Sunday, February 1

Lenovo Center

[Mental Health Check-In](#)

Monday, February 2

John P. "Top" Greene African American Cultural Center

[Room 112 Tour](#)

Tuesday, February 3

Meymandi Concert Hall

[Ottawa Senators vs. Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Tuesday, February 3

Lenovo Center

Little River Band

Thursday, February 5
Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

Carmen Suite – Carolina Ballet

Thursday, February 5 – Sunday, February 22
Fletcher Opera Theater

Public Resources

Event Feedback Form: Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

Road Closure & Road Race Map: A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

Online Events Calendar: View all currently scheduled events that impact city streets, public plazas, and Dix Park.

New Amplified Noise Ordinance Takes Effect January 2026

The City Council approved a [new amplified noise ordinance](#), which went into effect Jan. 1, 2026. Stadiums, arenas, and outdoor sports or entertainment venues, including amphitheaters, are exempt. Parades, outdoor events, races, festivals, and concerts that receive a permit from the Office of Special Events are also not subject to the ordinance.

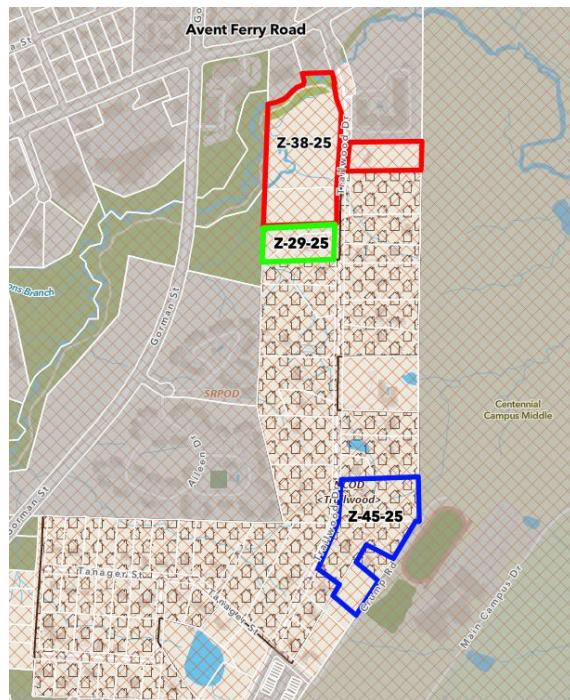
Council Member Follow Up

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Patrick O. Young, AICP, Director
From	Jacob Hunt, AICP, Senior Planner
Department	Planning and Development
Date	January 27, 2026
Subject	City Council January 20 meeting follow up: Trailwood Drive Rezoning Requests

Overview

During their January 20 meeting, City Council requested information about each of the three pending rezoning requests on Trailwood Drive. The requests can be viewed together on [iMAPS](#). All three of the requested rezonings are within the ETJ, but currently outside Raleigh's corporate limits. Annexation would be required to access city services, including water and sewer. All three properties are designated Low Scale Residential on the Future Land Use Map. More information about each request follows.

Pending Trailwood Drive Rezoning Requests



Rezoning Request	Z-29-25
Address	1116 & 1126 Trailwood Dr (iMAPS)
Acreage	2.81
Current Zoning	Residential-4 (R-4) w/Special Residential Parking Overlay District (SRPOD)
Request Zoning	Residential-10 (R-10) w/ SRPOD
Applicant/Owner	Worth Mills, Longleaf Law Partners/Arya Asgari
Status of Request	Planning Commission review ongoing; next discussion February 10. Report of Planning Commission March 3 or later. (Rezoning Z-29-25: Trailwood Drive, south of the intersection of Trailwood Drive and Avent Ferry Road (District D upon annexation) - Planning Commission Regular Meeting - November 25, 2025)

Z-29-25 is adjacent to the NCOD. There is currently a single detached home on the property. Proposed conditions would prohibit some group living and non-residential uses; eliminate the apartment building type; and limit development to 32 units. Newly offered conditions increase building setbacks and buffer planting standards; and limit the location, height, and offsite impacts of outdoor lighting fixtures.

This request was first discussed by Planning Commission on November 25. After receiving a time extension for review from City Council on January 20, Planning Commission will continue their review on February 10, including discussion of revised conditions offered by the applicant on January 13, 2026.

Rezoning Request	Z-38-25
Address	1000, 1017 & 1100 Trailwood Dr (iMAPS)
Acreage	13.8
Current Zoning	Residential-4 (R-4) and Residential-6-Conditional Use (R-6) w/SRPOD
Request Zoning	Residential Mixed Use-3-Conditional Use (RX-3-CU)
Applicant/Owner	Molly Stuart, Morningstar Law Group/Floresta LLC

Status of Request	Second neighborhood meeting February 2. Planning Commission could begin review as early as February 24. (Rezoning Application and Checklist)
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Z-38-25 is also outside of the NCOD. There is currently a single detached home on the eastern parcel, and the two western parcels are vacant. The two western parcels were rezoned to R-6-CU in 2024 by rezoning Z-22-2023. A significant portion of the northwest parcel is within the floodway and flood zone.

Conditions for the existing R-6-CU zoning district include a limit of 40 units; the prohibition of the apartment building types; a greenway connection; six acres of undisturbed areas; increased setbacks, buffers, and stormwater control measures; requirement for permeable pavement in the floodplain; rooftop screening; and limits on resident parking.

Proposed conditions for RX-3-CU area of the request carry over the greenway connection from the previous approval and require that parking shall not be permitted between apartment building and Trailwood Drive if the building is within 50 ft of Trailwood Drive.

Rezoning Request	Z-45-25
Address	1415 & 1507 Trailwood Dr, 0 Crump Rd (iMAPS)
Acreage	7.95
Current Zoning	Residential-4 (R-4) and Residential-2- Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District (R-2-NCOD) w/SRPOD
Request Zoning	Residential-10-Conditional Use (R-10-CU)
Applicant/Owner	Molly Stuart, Morningstar Law Group on behalf of LDG Development/Hamid Sadeghi; David Sadeghi; and Ross and Laura Zambanini
Status of Request	Second neighborhood meeting February 5. Planning Commission could begin review as early as February 24. (Rezoning Application and Checklist)

The parcels at 1415 and 1507 Trailwood Drive are within the Trailwood NCOD; 0 Crump is outside the NCOD. If rezoned, the request would remove both the NCOD and the

parking overlay. The Trailwood Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District requires that development within the NCOD meets the following standards:

- Minimum lot size: 20,000 square feet.
- Minimum lot frontage: 100 feet.
- Front yard setback: Minimum of 60 feet.
- Side yard setback: Minimum of 20 feet within the front 100 feet of the lot; otherwise, minimum of 10 feet.
- Maximum building height: 2½ stories and 30 feet from finished grade of the main entry floor.

There are detached homes at 1415 and 1507 Trailwood Drive. 0 Crump Road is a vacant parcel. Proposed conditions for the site would keep the NCOD lot size and frontage requirements but eliminate the rest as requirements for these parcels. The conditions would also limit the development to 156 units and require that the mean rent for all units would be affordable for households earning 60% area median income or less for 30 years.

The applicant has indicated that they would request funding from the city if the rezoning were approved.