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## **ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING**

November 15, 2017

5:30 PM

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 pm.

In attendance were: Dan Schultz, Kenny Mull, Michelle Claytor, Kim Gardner, Sarah Massie, Don Frady, and Mackie McKay and Rhett Langston. Wallace Messer and Lee Starnes were unable to attend.

Sarah Massie made a motion to accept the October 18 minutes as presented by Chairman Kenny Mull. Dan Schultz seconded the motion. All voted and the motion was carried.

New Business:

- The monthly report for October was reviewed.
- Rhett reported that the quest for the CAPRA certification has been going well. A total of 34 of 37 fundamental standards have been met as well as 93 out of 114 regular standards.
- The last day for Mitch Parris, our intern from Western Carolina University, will be Monday, November 20. Mitch has done an outstanding job and we wish him the very best in his professional career.
- It was discussed and agreed by everyone on the advisory commission to be present at the November 28 Town of Waynesville Board of Aldermen meeting to request permission to approach Haywood County in asking them to restore the \$70,000 per year allocation to the Town of Waynesville for recreational expenses for county residents. The Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department provides the recreation facilities in Haywood County. Haywood County paid \$70,000 per year from 2002—08. In 2009, Haywood County paid \$52,601 and then stopped when the recession began. Since then the Town of Waynesville has not had any financial contributions from Haywood County.
- Rhett shared pictures of the progress of the All Abilities Playground. The equipment should be installed by Friday, November 17. The sidewalk will be put in after Thanksgiving and then the flooring will be the last step. A grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony has not yet been set.
- Rhett reported that we have reorganized our website in order to minimize any possible miscommunication and also hired the Smoky Mountain News to manage the Facebook page. This has really helped as our likes are now over 2,000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhett Langston

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