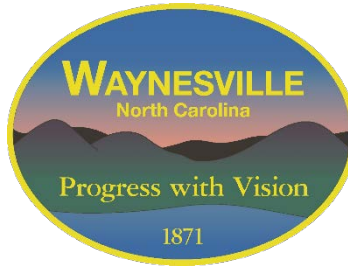


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ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

**January 20, 2026
5:30 PM**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **5:37 PM**.

Present:

- Nate Webster
- Eva Hansen
- Mitch Beardon
- Megan Hauser
- Justin Jameson

Absent:

- David Hyder
- Dan Schultz
- Nicole Kott
- Mandy Giust

2. Approval of Minutes

The **December 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes** were reviewed and **approved as presented**.

3. Department Updates

FEMA Projects Update

Luke provided updates regarding ongoing **FEMA projects**, including work on ballfields and other approved and pending projects. Updates included:

- Status of current projects

- Budget development progress
- Bid timelines

Additional FEMA-related projects and coordination efforts remain ongoing.

Capital & Project Updates

Luke also provided updates on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan process, including:

- Status of the public survey
- Open house events currently taking place
- Continued planning and coordination efforts

4. New Business

A. PARTF Grant Application – Helene Project

The Board discussed submitting a **PARTF grant application** for the Helene project. Key points included:

- The proposed project is a new dog park.
- The grant request amount will be **\$200,000**.
- Discussion of eligibility and alignment with PARTF scoring criteria.
- Application submittal is anticipated during the **first week of February**.

The Board supported moving forward with the application.

B. County Funding Request – Data Review

The Board reviewed Parks & Recreation program data prepared for presentation to County Council in support of a funding request.

Discussion included:

- Key participation metrics
- How compelling program data can strengthen the funding case
- Strategies for presenting information clearly and effectively to gain Council support

The Board agreed that strong data presentation will be critical in advocating for funding.

C. RecJam '26 – 5K Planning Discussion

The Board discussed planning for **RecJam '26 5K**.

- The event date was finalized for **September 26, 2026**.
- Logistics will follow the same structure and setup as the previous year.

- Planning considerations and next steps were reviewed.

5. Other Business

No additional business was brought forward.

Board members discussed upcoming events and ongoing initiatives as part of general updates.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **7:11 PM**.

Chair's signature: *Eva Hansen*

Respectfully Submitted,
Eva Hansen, Chairman