



ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

May 13, 2008
6:30 PM

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

In attendance were: Rhonda Schandavel, Trina Sandridge, Michelle Schumacher, Scotty Schulhofer, Lee Starnes, Kenny Mull, Tim Plowman and Rhett Langston. Sarah Massie, Wallace Messer and Don Frady was unable to attend.

Kenny read the minutes from the April 8 meeting. Lee made the motion to approve and Scotty second. Approved by all.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Rhett reported that the first Vision Team meeting was very successful. A total of 19 people attended and there were 29 ideas. There will be three more meetings with this team.
- Kelly Shea has left the department. Abby Batten has been hired as the new youth program coordinator. We are very pleased to have Abby on board.
- Tim Plowman gave a presentation on the current and new fitness programs at the Waynesville Recreation Center. He explained that we now have more staff to serve as substitutes so we would not have to cancel any exercise classes. Tim also reported on the progress of the greenway and the Richland Creek Project.
- Rhett explained that the upcoming budget year would be very tight due to the economy and the increase in gas prices.
- We are planning to have an open house for the Latino community. The purpose is to explain in both English and Spanish what we have to offer in terms of facilities and programs.
- Our Spring Break Camp was a success. We had 30 campers and therefore had to stop taking additional campers.
- Our staff went through a sexual harassment seminar.
- Rhett reported that he had a conference call with DOT officials, State Parks and Recreation officials and Paul Benson regarding the Howell Mill Road Project. They have proposed four parcels in exchange for the construction work due to take place. It is estimated that this project will effect the disc golf hole that is located parallel to Howell Mill Road. The plan is for this to be replaced at another location.
- Festivities are being planned July 1, 2008 in celebration of Haywood County receiving the honor of being named one of five pilot programs for Mountain Heritage Trout Waters City. Both Maggie Valley and Waynesville along with Bakersville, Spruce Pine and Newland have also been designated as part of the pilot program. Activities are currently being planned that will provide educational and fun entertainment for participants of all ages. The kick off will begin at 11:00 with a ribbon cutting on the waters edge along with remarks from Senator Joe Sam Queen and Mayor Gavin Brown.
- We will begin trying a new form of marketing by giving physicians and real estate agents passes for patients and new people in the area to try the Recreation Center.
- Rhett met with Haywood County School officials about having a field day competition in Spring '09 for elementary and middle school students.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rhett Langston