

Waynesville Parks and Recreation
Department
550 Vance Street
Waynesville, NC 28786



Phone: 828.456.2030
Fax: 828.456.2034
Website: waynesvillenc.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

“Nationally Accredited”

ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

**February 19, 2024
5:30 PM**

MINUTES

In attendance were Eva Hansen, Mark Tongen, Mandy Giust, David Hyder, Megan Hauser, Chad Carver

Absent: Matt Diskin, Jon Sears

Luke Kinsland, Director, staffed the meeting.

Call to Order: Eva welcomed those members in attendance and announced Matt Diskin has resigned due to his planned move out of the area.

Minutes: David motioned the January minutes be approved as submitted and Megan seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

New Business:

- Medford Grant by Kiwanis to improve East Street Park-Eva confirmed the application for the Medford fund to improve the East Street Park was submitted on 2/2/24. A copy of an infographic regarding the park project was distributed and discussed. Eva will be presenting this to the town board on behalf of Kiwanis to request a resolution of support on February 27th.
- Summary of Meeting with TDA Director Corinna Ruffieux - Luke, Mandy and Eva met with Corinna for a few hours giving her a brief tour of the rec center, Vance, Rec and East St Parks. Mandy and Luke identified her key points as the following:
 1. Attend the TDA meetings to stay updated.
 2. TDA already collects data that would be useful and available to Waynesville Parks
 3. TDA grants this year are focused on advertising & signage. Could include kiosks & QR codes.
 4. Encouraged periodic collaborative meetings between Waynesville, Canton & County Parks.

Old Business/Director's Report:

- Summer Camp planning is in process and going well. There is preparation to begin providing part time childcare for members soon. Staffing updates include the new Athletics Supervisor started this week and the lack of sufficient lifeguards continues to be a challenge to provide all the potential programming and revenue generating opportunities.
- Status of budget planning/continued input from commission - a handout was distributed listing the ideas and suggestions generated at the previous meeting by the members. Note pads were distributed to all those present at the meeting to list their suggestions and were collected at the end of the meeting to be collated and added to the list. Luke reported the Town Board and Leadership Team Budget Retreat was planned for early March. The direction he has received thus far regarding the budget is it will be a very tight budget for the town overall. It seems the priorities now are new cardio equipment, resurfacing of the tennis courts and a mower for maintenance. He is advocating for funds to begin the process of contracting with a company to update or create a new comprehensive plan for Waynesville Parks and Recreation to include site surveys. In the discussion that followed members advocated approaching the county commissioners and focus on other funding sources. In addition, there is the opportunity to leverage the 25th anniversary of the Rec Center for a fund development effort.

Other Business/Chair's Comments:

Eva reported a new Haywood County Recreation Director was hired, Elli Flagg.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

Chair's signature _____

Respectfully Submitted,
Eva Hansen, Chairman