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## **ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING**

**December 21, 2016  
5:30 PM**

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### **MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm.

In attendance were: Kenny Mull, Dan Schultz, Heath Sutton, Michelle Claytor, Wallace Messer, Lee Starnes, and Rhett Langston. Linda O’Niel, Don Frady, and Sarah Massie were unable to attend.

- The minutes were read and passed from the November 16, 2016 meeting.

#### Old Business:

- None

#### New Business:

- Rhett presented the November monthly report.
- The Haywood County Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission Joint Meeting will take place in February, 2017.
- The Town of Waynesville will have a new park in the master plan near Pigeon Street. Currently there are not any plans as to what will be put in the new park.
- We have had another complaint about the center fence at the dog park. A center fence would separate the park into two smaller parks. Rhett will find out if we are legally liable for not having two separate dog parks.
- We held a final public meeting for the comprehensive master plan on December 14. All Town of Waynesville employees were invited to speak from 3 to 4 pm and the public from 4 to 7 pm.
- Rhett shared an idea from the Haywood County Public Library. They are interested in pursuing an early literacy opportunity that promotes both reading and exercise: a Story Walk. Story Walks are popping up across North Carolina in towns and parks, providing a fun way to spread the joy of reading and being outdoors. A Story Walk involves mounting pages from a children’s storybook and spacing them apart so that you walk from one mounted page to the next in order to read the book. The Haywood County Public Library would like to partner with the Waynesville Recreation Department to put a storywalk around the walking track at the Recreation Center on Vance Street. This area will provide a beautiful, family friendly environment for families to enjoy the storywalk while making use of the recreation campus. Fifteen or sixteen attractive story displays will be placed along the walking path. The library will install and maintain the displays. The library will also remove the displays with a written notification from the recreation department of Town of Waynesville. The director of the Haywood County Library will make a presentation before the Town of Waynesville Board of Aldermen.
- The January meeting for our advisory commission will be held at a special day and time. This will be on Monday, January 9, 12 noon at the Waynesville Recreation Center. The purpose will be the presentation of the Comprehensive Master Plan by Alfred Benesch, Inc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhett Langston

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