

Town of Farragut – Arts and Beautification Committee

November 20, 2020

Members Present: Beverley Hammond, Marty Rodgers, Marianne McGill and Diane Duncan

Town of Farragut Staff: Arleen Higginbotham, Sue Stuhl and Brittany Spencer

Guest: Bettye Newby

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Diane Duncan at 11:48 AM. Marianne McGill moved the minutes be approved as distributed. Marty Rodgers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Light the Park: Pictures with Santa will not be possible at Light the Park this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of Light the Park there will be a Light the Parkway with lights on trees from Founders Park to the Campbell Station Inn. There will be a Ribbon Cutting and Dedication at 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 3 at the Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza with only a few people in attendance. There will be an open Plaza event at 4:30 PM with cookies and music.

There will be activities in Founders Park during the holiday season but only as a Grab and Go event. The Arts and Beautification Committee will hand out a pre-packaged craft at the Gazebo in Founder's Park on December 1 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Committee members will hand out a cookie decorating kit on December 15 at the same time. Committee members are to report to the Gazebo at 5:45 PM to help with the event on both days. Arleen will send out a reminder a few days before the event. There will be elves during the four weeks of Light the Parkway and there will be Give-A-Ways by businesses during the event.

Holiday Decoration Awards: The awards for the Holiday Decoration Contest will be voted on December 14 during the meeting of the ABC Committee. Arleen and Brittany will take pictures of decorated houses and the Committee will vote on the winners.

Art Show: It was decided to have a two-dimensional art show which will be held March 5 and 6, 2021. Categories will be Print Making, Paint, Drawing and Mixed Media. Diane will help with further refining the categories. There will also be a maximum size limit due to the limits of the Community Center. The awards will be the same as last year's Photography Show. The prizes will be first, second and third plus a Grand Prize Winner. There is a \$15.00 fee per entry with a maximum of three submissions. Brittany knows a judge for the event and will contact her.

Refreshments of prepackaged cookies and bottled water might be given to the attendees but this was decided as unnecessary so there will be no reception or refreshments.

Book Fest: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Book Fest probably will not be held in the spring of 2021. A suggestion was made to move it to September on a Sunday afternoon. Members will discuss this at the January meeting. If Book Fest is held, it will be held at the Community Center instead of Founder's Park.

Pleasant Forest Cemetery: this event was held for the first time in June, 2018. Because it is on a three year rotation with other major art events, this is scheduled for 2021. Again, due to the pandemic, it may be unwise to hold it in the spring of 2021. A late Fall date was suggested and this will be discussed with the Pleasant Forest Cemetery Board. It may be postponed until the Spring of 2022 depending upon the state of the pandemic. Current plans are to use paid actors who will write their script and provide their own costume. The theater departments of The University of Tennessee and Pellissippi State Community College may be a source of actors. This event may be affected by construction if the Biddle property is developed.

Beatification Awards: This activity is planned for Spring, 2021. Pictures will be taken in May with the ABC Committee members voting at their meeting and Awards will be given in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 PM.

The next meeting will be in January on a date to be determined at 4:00 PM in the Community Center. (The regular meeting date of January 18 is Martin Luther King, Jr Day which is a holiday.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverley Hammond, Secretary