

Town of Farragut—Arts and Beautification Committee (ABC)
August 15, 2022

Members Present: Annie Judkins, Joyce Moran, Abhikhya Gudala, Marianne McGill, Marty Rodgers, Michele Barker, Lisa Hall, TC Williams, Dora Taggart, Diane Duncan

Absent: Michelle Morrow, Bettye Newby, Wendy Stiles, Mayor Williams

Town of Farragut Staff: Arleen Higginbotham, Merritt Piper, and Sue Stuhl

The meeting was called to order at 11:40AM by Annie Judkins. The June minutes were distributed the members. TC Williams moved the minutes be approved. Joyce Moran seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An election of officers was held. Annie Judkins was nominated to be Chair by Michele Barker and seconded by Marianne McGill. Marianne McGill was nominated to be Vice Chair by TC Williams and seconded by Annie Judkins. Dora Taggart was nominated to be Secretary by Annie Judkins and seconded by Marianne McGill.

Merritt Piper let a review of the policies and procedures with everyone reminded that while these are open meetings, any topics requiring a vote must only be discussed during the council meeting. Also, everyone was reminded that there should be no personal gain from any vote and if there is any inclination of gain, it must be disclosed in a signed disclosure form.

A general review of the upcoming activities was reviewed including the following:

- ArtFest to be held on Sept 18 from 1-3pm with volunteers arriving at 12:15pm. Need volunteers to maintain 10 stations for the event.
- Freaky Friday to be held on Oct 28 from 4:30-7pm
- Town Decorating on Nov 18 at 9:30am.
- Celebrate the season on Dec 1 starting at 4pm
- Light the Park Giveaway on Nov 22 from 5-8pm for the ABC to host. Nightly other businesses will host up until Dec 23
- Quilt show will be held on Feb 18 and 19. It is a free show but volunteers will be needed for set up and take down on Feb 17 and 20 respectively.

Emails will be sent for volunteer signup in advance of each event. As a unanimous decision, the Sept 19th meeting was canceled due to the Art Fest being held on Sept 18th. The next meeting will be held on Oct 17.

Due to a lack of entries for the beautification award, there was discussion to not renew this in 2023. After discussion, it was decided to consider holding the event with limited categories and discontinue the plaques and just post information on the winners in the newspaper and on social media. A date for the awards will be set at a future meeting.

Additional goals for FY2023 included continuing the 2022 activities but rotating the quilt show to an art show (possibly combined with a floral interpretation) in the summer of 2024. 2025 would include a living history tour. It was noted that these events fall within fiscal years rather than calendar years and these run July 1 to June 30.

Sue Stuhl reviewed the master action plan which will be updated again later this fall.

It was proposed by Annie Judkins and seconded by Michele Barker to accept an art sculpture being donated by a local citizen. Discussion resulted in a decision to place the sculpture in the blue playground behind town hall. This will be moved to administration for final approval.

The final discussion was regarding the landscape plan for the sign in the front of town hall. It was proposed by Michele Barker and seconded by Annie Judkins to follow the recommendation of the landscaper for installation in late fall. ABC will add extra accents to the area and to the flowerpots. An email will be sent to form a subcommittee for this installation in Oct as well as Christmas Décor.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm through a motion by Michele Barker and seconded by TC Williams.

Respectfully submitted,
Dora Taggart, Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2022.