

Town of Farragut – Arts and Beautification Committee (ABC)
August 19, 2024

Members Present: Bill Battle, Annie Dittman, Lisa Hall, Sue-Ann Hansler, Cynthia Howell, Linda McCarthy, Marianne McGill, Joyce Moran, TC Williams, Ella Woods (Student)

Absent: Dot LaMarche, Mayor Williams

Town of Farragut Staff: Arleen Higginbotham, Rachel Malone, and Ron Oestreich

The meeting was called to order by Sue-Ann at 11:30 a.m. Each person in attendance introduced themselves with Cynthia as one of the new members and Linda as an outgoing member this year. The June minutes were distributed to the members; a motion was made by Joyce to approve the minutes with Marianne seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Sue-Ann discussed the July 11, 2024, meeting where she presented the FY 2024 activities and FY 2025 goals to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA). A copy of the letter given to BOMA by Sue-Ann was distributed to each attendee.

The election of FY 2025 officers for ABC was then held and the following appointments were discussed and approved: Lisa Hall as Chair, Annie Dittman as Vice-Chair, and Cynthia Howell as Secretary. As the new ABC Chair, Lisa presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Ron opened discussion of the current approved 2025 committee goals: ArtFest, Freaky Friday, Celebrate the Season, Art/Photo event, and the Parade. Additional ABC activities proposed were assisting the tourism committee with a community event celebrating the opening of Biddle Farms next summer and a mural art competition for the renovated Town Hall building.

Rachel discussed the current plans for ArtFest to be held at the Farragut Community Center on Sunday, September 15th from 1-3PM with activities similar to 2024 including the following stations: spin art, rock painting, easels for watercolor painting, fans, bookmarks, and masks for children to decorate. Members were encouraged to sign up to assist in this event. Those assisting should plan to be there by 12PM and stay until 4PM for prep and clean up.

Next, Rachel discussed Freaky Friday which will be held on Friday, October 25th from 5-7PM at Bob Leonard Park. The committee will be responsible for handing out candy and are encouraged to wear costumes to the event. Those able to assist should plan to arrive by 4:30PM and stay until 7:30PM.

A motion by Bill was made to adjourn the meeting and Marianne seconded. Sign-up sheets for ArtFest and Freaky Friday were made available at the conclusion of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Howell