



Parks & Athletics Council Meeting

Farragut Community Center

Assembly Hall

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2023
3. McFee Park Pickleball Discussion and BOMA Recommendation Vote
4. Master Plan/CIP Update
5. Field Allocation Discussion
6. Volunteer Opportunities
7. Other Business & Adjournment

Field Allocation Meeting

Farragut Community Center

Assembly Hall

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting – March 5, 2023 (1st Tuesday due to Spring Break



January 9, 2024

To: Parks & Athletics Council

Fr: Ron Oestreich, Parks and Recreation Director

Re: Recommendations for Pickleball

The Pickleball situation at McFee Park has been well documented and discussed both at the Parks and Athletics Council Meetings and Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meetings.

To summarize, the residents of Brass Lantern whose homes border McFee Park's Tennis/Pickleball courts have expressed dire concern over the constant noise created from Pickleball's striking paddles.

Pickleball players have also expressed their desire to continue to play a game that has health and social benefits for them.

As you all know, at the November 14, Parks and Athletics Council meeting, after discussion regarding both sides of this situation, the Council recommended that a discussion task force be formed with Brass Lantern resident representatives and representatives from the Pickleball community who also reside in the Town of Farragut. This discussion group was to be organized and officiated by the Parks and Recreation Director, Ron Oestreich.

On November 29, this discussion meeting was held at the Farragut Community Center. Three residents from Brass Lantern were present; David Zena, Geroge Ellis, and HOA President Joe Ludick. Two Farragut resident Pickleball representatives were also present; Carlos Reveiz, Cathy Burgess. Ron Oestreich was also present and served as the Town of Farragut representative.

Discussion was productive, allowing everyone to express their feelings and discuss ideas such as alternate days of play, reduction of court hours, keeping north courts closed permanently.

Everyone in the meeting understood at the time that there truly is no **immediate** permanent solution. Something of this magnitude needs to be properly planned and funds allocated. The discussion group settled on the following short term, medium term, and long-term recommendations to the Parks and Athletics Council for consideration.

Proposed Short-term Activity

- McFee Park North Courts to be Tennis Only. (ToF looking to re-stripe the North courts for tennis only).
- McFee Park South Courts to be Pickleball only (not to be re-striped due to several local schools utilizing the courts for their Tennis teams).
- Permanent signs will be installed explaining this change in court use.

Proposed Medium -term Activity

- ToF to work with Landscape architect to conduct study on location, timeline, and overall cost for a dedicated and lighted Pickleball complex at Mayor Bob Leonard Park

Proposed Long-Term Solution

- Based on results of study – build a dedicated and lighted Pickleball complex at Mayor Bob Leonard Park

Recommendation

Staff recommends that these three potential solutions be approved by the Parks and Athletics Council and presented to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for their consideration at the January 25, 2024 meeting.