

**Farragut Parks and Athletics Council Minutes**  
**Farragut Community Center Assembly Hall**  
**Tuesday, January 9, 1924 6:00 PM**

Present: Brian Walker, Jeff Ullian, Randy Armstrong, Derek Wright, Joe Lacroix, Debbie Pinchok, Riley Honken. Absent: Dian Hall, Anabel Zablah (youth representative)

Staff present: Ron Oestreich, Ryan Rhodus, Drew Burnette

Several visitors representing pickleball and brass lantern interests were present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by chairperson Jeff Ullian.
2. Joe moved to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2023 meeting and it was seconded by Debbie and unanimously approved.
3. Ron reviewed the information sheet regarding "Recommendations for Pickleball" including some short-term, medium-term, and long-term activities. Ron stated that the subcommittee meeting of the pickleball people and the Brass Lantern people on November 29 was respectful and productive. They have worked well together to address the pickleball issues at our courts in McFee Park. He said that the different groups have their eyes open to each other's needs. Debbie spoke, reminding the visitors and council of the options offered by the POP at Fort Sanders West and the Pickleball Playground on Ball Camp Rd. Both are within a 15-20 minute drive from Farragut. Motion was made by Drew Burnette and Randy Armstrong to accept the "Recommendations for Pickleball". All members voted yes except Brian Walker voted no. The recommendation will be presented to BOMA at the January 25 meeting.
4. Ron reviewed our Master Plan noting that the 55 acres adjacent to McFee park has been purchased at a cost of \$5,500,000. We have been gifted the additional 15 acres for a total of 70 acres. Work on the Dog Park at McFee Park is to begin in February. The parking lot and pavers need to be completed before the Dog Park can be opened. That project is approved but waiting for Federal Grant Approval. The ADA compliance project at MBLP is also scheduled to begin in early 2024. Mayor Williams has signed both of the contracts. Bud McKelvey from Public Works worked very hard to find a company to make the electronic gates for McFee Park and the project came in under budget. They should be installed in March. The two rectangular fields 1 and 2 at MBLP will have the synthetic turf replaced, one at a time, early this year and each one will take about six weeks. The sand volleyball court will also be renovated in early 2024.
5. Ryan and Ron reviewed how the field allocation process would proceed.
6. There are currently no upcoming events needing volunteer help.
7. Ron announced a new employee Colby ??? in Parks and Rec beginning January 24. Work is ongoing on a program in February for Black History Month. There will also be a joint effort between the Museum Committee and the Arts and Beautification Committee to provide a program in March at the Pleasant Forest Cemetery. There was discussion regarding the possibility of having more opportunities for individuals and organizations to have naming rights associated with different town projects similar to those given for the Dog Park and Adaptive Trail. No specifics were presented or voted on. The soccer groups began with Ryan at 7:50 and completed the process by 8:23. There were no issues for the Council to negotiate.

Brian Walker moved to adjourn the meeting and Joe LaCroix seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Pinchok, Secretary

