

Farragut Parks and Athletics Council Minutes
Farragut Community Center
Large Classroom
6:00 PM Tuesday, August 13, 2024
Minutes

Members present: Bill McAdams, Ayden Perez, Jerry Pullen, Brian Walker, Joe LaCroix, Randy Armstrong, Drew Burnette, Jeff Ullian, Derek Wright, Mark Gellar, Debbie Pinchok

Absent: Riley Honken, Dian Hall

Staff present: Ron Oestrich, Parks and Recreation Director; Blake Travis, Parks Manager

1. The meeting was called to order by Jeff Ullian at 6:19 PM.
2. Each member introduced himself/herself and talked about his/her interest and history with the Parks Council. We welcomed three new members, Bill McAdams, Jerry Pullen and Ayden Perez, youth representative. Ron announced that in February 2025, he will have been here two years.
3. The minutes of the May 13 meeting were reviewed. Drew moved to accept the minutes with the date change from May 4 to May 13. Derek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Election of officers was held.
 - a. Randy nominated Mark Gellar as chair.
 - b. Jeff nominated Derek to be vice-chair
 - c. Joe nominated Debbie to be secretaryThe slate was elected unanimously. At 6:25 Derek assumed leadership of the meeting in Mark's absence. Mark arrived at 6:30 and chaired the meeting.
5. Blake reported that there had been good feedback on the updated field allocation process. Some of the smaller clubs asked Blake to review the process. Drew and Derek had sat in on the team discussions and it was orderly. Drew suggested a projector and screen would be very helpful in the process. The new scheduling with three practice time slots in the evenings (5-6:30 PM, 6:30-8 PM and 8-9:30PM) provides 99 practice slots in a 7 week period, most being soccer. Each team can reserve two slots. The teams have mostly appreciated the 3 time slots each evening to address the different age groups and their preferences. There is discussion ongoing about adding age brackets to the field allocation process to help smoothe the process even more. Ron, Blake and Rachel will also attend field allocation and be involved and may act as scribes.
6. We are in the design documentation phase for the pickleball complex to be built at MBLP with 12 courts, parking lot with 2 shade structures, lights, and be completely fenced. Some reseeding and regrading of field 5 will be done. The next step is design development, then to construction documents. Ron said it should almost be done by August of 2025. It will have a north-south orientation. Bids should be requested in February. Drew and BOMA have asked for a temporary solution to the current pickleball court issue. It has been decided by Ron Oestrich and staff that they will see how a plan they announced on July 12 plays out. There are many issues regarding staffing, locks, reservations, etc. We need better cellular access at McFee for some of the issues and more staff for some of the suggestions. There is no budget for additional staffing at the present time. There will be no same day reservations allowed and the courts will be locked if there are no reservations
7. Ron reviewed the 2022-2032 Parks and Recreation Master Plan-Implementation. See attachment.
8. The FY 2025 Meeting Schedule was reviewed along with the upcoming special events for the fall season. See attachment.
9. Ron reviewed the FY 2025 Council Goals. See attachment.
10. Jeff reminded the council that town surveys have helped to plan the CIP and that more needs to be done. Blake reported that the Anchor Park basketball court surface is nearing completion and it is a great improvement and really nice surface. Jeff moved to adjourn at 7:42 PM and it was seconded by Derek and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Pinchok, Secretary

