

Parks and Athletics Council Meeting
Farragut Community Center
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
6:00 PM

Members present: Brian, Joe, Jeff, Mark, Jerry, Ayden, Bill, Randy, Debbie, Derek, Drew, Guest Alex Cain-BOMA, Ron Oestrich, Parks and Rec Director, Blake Travis, Parks Manager

Absent: Dian Hall

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mark Gellar
2. Brian moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Jerry seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Joe made a motion to have Derek chair the committee since Mark is moving. Bill seconded and it passed unanimously .
4. Open call for vice-chair-both Joe and Brian expressed interest. Joe moved and Bill seconded for Brian to move into the position. Motion passed. Brian will be Vice-Chair until June 30th.
5. Ron led the discussion on Grand Marshall for the Independence Day Parade. We have a convertible for him. Coach Dodgen confirmed that he would accept the honor. There was discussion of other honorees and Ayden recommended Coach Jeff Courtney and baseball Coach Garrett Copeland. It was decided that all three Farragut coaches should be honored so invitations will be extended to the three.
6. Drew moved that the synthetic turf rental fees should be moved from \$50/hr to \$55 to remain in line with other local facilities. It was moved, seconded and approved.
7. Current park hours for McFee Park are 6AM-7PM for the winter hours. There was discussion and Jeff moved to keep the hours from 7AM-10PM year round and Brian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
8. CIP Review-see handout. Highlights:
 - Dog park-in design-need ADA access especially due to how steep the grounds are. It will be out to bid on March 20.
 - Campbell Station Inn-The vision is to create the Welcome/Visitors Center with the Tourism Team. We recently began with demolition and there were good bids. The upper level, and lower level kitchen can be renovated. Tourism will manage the rentals and the Ralph McGill Plaza.
 - The pickleball complex at Mayor Bob Leonard Park will be out to bid on April 10. It is hoped to be completed by October 1.
 - Renovation of the field behind the sand volleyball courts should be done by June 1. New dirt will be added by March 24.
9. Drew has been asked by several citizens to keep McFee Park tennis and pickleball court closed for Easter. There was lengthy discussion and since this item was not on our agenda we did not vote on it. The courts will remain open and Ron will notify BOMA.
10. We had a goodbye and “you will be missed” celebration for Mark Gellar as he and his family prepare to move to Lansing, MI for new jobs. We thanked him for his contributions and all the work he has done to strengthen and support the Parks and Athletics Council.
11. There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Pinchok, Secretary