

Town of Farragut (TOF) – Arts and Beautification Committee (ABC)
May 19, 2025

Members Present: Bill Battle, Jenni Craddick, Lisa Hall, Sue-Ann Hansler, Cynthia Howell, Dot LaMarche, Marianne McGill, Mayor Ron Williams, Ella Woods (student)

Absent: Annie Dittmann, Joyce Moran, TC Williams

Town of Farragut Staff: Arleen Higginbotham, Rachel Malone

The meeting was called to order by Lisa at 11:31AM. The April minutes were distributed to the members for review; a motion was made by Mayor Ron W. to approve the minutes with Jenni seconding the motion. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the July 4th Parade (the ABC is not directly involved with this event). The Museum Committee (MC) will have a new, larger float in the parade this year that will be decorated in a “cake” theme and have a prominent location in the front of the parade. MC members will ride on the float (any ABC members who would like to ride/assist with decorating the float should let the MC know as soon as possible). The prior years’ well-loved float was retired this year after 12 years of use.

Other Business: Rachel referred the committee to a handout she prepared and provided each member on tentative dates for 2026 ABC events. The recommended dates were determined based on her research of other community events planned for next year. The two dates for the Quilt Show (usually held in February) were February 7-8, 2026, or February 21-22, 2026. The committee preferred the later date to provide the committee more time for planning after the first of the year. The Art & Photography Show recommended dates were April 11-12, 2026, or April 18-19, 2026, based on 2026 dates for spring break, Easter, and the Dogwood Arts Show. Ron W. suggested the earlier date to give the committee flexibility if the date needed to be moved back a week for some reason. Other committee members agreed to earlier date as well. Rachel indicated she would go ahead and block off those dates on the Community Center calendar.

Art Fest is scheduled for Sunday, September 14, 1-3PM; Rachel is planning to cover prior year’s activities and begin the committee’s initial planning for this event in our next ABC meeting. The Christmas Tree project was also briefly discussed and planning will begin in an upcoming meeting.

There were no communications from the public to discuss during the meeting.

Mayor Ron mentioned the flower pots in front of the Community Center needed new flowers for the season and asked if anyone was interested in doing it, otherwise he would take care of them.

A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 with Bill seconding the motion.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Howell