

Town of Farragut (TOF) – Arts and Beautification Committee (ABC)

August 18, 2025

Members Present: Jenni Craddick, Lisa Hall, Sue-Ann Hansler, Cynthia Howell, Dot LaMarche, Ashley Lynch, Brian Walker, Mayor Ron Williams

Absent: Darryl Whitehead, Grace Im (student), Ella Woods (student)

Town of Farragut Staff: Arleen Higginbotham, Rachel Malone, Ron Oestreich

The meeting was called to order by Lisa at 11:31AM. The June minutes were distributed to the members for review; a motion was made by Mayor Ron to approve the minutes with Jenni seconding the motion. Motion carried. Along with the agenda and the minutes, the following handouts were distributed to each member: FY 2025-2026 Committee Goals, ABC Roster, FY 2025-2026 Meeting and Event Dates, 2025 Christmas Tree Gallery Announcement and Guidelines.

Other Business:

A) Introduction of New Members – New members Brian Walker and Ashley Lynch briefly introduced themselves to the committee during the meeting.

B) FY 2025-2026 Officers – The committee plans to vote for its new officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary) during the September meeting.

C) FY 2025-2026 Committee Goals – Rachel referred the committee members to the FY 2026 Committee Goals handout. All reviewed the goals and it was suggested the Quilt Show be added to the list. Additionally, Lisa brought up the following ideas for discussion and follow up by the committee in later meetings:

- The ABC or TOF to approach Biddle Farms about the possibility including art (i.e., sculpture, murals, etc.) into the development's public areas such as planned green space and/or in the boulevard median areas to enhance the arts/beautification.
- Working with Dogwood Arts to partner with us for arts-related events.
- A rotating artist exhibit showcased at Town Hall similar to the Tennessee Art Association.
- Within the next month or so, that someone on the committee serve as a liaison with our local school art department heads to foster coordination with and more participation by local youths in our 2026 Art and Photography Show.

The ABC goals will also be voted on in the September meeting.

D) FY 2026 Meeting and Event Dates – The related handout was reviewed by Rachel; she noted all the dates were final: she highlighted the new dates set for the Quilt Show (February 21-22, 2026) and Art and Photography Show (April 18-19, 2026). Ron O. then referred the committee to the handout outlining the public announcement of the TOF's new Christmas Tree Gallery at the Plaza (with decorating guidelines and additional information). The committee reviewed the handout and Mayor Ron suggested the word "overly" be removed from bullet point #6. Ron explained the TOF will provide the trees, the tree stands and electrical access for each tree with a total of 30 trees in the gallery. The ABC's role for this event is to promote it to local non-profit organizations first and then to the local business community at-large.

E) Discussion of Art Fest. Art Fest 2025 will take place on September 14th from 1-3PM at the Farragut Community Center (parking lot). Committee members should plan to be there by 12:30PM and stay until

3:30PM. Rachel showed the committee samples of the different crafts planned for the event. A volunteer sign-up sheet was made available to members after the meeting concluded. The Kona Ice food truck will be there and its location will also enhance safety by blocking access to one side of the parking lot to vehicles. Rachel also shared three sample logos for the 2026 Quilt Show. The committee members provided their feedback which Rachel agreed to incorporate into a new logo for the upcoming promotional materials.

There were no communications from the public to discuss.

A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn the meeting at 12.17PM with Brian seconding the motion.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Howell