

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

September 15, 2025

Members Present: Lisa Hall, Sue-Ann Hansler, Cynthia Howell, Ashley Lynch, Mayor Ron Williams, Darryl Whitehead, Ella Woods (student)

Absent: Jenni Craddick, Dot LaMarche, Brian Walker, Grace Im (student)

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

The meeting was called to order by Lisa at 11:30AM. The August minutes were distributed to the members for review; a motion was made by Mayor Ron to approve the minutes with Darryl seconding the motion. Motion carried. Along with the meeting agenda and the August minutes, the following handouts were distributed to each member: ABC Roster (revised), FY 2026 Committee Goals (updated), FY 2025-2026 Holiday Tree Village Flyer, TOF 2023 Quilt Show Important Dates and Entrance Form.

Business Items:

- A. Voting on FY 2026 Committee Goals - The committee reviewed and discussed the revised FY 2026 Committee Goals. Mayor Ron recommended the committee add pursuing sponsorships for ABC events and art in public spaces (statues/murals/ rotating exhibits, etc.) to the ABC's FY 2026 goals. Approval will be postponed until the next ABC meeting.
- B. Voting on FY 2026 Committee Board Positions - Since a few members were absent, Mayor Ron suggested we postpone formally voting on board positions until the October ABC meeting.

Discussion Items:

- A. Art Fest Recap – Rachel provided a recap of the event which took place on Sunday, September 14th from 1-3PM. Attendance was a lighter than anticipated, estimated between 100 and 150 participants. The weather was very warm that afternoon and, despite having tents for all but one of the stations (one was found to be broken the day of the event) many were in full sun. Rachel suggested moving the event back to a Saturday morning (9-11AM) for 2026 which might provide milder weather and a more convenient time for families to attend. Sue-Ann observed a few instances where very young children were left by themselves at a craft station after the parent/guardian went with another child to a different craft station; she stated she was concerned this was not a safe situation for these children. She suggested posting a sign at the entrance (next year) for parents/guardians to remain with their child/children at all times during the event. It was also suggested more step stools be brought out for very young children (more attended this year than in the past). Finally, Darryl suggested the Town consider hiring a KCSO officer to provide security at the event next year. The entire Farragut Community Center (FCC) parking lot area where the event is held is currently under camera surveillance.
- B. Freaky Friday Fright Nite Sign-ups – Rachel stated the Town will have one booth at Freaky Friday this year and she believes the Town currently has enough helpers working the event. As such, committee members should only sign up to help if they desire to and can actually work the event. The sign-up sheet was made available to committee members at the end of the meeting.
- C. Quilt Show – Rachel has begun initial planning for the 2026 Quilt Show (on February 21-22, 2026) and solicited input from the committee. The handout with important dates/timeline and the entrance form from 2023 was reviewed and discussed by the committee. It was suggested the 2026 Quilt Show hours

be changed from 7:30AM- 4:30PM to 8AM-5PM on Saturday (Feb. 21) and from 10AM-4PM to 1-4PM on Sunday (Feb. 22). The committee agreed with this recommendation; Rachel will update the handout materials and share them with the committee during the October meeting. Advertising for the show via social and print media will begin in the next month or so.

- D. Celebrate the Season (CTS) – CTS is planned for December 4th from 4:30 to 7PM at the FCC. The layout of activities will be identical to last year: letters to and photos with Santa in the Assembly Hall, cookie decorating in the large conference room, and a Christmas movie with extra chairs for waiting will be held in the small conference room.
- E. Holiday Tree Village Update – The committee reviewed the Holiday Tree Village flyer handout and all stated it looked great; no changes were proposed. Rachel shared that three non-profit organizations have already registered to sponsor/decorate a tree. Businesses may register after October 15th, if space remains.

There were no communications from the public to discuss.

A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn the meeting at 12.16PM with Mayor Ron seconding the motion.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Howell