



FARRAGUT PARKS AND ATHLETICS COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting Date: 9/10/2019

Present: Bob Brock, Scott Russ, Randy Armstrong, Bryce Baxter, Vonnie Tharp, Jeff Devlin, Kami Darakshani, Debbie Pinchok, Sue Stuhl, Lauren Cox

Absent: Valerie DeBoe, Jeff Ulian

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by vice-chair Bob Brock. Vonnie Tharp moved to accept the minutes of the 8/13/19 meeting and it was seconded by Jeff Devlin and passed.

Sue reviewed upcoming events beginning with Freaky Friday on 10/25. The Town has combined committees and will have one large booth. Volunteers will be needed for set up in the morning, candy distribution, and clean up.

The annual Fishing Rodeo will be in May and they will need volunteers for both the Friday night special needs cook-out and fishing event as well as the kids' event on Saturday morning.

The Council members will be needed to help with a variety of needs at the Community Center including possible assistance at the front desk area. Opportunities and needs will grow as the programs and activities grow after the planned opening in January of 2020. The Town will be having another survey to assess interests and needs of the community. Debbie Pinchok proposed a competition to name the sanctuary room that is currently being called The Farragut Room.

Trevor Hobbs is researching approving private donations from individuals or groups as the McFee Park Phase 3 progresses. It is a very complicated and detailed process and they will share this information when it is available. The last design phase is being developed now and should be bid out in November, receive approval in January and work begun when the weather breaks this winter.

Scott Russ proposed "The 18-Mile Club" to encourage residents to walk all 18 miles of our greenways. There was discussion about safety along the greenways and Sue and Lauren assured there has never been an issue and that they aren't lighted so there is not much use after dark.

The Council wants to add to our goals that we want to be "actively involved" in the community center as programs and activities develop. Council members would also be welcome to lead a special interest class or activity. Brittany is welcoming ideas to help develop schedules. The construction is on schedule with Town staff hoping to move into it in December. The ribbon

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cutting is still being planned for January 16, 2020 with the big reveal party for staff, volunteers and special guests January 15.

Anchor Park update-\$325,000 grant and construction is ongoing on the ADA restroom remodel, covered area with picnic tables, ADA paths and entrance, landscaping. The work should be done by April 2020. Sue reminded us that about half of the park is TVA land that we do not have a lease on but an “agreement with TVA.

The construction project for Campbell Station Inn Plaza has been approved and may be completed by September or October, 2020. The bids came in and were approved at about \$650,000 higher than expected.

The Community Center Rental Rate Proposal was reviewed. The only new employee will be a janitor position and there may be a very small number of part-time hires. Sue and Lauren reviewed information about the plans. Included was that there could be one volleyball game at a time or two -three pickleball courts. Midnight will be when guests need to be out of the building after special events. They will stop serving alcohol 30 minutes before the end of any function. The Town is studying alcohol permission especially at special events, the Plaza, possible other locations. There will be a large blow-up screen for the CC for multiple events. The gym can seat 310 with tables, 500 just with chairs and 664 standing room only. It will be shared with the senior center between 7:30-4:30 PM Monday-Friday, each using it 50% of the time. Jeff Devlin moved to support the proposal as the staff presents it to BOMA. It was seconded by Kami and unanimously approved.

There will be no October meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12 at 6 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18.

We welcomed Bryce Baxter, our new youth member who spoke about his deep interest and involvement in the sports and activities areas.

Debbie Pinchok, Secretary