

Town of Farragut—Arts and Beautification Committee

Feb 20, 2023

Members Present: Michele Barker, Lisa Hall, Mayor Williams, Marianne McGill, Diane Duncan, T.C. Williams, Annie Judkins, Joyce Moran, Dora Taggart, Sue-Ann Hansler

Absent : Abhikhya Gudala, and Marty Rodgers

Town of Farragut Staff: Arleen Higginbotham and Merritt Piper

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM by Annie Judkins. The January minutes were distributed to the members. Mayor Williams moved the minutes be approved and Annie Judkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Merritt gave a recap of the quilt show. She said that there were an estimated 700 people in attendance over the two-day event. It was recommended that the time stop at 5pm for future events and that when the solicitation is sent for quilts that we bold the statement that pins will be used for hanging to help prevent quilt withdrawals after submission. It was also recommended to hang the quilts in chronological order so the book can more easily be followed and to place signs at the bottom of the hill on Jamestowne Blvd and at Campbell Station Road to alert people about the event. Finally, creating fliers in advance of the event to be placed in fabric stores around the Knoxville area might grow both quilt submissions and event attendance.

Continued discussions were had about the beautification awards and the need to consolidate some of the categories used on the nomination form. The conclusion was to remove “Commercial/retail building” and “Multi-Family Residential Complex” from the list. This would leave 5 remaining categories (Commercial Office Building, Retail Commercial Complex, Residential Complex Entrance, Hotel/Motel Complex and Religious Institution). A motion was made by Marianne McGill and seconded by Mayor Williams. Motion carried.

Art/Flower Show was talked about. The event will be held on May 18 and 19, 2024 from 10am to 4pm. Having a live painter on site each day was again discussed. The plan would be to solicit local artists to submit paintings then have florists come in and pick a painting which they will use as inspiration for their floral piece. Diane will follow up with a local floral club to see how much time would be needed for the florists to create their piece once they have the art. Further plans will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned through a motion by Mayor Williams and seconded by Marianne McGill.

Respectfully submitted,
Dora Taggart
Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023