

Town of Farragut—Arts and Beautification Committee

May 15, 2023

Members Present: Sue-Ann Hansler, Annie Dittmann, Joyce Moran, Michele Barker, Diane Duncan and Dora Taggart

Town of Farragut Staff: Mayor Williams, Arleen Higginbotham and Ron Oestreich

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 AM by Annie Dittmann. The April minutes were distributed to the members. Joyce Moran moved the minutes be approved and Mayor Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The beautification awards were discussed as a team went to survey businesses in the area. With limited landscaping improvements, it was recommended by the team that we skip giving an award this year. A discussion ensued about ways to improve this for the future including opening to residential properties and having people submit their own photos for judging.

A discussion of hosting a Christmas yard decoration contest for residences in Farragut followed. Ron recommended putting an ad on the website and radio about the contest well in advance (Sept or Oct). Arleen described that the homeowner would send a photo along with their address to the committee who will then vote for the top 3 properties. Winners will have a sign placed in their yard and will be invited to the December mayoral board meeting to get a prize. The prizes will be donated by local Knoxville businesses (gift cards, etc).

Arleen showed a powerpoint with photos of the previous art and floral show. Diane mentioned that we still need to find a garden club to agree to provide the floral designs. Michelle and Diane will research clubs in the Knoxville area and reach out to Knoxville Garden Club as well as others.

Mayor Williams discussed the business growth occurring in the town of Farragut over the next two years. He was recently elected to be president of TML. With this new appointment, he won't be able to attend all the committee meetings so he will appoint the appropriate liaison to keep him apprised of the content of the meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm through a motion by Mayor Williams and seconded by Sue-Ann Hansler.

Respectfully submitted,
Dora Taggart
Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 19, 2023.