



Farragut and Athletics Council
August 9, 2022
Farragut Community Center

Present: Scott Russ, Randy Armstrong, Vonnie Tharp, Riley Honken, Jeff Ullian, Mark Geller, Debbie Pinchok, Drew Burnette, Derek Wright, Jack Bukovitz
TOF Staff: Sue Stuhl, Lauren Cox

1. Jeff Ullian called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.
2. Each member of the Council introduced him/herself. We welcomed new members Derek Wright and youth council member Jack Bukovitz.
3. The minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting were approved.
4. The following officers were elected to lead the Council in the FY 2023:

Chair: Jeff Ullian. Nominated by Scott Russ, seconded by Randy Armstrong
Vice-Chair: Scott Russ. Nominated by Drew Burnette, seconded by Debbie Pinchok
Secretary: Debbie Pinchok. Nominated by Drew Burnette, seconded by Riley Honken

All officers were elected unanimously.

5. Sue Stuhl reviewed the Code of Ethics including the fact that we always have open meetings when any citizen can attend the meetings, and that we must follow state sunshine laws.
6. Lauren Cox reviewed the major volunteer opportunities for Council members including:
 - a. Freaky Friday on Friday, October 27 from 4:30-7PM at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. The volunteers pass out candy and can also help with set-up during the day.
 - b. Light the Park is on November 22, 6-8 PM at Founders Park. We will be passing out cookies at that event.
 - c. Bob Watt Fishing Rodeo is on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Anchor Park. There are many opportunities there including helping with fishing and baiting hooks, weighing and measuring fish, registration and others.

E-mails should be sent to Merritt Piper to volunteer for any of these events.

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7. We were given a copy of the Parks and Recreation Master Action for 2022-2023 for us to review. Sue advised us that we would review our near-term projects at the October meeting. She also updated us on Phase 4 work on McFee Park including 126 permeable paver parking spaces, and a small pavilion for the trailhead area for our hike/bike trail. ARPA funding, also some stormwater funding is to assist with this. The design for this is due out in about 4-6 weeks. Phase 5 will have to have some minor changes due to some alterations of Phase 4 and will have to go back to the trail designer. The great news was that through the tremendous efforts of Town Staff we received a \$25,000 Dog Park Dash grant which will be helpful in helping get our dog park started. Dog Dash likes to have an area of 1.5 acres of ground or more and the total cost could range from \$120,000-\$400,000. There are some preliminary designs for it to be placed at the old Dimmick house location and have ADA entrances as required. There is a group staking out the possible Dog Park location this week.

Additional tennis/pickleball/basketball courts are still in the design phase. There are many different options and it will probably go to BOMA for a workshop. Sue announced that the data gathered from the courts since opening in February showed high pickleball usage and lower tennis usage. Options should be coming in the next couple months.

8. A FY 2023 Parks and Athletics Council Meeting Schedule was reviewed by Lauren. Due to meeting dates occurring during Knox County Fall Break and Spring Break, it was agreed on that the October meeting would be on October 18, and the March meeting would be on March 7.
9. There was very lengthy discussion regarding Athletic Lighting and Rental Schedules. There was a request that you can reserve court time up until 5 PM the day you want to use it. Sue and Lauren reminded us that it must be done by 3:30 due to staff needing to input requests into the computers before leaving shift at 3:30.

There was a request to have lights on until 9:30 instead of 8:30. Parks close at 10 except Anchor Park closes at dusk. There have many complaints about lights and noise coming from the courts by the adjacent neighborhood.

Field allocation of courts for tennis has only involved two schools so far. FHS used them last spring and Concord Christian was the only school to attend the allocation for the fall.

After a very lengthy discussion regarding reserving courts and the court fees, a motion was made by Riley Honken and seconded by Scott Russ to recommend the following changes to BOMA:

Court allocation will include all schools physically located in Farragut. They can reserve multiple days of court time up until 6:30 PM.



Court reservations for citizens will be in 1-hour increments from 8:30 AM-9:30 PM. Court fees will be \$5/hr. for pickleball, \$10/hr. for tennis and \$10/hr. for basketball. One person can reserve up to 4 1 hr. time blocks per week. Lights can be left on until 9:30 with reservations.

Motion passed.

10. We will read our FY 2023 Goals and Achievements and discuss at our September meeting.
11. Sue and Lauren reported there have been noise complaints about early morning and late night loud music, play by play games, announcements being made at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. Our rules state no loud amplified music can be played. Should we have a noise policy? The Town of Farragut does not have a noise ordinance.

Vonnie Tharp moved to adjourn and Derek Wright seconded. Adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Pinchok, Secretary