



Parks & Athletics Council

Farragut Community Center
Large Classroom
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes – June 2022
4. Election of Officers
5. Discussion of Policies and Procedures
6. Discussion of Volunteer Opportunities -Email Merritt Piper to volunteer:
mpiper@townoffarragut.org
 - a. Freaky Friday
 - i. Friday, October 28 (4:30-7:00 p.m. @ Mayor Bob Leonard Park)
 - b. Light the Park
 - i. Tuesday, November 22 (6-8 p.m. @ Founders Park)
 - c. Bob Watt Youth Fishing Rodeo (8-11 a.m. @ Anchor Park)
 - i. Saturday, May 13
7. Review of Parks & Recreation Master Plan Action Plan
8. Review of upcoming year – meeting, events, etc.
9. Athletic Lighting and Rental Schedule Discussion – McFee Park
10. FY 2022 Goal Update and 2023 Goals Discussion
11. Other Business Adjournment

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Farragut Parks & Athletics Council Meeting

June 14, 2022

Farragut Community Center

Present: Bill McAdams, Scott Russ, Debbie Pinchok, Randy Armstrong, Vonnie Tharp, Riley Honken, Jeff Ullian, Drew Burnette,

TOF Employees: Lauren Cox, Sue Stuhl, Bryson Keith

Not Present: Mark Geller, Jeff Devlin, Bob Brock, Ria Padhye

1. Call to order - Jeff Ullian called the council to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes (May 2022) – Scott Russ motioned to approve May minutes, 2nd Riley Honken, Unanimously approved.
3. 2022 Approved Splashpad Use Policy Discussion
 - 2 daycares are not cooperating with new policy to date
 - Large number of children (e.g., 6 buses) from one daycare
 - Use of pavilion when others had it reserved
 - Drew Burnette made a motion to discuss the policy and Scott seconded it.
 - Support for keeping the park ‘non-commercial’ and for neighborhood residents
 - Potential enforcement option is warning followed by inability to book pavilion
 - Decided to let the policy stand and give it more time to work out the issues
4. Youth Representative Vote
 - Nominations
 - Drew Burnette nominated Jack Bukovitz, 2nd by Debbie Pinchok
 - Riley Honken nominated Sarah Lynn, 2nd by Bill McAdams
 - Voting result: Jack Bukovitz

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FARRAGUT PARKS & RECREATION

MASTER PLAN 2022-2032

PREPARED BY PARKS & REC DIRECTOR SUE STUHL

- As a top priority, continue to construct greenway links to promote connectivity, pedestrian activity and alternative transportation options.
- Understand and budget appropriately for scheduled maintenance and replacement of current facilities. As the Town's parks and recreation infrastructure continues to age, the percentage of monies allotted to new projects will begin to diminish as a greater portion of available funding will be needed for this maintenance or replacement. This is an especially important goal for the Town's vision of a beautiful, well-maintained and safe community. Inflation, fluctuating prices, access to materials and labor shortages are all challenges that arose during 2021 and early 2022 that may have a huge impact on budget.
- Preserve and protect undeveloped natural areas, including wetlands, for educational and ecological activities in the community, especially as the last portions of the town develop. This may include acquiring additional land as opportunities present for future expansion or preservation.
- Understand that relatively minor expense items, such as the installation of additional trashcans, bottle fillers, etc., can make a huge difference in the park and recreation experience for our users.
- Provide due diligence, including the use of advisory committees and consultants, before embarking on expensive facilities (both capital and operating) with the understanding that Farragut's current areas of revenue are extremely unique and have limitations.
- Continue to assess current and projected facility demands and prioritize development/replacement with multi-use facilities to allow a diversity of uses according to age, gender, ability and sport/activity to best meet the desires of all Farragut citizens.
- Continue to establish public-private partnerships to strengthen recreational and cultural activities in the town in order to share the burden of staffing and costs with others.
- Conduct systematic critical review of staffing needs to appropriately maintain and program facilities to meet the desires of the community and our visitors.

Detailed information regarding the planning process; community information; analysis of the Town's parks and recreation facilities, programming and staff; importance of parks and recreation and more is included in this document. Also included is an action plan for near-term, mid-term and long-term facilities, programs and initiatives for the next 10 years.



2022 – 2032 PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN ACTION PLAN

Near Term Projects (2022-2024)

Providing Excellent Parks, Recreation, Cultural Amenities and Programs

- Provide funding for restrooms at the Town Center Green
- Construct greenway connection between Brookmere and Sheffield
- Construct greenway link along Evans Road between current terminus and McFee Road
- Install lighting on the basketball court at McFee Park
- Construct two additional tennis courts at McFee Park
- Construct hiking/biking/running trail at McFee Park
- Rate condition and repave greenway asphalt as needed
- Rate condition and repave parking lots of parks as needed
- Construct additional permeable paver parking lots at McFee Park
- Relocate grills, trash cans, pet stations, signage, etc., for ADA access
- Reconstruct mulch walk trails at Founders Park
- Resurface and regrade walking trail to meet ADA regulations (including boardwalk and wetland overlook) at MBLP
- Replace electronics at splashpad
- Replace fountains with bottle fillers as indicated
- Install park cameras at MBLP
- Construct or purchase moveable concert stage for use at special events
- Construct restroom at the Town Hall park
- Construct small trailhead with parking and interpretive signage and trail to the Red Mill Dam
- Install additional greenway signage on expanded greenways (Grigsby Chapel, Everett and McFee)
- Install additional trash cans near park parking lots
- Expand cultural events and programs
- Expand community-level special events, especially at the Town Center Green
- Construct a dog park and restroom facility at McFee
- Conduct feasibility study on installation of electric car charging stations at parks and community center
- Install shade structure over a few of the individual tables at McFee Park
- Construct additional greenway links as private property develops
- Install shade structure at McFee Park basketball court
- Complete a greenway study for possible links in the south ward – specifically east of Virtue Road
- Acquire additional park land through donations or purchase for future amenities such as athletic fields, waterfront access, open space



- Construct a wetland/natural (boardwalk) park in the Town or state-owned land between the Town Hall and S. Campbell Station Road
- Install electric car charging stations
- Acquire additional park land through donations or purchase for future amenities such as athletic fields, waterfront access, open space
- Appoint a citizen committee to explore public/private partnerships for an aquatic center
- Develop additional facilities as warranted by needs assessment on newly acquired land
- Update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Complete a greenway study for links in Town center district – including underpass, Founders Park to community center and other possible connections
- Research feasibility of installing shade structures and fencing at current park playgrounds
- Install wifi (fiber) at parks and community center

Enhancing the Town's Financial Position

- Expand tourism-level special events
- Replace synthetic turf on MBLP Field 1

Supporting and Caring for a Committed Workforce

- Evaluate the need for additional staff for McFee Park expansion (dog park, run/bike trail), expanded special events and programming/rentals at community center
- Add Visit Farragut staff to meet the needs of an expanding tourism program

Long Term Projects (2029-2032)

Providing Excellent Parks, Recreation, Cultural Amenities and Programs

- Rate condition and repave greenway asphalt as needed
- Rate condition and repave park parking lots as needed
- Resurface and regrade walking trail (phase 1) to meet ADA regulations at Founders Park
- Resurface and regrade walking trail (phase 2) to meet ADA regulations at Founders Park and install additional lighting and upgrade to LED
- Update restrooms with ADA approved fixtures and signs at Founders Park
- Replace turf at field 3 at MBLP
- Update restrooms with ADA-approved fixtures and signs at MBLP (lower restroom)
- Replace elements and tank at splashpad
- Replace community center windows
- Replace cooling tower (gym, restrooms, commercial kitchen, senior center hall)
- Expand Everett Road greenway from current terminus to Fox Run Greenway
- Construct additional greenway links as private property develops
- Construct two additional tennis/pickleball courts at McFee Park if warranted after needs assessment
- Install a disc golf course in cooperation with the run/bike/hike trail at McFee Park



CONCLUSION AND MONITORING

This master plan incorporates over 14 months of research, public involvement and discussion by Parks & Recreation staff, the committees of the Parks & Recreation Department, the Parks and Athletics Council serving as the plan's steering committee and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. It is recommended that the Town staff and elected officials use this plan, and especially the action plan, to guide budget requests and approvals for the next ten years. It is also recommended that the Town staff update progress on the action plan every fall starting in 2023 and present to the appropriate committees and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for consideration during the budget planning season. This master plan should be updated in 2027 after another round of public involvement including SWOT analysis, various surveys and public hearings with the result of an updated action plan.



P & A Council FY 22 Goals & Achievements

- **Goal 1 - Serve as the steering committee for the parks & rec master plan.**
 - The Farragut Parks & Recreation Department, with help from the Parks & Athletics Council, has created a new 10-year master plan. The process kicked off in early 2021, when input was collected from focus groups made up of town committee members and survey responses from over 900 households. The public was invited to rank the projects at four public meetings as well as comment on the draft version of the master plan. The plan includes lists of near-term, mid-term and long-term parks projects. The Farragut Parks & Recreation 2022-2032 Master Plan was approved and adopted at the May 12 Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting and is currently available online.
 - <https://www.townoffarragut.org/DocumentCenter/View/6278/Final-Draft-with-photos>
- **Goal 2 - Serve as the jury for discrepancies during field allocation.**
 - The Parks & Athletics Council successfully lead two field allocation meetings while having to allocate field time to user groups who could not agree on rental requests.
- **Goal 3 - Make recommendations based on staff research regarding park amenity and outdoor rental fees.**
 - The Parks & Athletics council made the following fee recommendations:
 - Tournament use of the new Pickleball/Tennis Courts at McFee Park
 - Holiday & weekend rates for McFee Park Pavilions
 - Synthetic & natural turf fees
 - Fees for new rental pavilions at Anchor and Town Hall Parks
- **Goal 4 - Participate in Freaky Friday Fright Nite**
 - Four representatives from the Parks & Athletics Council attended Freaky Friday Fright Nite and helped hand out candy with other TOF committees.
- **Goal 5 - Kick off Light the Park during the holiday season**
 - The Parks & Athletics Council kicked off the Light the Park holiday event by handing out cookies to the community at Founders Park.
- **Additional achievements:**
 - The Parks & Athletics Council made a recommendation for a new policy regarding splashpad use by childcare facilities.
 - The Parks & Athletics Council made a recommendation update the smoking ordinance to include all park areas.