



AGENDA

Raymore Arts Commission Regular Meeting
City Hall – 100 Municipal Circle
Tuesday, July 8, 2025
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment

5. Committee Updates

- Public Art Committee
- Station Stop Art Party Working Group

6. Staff Report

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes from the June 10, 2025 Meeting

8. New Business

- A. Setting the budget for the Raymore Chili Cook-Off event

Reference: None

This item seeks approval to set a budget guideline for the Oct. 11 Raymore Chili Cook-Off at \$3,700. This would include costs for security, marketing needs, supplies such as tasting spoons and sample cups, items necessary for judging, etc., awards for winners, entertainment, etc.

- B. Purchase of magnetic name tags for commissioners

Reference: None

This item seeks approval to purchase magnetic name tags for each Arts Commissioner to wear at City- and Arts-sponsored events. Purchase price is approximately \$105 for seven name tags.

9. Commission Member Comment

10. Adjournment

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THE RAYMORE **ARTS COMMISSION** MET IN REGULAR SESSION **TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025**, AT RAYMORE CITY HALL, 100 MUNICIPAL CIRCLE. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE: BOB BERRY, CHERYL CUNNINGHAM, GARY GRAVES, PAT SETSER, JESSICA BERRY, MARY DUNTON-SIMON. ABSENT: COLE YOUNG.

Call to Order Commission Chair Bob Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Roll Call** - Communications Director Melissa Harmer called roll and a quorum was present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Committee Updates**

a. **Public Arts Committee**

- i. Commissioner Bob Berry reported that there was a snag with one of the temporary art pieces that was supposed to be leased by the Arts Commission but that we would continue to reach out to the Sculpture on the Move representative to seek alternative options. Communications Director Melissa Harmer gave an update on the other new sculpture installation along the Eagle Glen Trail near the South Fox Ridge and Lucy Webb intersection.
- ii. Commissioners Cheryl Cunningham and Gary Graves shared an update on the planning and activities for the August Station Stop Art Party children's art event.

4. **Staff Reports**

- a. Communications Director Melissa Harmer reported to the commission that she submitted an application for a grant to the Missouri Arts Council to support the Station Stop Art Party and gave a budget update. Harmer also mentioned the kickoff of the 2025 concert season on June 14, as well as the new parking lot available for concert parking on the east side of Hawk Ridge Park.

5. **Consent agenda**

- a. Commissioner Setser motioned to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Graves seconded the motion. The item was approved with 5 yes votes and 1 abstention from newly appointed Commissioner Dunton-Simon who did not attend the April meeting.

6. **New Business**

No new business for the July 10, 2025, meeting.

7. **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Cunningham said she was really looking forward to the concerts and children's event for the community. Commissioner Graves said he was happy to have contributed to the plastic bag recycling challenge and to see the bench at City Hall's front doors that was awarded to the City for completing the challenge. Commissioner Setser thanked Harmer for organizing the Arts Commission events and updated the commission on the Sounds of South Kansas City Community Band's rehearsal and

upcoming shows in Raymore. Setser also reported that the choir from Ray-Pec High School performed recently at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Commissioner Jessica Berry said she was impressed by the work to prepare for the children's art event and had compliments for Ray-Pec choir director Stephen Rew for the work he does with the students. Commissioner Dunton-Simon said she was excited to join the commission and see the events the commission has planned. Commissioner Bob Berry thanked the commission for their work on events and recapped the April art competition reception and entertainment and said the Public Art Committee would keep the rest of the commissioners updated on the temporary art program and encouraged everyone to attend the June 13 concert at Hawk Ridge Park. Berry also mentioned that July would be his last month as chair and Cole Young's last month as vice chair, so commissioners need to think about who to elect as the new chair and vice chair in August.

Harmer shared comments about the art competition and reminded the commission that Cole Young would be leaving at the end of his term in July.

8. Adjournment

- a. Commissioner Setser moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. and Commissioner Cunningham seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved 6-0.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Harmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Melissa" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Harmer".