



AGENDA

Raymore Arts Commission Regular Meeting
City Hall – 100 Municipal Circle
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment

5. Staff Report

- A. Power of Perspectives Art Competition, April 17

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes from the August 12, 2025 Meeting
B. Approval of Minutes from the November 12, 2025 Meeting

7. New Business

- A. Approval of FY 2026 Arts Commission Work Plan

Reference:

FY 2026 Work Plan

The Commission discussed goals for FY 2026 in the December work session. The Raymore Arts Commission Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2026 works as a guide relating to those goals and tasks. This item seeks approval of the FY 2026 Arts Commission Work Plan as presented.

- B. Allocation of \$7,000 for Temporary Public Art

Reference: None

This item would earmark \$7,000 from the FY 2026 Arts Commission budget for two temporary public art pieces to be leased for two years, with \$3,000 per sculpture and \$1,000 for any maintenance needs.

8. Commission Member Comment

9. Adjournment

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THE RAYMORE **ARTS COMMISSION** MET IN REGULAR SESSION **TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025**, AT RAYMORE CITY HALL, 100 MUNICIPAL CIRCLE. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE: BOB BERRY, LARRY HIGHTOWER, JESSICA BERRY, PAT SETSER, GARY GRAVES, CHERYL CUNNINGHAM.

Call to Order Commission Chair Jessica Berry called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 Art Committee**

4. **Staff Reports**

a. Communications Director Melissa Harmer reported on the Missouri Arts Council awarded a \$675 reimbursement grant to the commission to support the Station Stop Art Party. Harmer reminded commissioners that the September meeting will be a work session to discuss the October Raymore Chili Cook-off and the next concert at the amphitheater is Sept. 12.

5. **Consent agenda**

a. Approval of minutes from the July 8, 2025 meeting.
Commissioner Setser made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Commissioner J. Berry approved the motion. The item was approved 6-0.

6. **New Business**

a. **Election of officers.**

Jessica Berry was elected 6-0 to be Chair.

Larry Hightower was elected 6-0 to be Vice Chair.

b. **Approval of meeting schedule**

Commissioner Setser motioned to approve the meeting schedule.

Commissioner Graves seconded the motion. The item was approved 6-0.

7. **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Hightower said he was honored to be there. Commissioner J. Berry said she hopes she can have everyone's patience and good humor as the new chair. Commissioner Setser thanked Commissioners Graves and Cunningham and staff for organizing the Station Stop Art Party and for creating a space for children and parents to interact with art and music. Commissioner Graves said he couldn't add much to Commissioner Setser's comment except that he had fun with the event. Commissioner Cunningham wanted to recognize the collaborative efforts of the commission and staff to host an event (Station Stop Art Party) that was good for the community. Commissioner B. Berry echoed the comments of other commissioners on the great event and thanked

commissioners for allowing him to chair the Arts Commission. Commissioner J. Berry thanked Chair Bob Berry.

8. Adjournment

- a. Commissioner Setser moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and Commissioner Hightower seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved 5-0.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melissa Harmer". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

THE RAYMORE **ARTS COMMISSION** MET IN REGULAR SESSION **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025**, AT RAYMORE CITY HALL, 100 MUNICIPAL CIRCLE. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE: JESSICA BERRY, LARRY HIGHTOWER, BOB BERRY, GARY GRAVES, CHERYL CUNNINGHAM. ABSENT: PAT SETSER.

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Committee Updates**

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4. **Staff Reports**

a. Communications Director Melissa Harmer reported on the FY 2026 Arts Commission budget and reminded the commissioners that the upcoming December meeting will be a work session.

5. **New Business**

a. **Approval of \$900 budget for the annual Holiday Sing Along.** The Holiday Sing Along event cost includes a donation to St. Paul's for hosting the event location and providing refreshments, the performance fee for the director and organise and marketing and promotion. Commissioner Bob Berry made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cunninghamd seconded the motion. The item was approved 5-0.

6. **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Hightower asked for a recap of the October Chili Cook-Off event. Harmer shared a review and passed along feedback received from both competitors and attendees. Commissioner Bob Berry thanked everyone involved in the chili cook-off and reminded commissioners about the December Holiday Sing Along and the Arts Commission tree for the Raymore Christmas Tree Trail and Mayor's Tree Lighting. Commissioner Graves said he enjoyed the chili cook-off and was thankful to have live music. Commissioner Cunningham said she was looking forward to the Holiday Sing Along.

7. **Adjournment**

a. Commissioner B. Berry moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. and Commissioner Cunningham seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved 5-0.

Submitted by:



**City of Raymore
Raymore Arts Commission Work Plan
Fiscal Year 2026 (Nov. 1, 2025-Oct. 31, 2026)**

I. Purpose and Duties

The Raymore Arts Commission will:

- A. Engage citizens to cultivate art in the community;
- B. Promote close cooperation between the City and all private citizens, institutions, and agencies interested in or conducting activities related to the arts in the city, so that all arts resources within the community may be coordinated to maximize promotion and support of the arts;
- C. Facilitate communication between arts organizations; and,
- D. Serve as an advisory board to the City Council in all arts-related matters including long range planning, allocations process and comprehensive strategic planning.

II. Membership

- A. The Arts Commission consists of seven members, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of City Council.

III. FY 2026 Goals & Tasks

The Arts Commission has selected to focus on the following goals and tasks:

- Review Arts Commission Bylaws
- Continue FY 2026 with 2-3 work sessions for planning
- Public art in Raymore
 - Continue the temporary/rotating art program with replacement of the Plight of Awa Sculpture at Memorial Park and one additional temporary public art installation.
 - Commission will not participate in the Sculpture on the Move program in FY 2026, but will instead independently seek artists/issue calls for artists for the temporary art this year.
- Continue the annual Holiday Sing Along the first Monday in December in partnership with St. Paul's.
- Continue sponsorship of Sounds of South KC Community Band.
- Continue signature events in 2026: annual Power of Perspectives Art Competition/Show in spring, Friday, April 17 at Centerview; Station Stop Art Party, Saturday, Aug. 1 at T.B. Hanna Station, and Raymore Chili Cook-off, Saturday, Oct. 3 at T.B. Hanna Station.
- Continue hosting concerts at the Hawk Ridge Park Amphitheater every second Friday evening of the month from June through October. Enhance these events with food trucks, additional activities.

- Continue keeping and adding to a hi-res image catalog of the temporary and public art commissioned by the Raymore Arts Commission.
- Continue to contemplate programs, long range goals and engagement strategies that align with the purpose of the Raymore Arts Commission.
- Continue sharing ideas for celebrating the City's sesquicentennial in 2027.