

RAYMORE ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 - 7 p.m.

Centerview
227 Municipal Circle
Raymore, Missouri 64083

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Please identify yourself for the record and keep your comments to a maximum of five minutes.

5. Presentations

6. Committee Updates

- a. Public Art Committee

7. Staff Reports

- a. Budget Review & Future of Events/Public Art (p 3)
- b. June 25 Acrylic Pour Art Class

8. Consent Agenda

The items on the Consent Agenda are approved by a single action of the Arts Commission. If any Commissioner would like to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately, he/she may do so.

- a. **Arts Commission Meeting minutes - March 2020 (p 6)**

Motion to approve the consent agenda

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

- a. Little Free Library Reimbursement Grant:** The Public Art Committee has selected the Pointe at Raymore Homeowners Association for the Little Free Library Reimbursement Grant of up to \$500. The Public Art Committee is asking for the Commission’s approval to award the grant to Pointe at Raymore HOA. (p 9)

Motion to approve

- b. Little Free Library \$100 Reimbursement Grants to any/all of the remaining three HOA applicants upon installation and registration of a Little Free Library in their neighborhood by Oct. 1, 2020.** Funding would come from the Partnerships/Sponsorships budget line. (p 11)

Motion to approve

- c. Hawk Ridge Park Sculpture Project.** The Public Art Committee has selected artist Leslie Tharp to commission the sculpture at Hawk Ridge Park and is looking for approval from the Commission to proceed. (p 12)

Motion to approve

11. Commissioner Comments

12. Adjournment

Any person requiring special accommodations (i.e. qualified interpreter, large print, hearing assistance) in order to attend this meeting, please notify the City Clerk at (816) 331-0488 no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled commencement of the meeting.

FY 2020 Arts Commission Budget

Project	Description	Budget	Actual Status
Public Art		\$16,500	
Hawk Ridge Park	Permanent Art Piece	\$15,000	IP
Pop Up Art Project	2020 Event	\$1,000	
Art Exhibit Program	Promotion/Supplies	\$500	
Partnerships/Sponsorships		\$3,000	
Farmers Market Sponsorship	Entertainment	\$1,000	
Sound of South KC – Community Band	Entertainment	\$1,000	
Additional Sponsorships	Literature/LFL/Other	\$1,000	
Programming		\$7,000	
Family Art Days	Teacher Fees and Supplies	\$1,000	
Summer Scene	2020 Event	\$5,000	\$443
Classes/Programming for adults	Paint & Sip events	\$1,000	\$110
Performance		\$3,000	
Holiday Singalong	Dec. 2 @ 3:30pm	\$1,000	\$825
Summer Concert Series	Three events	\$2,000	
Professional Development		\$500	
Professional Development		\$500	\$50
Other		\$0	
Communications		\$0	
Total Budget		\$30,000	\$30,000
Total Expenditures		\$30,000	\$1,428
Available		\$0	\$28,572

Parks and Trails Public Art Plan Overview

Park Art			
Priority	Key	Area	Type of Art
1	HR	Hawk Ridge Park	Musical feature
1	HR	Hawk Ridge Park Amphitheater	Sculpture
2	M1	Memorial Park Arboretum	Sculpture
2	M2	Memorial Park Trailhead	Sculpture
2	M4	Memorial Park Entrance	Interactive Art
3	MV1	Moon Valley	Interactive Art
3	MV2	Moon Valley	Temporary Art Exhibit
4	W1	Ward Park Parking Lot	Mural
4	W2	Ward Park Trail	Small Scale Passive
5	RP1	RAC	Sculpture

Trail Art

It is the intent of the Public Art Plan to have the trail art tie together through a citywide exhibit. Additional pieces may be placed along trails, but key features would occur in these locations.

Priority	Key	Area	Type of Art
4	T1	North Cass Trailhead	Temporary or Interactive
4	T2	Foxridge Drive/Old Mill Trailhead	Temporary or Interactive
4	T3	Eagle Glen/Lucy Webb Trailhead	Temporary or Interactive
4	T4	Eagle Glen/Johnston Trailhead	Temporary or Interactive

Completed Works of Art

Date Completed	Key	Area	Type of Art
June 2017	CV	Centerview	Kinetic Sculpture
Oct 2017	CL	58 & Dean/Entrance	Kinetic Sculpture
June 2018	MP	Memorial Park Entrance	Historical Mural
March 2019	TB	Playground	Musical Element
July 2019	RP2	Rec Park Concession Stand	Mural

THE RAYMORE **ARTS COMMISSION** MET IN REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, **MARCH 10, 2020**, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL AT 100 MUNICIPAL CIRCLE, RAYMORE, MISSOURI. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE: JONES, SETSER, GRIBBLE, YOUNG, BERRY, SIMPSON. ALSO PRESENT: COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER MELISSA HARMER.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call - Communications Manager Melissa Harmer called roll and a quorum was present. Commissioner Beth Brown was absent. Chair Loren Jones arrived after the meeting began.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

5. Presentations

6. Committee Updates

a. Public Art Committee

Commissioner Berry gave a review of the March 5 Public Art Committee meeting, including:

- i. Review of applicants for Little Free Library
- ii. Call for Artists for the sculpture at Hawk Ridge Park
- iii. New artist Gail Hazekamp exhibiting in Chamber Gallery
- iv. Currently working on banner ideas and placement ideas for 58 Highway

7. Staff Reports

a. Melissa Harmer mentioned the new artist in the Chamber Gallery and asked commissioners to share information with fellow artists about display opportunities. Commissioner Simpson asked if the artists had to be Raymore residents. Harmer stated guidelines were recently changed to allow residents from surrounding areas, as well as younger artists (16 and up), to apply to display art at City Hall.

b. Budget Update

To date, the Arts Commission has spent \$950 of its \$30,000 FY2020 Budget.

c. Events updates

Commissioner Berry, Kelly Fizer and Melissa Harmer had their first Summer Scene meeting prior to the March 10 Arts Commission meeting.

Harmer is ordering Raymore Arts Commission branded crayons and is working on creating a coloring book of public art and other areas in Raymore for giveaways at upcoming events.

8. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Setser moved to approve the January meeting minutes.
Commissioner Young seconded. The Commission voted 5-0 to approve.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

- a. Commissioner Berry moved to approve a designation of \$500 from the FY 2020 Arts Commission Budget for the Little Free Library reimbursement grant. Commissioner Setser seconded. The Commission voted 6-0 to approve.

- b. Commissioner Berry moved to approve a budget amendment to use \$500 from Art Exhibit Program: Promotion/Supplies to create Call for Artist listing on callforentry.org for the Hawk Ridge Park Sculpture Project. Commissioner Setser seconded the motion. The Commission voted 6-0 to approve.

11. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Jones talked about the upcoming MACCA conference. Commissioner Simpson offered to be the third person on the public art committee. Jones assigned the remaining commissioners to an outreach committee to find area talent for programs and said he would put some materials together for reference.

Commissioner Berry thanked staff and said he was looking forward to working on Summer Scene.

Commissioner Young said the outreach committee sounded like a great opportunity to capitalize on the talent pool. Young said going on a national scale to find an artist for the Hawk Ridge Park Sculpture is a good opportunity.

Commissioner Simpson seconded Young's comments and was impressed the website could reach so many people.

Commissioner Gribble didn't have a comment.

Commissioner Setser thanked Harmer for her help each week with Public Arts and taking lead on the coloring book.

Commissioner Jones thanked Berry for sticking with the Little Free Library campaign and making it happen. Simpson also thanked Berry. Harmer mentioned that the new Raymore Parks & Recreation Recreation Coordinator Corinne Daut had some great ideas for arts classes this summer and asked commissioners to keep sponsorship and partnership opportunities in mind.

12. Adjournment

- a. Commissioner Berry moved and Gribble seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The Commission voted 6-0 to approve.

Submitted by:

Melissa Harner



AGENDA ITEM MEMO

To: Raymore Arts Commission
From: Communications Department
Re: Pointe at Raymore HOA - Little Free Library

The Raymore Arts Commission is providing one reimbursement grant to a Raymore Homeowners Association for up to \$500 to install and register a Little Free Library in an easily accessible space in their neighborhood.

The Public Art Committee has selected Pointe at Raymore HOA as the grant recipient.

Please see the application from community member Megan Loganbill on the next page.

Motion to approve

Starting a Little Free Library book exchange was inspired by young minds. Young minds that are growing, hungry to learn. A love for reading and a passion for teaching are among the many reasons of being inspired by this movement. Promoting positive change and serving my community is a personal goal that I would love to achieve with this project. Building community and sparking creativity by fostering book exchanges within my neighborhood is the overarching goal. I feel inspired to make an impact on my community that is long-lasting.

There are a multitude of positive effects that I hope the Little Free Library will have on my neighborhood. One is for community. Community brings different lives together to share culturally diverse stories where people learn from one another. Community builds connections and relationships between people while encouraging collaboration. Another is kindness. The Little Free Library movement is one that spreads kindness. Practicing random acts of kindness is a motto I choose to follow, one of which I hope others feel inspired to follow as well. Lastly, I aspire for the Little Free Library to support literacy by promoting a love for reading and get books into everyone's hands. This Little Free Library movement will help encourage partnerships with parents as well as support good reading habits that demonstrate a reading lifestyle.

As a member of the Pointe at Raymore community, it would be an honor to give back to my neighbors. Our newly constructed development would benefit greatly from the Little Free Library as a means of growing closer as a neighborhood. This would be a great addition for new home owners, as well as current ones, to experience the camaraderie our development offers.

AGENDA ITEM MEMO

To: Raymore Arts Commission
From: Communications Department
Re: Little Free Library- additional grants

A total of four applications were received for the Little Free Library reimbursement grant.

Considering that our arts programming opportunities have been limited since March due to health and safety concerns surrounding COVID-19 and will be limited for at least the next few months, we have ample room in our programming budget to consider a \$100 reimbursement grant to all or any of the other HOAs that originally applied for the grant if they install and register a Little Free Library in their neighborhoods.

This would be the same reimbursement process with a deadline to install and register the Little Free Library by Oct. 1, 2020, so as to ensure the reimbursement comes out of our current fiscal year budget.

The other applications were from Ward Park Place Homeowners Association, Wood Creek of the Good Ranch Homeowners Association and Creekmoor Property Owners Association.

<i>Motion to approve</i>

AGENDA ITEM MEMO

To: Raymore Arts Commission

From: Mike Ekey, Assistant City Manager

Re: Approval of Selection of Artist Leslie Tharp for Hawk Ridge Park Sculpture Project

The Raymore Arts Commission's Public Arts Committee has selected artist Leslie Tharp to conceptualize and fabricate a sculpture for Hawk Ridge Park.

Tharp is a metal artist from Gainesville, Florida, with 10 years of experience in public art. Please see the following pages for her artist statement, resume and work samples.

The Public Art Committee is seeking the full Raymore Arts Commission approval to proceed with the next steps to schedule a conference call with Tharp to discuss the project and receive a final proposed concept for the art piece. The Public Art Committee will make its recommendation to the commission at the June 9 or July 14 Raymore Arts Commission meeting. The original project timeline has been delayed a bit, but we are still anticipating a fall installation.

Motion to approve

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I am a metal artist in Gainesville, FL that specializes in large-scale public art and hands-on blacksmithing workshops. It is my belief that public art has the power to surprise and delight people, and through that engagement there is an opportunity for meaningful conversation. Curiosity exists in us all, and through projects like this we are able to add layers of thoughtfulness to the community's exploration of a space.

This project is a wonderful opportunity to explore the natural wonders of Hawk Ridge Park, and to bring those visions to visitor of the park. My work is anchored in exploring the form of local flora and fauna, in the spaces I work in, and conceptualizing the ways we see ourselves as part of or separated from these subjects. The way we engage with those plants and animals differs culture to culture and even throughout the country. By highlighting them, through interactive public art, I believe I can spark curiosity and conversation in visitors that reflects on the place they are in, and the ways they engage with the world around them.

If chosen for this project, I would first seek feedback from the Art Committee on what themes they may find the most engaging to their local environment. My initial approach would entail exploring the native animal and plant species seen within Hawk Ridge Park and developing a large-scale work based on those themes.

The location of the piece will indicate what additional elements may carry the theme forward- lighting, rain, shade, the possibility to add power for evening lighting and viewing, potential need for seating near the work or as part of the work, engagement with young viewers- children, as well as long term maintenance needs and vandalism concerns, etc.

My 10 years of public art experience have helped me to develop this approach, and my strong reputation as a metalworker and metalworking instructor ensures that I can work to bring this concept to fruition within budget and with the highest level of craftsmanship possible.

I thoroughly appreciate your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

-Leslie Tharp

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Public Art and Private Collection

Lighted Gator, 8.5' x 8.5' x 8.5', Large Alligator Sculpture Commissioned by the University of Florida.
Dec. 2019, Gainesville, FL

Explore, 9' x 16' x 5', Feature Wall for the Doral Glades Nature Museum.
June 2019, Doral, FL

Wave Bike Racks, Three 4' x 3' x 2' wave inspired bike racks commissioned by Opus Coffee
November 2018, Gainesville, FL

Jungle Book, Three large sculptural animal busts commissioned by Mellow Mushroom Inc.
March 2018, Clemson, SC

Out of the Woods, Participant in Deland Sculpture Walk Exhibition.
March 2017, Deland FL

Gold Leaf, Commissioned and Created for the Marriott Hotel in Gaithersburg, Maryland.
Dec. 2017, Gaithersburg, MD.

Branching, Public Art Handrails for Barr Hammock Preserve through the Alachua County Forever Land Conservation Program and the Environmental Protection Program and in collaboration with artist John Patterson.
Sept. 2016, Gainesville FL

The Skunk Ape, privately commissioned full scale sculpture depicting Florida's mysteries Skunk Ape,
June 2016, Gainesville FL

The Chase, a large scale outdoor sculpture inspired by Florida's rich aquatic life, located at the Shands Orthopedic Pediatric Center in Gainesville, FL
April 2016, Gainesville, FL

Oak Tree Triptych, Highly Forged 3-piece metal panel, featuring imagery of a live oak tree. Located at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Gainesville, FL
January 2016, Gainesville FL

Out of the Woods, Participant in Gainesville Main Street Artscape 18 month exhibition.
December 2014, Gainesville FL

Lift, Participant in the Belle Art outdoor sculpture exhibition in Scottsdale, AZ
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Three site-specific sculptural sign-holder created for the City of Gainesville Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park alongside the Art in Public Places Trust and the Gainesville Parks Department.
August 2013, Gainesville FL

Cloud Chandeliers and Expanded Steel Lighting Pendants designed for and installed at the Pizza Fusion restaurant in Naples, FL in collaboration with paper artist Karen Tharp.
July 2013, Naples FL

Roots, winner of the 2012 Coral Gables Benchmarks Design Competition, and located at the Coral Gables Museum.
Sept 2012, Coral Gables FL

Startle, Acquired by Beltline Inc. in 2013.
April 2013, Atlanta GA

The Giving Tree, an original Artwork commissioned by and in the public art collection of the City of Gainesville, located at the Senior Recreational Center.
June 2012, Gainesville FL

Cycle, an original Artwork in the public art collection of the University of Florida, located at the Small Animal Vet Hospital.
May 2011, Gainesville FL

Awards

2019 - City of Gainesville Individual Artist of the Year Award

Teaching and Demonstrating Experience

2020 - Owner of [Fe]ver Metal Art Center and instructor of hands on Metalworking Workshops
2020 - Community Education Welding Instructor at Santa Fe College's Welding Certification Program
2020 - 1 week Guest Instructor for one week at the Appalachian School of Craft in Tennessee
2020 - 2 week Iron Studio Technician Haystack Mountain School of Craft in Maine
2019- 2012 Beginning Blacksmithing Workshops taught out of Leslie Tharp Design's metal studio
2019 Teaching Assistant for John Rais at Haystack School of Craft in Maine
2018 Assisting Demonstrator Rachel David at SIMS
2018 Assisting Demonstrator Lisa Geertsen at Annual Quadstate Conference
2018-2019 Guest Instructor at The Maritime Museum in Cortez Florida
2014-2018 Teaching Instructor at Florida Artist Blacksmith Association Annual Conference

Education

2016 Journeyman Certification for Blacksmithing
2008, University of Florida Bachelor's in Fine Art Degree

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01_Tharp
The Lighting of the Gator detail
2019
8.5' x 8.5' x 8.5'
Steel



02_Tharp
The Lighting of the Gator
2019
8.5' x 8.5' x 8.5'
Steel



03_Tharp
Out of the Woods
2017
6' x 4' x 10'
Steel

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04_Tharp
Out of the Woods detail
2017
6' x 4' x 10'
Steel



05_Tharp
The Chase
2016
14' x 14' x 14'
Steel



06_Tharp
Lift detail
2014
Three seats/ basket sculptures – 18"x20",
24"x20", 30"x20".
Three balloon shapes – 5'x7', 6'x8', 7'x9'
Steel and aluminum

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Lift

2014

Three seats/ basket sculptures – 18"x20",
24"x20", 30"x20".

Three balloon shapes – 5'x7', 6'x8', 7'x9'

Steel and aluminum



08_Tharp

Clouds

2013

4' x 2.5' x 2.5'

Steel and Resin Coated Paper



09_Tharp

Tree Tryptic

2017

5' x 30" x 2"

Steel

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10_Tharp
The Giving Tree
2012
12' x 6' x 2'
Steel



11_Tharp
Explore
2018
16' x 9.4' x 4'
Steel



12_Tharp
Explore detail
2018
16' x 9.4' x 4'
Steel