

RAYMORE ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020 - 7 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers
100 Municipal Circle
Raymore, Missouri 64083

We kindly request that commissioners and members of the public wear a mask to the meeting.

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 update
- b. September work session

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 - July 2020 (p. 4)

Motion to approve the consent agenda

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

- a. Election of officers:** The Arts Commission will need to nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair per the bylaws. A simple majority is all that is necessary.

Staff will conduct the election

- b. Approval of the FY2020 meeting schedule.** The Arts Commission meets in its regular business meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. Staff has prepared the official schedule. Commission members can propose additional meetings as set out in the bylaws as necessary. (p. 6)

Staff will conduct the election

- c. Donation in the amount of \$2,600 to Ray-Pec School District to be distributed between art teachers for art supplies. (p. 8)**

Motion to approve

- d. Hawk Ridge Park Sculpture Project:** The Public Art Committee is requesting approval of the sculpture design for Hawk Ridge Park. If approved it will go before the Parks & Recreation Board and City Council as an informational item and a notice to proceed will be issued to the artist. (p. 9)

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.

Commissioner Berry's notes from Aug. 6 Public Art Committee:

1. We went over the detailed Hawk's Ridge Sculpture proposal. We liked the overall ideas and had a question about one of the sketches and wanted clarification. Once this question is answered, we want to recommend moving forward with this proposal.
2. Melissa is attempting to coordinate with the two HOAs in order to have a mini ribbon-cutting for the two Little Free Library book exchanges. All Arts Commission members are invited to participate. (We might contact the corresponding Councilpersons as well.)
3. Melissa has put together a proposal to help local Ray-Pec District art teachers by injecting their budget with approximately \$200 each for any immediate needs they might have for their classrooms this year.
4. There might be an opportunity to place a piece of art at T.B. Hannah Station. A concrete pad has been poured and we'll need to coordinate with Parks about permanent vs temporary displaying at this spot if we want to explore this further.
5. Pat reported that the Holiday Sing-Along is scheduled to happen Dec. 7 at 3:30 pm. The event will be streamed live on Facebook and on the St. Paul Methodist Church's website, so it will be available to all, whether or not an in-person event is possible by then.
6. We want to buy a new Arts Commission Christmas tree, along with separate lights and additional ornaments for the Mayor's Tree Lighting event this year. (We've retired the old tree.)

THE RAYMORE **ARTS COMMISSION** MET IN REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, **JULY 14, 2020**, IN CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 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.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

5. Presentations

6. Committee Updates

a. Public Art Committee

Commissioner Berry noted the committee did not meet in July and said there would be more information available at the next meeting.

7. Staff Reports

- a. Melissa Harmer gave a budget update and asked commissioners to think about ways to creatively use funds before the end of the fiscal year.
- b. Commissioner Berry asked if there were any takers on the \$100 grant for the Little Free Library. Harmer said she had not heard from any of them by that time.
- c. Melissa Harmer gave an update on the upcoming No Tax Increase G.O. Bond Issues that would be on the Aug. 4 ballot.

8. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Berry moved to approve the May meeting minutes. Commissioner Simpson seconded. The Commission voted 6-0 to approve.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

- a. Commissioner Berry moved to approve the amendment to Arts Commission bylaws regarding attendance to align with the City Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The Commission voted 6-0 to approve.

- b. Commissioner Berry moved to approve a sponsorship up to \$500 for a band at the Spirit of America Celebration. Commissioner Gribble seconded the motion. The Commission voted 6-0 to approve.

11. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Setser said the Holiday Singalong was set for Monday, Dec. 7 at 3:30 p.m. and would be happening either virtually streamed online or at St. Paul's Methodist Church. Commissioner Gribble had no comment. Commissioner Simpson said she has been brainstorming with her son, a professional singer, about having a socially distanced concert at some point in the fall at the amphitheater with high school students. Commissioner Young thanked the staff. Commissioner Berry thanked staff and fellow commissioners for being present and said it was good to see everyone. Commissioner Jones thanked commissioners and mentioned the year has been different and asked commissioners to be creative and think about how the commission can still be a presence during COVID-19, whether it's sponsoring or otherwise, and mentioned working on that at the September work session.

12. Adjournment

- a. Commissioner Berry moved and Simpson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The Commission voted 6-0 to approve.

Submitted by:

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

AGENDA ITEM MEMO

To: Raymore Arts Commission
From: Melissa Harmer, Communications Manager
Re: Approval of the FY 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

The Arts Commission by-laws require the members to set an annual schedule. Attached is the relevant portion of the by-laws and a copy of the 2020-2021 meeting schedule.

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS

D. The Commission will generally meet on a monthly basis. In August of each year, the Commission will adopt a schedule of meetings for the upcoming year.

<i>Motion to approve</i>



2020-2021 Raymore Arts Commission meeting schedule:

Meetings are a 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall Council Chambers.

Sept. 8, 2020
Oct. 13, 2020
Nov. 9, 2020
Dec. 8, 2020
Jan. 11, 2021
Feb. 8, 2021
March 8, 2021
April 12, 2021
May 10, 2021
June 14, 2021
July 12, 2021
Aug. 9, 2021

AGENDA ITEM MEMO

To: Raymore Arts Commission
From: Melissa Harmer, Communications Manager
Re: Donation to Ray-Pec School District for art supplies

The Raymore Arts Commission has been unable to host several regular events and programs as a result of COVID-19, leaving a large amount of funds unused in the current FY 2020 budget. Commissioners have come up with some ideas on how to creatively use the budget to promote the arts in the community. With the different challenges that both students and teachers will face in this upcoming school year with virtual and/or in-person learning, this agenda item asks for approval to donate \$2,600 to the Ray-Pec School District with a memo specifying the donation is distributed evenly between all of the district's art teachers in the high school and elementary and secondary schools, as well as a donation to the Shull Early Learning Center.

The district employs one art teacher at each of the six elementary schools and two middle schools, and has four art teachers at the high school. Each art teacher would receive \$200 to spend on art supplies as needed, and the early learning center would receive \$200 for art supplies as well.

Motion to approve

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Hawk Ridge Park



Working Title: *Roots*

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Missouri is home to a vast composition of prairie grasses, meadows, and tall grasses. Historically one-third of the state features a variety of prairie and tallgrass ecosystems. While only .5% of those original landscapes still exist, they remain vital to the soil health and plant and animals that depend on them.

Grassland habitat is diverse in its plant compositions and in the wildlife it sustains; from large fauna to small insects. A unique and often unseen feature of grassland habitats is the root structure that extends far below our feet.

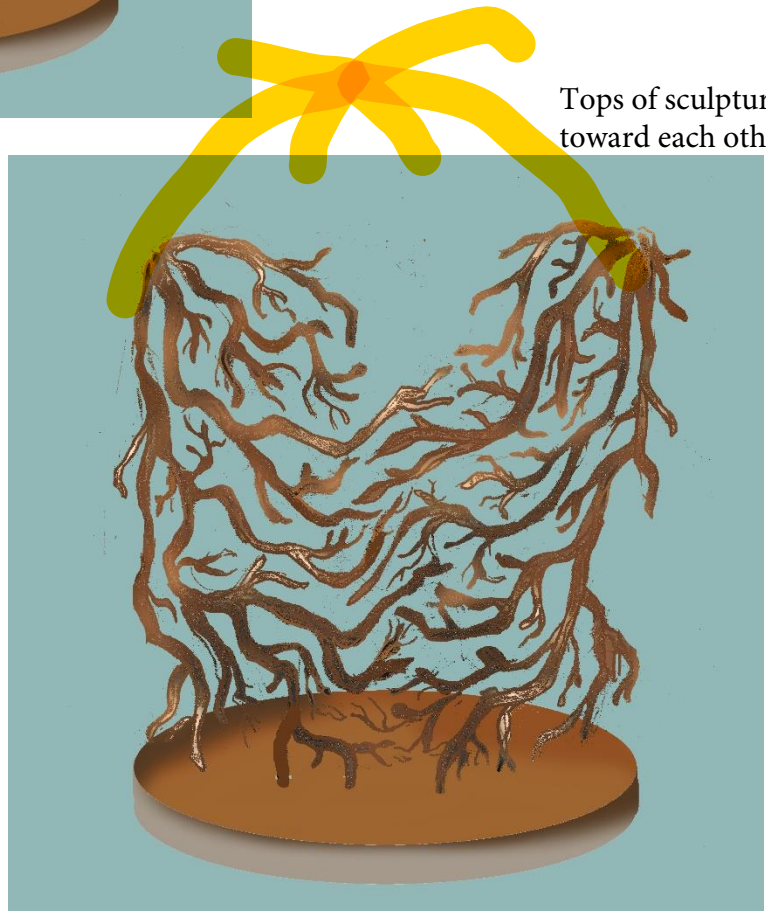
These root systems play an important role in the local ecosystem, including providing 75-80% of the land's biomass which is responsible for enormous carbon absorption. These root systems are also very efficient at absorbing heavy rainfalls, and filtering out excess fertilizers from agricultural practices so they do not end up in the local waterways. Additionally, the prairie grass roots assist with invasive species control, and reducing issues of erosion.

These attributes are an incredible component of the prairie landscape, and are the driving inspiration behind this sculpture.

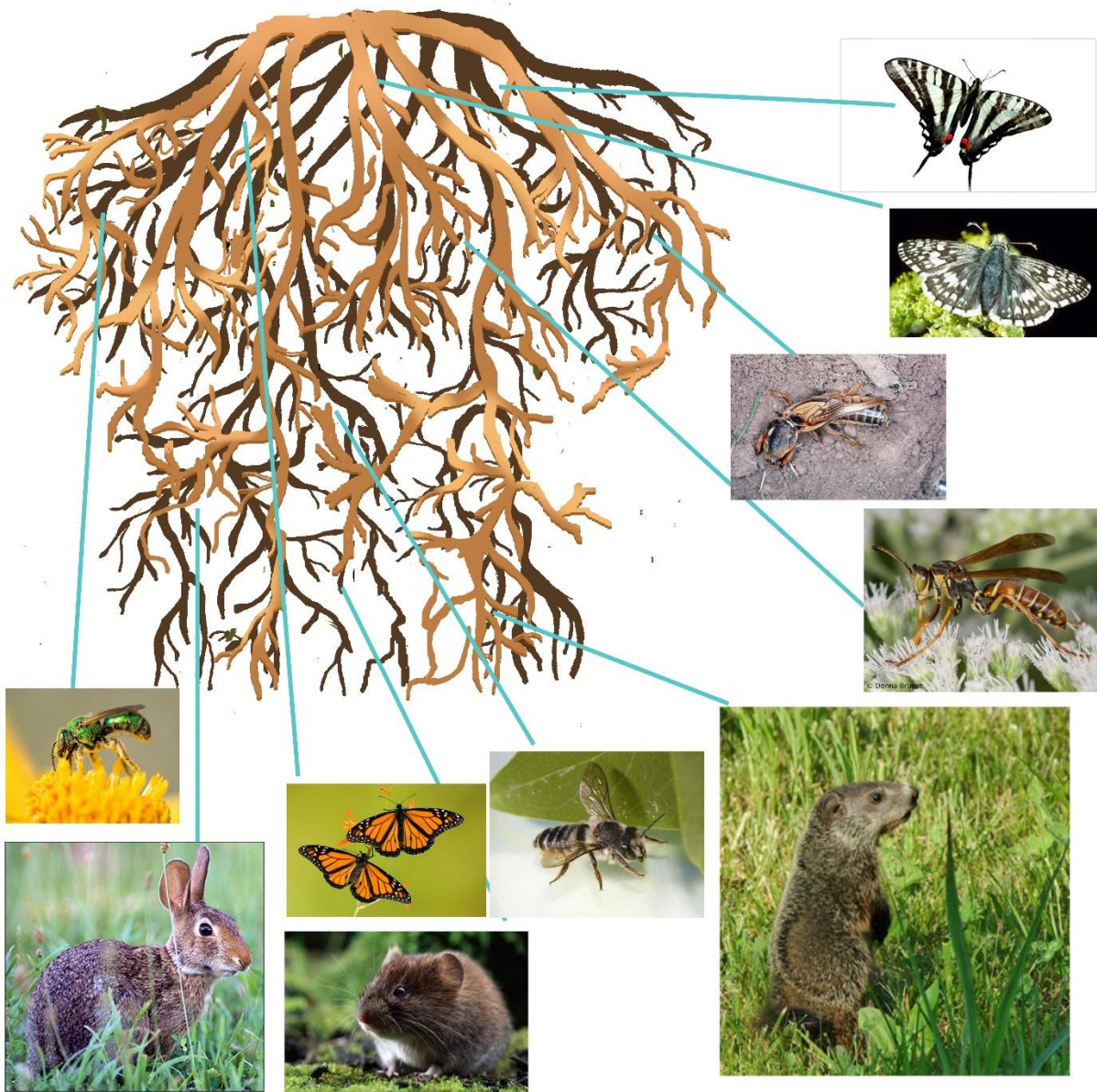


Visitors to Hawk Ridge Park will be enticed to take a closer look at the complex, branching form they notice from afar as they enter the space. The form describes a series of root systems in meticulously forged and fabricated Cor-ten steel.

The fanning and weaving metalwork will stand approximately 8' tall, with arms reaching as far as 7' wide. The two main panels will gracefully arch towards each other, and entangle at the tips of their reach as they collide.



Tops of sculpture will arch toward each other.



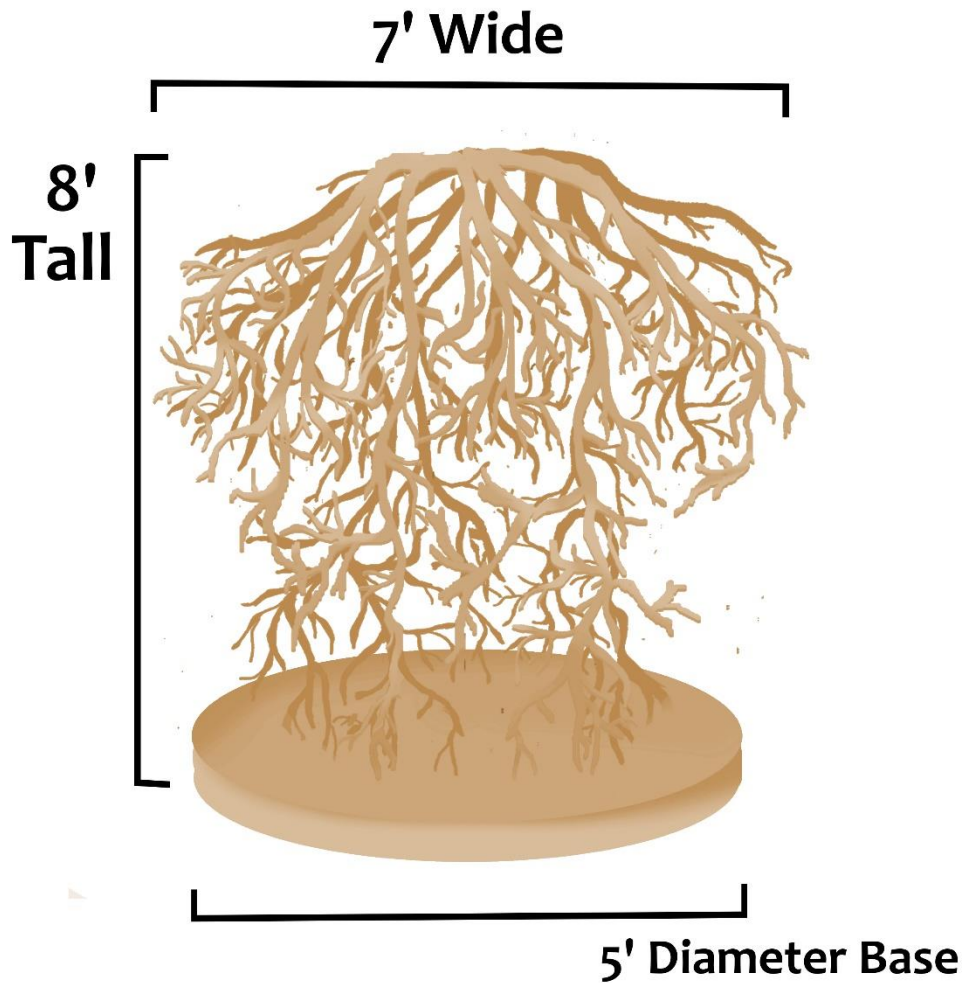
The network of roots will describe beautiful patterns, sprinkled with hidden imagery for viewers to find. Throughout the web of iron will be outlines of cotton tailed rabbits, groundhogs, prairie voles, and a wide selection of insects including important pollinator species such as the Monarch Butterfly. These forms will be very subtle and only seen by the most observant viewer!

The purpose of the “Eye Spy” game is to attract attention to the multidimensional value of these native prairie grasses, while elevating the beauty of their most unseen half.



During the day, the view of the sculpture will be filled with beautiful patterns cast from the moving sunlight onto the base and grass surrounding the piece. These shadows will shift with the seasons as the sun moves higher or lower in the sky. Layered imagery of local insects and animals may be revealed as the sun draws attention to their shadows.

At night the work will be illuminated from the center of the base and will create a new visual effect to enjoy. The composition of single layer roots will be highlighted, and the form will act as a beacon for visitors attending an evening performance at the Amphitheater.



Measuring 7' wide and 8' tall, the piece will be made from forged and fabricated Cor-ten Steel.

The texture and form of the branching line-work will be meticulously articulated, and the weather stable steel will provide a handsome warm finish with absolutely no maintenance required.

In the initial stage of application, COR-TEN shows a yellowish appearance. This is followed by a gradual change in the color of the protective rust from brown to a stable dark brown after one to two years in general application environments. Afterwards, the coloration shows no clear change except perhaps to a deeper dark brown.



FY 2020 Arts Commission Budget

Project	Description	Budget	Actual	Status
Public Art		\$16,500		
Hawk Ridge Park	Permanent Art Piece	\$15,000	\$1,500	
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 (Little Free Library)	Literature/Other	\$1,000	\$614	
Programming		\$7,000		
Family Art Days	Teacher Fees and Supplies	\$1,000		possible Parks & Rec sponsorships
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	MAACA membership
Other		\$0		
Communications		\$0	\$30	LFL/Book FB promo
Total Budget		\$30,000	\$30,000	
Total Expenditures		\$30,000	\$3,572	
Available		\$0	\$26,428	