

THE RAYMORE **ARTS COMMISSION** MET IN REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, **MARCH 10, 2015** IN THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM IN CITY HALL AT 100 MUNICIPAL CIRCLE, RAYMORE, MISSOURI. MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: COMMISSIONERS PARYS, GAMBRELL, LAWRENCE, BERRY, AND CANOVIC. ALSO PRESENT WERE: ASST. CITY MANAGER HAUCK AND E.D. ASST. SEITTER. MEMBERS ABSENT WERE: COMMISSIONERS MARTIN AND SETSER.

1. Call to Order. Asst. City Manager Hauck called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call. E.D. Asst. Seitter called roll and a quorum was present.
3. Commissioner and Staff Introductions. Commissioners and staff provided brief introductions which included their work/personal background and experience in the arts.
4. Asst. City Manager Hauck explained the Arts Commission Timeline that was handed out. She noted that the Commission should determine their scope of work and projects at the April 2015 meeting. She also mentioned that facilitator assistance from both the Missouri Arts Council (MAC) and the Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies (MACAA) had been requested for the April meeting.

She also indicated that in the next couple of months the Arts Commission would need to determine their budget needs, as this timing correlates to the City's finalization of its 2015-16 budget as well. Currently, the Arts Commission has a \$10,000.00 line item allocated in the City's budget.

5. The group briefly discussed the possibility of meeting with other interested stakeholders, arts organizations, residents, Parks Dept., Planning & Zoning, etc. and holding a Saturday workshop. While this could definitely be a possibility in the future, it was stressed that the Commission must first determine its scope, mission, type of projects, etc.
6. The subject of a hotel tax or tourism tax was raised. It was noted that Raymore currently has neither tax, nor does it have a "percent-per-arts" program in place for commercial and/or private development as many other cities do. The Commission noted this is something the City might want to investigate and implement in the future in order to fund arts in the community.
7. Several Commissioners indicated they would like to contact some of the cities that had previously been researched in order to obtain additional information regarding

their arts organizations and structure. They will make contact and then report back at the next meeting.

8. Asst. City Manager Hauck went over the procedures for e-mail communication between the Arts Commission members, noting that this was restricted to informal discussions only due to the Sunshine Law.

9. Asst. City Manager Hauck noted that she would share information on any upcoming city activities (i.e., Art in the Park, etc.) with the Commissioners at the April meeting. In addition, she noted the Commission would also discuss the Commission's 501-C-3 status and roles, share information obtained regarding art organizations/structures in other cities, and have an opportunity to discuss start-up issues with facilitator(s) from MAC and/or MACAA.

10. The Commissioners asked about the possibility of switching the Arts Commission meetings to Wednesday night instead of Tuesday night. It was determined that the group would revisit the schedule in June and that it could possibly change at that time.

11. The Commissioners also inquired about the roundabout art work that was discussed at the March 9th City Council meeting. Asst. City Manager Hauck updated the Commissioners on the status of the roundabout and will forward a copy of the renderings to the Commissioners.

12. Adjourn: The Arts Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Seitter