

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
January 19, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

***AGENDA ITEM 1:* Roll Call to Establish a Quorum**

Present: Chairperson Steve Kaniewski; Commissioners, Kenneth Webster, Diane Magerko, Carol Sapeta, Richard Rehwaldt, and Liz Miller.

Absent: Commissioner Reggie Andrews.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of September 29, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the September 29, 2011 minutes. Commissioner Webster made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Rehwaldt. A voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried.

***AGENDA ITEM 3:* Open Meetings Act Required Training**

Mr. Ben Mason, Senior Planner provided an overview of open meetings act training commission members are required to take online some time this calendar year. He clarified that Commissioners Magerko and Andrews would be advised to wait to do the training until after May 1st, when their reappointment to the commission takes place and new term begins. Mr. Mason directed commission members to contact village staff with any questions and ultimately forward to his attention the certificates of completion.

***AGENDA ITEM 4:* 2011/2012 Public Art Program Slideshow Presentation**

Mr. Mason gave a PowerPoint presentation of all 35 new public art displays that staff recently installed at the various municipal buildings, schools, and libraries in the village. He noted that approximately one-third of this year's artists are first time participants in the program and a variety of media is exhibited, including painting, photography, sculpture, and drawing. Mr. Mason also indicated some of the participating artists have expressed interest in donating artwork to the village at the end of the display exhibit, which staff will help coordinate the review of and potential acceptance by the commission.

AGENDA ITEM 5:**Local Student Art Exhibit Program**

The commission continued to discuss ideas for a new art exhibit program to display local student artwork in public places. Overall, the commission has expressed an interest in holding the exhibit as a 2-3 day show at Village Hall during the late winter/early spring. There was general support to focus the program on student artwork from the middle schools (6-8 grade).

Commissioner Sapeta volunteered to lead the commission's efforts to contact local middle school art teachers to arrange for the submission of student artwork for the commission's review and approval. Mr. Mason indicated village staff would help assist in the scheduling of the exhibit at Village Hall, including arrangements for the setup and display of artwork.

AGENDA ITEM 6:**Annual Algonquin's Art on the Fox Show**

Mr. Mason provided a summary of the preliminary plans for this summer's Art on the Fox—Saturday, June 30 & Sunday, July 1—and introduced Ms. Ann Leslie, the village's fine art show consultant. Mr. Mason stated village staff is finalizing the artist application form and Ms. Leslie recommended May 1 for the early-bird registration deadline and June 1 as the deadline for artists to request a refund.

The commission discussed the dollar amount for the jury and booth fees. There was consensus the non-refundable jury fee shall remain \$15 and the exhibit booth fee shall be increased slightly to \$90 (\$80 early-bird), primarily in an effort to provide artists with complimentary lunch tickets.

Other topics discussed included establishing a Best in Show cash prize award and discussion of overnight security for the event. In general, the commission expressed an interest in providing ribbons and monetary awards—cash prizes and/or gift certificates—to the first, second, third and honorable mention winners. In response to artist comments suggesting the show provide security for the artist booth displays, Mr. Mason stated he had consulted with Ms. Leslie on the matter and there would be concerns with having the show assume such potential risk or liability. The commission was in agreement that the show's current guidelines that stipulate the show does not provide security and that is at the artist's own risk if they leave personal property unattended in the park, shall continue to remain in effect as the event's policy.

Ms. Leslie proposed an interactive mural project that would be completed in the park during the show, potentially on a series of plywood panels, and she volunteered to draft a preliminary sketch for the artwork image and present it to the commission for review at an upcoming meeting. In general, the commission recommended the mural be created by individuals with art experience, potentially high school art students or commission members with art backgrounds. Several issues remain to be decided such as the final image for the mural, list of participating artists, materials required to execute the project, and where the mural would be installed upon completion.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Other Business

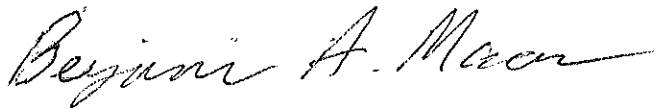
Mr. Mason gave an update on the forthcoming installation of a permanent sculpture display at the Oakridge Court shopping development. He distributed photographs of the artwork in progress and indicated the sculpture is scheduled to be installed soon.

The next arts commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 16.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and a voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin A. Mason". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner