

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

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

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

Absent:                                 Diane Magerko, Ken Webster, and Regina Andrews.

Staff Members Present:            Russ Farnum, Community Development Director and Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:*                    Approval of March 29, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the March 29, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Rehwaldt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Sapeta. A voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried.

***AGENDA ITEM 3:*                    Village of Algonquin Student Art Exhibit**

Mr. Mason provided an update on the upcoming student art exhibit at Village Hall on April 26-28. He noted Commissioner Sapeta has picked-up the artwork from the schools and provided the teacher contacts with information about the exhibit and open house reception. Staff is publicizing the exhibit to the public through the village website, monthly water bill, and a press release. Commissioner Sapeta is preparing signs for the artwork as well as certificates that will be awarded to each participating student. Staff is making arrangements for food and drink refreshments at the open house and will contact Commissioner Webster to coordinate transport and delivery of his display panels to Village Hall.

The arts commission reviewed artwork applications in March and accepted 24 pieces. Following the March meeting, 6 new artwork applications were submitted by the participating schools – St. John’s Lutheran and Algonquin Middle School – and the arts commission reviewed and accepted each of the additional pieces. A total of 30 artworks will be on display at the exhibit.

The commission finalized plans for the open house reception and it was recommended that name badges be made for both commission members as well as the student artists. Staff will prepare the nametags and Commissioner Sapeta will present the award

certificates to students during the open house, which will be held from 6-8pm on Thursday, April 26.

***AGENDA ITEM 4:***                    **Algonquin's Art on the Fox**

Mr. Mason gave an update on the annual fine art fair, which will be held in Riverfront Park this summer on the weekend of June 30-July 1. He noted a total of 15 artist applications have been received thus far, however additional artist applications are being directed to Staff since the previous year's art show consultant Ann Leslie will not be helping with the event again this year. Staff and the commission will fulfill the other areas of the show Ms. Leslie was involved in, such as artist correspondence and event setup. The village is coordinating reservation of the port-a-let rentals from Waste Management and local artist Jeff Kennedy is updating the event poster to include the 2012 show dates.

The commission continued to make plans for the event, including the Artist Reception and Best in Show awards. Chairperson Kaniewski will contact Port Edward Restaurant to make arrangements for the Saturday evening artist reception, which typically takes place from 6-8pm and includes the announcement of the Best in Show award winners. Commissioner Miller volunteered to contact the art teachers from McHenry County College who helped judge the artist booths last year to see if they would be interested and available to do so again. The possibility of having musicians perform at the art fair was also discussed and there was general agreement that acoustical musicians could be considered, but only if they were to serve as a complementary piece of the overall art fair and without amplification.

The next Arts Commission meeting to continue planning for the event was scheduled for Thursday, May 17.

***AGENDA ITEM 5:***                    **Other Business**

Commissioner Miller recommended looking into the possibility for placing art pieces in commercial businesses, in particular local restaurants. The idea will be discussed further at the May meeting and Staff will compile for Commissioner Miller some information she requested about the current public art exhibit, including artist/property owner display agreements and artwork photographs.

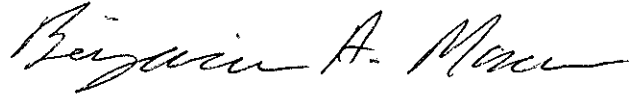
Mr. Mason reminded commission members to complete the required Open Meetings Act Training and also provided information about an online survey for the village's historic Old Town District.

Mr. Mason stated that Commissioner Andrews will be leaving the public arts commission at the end of her current term this May in order to be able to focus more time on her business. Her years of service to the commission are greatly appreciated.

**AGENDA ITEM 6:           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 8:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Benjamin A. Mason". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner