

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN  
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes  
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room  
January 17, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

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

Present:                                Chairperson Liz Miller; Commissioners Carol Sapeta, Richard Rehwaldt, Andrew Rogers, and Jennifer Browe-Ullery.

Absent:                                 Commissioner Sara Foster.

Staff Members Present:        Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:*                    Approval of August 16 and November 29, 2012 Minutes**

Chairperson Miller made a motion to approve the August 16 and November 29, 2012 minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Rehwaldt. A voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried.

***AGENDA ITEM 3:*                    2013 Commission Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Ben Mason, Senior Planner reviewed the commission's meeting schedule for the 2013 calendar year.

***AGENDA ITEM 4:*                    Consider New Locations for Future Public Art Displays**

The commission discussed adding some of the local businesses—specifically restaurants—as locations for future public art displays. The commission agreed that it would be most effective for each commissioner to visit a small number of businesses and Staff distributed copies of an informational brochure for each commissioner to use when going out to visit area businesses to inquire about their interest in serving as a display location.

Commission members requested a general worksheet they could also bring with on the business visits, to document the physical characteristics of available wall space, such as size, color, and material. Mr. Mason stated he would prepare a simple survey form and send it out to the commission members.

It was agreed by the commission that similar to the scope of the annual Public Art Program, the art pieces would be on display for one year and not be priced for sale. A sign will be placed next to each work, with the artist contact information should someone want to inquire about purchasing a piece after the exhibit concludes. The commission

also recommended publicizing the list of businesses that participate, for example, via the village's quarterly Citizen newsletter, village website and a press release to the newspapers.

The commission also discussed conceptually the idea of establishing a membership program, where businesses would help sponsor the village's art-related activities and offset some of the costs. There was consensus to pursue the idea as a separate initiative in the future, apart from the public art display program.

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

The commission discussed plans for a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual student art exhibit featuring artwork from the middle schools (6-8 grade). Commissioner Sapeta volunteered to once again contact the schools and the dates of the exhibit will either be April 18-20 or April 25-27 at Village Hall. Mr. Mason will contact Jacobs High School to confirm their spring art exhibit dates and schedule the village's exhibit accordingly so as not to conflict. Once the dates have been set, he will update the application form and send to Commissioner Sapeta to forward on to the schools.

The commission will review the artwork submittals in March and it was discussed whether to offer a Best in Show award or invite top students' artwork to display in the annual Public Art Program exhibit later in the Fall. The commission will continue to consider whether to offer some type of awards at the next Arts Commission meeting.

Mr. Mason also noted that some form of portable wall/framing system will need to be identified, for the display of the artwork. He indicated he would contact the high school to inquire about whether they might have portable walls that could be borrowed and the commission was encouraged to think of other potential methods for displaying the work.

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

The commission continued to discuss plans for this summer's Art on the Fox show, which will be held Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16. Mr. Mason provided an overview of the call for artists and mentioned that village staff is publicizing event information through many different outlets, including: the Illinois Art Fair Directory; Chicago Artists Resources website; and Spring Algonquin Citizen Newsletter. He mentioned the artist application has also been sent out to artists that have taken part in previous years of the village's public art program and fine art fair. Mr. Mason also noted the artist application has been posted on the village website and encouraged commission members to forward a copy of the application to any artists they know of who might be interested in registering for a booth.

The commission agreed to provide local artist Jeff Kennedy with a complimentary booth space should he be willing to once again generously update the event poster he designed for the art fair event. The commission also suggested adding a website link to the poster, to direct artists to visit the village website to download a copy of the application form.

Mr. Mason will contact Mr. Kennedy to determine if he would be interested in participating again this year.

The commission also discussed whether to include food and music as part of the event. Mr. Mason explained that acoustic music had been featured at the park's gazebo last year. A couple of suggestions were offered by the commission for music to better carry throughout the park, such as setting up speakers at each end of the park or arranging for strolling musicians. The commission also discussed the idea of incorporating food booths into the event, in addition to the artist lunch program. Both food and music will be discussed further at the next Arts Commission meeting, scheduled for February 21.

***AGENDA ITEM 7: Other Business***

Mr. Mason indicated he would send commissioners an updated list of members' contact information, as well as, a copy of the brochure Staff had prepared to distribute to businesses about the annual public art program.

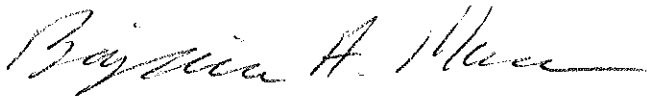
Mr. Mason also mentioned the village's year-long Downtown Planning Study is coming to a conclusion, to which Chairperson Miller proposed the idea of incorporating art into the alley-way improvements.

The commission also suggested creating business cards for commission members in the future.

***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 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner