

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
February 21, 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, Sara Foster, and Jennifer Browe-Ullery.

Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of January 17, 2013 Minutes**

Commissioner Rehwaldt made a motion to approve the January 17, 2013 minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Browe-Ullery. A voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried.

***AGENDA ITEM 3:* Identify Location for New Artwork Donation**

The commission discussed formally accepting an artwork donation from artist Judith Halek. There was consensus to accept "Evergreen" into the village's permanent collection and the commission recommended hanging the piece at Cafe Firefly this year as the owner there has expressed interest in displaying public art.

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

Several commission members reported that they had visited local businesses over the past month to inquire about their interest in hosting a public art display this fall. Commissioners turned in brief descriptions of about half a dozen businesses who had expressed a desire to participate, including their available wall space and contact information.

Commissioner Rogers asked whether businesses would be permitted to choose which artwork pieces they would like to display. The general consensus of the commission was to try and streamline the process and that similar to the artwork selected for the public library and schools in town, the commission should be able to adequately take into account the context of the site and propose individual artwork pieces for consideration by the businesses.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Local Student Art Exhibit Program

The commission reviewed the plans for the upcoming student art show April 18-20th. The exhibit will be held at Village Hall and Commissioner Sapeta stated that she has sent out invitation letters to the local middle schools and received preliminary interest from several art teachers. The commission suggested honoring the top artwork in some way, such as by awarding a ribbon or offering to include the pieces as part of the annual public art program that exhibits new work around the community each Fall. Mr. Mason mentioned the exhibit will conclude on Saturday morning, April 20 from 9am-Noon and he will send out a sign-up sheet for commissioners who would be able to volunteer a couple hours that morning to be at Village Hall. Staff will work with Commissioner Sapeta to collect all the artwork from the participating schools and the artwork will be presented for the commission's review and approval at the next meeting.

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

The commission discussed the general plans for this summer's Art on the Fox event. Commissioner Sapeta volunteered to contact Port Edward Restaurant about reserving their party room for the event's Saturday evening artist reception and Commissioner Miller offered to help coordinate the artist lunch options with the local restaurants. Mr. Mason indicated he would contact McHenry County College again about the potential for one or two art instructors to help judge the Best in Show Contest.

Mr. Mason mentioned that local artist Jeff Kennedy has updated the event poster for 2013, to which the commission offered to hang copies of the poster up at local businesses such as coffee shops and restaurants.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Other Business

Mr. Mason noted the village's Downtown Planning Study was recently presented at a public hearing before the Algonquin Planning and Zoning Commission; the Plan was recommended on to the Village Board for final review and approval later in the month.

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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner