

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
May 9, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Absent: Sara Foster.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of April 4, 2013 Minutes**

Commissioner Rehwaldt made a motion to approve the April 4, 2013 minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Browe-Ullery. A voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried.

***AGENDA ITEM 3:* New Commission Member Introduction**

Mr. Ben Mason, Senior Planner welcomed a new commission member, Jeff Kennedy, who has been appointed by the Village Board to serve on the Public Arts Commission. Commissioner Kennedy introduced himself to the commission.

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

Mr. Mason introduced the new event consultants the village has hired to help organize the art fair, Julie Farris and Carole Jo Fremouw.

Ms. Farris explained her company, JMF Events, organizes several art fairs and events in the Fox Valley area, including in St. Charles and Batavia.

Ms. Fremouw stated that her operations company runs a variety of events, including art fairs, festivals, races, parades, and golf tournaments.

Ms. Farris asked the commission what they would like to see the art fair develop into in the future, in terms of size and scale. Commissioner Rehwaldt stated he would like to see the entire park filled with artists, as well as some food vendors. Commissioner Kennedy mentioned he would like to see art activities for kids, since there isn't an art curriculum in the local elementary schools. Chairperson Miller recommended possibly incorporating art projects in the greater downtown area as a whole, such as a mural.

Ms. Farris mentioned that other ideas to consider for the future are sponsorship, purchase awards, and booth spaces reserved for artists with a limited number of pieces, who would show their work together.

The commission discussed several items concerning this year's event, scheduled for June 15-16. Mr. Mason noted that two art instructors from McHenry County College have volunteered to judge the Best in Show contest. Commissioner Kennedy volunteered to coordinate the artist lunches and contact Café Firefly about coffee and muffins. Commissioner Browe-Ullery offered to assist with posting the art fair information on local event websites.

Regarding publicity for the event, Ms. Farris stated that the Daily Herald has agreed to run some free newspaper ads promoting the event, in exchange for a free display booth, to which the arts commission was in support. Ms. Farris also explained she has created an Art on the Fox Facebook page and recommended having postcards printed to distribute at other art fairs and to prospective artists; Commissioner Kennedy volunteered to design and arrange for ordering the postcards. The commission also expressed interest in establishing an Art on the Fox website, and Staff will follow-up with the event consultants to look into potential options and costs.

Prior to the event, Staff indicated it will send out a sign-up sheet for commission members to help out at the art fair. The next commission meeting was tentatively set for Thursday, July 11, to recap the Art on the Fox event.

AGENDA ITEM 5: **New Locations for Future Public Art Displays**

A dozen businesses have expressed interest in hosting public art displays this Fall: Algonquin Dental; Café Firefly; Diamond Physical Therapy; Golden Corral; Horizon Chiropractic Clinic; Law Office of Mathew Perrone; Martini's on Main; Nero's Pizza; Salon Arcadia; Snap Fitness; and Vanderweit Chiropractic. Similar to the schools and library, the arts commission will select artwork for each location; based on factors such as subject matter, size, and lighting.

AGENDA ITEM 6: **Recap April 2013 Student Artwork Exhibit**

The student art exhibit was held April 18-20, and featured art from Westfield, St. John's and Algonquin Middle School. The public library has expressed interest in hosting next year, and Commissioner Kennedy suggested displaying art at both the main and branch libraries, if possible.

AGENDA ITEM 7: **Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

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 9:30 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