

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
William J. Ganek Municipal Center – Board Room
November 21, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

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

Present: Chairperson Miller (arrived 7:15pm); Commissioners Browe-Ullery, Foster, Kennedy, Rogers and Sapeta.

Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of July 11, 2013 and August 15, 2013 Minutes**

Commissioner Sapeta made a motion to approve the July 11, 2013 and August 15, 2013 minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Browe-Ullery. A voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried.

***AGENDA ITEM 3:* Summer 2014 Algonquin's Art on the Fox**

Mr. Ben Mason, Senior Planner provided an update on preliminary plans for next year's event. He explained that staff and JMF Events are working with the Algonquin Police Department to secure overnight security. As soon as security arrangements are finalized, the artist application will be updated accordingly and sent out to the commission. Additionally, staff and JMF will soon start publicizing the event's call for artists. Ms. Julie Farris from JMF Events is also starting to contact local businesses about sponsorship opportunities.

***AGENDA ITEM 4:* 2013-14 Public Art Program**

Mr. Mason presented a PowerPoint slideshow of the new public art pieces that have been installed at the various public and business locations around the community. There was brief discussion regarding how to attract more people to the annual kick-off reception in October, to which the commission recommended contacting the participating schools to suggest they offer extra credits for their students to attend.

***AGENDA ITEM 5:* Our Town Grant**

Mr. Mason explained that village staff is researching a possible public art grant opportunity through the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The initial concept would be to identify a project that incorporates art into the downtown area, and staff provided general information about three improvements outlined in the 2008 Downtown

Streetscape Plan, each of which had a public art component: Main Street Gateway Monument; Huntington Drive Plaza; and Alleyways. The commission considered the different options and recommended the gateway monument as first priority, followed by the plaza improvement, as both would be located on Main Street and offer maximum visibility.

AGENDA ITEM 6: **Other Business**

Commissioner Rogers shared the sad news that Commissioner Richard Rehwaldt recently passed away. The commission expressed a desire to commemorate Mr. Rehwaldt's contributions to the village's public art program, possibly through an award to be given out as part of the annual student art exhibit.

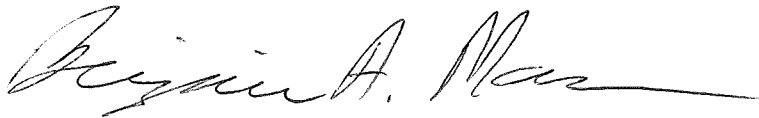
Commissioner Sapeta is corresponding with the local middle schools to begin planning for the upcoming spring student art exhibit.

The next commission meeting will be January 16, 2014 to continue to plan for next year's student art exhibit and art on fox event.

AGENDA ITEM 5: **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 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin A. Mason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner