

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes

William J. Ganek Municipal Center – Administration Conference Room

February 20, 2014

7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Chairperson Miller; Commissioners Rogers, Kennedy, and Sapeta.

Absent: Foster and Browe-Ullery.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of January 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

The previous month's minutes were not included in commissioners' meeting packets, and will be on next month's agenda for approval.

***AGENDA ITEM 3:* Summer 2014 Art on the Fox**

Staff reported that the early-bird artist deadline has now passed and Julie Farris with JMF Events coordinated a jury review of the submittals. Overall, approximately half of the applications were from return artists, and the other half were from first-time applicants.

Ms. Farris explained further the jury review process and noted that a majority of artists were accepted into the show, however a handful of applications were rejected based on a desire to enhance the image of the event as a "fine art" show and exclude some of the more arts/crafts type booths. Additionally, with respect to incorporating children's activities into the event, an artist application which included face painting was notified that the two concepts – fine art booth and face painting activity – would need to be separated out so as not to potentially cause disruption within the fine art booth area. The commission was in agreement that the face painting activity would be more appropriate in the children's area.

Ms. Farris also gave an update on business sponsorship, and noted she has received preliminary interest from US Bank, Nicor and Shaw Media as well as Xfinity and Waste Management who are also considering the event's sponsor opportunities.

The commission discussed doing an interactive art project for families and kids. There was general support for making arrangements to design a line drawing poster that could be colored in sections. The commission recommended a downtown Algonquin theme and incorporating outlines of iconic village landmarks, such as Historic Village Hall or the Cornish Park clock tower. Commissioner Rogers offered to help take photos of some of

the downtown images and Commissioner Kennedy volunteered to assemble the images into a poster that could be reproduced on a larger scale.

Commissioner Kennedy presented an updated version of the new event logo he designed for the commission's use. The new version has a wood-cut appearance to the fox figure and the commission had no further comments or suggestions. Commissioner Kennedy will next work on creating a colorized version of the logo.

Other items considered were setting up a booth at the event to display original artwork designed by commission members and the need to begin posting event information on local event websites. Commissioners Miller and Rogers offered to help Commissioner Sapeta with posting information on event websites.

AGENDA ITEM 4: **Spring 2014 Student Art Exhibit**

Staff explained that it has coordinated with the Algonquin Public Library to finalize the details for this spring's student art show. The dates of the exhibit have now been set and will be April 1-14, with the opening reception scheduled for Wednesday, April 2 at 6:00pm.

Jacobs High School has agreed once again to loan out their easels for the village's use, and we will be able to borrow their small table-top easels for the duration of the show. Additionally, the library has a mix of wall space and display cases where the artwork can be displayed.

Commissioner Sapeta has received preliminary confirmation from all four District 300/private schools that include 6-8 grade classes in the area. District 158 and Heineman did not express an interest in participating at this time.

The commission will review the submittals at its regular March 20th meeting and Commissioner Kennedy offered to look into options for designing a "Richard Rehwaldt Memorial Award", to be given out to the student whose artwork is selected best in show by the commission.

AGENDA ITEM 5: **Algonquin Public Art 10th Anniversary Exhibit (2015)**

An outdoor public art exhibit for 2015 was discussed. There was general agreement from the commission to further pursue such a program. The annual display program would be replaced by the outdoor exhibit for the upcoming year, and the commission suggested asking the artists with existing pieces on display at schools, libraries, and other locations to extend their loan for an additional year.

The commission discussed different objects that could be used for an outdoor exhibit, and Commissioner Rogers recommended potentially a boat with sails to reflect the village's heritage and early "Algonquin" schooner.

Staff will do some further research and follow-up with the commission with some additional information in the spring.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

There was no other business.

AGENDA ITEM 7: 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".

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner