

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN  
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes  
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room  
August 24, 2006  
7:30 p.m.**

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

Present:                                Chairperson Steve Kaniewski; Commissioners, Jeanine Soldner, Kenneth Webster, Regina Andrews, Lynn Carlson, and Karen Werle.

Absent:                                 Ellen Rodman.

Staff Members Present:            Jeff Mihelich, Assistant Village Manager and Ben Mason, Planner.

**AGENDA ITEM 2:                    Approval of June 15, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the June 15, 2006 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was seconded and a voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM 3:                    Art Education Programs**

Mr. Ben Mason, Planner discussed the August 24, 2006 memorandum titled 'Year 2006 Art Education Programs'. He provided a summary of both the kids art camps and art appreciation seminars that the Public Arts Commission sponsored. Mr. Mason stated that staff received considerable positive feedback on the kids art classes from parents and he noted that the art instructor, Mr. Ralph Cossentino, had several recommendations for expanding the scope of the course in the future.

*Commissioner Webster* mentioned that he heard from a parent that the instructor of the kids art camps was very qualified and the kids were well behaved.

*Commissioner Soldner* offered some suggestions for improving the art appreciation seminars, including holding the lectures in a more convenient location and scheduling the seminars on a weeknight.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:                    Year 2006 Public Art Display Plan**

Mr. Mason presented the draft Year 2006 Artwork Display Plan prepared by staff. He reviewed the 10 display locations and described the artist outreach methods staff had implemented to solicit artwork submittals. Mr. Mason mentioned that the outreach efforts resulted in 36 artworks being submitted for display consideration. He noted

approximately half of the applicants' submitted pieces for consideration last year and the other half applied for the first time. Mr. Mason outlined the artwork selection criteria that the Commission had devised in 2005 and explained that staff used the criteria to compile its list of recommended pieces for display. He stated that staff is recommending 25 pieces for display at specific locations. Mr. Mason explained that of the 25 artworks, 6 are currently on display as part of last year's program and would be carried over for an additional year. He provided a description of each of the 25 recommended artworks and referred to the display location that staff envisioned for each piece. Mr. Mason concluded the presentation by stating that staff recommends the Commission discuss and critically review the plan as presented and that unless major changes are recommended by the Commission, staff would present the display plan to the Village's Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> for final approval.

Commission members discussed staff's recommended display plan and came to a general consensus on the following changes to the plan:

- Add artwork #2006-11 to Village Hall
- Move artwork #2006-4 from School District 158 to Village Hall
- Add artworks #2006-9 and #26 to Public Works
- Move artwork #2006-22 from Public Works to Eastgate Library
- Add artwork #2006-21 to Harnish Library
- Move artwork #2005-58 from Algonquin Lakes Elementary to Harnish Library
- Add artwork #2006-15 and #16 to Algonquin Lakes Elementary

The Commission reached consensus on the decision to place artwork #2006-4 at Village Hall and agreed that the artist should be asked to change the segment of the collage that contains partial nudity if the Village receives complaints.

Staff indicated it will make the above changes to the Year 2006 Artwork Display Plan and will present the updated plan to the Village's Committee of the Whole on September 12<sup>th</sup> for final approval.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Other Business**

There was no other business discussed.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: 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 8:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Benjamin A. Mason, Planner