

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
June 21, 2007
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 Ellen Rodman.

Absent: Karen Werle.

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

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of August 24, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the August 24, 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 June 15, 2007 memorandum titled 'Art Education Programs'. He provided a summary of the village-sponsored summer kids art program that is being held at Village Hall. Mr. Mason noted that this year's class will be a three-week program and that it is hoped expanding last year's one-day camp to a multi-week course will afford the instructor and students more time to focus on and learn new drawing skills and techniques.

Staff reviewed the adult art education programs the Commission developed last summer and encouraged Commission members to consider whether they would like to formulate new classes and events for adults in the future.

The Commission was in agreement that any new adult art education programs should appeal to adults with either a serious or casual interest in art. The Commission recommended that the programs offer food and drink and be held in conjunction with other events in the village, when possible, in an attempt to draw in people that might not be interested in attending a program based solely on the art content alone.

The Commission reached consensus on pursuing the following three adult program ideas: a combined art lecture and demonstration; a downtown Algonquin art evening; and a bus tour of local art exhibits and facilities. Staff will prepare a brief summary of each

potential program and review the ideas in greater detail with Commission members at an upcoming meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4: 2007-08 Public Art Program – Call for Artists

Mr. Mason reviewed the June 15, 2007 memorandum titled '2007-08 Public Art Program – Call for Artists'. He provided an overview of the outreach methods staff has implemented for this year's call for artists. Mr. Mason mentioned that most of the outreach methods direct interested artists to the Village of Algonquin website, where an artist could print an application form. He stated that several sculptors have asked if there is a stipend or honorarium available and staff has explained to those artists that while the village does not provide any direct financial assistance, the program would likely be open to working with artists on a case-by-case basis to assist with transportation-related expenses.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Oakridge Court Development – outdoor artwork

Mr. Jeff Mihelich, Assistant Village Manager discussed the June 15, 2007 memorandum titled 'Oakridge Court Development – outdoor artwork'. He explained that the developer of a proposed new commercial project at the southwest corner of Randall Road and Harnish Drive is interested in purchasing and maintaining four outdoor artworks as part of their overall development. Mr. Mihelich stated that the developer is comfortable with the village considering the outdoor pieces part of the Algonquin Public Art Program and will bring the proposed pieces before the Commission for its review and comment prior to installation.

Chairperson Kaniewski suggested the village recommend to the developer names of particular artists that have loaned artwork to the Algonquin Public Art Program in the past.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

Commission members discussed their interest in the village purchasing or commissioning a large outdoor artwork. Mr. Mihelich reported that the village's public art reserve fund has accumulated \$8,000 since developers of new residential and commercial projects began paying into the fund in 2005. He mentioned that as the amount of money in the fund continues to increase, the Commission will be able to consider applying for and requesting matching funds for the permanent acquisition of artwork.

Commissioner Webster recommended that the village strongly consider placing and installing large outdoor artworks in downtown Algonquin. Mr. Mihelich indicated that staff will look into the possibility of incorporating concrete pads in the downtown area as part of the village's forthcoming streetscape enhancement plan.

Mr. Mihelich encouraged Commission members to contact any artists who might be interested in participating in the village's upcoming 3rd annual public art program.

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 8:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin A. Mason".

Benjamin A. Mason, Planner