VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Historic Village Hall, First Floor
March 12, 2009
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Lynn Carlson and Ellen Rodman.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

AGENDA ITEM 2:   **Approval of February 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the February 19, 2009 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was seconded and a voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 3:   **2009 Outdoor Fine Art Show**

Mr. Ben Mason, Senior Planner discussed the March 9, 2009 memorandum titled '2009 Outdoor Fine Art Show'. He summarized the Commission's hiring of Ms. Ann Leslie in February to serve as a village consultant on the art show. Mr. Mason explained that Ms. Leslie has begun planning this year's event, which is scheduled to be held in Riverfront Park on Saturday, June 6 with a rain date of Sunday, June 7. He stated that Ms. Leslie has updated last year's artist application form and has brought a draft version of the revised application for the Commission to review this evening. Mr. Mason noted that in general, the changes Ms. Leslie made to the formatting and content of the application were done to make the form more appealing to prospective artists.

Ms. Leslie provided a brief overview of the new application, which she noted has been reduced to two pages so that it may be mailed as a flyer without the need for a separate envelope. She noted that the revised application condenses the size of several sections, including the liability agreement and list of eligible art media. The Commission reviewed the application and was comfortable with the new style and format.

Ms. Leslie recommended the Commission consider a new name for the fine art show that would catch people's attention and provide the show with a unique identity. She proposed several names and the Commission discussed the different options and ultimately came to the consensus to call the show "Algonquin's Art on the Fox".

Ms. Leslie explained that in addition to revising the application she has begun planning for the general layout and operation of the show. She stated that she visited Riverfront Park and it appears the site could accommodate a maximum of 40 artists. Mr. Mason recommended setting up a meeting with Ms. Leslie and various Village Staff members to discuss the details of the show and discuss issues such as parking, artist setup, and traffic control. He mentioned he would follow-up with Ms. Leslie regarding dates and times when everyone would be available to meet.

AGENDA ITEM 4:   **2008/09 Public Art Program - Artist Stipend**

Mr. Mason summarized the Commission's interest in recognizing this year's most exceptional public art pieces by awarding financial stipends. He explained that a maximum $2,000 is available to be awarded this year to the most outstanding artwork in design and execution.

Chairperson Kaniewski recommended Commissioners go out and visit the public art display sites to evaluate this year's pieces and suggested each member provide Village Staff with their top three choices. There was general consensus amongst Commissioners to forward their stipend nominations to Village Staff by early April and discuss the awarding of specific stipend amounts at the Commission's next meeting on April 16, 2009.

AGENDA ITEM 5:   **Other Business**

Mr. Mason mentioned that the village will be holding a public input session at Jacobs High School on March 18 to get feedback on several pedestrian crossing alternatives for Randall Road. He encouraged any Commission members interested in the topic to attend the meeting and tell their friends and family as well.

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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner