

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
April 16, 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, Regina Andrews, and Lynn Carlson.

Absent: Ellen Rodman.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of March 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the March 12, 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:* June 6 Algonquin's Art on the Fox show**

Mr. Ben Mason, Senior Planner discussed the April 13, 2009 memorandum titled 'June 6 Algonquin's Art on the Fox show'. He stated that Community Development, Police, Fire, and Public Works staff recently met with the village's art show consultant Ms. Ann Leslie to discuss issues such as parking, traffic control, and artist unloading and setup. Mr. Mason explained that staff has begun putting out the "call for artists" for the art show. He noted that applications were mailed to the artists that took part in last year's inaugural fine art show and all of the artists that have participated in the Village's annual public art program; flyers and applications were distributed to the Algonquin Area Public Library, River Art Studio & Gallery, and Handmade on Main; and information about the show has been placed in the Village's Summer Recreation Brochure and in the Spring Business Connection Newsletter. Mr. Mason stated that staff is in the process of preparing a bulk mailing to send applications to several hundred artists from a list Commissioner Webster provided.

Ms. Leslie provided an update on the status of artist applications and noted that one artist indicated to her that he unfortunately could not participate due to a high school graduation ceremony the first weekend in June. She mentioned that there potentially is interest from an artist to perform Raku demonstrations with a kiln at the show and that she discussed this possibility with the Fire Department and further coordination would be needed regarding public safety should the artist continue to be interested.

Ms. Leslie indicated that Village staff placed the art show application and information about the event on the Village website, which also allows artists to see a map and photograph of Riverfront Park. Commissioner Webster asked if there is a deadline for artists to submit an application. Ms. Leslie stated that applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis for several more weeks.

Ms. Leslie mentioned she would look into having “best in show” ribbons made up and asked if the Village had photographs of the pictures artists submitted of their artwork and booth display last year. Mr. Mason indicated he would send her a CD with last year’s submittals for Ms. Leslie to use should returning artists ask to have their pictures from the previous year be combined with their new application.

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

Mr. Mason discussed the April 13, 2009 memorandum titled ‘2008/09 Public Art Program—Artist Stipend’. He gave an overview of the Commission’s interest in establishing a financial stipend award program to acknowledge outstanding artwork that is part of the annual public art display program. Mr. Mason explained that a maximum \$2,000 is available to be awarded this year to the most outstanding artwork in design and execution. He stated that at the Public Arts Commission meeting March, commission members agreed to go out and visit the public art display sites to evaluate this year’s pieces and provide Village Staff with a list of their top three choices. Mr. Mason mentioned that he received the “nomination ballots” from commission members, who ranked their first, second, and third selections. He stated that a total of 12 artworks were nominated for stipend consideration and 4 artworks received at least one First Place vote and 8 additional artworks received Second and Third Place votes.

There was unanimous consent from the Commission to evenly distribute \$1,000 among the 4 artworks that received First Place votes (\$250 each) and divide up the remaining \$1,000 equally among the 8 artworks that received Second or Third Place votes (\$125 each). Following was the Commission’s final recommendation:

\$250

- Baby Gerber/Marilyn
- Adam & Eve Mourning Over the Soul of Abel
- Untitled III
- CSA-Community Supported Agriculture

\$125

- Energy
- Wind
- Cubist Man Running to Picasso
- Bell Ringing in the Sky
- Eihei and Motion

- Breath
- Hawk Man (Al)
- Ant Hills, On the Move & Family/Tribe

Mr. Mason mentioned that staff will present the Commission's stipend recommendations to the Village Board for their consent and approval at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting this spring.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Other Business

Ms. Leslie recommended the Commission meet again in May, during the second week of the month if possible to continue planning for the art show. Mr. Mason stated he would coordinate with commission members and Ms. Leslie to schedule a meeting date.

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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner