

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
August 20, 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, Ellen Rodman, and Lynn Carlson.

Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of June 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the June 18, 2009 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented and adding the discussion of compensation for the fine art show judge was seconded and a voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried.

***AGENDA ITEM 3:* Year 2009 Public Art Display Plan**

Mr. Ben Mason, Senior Planner presented the draft Year 2009 Artwork Display Plan prepared by staff. He reviewed the 14 indoor and outdoor display locations and described the artist outreach methods staff had implemented to solicit artwork submittals. Mr. Mason mentioned that the outreach efforts resulted in 81 artworks being submitted for display consideration. He 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. Mr. Mason stated that staff is recommending 42 pieces for display at specific locations. He provided a description of each of the recommended artworks and referred to the display location that staff envisioned for each piece. Mr. Mason concluded the presentation by stating that staff recommends approval of the display plan as submitted and indicated that staff would be happy to answer any questions.

Chairperson Kaniewski recommended Heinemann Middle School as a potential display location for public art displays in the future.

Commissioner Webster suggested installing a track system for hanging artwork in the Village Hall Board Room.

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

- Add artwork #2009-55 to Village Hall Board Room
- Add artwork #2009-69 to Village Hall Board Room
- Add artwork #2009-20 to Village Hall Board Room
- Add artwork #2009-09 to Public Works
- Add artwork #2009-11 to Public Works
- Add artwork #2009-48 to Algonquin Area Public Library, Harnish Dr.
- Add artwork #2009-42 to Neubert Elementary
- Add artwork #2009-63 to Algonquin Lakes Elementary
- Add artwork #2009-65 to Algonquin Lakes Elementary
- Add artwork #2009-61 to Algonquin Lakes Elementary
- Add artwork #2009-73 to Eastview Elementary

- Remove artworks #2009-04, #2009-06, #2009-25, #2009-41, #2009-28, #2009-57 and #2009-72 from staff's initial recommendation

- Move artwork #2009-75 from Algonquin Lakes Park to Riverfront Park
- Move artwork #2009-01 from Village Hall Board Room to Village Hall Lobby
- Move artwork #2009-02 from Village Hall Board Room to Village Hall Lobby
- Move artwork #2009-31 from Public Works to CSD 158 Admin Office
- Move artwork #2009-32 from Public Works to CSD 158 Admin Office
- Move artwork #2009-33 from Public Works to CSD 158 Admin Office
- Move artwork #2009-16 from CSD 158 Admin Office to Jacobs High School
- Move artwork #2009-17 from CSD 158 Admin Office to Jacobs High School
- Move artwork #2009-18 from CSD 158 Admin Office to Jacobs High School

AGENDA ITEM 4: **Artwork Donation Form**

Mr. Mason discussed the August 20, 2009 memorandum regarding the Public Arts Commission's formation of a process for reviewing prospective artwork donations. He explained that several artists have offered to donate their artworks currently on display as part of the public art program and asked for commission members' comments on a draft "deed of gift" form that an artist whose artwork is formally accepted by the village would need to complete.

Commissioner Andrews recommended that organizations and institutions, other than exclusively the village, be considered and contacted to determine if they would be interested and willing to accept some of the prospective artwork offered for donation. She also inquired as to whether artists should be asked to include the value of their artwork on the deed of gift form.

Commissioner Carlson mentioned that for tax purposes, an artist that makes a donation is only eligible to claim the cost of the materials and supplies used to create the piece of art and there was general consensus among the commission the artist's estimated value of their artwork is not relevant to the donation process, however, the artwork must be of original design and execution.

Commissioner Soldner suggested a section be added to the deed of gift form regarding the village's authority to use the image of artwork donations for promotional purposes. She indicated she would provide staff with some possible language to incorporate into the form to address the issue of promotional use of donated artwork and staff explained that a final draft of the deed of gift form will be reviewed by the Village Attorney.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Other Business

Commissioner Webster mentioned that he spoke with a representative from Costco, who expressed interest in sponsoring a portion of the commission's Algonquin's Art on the Fox show if Costco would be provided with an opportunity to setup a booth at the event.

Commissioner Carlson mentioned that if the commission would be interested, Ann Henslee is the director of the public art exhibit "Horses of a Different Color" in Woodstock and would likely be willing to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss her experience with coordinating that event. The commission was interested in hearing from her and Commissioner Carlson indicated she would contact Ms. Henslee to see when she would be available to meet with the commission this fall.

The Commission agreed to tentatively schedule its next meeting for Thursday, September 17 and Mr. Mason recommended the commission plan to discuss preparations for the 2010 Algonquin's Art on the Fox show at the next meeting.

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 9:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Benjamin A. Mason".

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner