

**Village of Algonquin
Public Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes
William J. Ganek Municipal Center
Administration Conference Room
January 18, 2018 7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Mr. Mason called the meeting to order at 7pm. Members present were Chairperson Miller and Commissioners Knapp, Kukreja, Laubenstein, Pelke, Sapeta. Members absent were Foster. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes

Pelke made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2017 meeting, seconded by Kukreja, motion was approved by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comment

None

AGENDA ITEM 4: 2018 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Mason distributed a calendar of the commission's meeting dates / events for 2018.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Art on the Fox

The event coordinator Julie Farris, JMF Events participated via conference call, to discuss plans for the art fair in 2018. Ms. Farris posted the Call for Artists earlier this winter and has begun jurying / notifying applicants of acceptance on a rolling 10-day basis. Village Staff has also updated the event website www.artonthefox.com with the artist registration link / information. Ms. Farris has contacted a military band about performing at the event, and encouraged commission members to forward her any suggestions / ideas for entertainment. Ms. Farris has also secured a commitment from McHenry County College's fine arts department to participate in the event again.

Event tasks have been assigned to various commission members as follows: Sapeta - volunteer recruitment; Kukreja and Knapp – kids art; Miller and Foster – business sponsorship; Laubenstein and Pelke – marketing. Sapeta stated she has started contacting a couple groups to recruit volunteers, including Friends of the Fox and a walking club. Kukreja and Knapp gave an overview of several kids art activities and the commission supported further development of four project ideas, specifically: a scavenger hunt; rock painting; photo frames; and a fox paper plate craft. Ms. Farris indicated she is reaching out to all the 2017 business sponsors and Miller stated she is in contact with an area medical business for a corporate sponsorship. Ms. Farris asked Pelke and Laubenstein to help improve the design of the artist registration page. Laubenstein suggested designing t-shirts for the commission members and volunteers to wear at the event, to designate who they are. Village staff will reserve the basketball court in the park for the kids activities, as well as ask the Police Explorers group about enlisting their assistance with artist loading / unloading.

Mr. Mason gave an update on research Handmade on Main is doing to organize another ceramic art contest. The commission would like to see a new object selected for this year, in particular a fox. There was also discussion to assign volunteers to tally votes during both days of the event weekend so that awards could be announced Sunday afternoon. Mr. Mason will give another update at the next meeting to determine if an affordable object can be identified that would also allow for a portion of the proceeds to help offset cash prize / tent rental expenses of holding the contest.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Student Art Exhibit

Sapeta sent out notice for the 7th annual student art exhibit to the local middle schools just after the New Year. Applications are due the first week of March and Staff will contact St. John's Lutheran Church about possibly filling-in to host the exhibit this year, in place of the Algonquin Public Library which is currently being remodeled.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Other Business

The next commission meeting will be February 15, 2018 to continue to plan for Art on the Fox in June and the Student Art Exhibit in April.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner