

**Village of Algonquin
Public Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes
William J. Ganek Municipal Center
Administration Conference Room
February 15, 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, Foster. Members absent were Sapeta. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes

Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting, seconded by Pelke, motion was approved by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comment

Don Purn of the Algonquin Historic Commission informed the group that the Village recently purchased a tract of land at 5815 Edgewood, which formerly belonged to a local artist Sarah Barnhart Fields who had her studio on the property. He suggested the Village consider putting up a plaque or naming the property to recognize the artist.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Art on the Fox

The event coordinator Julie Farris, JMF Events participated via Skype, to discuss plans for the art fair in 2018. Nineteen artists have applied for the show and one was rejected for having craft objects rather than fitting into one of the fine art categories. Ms. Farris announced Chiro One, Algonquin Square Apartments and Algonquin Commons have all agreed to return as event sponsors. Jewel has also agreed to sponsor artist hospitality refreshments. Miller and Foster have reached out to some local businesses about sponsorship, including Bowlero. Knapp and Kukreja gave an overview of several options for kids art activities and the commission supported the following projects: a scavenger hunt, rock painting, coloring sheets, photo frame booth, and stackable art boxes. Ms. Farris asked for a list of supplies and materials that will be needed for the kids activities. Kukreja mentioned she is trying to get Home Depot to be a sponsor for the kids corner. Knapp and Kukreja will start the plans for the scavenger hunt and then turn it over to Laubenstein and Pelke to help with the design and layout. Farris asked each commission member to send her a suggestion for the Artist Reception location. Mason explained the village's IT Department has agreed to be on site Saturday to do a drone flight over the event. Pelke offered to help with designing this year's brochure. Laubenstein will work on a promotional poster. Depending on if there are sufficient funds, the commission may order t-shirts for commissioners and volunteers to wear at this year's event. Mason explained Handmade on Main found a small ceramic fox object it could price at \$17 for this year's art contest, and would give the commission two dollars per piece to help offset the Village's expenses for tent rentals and prize money to run the contest; the commission's consensus was a larger fox object at the same \$15 price point as last year would be important to have this year's contest be comparable to last, and Mason and a member from the commission will go back to Handmade on Main to discuss further.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Student Art Exhibit

The schools participating this year will be St. Margaret Mary, Algonquin Middle School, Dundee Middle School and Westfield Community School. St. John's Lutheran Church has agreed to host the exhibit this year while the public library is under construction for remodeling. Artwork submissions are due in early March and the Arts Commission will meet to review and select Best of Show at its next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Downtown Revitalization Update

Mr. Mason gave an overview of the utility and streetscape improvements planned to begin on Main Street this year. Village Staff is in contact with the construction management team to suggest potential locations for the display of public art. In addition to the sites identified in the 2005 Public Art Master Plan – Riverfront Park, Cornish Park, and HVH Plaza – there are other potential opportunities such as along a new creek walk that is planned and the Arts Commission should start to consider a program for the placement of outdoor pieces in downtown, whether temporary or permanent, in the near future.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Other Business

The next commission meeting will be March 15, 2018 to review this year's applications for the Student Art Exhibit and select Best of Show awards.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner