

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
April 29, 2010
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: None.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of March 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the March 11, 2010 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was seconded and a voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried.

***AGENDA ITEM 3:* 2010 Algonquin's Art on the Fox**

Mr. Ben Mason, Senior Planner summarized the commission's general plans for the upcoming Art on the Fox fine art show in June. He provided an overview of the methods staff is in the process of using to publicize the event through a variety of outlets, including: village website; village's Summer Recreation Brochure; Citizen newsletter; water bill; Prairie Trail bike kiosk; Historic Village Hall bulletin board and community sign; village E-newsletter; McHenry County Living magazine; Northwest Area Arts Council; Northwest Herald; Daily Herald; TribLocal; Chamber of Commerce; and Comcast Public Access TV. He then introduced Ms. Ann Leslie, the village's fine art show consultant, who gave an update on the artist applications.

Ms. Leslie mentioned 26 artists have juried into the show thus far and applications are still being submitted. Approximately one-half of the applicants are returning artists from the past year while the other half will be participating for the first time. She noted she will survey Riverfront Park soon to layout the show.

Mr. Mason noted that he is in the process of preparing an event brochure that lists the participating artists and includes a map of the park. He also stated that he is in contact with a musician interested in performing at the show and that staff is in the process of coordinating event and directional signage.

Ms. Leslie explained Best in Show ribbons have been ordered and she asked who will be judging the booth displays. Commissioner Webster mentioned he had not yet contacted Elgin Community College to inquire about one of its professors possibly being interested in judging the booths and Commissioner Carlson offered to ask a colleague as well. Commissioner Carlson asked about the availability of a stipend for a judge and Mr. Mason noted that in an effort to reduce event expenses, ideally someone would be willing to donate their time and services as a judge. Mr. Mason asked if Commissioner Carlson would be willing to volunteer to judge the show, in light of the fact that her term on the public arts commission expires in May and she will not be continuing on as commission member. Commissioner Carlson agreed to donate her services as the Best in Show judge and there was consensus from the commission. She mentioned she might ask one additional person if they would be interested in volunteering their time to judge the show with her.

Other topics discussed included plans for an artist reception and Mr. Mason noted staff has drafted a letter to Port Edward Restaurant for Chairperson Kaniewski's signature, to inquire about their ability to accommodate an informal reception for the artists on the evening of Saturday, June 5. Chairperson Kaniewski indicated he would follow-up with the restaurant manager about the possibility and he also recommended inviting the Downtown Algonquin Partnership business members to the reception. Mr. Mason noted he will coordinate inviting the downtown businesses and he also mentioned the Downtown Partnership group has their own tent that they will be bringing to setup their display booth at the fine art show.

Commissioner Carlson distributed Purchase Award donor forms she had prepared for commission members to use when contacting any businesses about their potential interest in purchasing artwork at the event.

Mr. Mason noted staff will be attempting to setup a time to meet with Ann Leslie in the near future to discuss the logistics of the event, including park layout and setup. Commissioner Webster mentioned he would contact Bill Stone to see if he would be willing to allow artists to park in his lot during the weekend of the event. Mr. Mason mentioned he would contact the commission members in the middle of May to try and arrange a date to meet one last time prior to the fine art show.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Other Business

Mr. Mason stated that Commissioner Carlson is resigning her position on the public arts commission and has begun pursuing a position on the national Appraisal Practice Board. The commission recognized and thanked Commissioner Carlson for her service to the Algonquin Public Arts Commission and wished her well in her future artistic endeavors. Mr. Mason noted that commission members should direct any inquiries for the vacancies on the commission to his attention.

Mr. Mason distributed a copy of the village's new Bicycle Rack Art display map, showing the locations and photographs of all the installations.

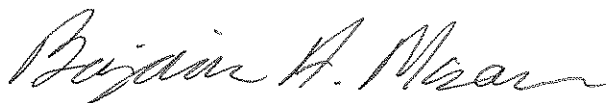
Mr. Mason noted that staff will begin the call for artists for the annual Algonquin Public Art Program and he will be updating the application soon. He encouraged any commission members attending the Artropolis art show in Chicago to mention the village's upcoming solicitation of new artwork to any artists and sculptors that might be interested in participating.

Commissioner Soldner passed around for the commission members information a brochure with an overview of the public art program that has been initiated at her alma mater, the University of Florida.

AGENDA ITEM 5: 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 8:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin A. Mason". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner