

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
May 27, 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, and Regina Andrews.

Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of April 29, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the April 29, 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. A variety of methods have been used to publicize the event, including: Village water bill and e-newsletter; McHenry County Living magazine; Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce website; TribLocal; press release to local newspapers; and distribution of event flyers and posters to the public library and downtown businesses. The Daily Herald has indicated they will feature a preview of the art show in their newspaper the week prior to the event. Mr. Jeff Kennedy, an Algonquin artist, has provided the commission with an Art on the Fox-specific image to use to help promote the show and his artwork will be incorporated into event signage and the tri-fold program brochure. Mr. Mason then introduced Ms. Ann Leslie, the village's fine art show consultant, who gave an update on the artist applications.

Ms. Leslie mentioned 35 artists have juried into the show and she has surveyed Riverfront Park to identify the specific booth space locations and design the overall show layout.

Commissioner Webster stated the first weekend in June has some inherent scheduling conflicts as that is the time when area schools hold their graduations each year. He recommended revisiting the dates of the event following this year's show.

Mr. Mason confirmed arrangements have been made with Ms. Lynn Carlson to serve as the Best in Show judge. Commissioner Webster mentioned he spoke with Ms. Peggy Dee, who is also interested in judging the artist booth displays and Mr. Mason indicated he would contact Ms. Dee to provide her with all the details.

Chairperson Kaniewski explained he contacted Port Edward Restaurant, and it has sufficient capacity and is willing to host an informal artist reception on the evening of Saturday, June 5. The commission recommended offering some light refreshments to artists and their guests at the reception and Chairperson Kaniewski indicated he would inquire as to the potential costs with the restaurant manager.

Mr. Mason explained the tri-fold program brochure that lists the participating artists and features a map of the show layout is being finalized. The commission recommended acknowledging and thanking the Learning Tree and Bill Stone Studio in the brochure, for their generosity in allowing artists to park off-street in their lots.

Other topics discussed included plans for music and signage. Mr. Mason explained Staff has ordered directional and event signage and he has been corresponding with two different musicians about their interest in performing at the fine art show. Mr. Mason stated artists have been informed that any tents and/or artwork they leave unattended in the park overnight is done so at the artists own risk, however, he has coordinated with the Police Department to perform some courtesy patrols of the area as well. Chairperson Kaniewski asked what the plans are should there be inclement weather, to which Ms. Leslie explained that in general it is up to the individual artists whether they would like to close up their booth if there is rain and she noted she will be closely monitoring the weather all weekend and advise the artists if severe weather is anticipated.

AGENDA ITEM 4: **Other Business**

Commissioner Soldner strongly encouraged the commission adopt guidelines for individual members' participation in village sponsored art programs, such as the annual summer art fair "Algonquin's Art on the Fox". In an effort to address any potential conflict of interest issues that could arise, Staff will review the existing commission member policies as part of the Algonquin Public Art Code and follow-up at the next meeting with some recommendations for the commission to consider.

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 8:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner