

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
November 18, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

***AGENDA ITEM 1:* Roll Call to Establish a Quorum**

Present: Chairperson Steve Kaniewski; Commissioners, Kenneth Webster, Diane Magerko, Richard Rehwaldt, and Liz Miller.

Absent: Karen Werle and Reggie Andrews.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of August 19, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the August 19, 2010 minutes. Commissioner Miller moved and Commissioner Magerko seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The voice vote noted all ayes and the motion carried.

***AGENDA ITEM 3:* Discuss Plans for 2011 Algonquin's Art on the Fox**

Mr. Ben Mason, Senior Planner, summarized the commission's general plans for next summer's Art on the Fox fine art show. He mentioned that at the commission's previous meeting in July, the commission supported keeping the non-refundable jury fee at \$15 for next year and increasing the booth fee from \$50 to \$75. The commission also recommended a \$10 late fee be charged to artists that apply after the show's entry deadline.

There was discussion amongst the commission on moving the event to a later date in June, to avoid conflict with area graduation ceremonies and to increase the likelihood of warmer weather. Overall, there was consensus from the commission that it would try moving the show to the third weekend in June—Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19—for 2011. Commissioner Webster stated that Barrington has an art fair that weekend as well, however, it typically draws its artists from in-closer to the city of Chicago and there likely wouldn't be a direct competition for artists. Mr. Mason noted he would begin submitting the event dates for inclusion in various publications, such as the village's annual wall calendar and the Illinois Arts Council's art fair directory.

The commission then discussed whether to recommend the village pursue entering into a contract with Ms. Ann Leslie to once again serve as a consultant to the commission. There was unanimous consent from the commission to invite Ms. Leslie back as the Commission's consultant for the fine art show and Chairperson Kaniewski recommended the village provide Ms. Leslie with increased financial compensation in recognition of her expanded role as the event continues to grow.

The commission agreed that Ms. Leslie should help set the artist entry deadline since she will be jurying the show and Staff indicated it would follow-up with her to finalize the application details. Commissioner Miller also suggested requiring artists to both sign and date the application form. Mr. Mason stated he will coordinate with Ms. Leslie to update the application for 2011 and he will email a PDF of the final version to the commissioners so that they may forward to their respective artist contacts.

Several other topics were discussed briefly, including the possibility of a local restaurant setting up a food booth at the event and the potential for local businesses to help sponsor the Best in Show awards. The Commission agreed to tentatively schedule its next meeting for Thursday, January 27 to continue discussing preparations for the 2011 Algonquin's Art on the Fox show.

AGENDA ITEM 4: **Consideration of a Public Arts Commission Booth at the 2011 Algonquin Commons Juried Art Fair**

Commissioner Magerko explained the third annual Algonquin Commons Juried Art Fair will take place September 24-25, 2011. She is the primary show organizer and inquired as to whether the arts commission would like to setup a 'village booth' at the event, where the commission could publicize the village's art-related events and pass out materials on the public art program. There was consensus among the commissioners to setup and staff an informational village booth at the Algonquin Commons show and Commissioner Magerko will keep the arts commission informed of the setup details leading up to the event.

AGENDA ITEM 5: **Other Business**

Commissioner Rehwaldt proposed the arts commission consider organizing a new public art exhibit program showcasing local students' artwork. There was general support to pursue the idea further and the commission will brainstorm ideas for the potential scope of such a project at its next meeting in January.

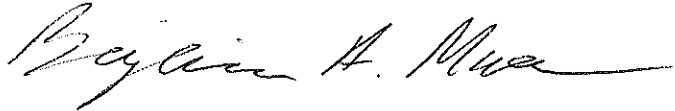
Mr. Mason mentioned that one of the artists participating in the public art program, Siti Mariah Jackson, has generously given a signed copy of her book of watercolor paintings to the arts commission. He also noted that another artist whose sculpture is currently on display in the village, Bryan Massey Sr., recently won a commission from the University

of Arkansas to design a sculpture for the school's campus in honor of the first African American student who attended a public university in the South.

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 8:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner