

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
March 24, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Absent: Richard Rehwaldt.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of February 24, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the February 24, 2011 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was seconded and a voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried.

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

Mr. Ben Mason, Senior Planner summarized the commission's general plans for Art on the Fox this coming June. He mentioned village staff completed announcing the 'Call for Artists' and sent out a press release, as well as distributed flyers and posters around the community. Staff is now in the process of publicizing the event and information about the show will be included in the village's water bill, Summer Recreation brochure, and Summer Citizen Newsletter. Event details have also been included in the village's 2011 wall calendar that was mailed to all residents at the beginning of the year and will be sent to various other organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Area Arts Council, and McHenry County Weekender e-newsletter. Mr. Mason then introduced Ms. Ann Leslie, the village's fine art show consultant. Ms. Leslie mentioned a total of ten artists have sent in applications thus far.

The commission discussed the Best in Show contest and Ms. Leslie indicated she will once again order ribbons for the award winners. Commissioner Webster mentioned he spoke with Tom Vician—a ceramics instructor at McHenry County College (MCC)—and Mr. Vician is interested in judging the Best in Show contest and will also ask a fellow art teacher at MCC to help join him. Commissioner Webster recommended providing the judges with a \$100 stipend for their services with the Best in Show contest, to which Mr. Mason inquired whether the judges would be willing to volunteer their services as it has not yet been determined whether financial compensation would be available.

The commission also discussed prospects for potential business sponsorship of Best in Show awards. Commissioner Magerko stated she contacted a local newspaper, however it was unable to participate as a sponsor this year. Chairperson Kaniewski mentioned he contacted the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce, who suggested consideration of local hospitals as a business sponsor. The commission expressed an interest in drafting a letter to send to help recruit a business sponsor by providing an overview of the promotional benefits and publicity the event could offer, such as a booth space at the art fair and advertising in the show brochure. Staff will review and discuss the various features that would be offered to a business sponsor and coordinate further with Chairperson Kaniewski.

Staff reviewed the status of various aspects of the show, including live music and portable restrooms. A music line-up is being arranged with several different musicians, which will be presented for Village Board review and approval in April as part of the art fair's public event permit. Commissioners were in agreement to allow musicians to have copies of their CDs out for sale during their performance. Reservations for portable restrooms are also being finalized and the village will request the restroom units be serviced during the show on Saturday night. Staff indicated it will soon begin working on preparing the show brochure, which will include a map of the park and list of participating artists. Local artist Jeff Kennedy has also been contacted about updating the dates on the event poster he designed for the art fair last year and the commission was in general agreement to provide him with a complimentary booth space at the show this summer to acknowledge his generosity in providing his time and efforts designing the poster.

Chairperson Kaniewski stated preliminary plans for the artist reception at Port Edward's are in place for Saturday night of the event and the specific time of the reception will just need to be confirmed. Other topics discussed included the potential for a food vendor and the commission's recommendation that the event signs be put up approximately one week before the show. Staff also indicated the village would be interested in having a booth at the event and asked whether local children's dance group performances might be incorporated into the show. The commission was in general agreement to provide a complimentary village booth space at the show and there was consensus that dance performances might be a possibility in future years of the event.

The next public arts commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 28.

AGENDA ITEM 4:* **New Student Art Exhibit Program*

The commission reviewed its ongoing research into developing a new student art exhibit program to display local students' artwork in public places. Several commissioners indicated the art departments at area schools may be impacted by potential school budget cuts, which could affect the logistics of coordinating a student art exhibit with local schools. Chairperson Kaniewski recommended continuing to discuss plans next month and advised Staff update Commissioner Rehwaldt prior to the April meeting on the status of the commission's consideration of a student art exhibit program.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Other Business

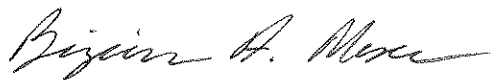
Commissioner Magerko stated that she recently accepted a full-time position as an Event Planner at the Brunswick Zone XL on Randall Road. She mentioned that the Brunswick Zone venue might be a good location to hold a future art exhibit.

Mr. Mason indicated the village is in the process of appointing a new public arts commissioner for the vacant commission seat. He encouraged commission members to recommend any potential candidates to village staff for consideration as soon as possible.

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 8:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Benjamin A. Mason".

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner