

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
April 28, 2011
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: Reggie Andrews.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

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

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the March 24, 2011 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented—with a note to update the minutes to correctly attribute two statements to Commissioner Magerko, not Commissioner Miller—was seconded and a voice vote noted all ayes. The motion carried.

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

Mr. Ben Mason, Senior Planner, summarized the commission's general plans for Art on the Fox June 18-19 and explained that Staff is in the process of publicizing the show. He also mentioned Staff coordinated with local artist Jeff Kennedy to produce an updated 2011 event poster and the village has also finalized a contract with Waste Management to provide portable restrooms for use during the event. Mr. Mason stated that the show's consultant Ann Leslie has now received applications from 30 artists in a variety of different media.

The commission discussed the Best in Show contest and Mr. Mason stated that Ms. Leslie is ordering the award ribbons and Tom Vician with McHenry County College's Art Department has volunteered to help judge the show. Mr. Vician is planning to contact his fellow art instructors at the college to find another teacher to jury the show with him and Staff will coordinate with the instructors to finalize all the details prior to the show. Staff noted that the commission's interest in business sponsorship for the Best in Show contest could be a potential option for next year, however plans would need to be formulated immediately following this summer's event to provide sufficient time for village review and approval, as well as, to include mention of any sponsor prizes or awards in the artist application.

Mr. Mason provided an update on various aspects of the show, including music and signage. Two musical groups will perform at the event—Uncle Zesty's Old Time Bootknockers bluegrass band as well as a folk trio made up of Mary Lai, Merv Collins, and Don Humbertson—and Staff obtained Village Board approved for amplified music as both groups will likely be setting up a small speaker system. Event signs will be placed at the entrances to the downtown area the week of the show and Staff is also looking into the potential for a downtown event sign to be permanently placed on E. Algonquin Road throughout the summer to feature information about Art on the Fox and other upcoming village events downtown.

Other topics discussed included the artist reception on Saturday evening and plans for providing artists with an option to order lunch from a local restaurant and have it delivered to their booths. Chairperson Kaniewski is corresponding with Port Edward Restaurant to finalize plans for the artist reception Saturday evening and Commissioner Webster volunteered to approach a couple restaurants to see if they would be interested in taking lunch orders. Commissioner Webster will also contact Bill Stone Studio and the Learning Tree Day Care about use of their parking lots again this year for artists to park their vehicles during the show.

AGENDA ITEM 4: **Determine Scope for New Student Art Exhibit Program**

The commission continued discussing different options for developing a new student art exhibit program to display local students' artwork in public places. Commissioner Rehwaldt stated that he spoke with Dundee Crown High School about showcasing student artwork as part of a village-based art exhibit and he received a positive response from the school. The commission discussed several public and private venues as a possible exhibit location and expressed a general preference to hold it at Village Hall, which has proved to be a suitable location for the annual public art open house reception.

In general, the commission was in support of holding the exhibit over a weekend in late winter or early spring, at a time when student artwork is not already committed to display at other District 300 shows. It was also recommended that School District 300 be contacted about the potential for the village to borrow some portable wall units to setup the artwork for display. Commissioners Magerko and Miller indicated they would approach District 300 to determine the dates of the art exhibits the schools already participate in and whether it would be possible to borrow some temporary dividing walls.


AGENDA ITEM 5: **Other Business**

There was no other business discussed.

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 8:10p.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