

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
May 26, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

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

Present: Chairperson Steve Kaniewski; Commissioners, Kenneth Webster, Reggie Andrews, Carol Sapeta, and Richard Rehwaldt.

Absent: Commissioners Diane Magerko and Liz Miller.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of April 28, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the April 28, 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:* New Commissioner Introduction**

Mr. Ben Mason, Senior Planner welcomed new commission member Carol Sapeta, who was recently appointed by the Village Board to serve on the Public Arts Commission. Commissioner Sapeta introduced herself to the commission and explained she is a practicing artist that works primarily in stained glass.

***AGENDA ITEM 4:* Finalize Plans for Algonquin's Art on the Fox**

Ms. Ann Leslie, the village's fine art show consultant, gave an update on the artist applications for the upcoming Art on the Fox fine art show in June. She mentioned 34 artists have juryed into the show thus far, with several others pending the complete submittal of all their required application materials. Ms. Leslie noted several artists are planning to demonstrate at the show, including a group of former Jacobs High School students who will be working on a collaborative art project at their booth.

Ms. Leslie mentioned one of the volunteer Best in Show judges Tom Vician is considering setting up a booth. The commission was in agreement that similar to all participating artists, Mr. Vician would be required to jury into the show and pay the jury fee; in recognition of his service helping to judge the Best in Show contest however, there was consensus amongst the commission to waive the booth fee for Mr. Vician's space.

Ms. Leslie also explained she has ordered Best in Show ribbons and asked whether the commission would be interested in her ordering nametags for commission members and artists to wear during the show. The commission was in favor of nametags for the artists and commission members to help identify all the event participants and Staff indicated it will follow-up with Ms. Leslie to confirm all the details for placing the order.

Chairperson Kaniewski explained Port Edward Restaurant has been reserved for hosting the artist reception after the show Saturday, June 18. All participating artists are invited to attend and he recommended Ms. Leslie be the person to give out the Best in Show award ribbons at the reception.

Commissioner Webster noted he has confirmed with both Bill Stone Studio and the Learning Tree to use their parking lots for artist parking again this year. He also provided a follow-up from the previous commission meeting to explain that he contacted a couple restaurants nearby the park about the potential for taking orders for lunches from the artists; the Texan BBQ expressed an interest and Commissioner Webster has prepared a list of menu options that will be distributed to the participating artists should they have an interest in placing an order.

Other topics discussed included plans for portable toilets and music. Mr. Mason stated that a total of 3 port-o-potties have been ordered for the event and they will be serviced overnight during the show. Mr. Mason also explained that two musicians have been scheduled to perform over the weekend; Commissioner Rehwaldt asked if the musicians will be paid for playing at the event, to which Mr. Mason indicated they would not be compensated for their performances but a modest stipend may be awarded in recognition of their providing and setting up their own amplification equipment.

AGENDA ITEM 5: **Consider New Outdoor Sculpture**

Mr. Mason stated that Staff has been contacted by a Chicago artist John Bannon regarding his potential interest in displaying his sculpture "Passion" as part of the public art program. If all the logistics can be worked out, the artist could potentially have the sculpture ready for installation over the summer and there was unanimous consensus amongst the commission to include Mr. Bannon's piece as the first new 2011-2012 public art display. Staff explained that the artist is looking into the cost to insure his artwork while on display and there was general support from the commission to potentially consider providing the artist with some limited financial assistance toward the cost of insurance.

AGENDA ITEM 6: **Discuss Potential Student Art Exhibit**

The commission continued to consider ideas for a new art exhibit program to display local students' artwork in public places. Overall, the commission is interested in holding the exhibit as a 2-3 day show at Village Hall during the spring and further discussed which specific grade levels to feature. There was general support to focus the program

on student artwork from the middle schools (6-8 grade), in particular to set the exhibit apart from the many already-established shows that feature high school student artwork.

Commissioner Webster recommended including student artwork from both public and private schools. Staff also mentioned there is a network of home-school students in the area that could be contacted about their potential involvement as well.

Chairperson Kaniewski recommended discussing the scope and plans for the exhibit in greater detail at the next commission meeting.

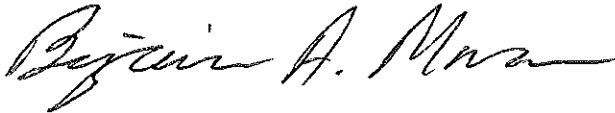
AGENDA ITEM 7: Other Business

Commissioner Rehwaldt recommended the commission consider in the future establishing a program that would work with local commercial property owners to coordinate the placement of artwork in vacant storefronts.

AGENDA ITEM 8: 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 8:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner