

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
July 21, 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, Richard Rehwaldt, and Carol Sapeta.

Absent: Liz Miller.

Staff Members Present: Ben Mason, Senior Planner.

***AGENDA ITEM 2:* Approval of May 26, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kaniewski entertained a motion to approve the May 26, 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:* 2011 Algonquin's Art on the Fox**

Mr. Ben Mason, Senior Planner, discussed the July 21, 2011 memo titled 'Algonquin's Art on the Fox show'. He provided an overview of the June 18-19 event and noted that a record number 42 artists participated in this year's show. A follow-up survey was sent out to all participating artists following the show to obtain their feedback and recommendations for improving the show. Approximately one-quarter of the artists completed the survey and a majority of the artists that returned the survey had sales greater than the cost of the booth fee.

The commission discussed whether to consider offering Best in Show award winners a free booth space at the following year's show. There was consensus that the commission would pursue awarding cash prizes for Best in Show winners in the future, rather than waiving any booth fees.

The commission discussed sponsorship of the Best in Show awards. Mr. Mason suggested commission members submit the names of up to three businesses located in the village for consideration as potential sponsors. Staff will review the preliminary list of sponsor candidates and coordinate with Commissioner Magerko, who volunteered to contact businesses about becoming a sponsor. Commissioner Magerko also mentioned that she is working with the Northwest Herald as a sponsor of the Algonquin Commons

art fair and will ask the newspaper if they would also be interested in sponsoring the Art on the Fox event. Commissioner Magerko explained that the Northwest Herald is providing free advertising space in its paper and will have a free booth space at the Algonquin Commons show.

The commission discussed the date for next year's Art on the Fox show and whether to hold it over Father's Day weekend again. Commissioner Webster recommended looking into scheduling the show for the weekend prior to the July 4th holiday as there are fewer competing shows and the potential to attract more artists. In general, there was agreement amongst the commission to consider moving the show to the end of June and will further discuss the 2012 show date at its September meeting.

The commission also reviewed a written summary of the event provided by the show organizer Ann Leslie. It was recommended Ms. Leslie attend an upcoming arts commission meeting if possible to further review this year's show and discuss potential plans for working with the arts commission again to organize next year's event.

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

The commission continued to discuss plans for a new art exhibit program to display local students' artwork in public places. Overall, the commission is interested in holding a student art exhibit as a 2-3 day show at Village Hall during the late winter/early spring. The focus of the program would be Algonquin student work from the local middle schools (6-8th grades), in order to set the exhibit apart from the many already-established shows that feature high school student artwork. Commissioner Sapeta volunteered to contact the five public and private middle schools in Algonquin to see if they'd be interested in participating and determine who the best contact person would be at each school as the arts commission moves forward and publicizes details of the program later in the fall.

Commissioner Webster suggested placing a note about a call for student art in the village's water bills. Mr. Mason also recommended reaching out to the local home school student community to provide information about how to participate.

The commission will further discuss plans for the student art exhibit at its September meeting, including application guidelines and the selection process.

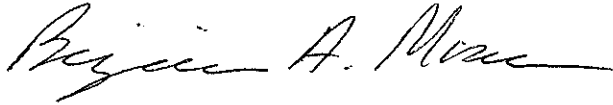
AGENDA ITEM 5: **Other Business**

Mr. Mason and Commissioner Rehwaldt both distributed copies of a newspaper article about a public art project recently undertaken in Romeoville, to place artwork in empty storefronts. Commissioner Rehwaldt also shared an article about a recent public art program in New York City.

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 8:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin A. Mason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Benjamin A. Mason, Senior Planner