

ART WORK SUB-COMMITTEE

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Mr. Benkendorf reminded committee members Mural Project is scheduled to start in the fall. This program will bring together the talents of a McHenry County artist and a select group of area high school students. The proposed project will be identified by the Art Work Sub-Committee and take place on county property. The first project is the cafeteria mural in the Administration Building. The student artist will be comprised of one senior per high school, which has been selected by their high school arts department. Selection to this program will be given the same importance as qualifying for District or State band/choir in the musical arts. This is to be an annual project. The committee will have to come up with a project for the following year.

Mr. Bendendorf informed committee members that he was approached by an Algonquin Artist who would like to place some artwork of the concrete retaining wall on Route 62 at Route 31. This is County property and would need approval for this project, both from the Highway Department and the County. Committee members stated this may be a good 2nd year project. This project was proposed as a part of the Blue Sky Project. Ms. Stelford stated that we also need to keep the Algonquin Artist involved, since she brought this suggestion to Algonquin in the first place. Algonquin's art program was formed to differentiate themselves from the other cities in the County. Committee members stated the need for others to get involved with this project and the importance of the County to set the standards of the program. It was suggested that this program be presented to the Convention and Visitors Bureau to generate additional interest. This would fulfill the mission component to extend to the public art project. Chairman Gilman stated the need to take things slow and this may be a future project that would require both the Highway Department and Convention Visitors Bureau involvement. Chairman Gilman stated we don't want to get ahead of ourselves and this should remain an employee project at this time. Committee members stated the need for a questioner to be sent to the employees and their like or dislike of the program. This way we would know whether it is a worthwhile program. The County Board members need to see feedback regarding the program. They also requested a printout copy of the artwork in the collection. It was suggested that this be presented at the next County Board meeting.

The next committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday March 15th at 8:30a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, The Committee adjourned the meeting at 9:43a.m. on a motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Klasen.

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