

WESTPORT ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Town Hall, room 309

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018, TOWN HALL, ROOM 212D AT 11 AM. THIS WILL BE A TWO-HOUR MEETING

Present: Nancy Diamond, Richard Epstein, Kathie Bennewitz, Miggs Burroughs, John Dodig, Sandy Lefkowitz, Wendy Morgan-Hunter, Deirdre Price, Kelle Ruden, Elizabeth Strick

Absent: Eric Chiang, Frederic Chiu, Lee Goldstein, Carole Schweid.

AGENDA:

1. Otocast update. Deirdre.

Next meeting, June 12.

Guide 1. Introduction is complete

Guide 2. Downtown Westport tour will be completed by June 21, some recordings and images still need to be imputed

Guide 3. Saugatuck tour, six points of interest complete.

Guide 4. Nine points of interest, more work needed

Commitment letters to be sent to WAC, Historical Society and others who have agreed to be part of Otocast.

Miggs and Eric are working on putting contemporary artists work on Otocast which will also include the art already placed around Town.

Judith Bacal has been working tirelessly with all organizations to get the project completed.

The cost of the project so far;

Otocast developer \$6000

Judith Bacal, \$5,000 plus an additional \$1,500 in this fiscal year.

Promotion:

July 14 and 15, Downtown Art Festival. An Otocast information table will be set up, it will include images on how to use Otocast. Deirdre is preparing a handout card.

Committee members to sign up for 2 hour shifts, 10 – 4pm. Kathie will send out sign up sheet.

Kelle will find out if we can have an Otocast table at the Farmers Market around Labor Day.

Richard will ask the Levitt Pavilion if we can do the same at their concerts.

Official date to “release” Otocast TBD

2. WestPAC update. Kathie

Friends of WestPAC held an exhibition and auction fund raiser on June 7th at Rive Bistro. This was the second event for Friends of West PAC. Amount raised is not in yet, but looking ahead: a stronger committee is needed to make the event grow.

Westport Schools calendar art has been selected from 196 entries.

This coming years WestPAC budget will be funded from PTA and Friends, with help from WAAC. A \$1,500 grant from Friends will go to the social Studies department who use the Town Art collection as part of the curriculum.

Help is still needed to catalog the collection. Louise DeMakis was suggested.

(Kathie also needs help processing more than 60 works of art offered to the Town as donations. WAAC may be able to provide funds to hire someone.)

3. TEA Talk, October 21, 2018, confirmed

Two titles for the program were put forward;

“The Digital Evolution of the Arts”

“Digital Unfold - Evolution in the arts”

Event would focus around the creation of art, the sharing of art, and the usage of art as perceived by millennials and younger.

A number of names were put forward as potential panelists, for discussion at the next meeting:

John will talk with Ben Reiser.

Sandy with David Pogue, a possible moderator at the event.

Miggs, with graphic designer Carla Eichler.

Other names mentioned, PC magazine editor of “Forward Thinking” Michael Miller (Kelle) and musician Chris Coogan (Richard).

4. Conversation Bench, Nancy

Project moving forward. Jury of selection to be determined which will include representation from WAC and WAAC

Committee approved \$1,000 for administrative and execution of exhibition to be paid to the Westport Arts Center.

Please see Nancy’s report attached.

PLEASE NOTE TIME AND ROOM CHANGE

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY JULY 10, FROM 11AM – 1PM. TOWN HALL, ROOM 212D

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm

Elizabeth Strick
Secretary