

WESTPORT ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
12 noon, Town Hall, room 212D

Attending: Nancy Diamond, Richard Epstein. Kathie Bennewitz, Miggs Burroughs, Eric Chiang, John Dodig, Deirdre Kelly, Elizabeth Strick.

Absent: Frederic Chiu, Lee Goldstein, Deirdre Price, Kelle Ruden, Tom Scavone, Carole Schweid.

Guests: Judith Bacal, Amy Kaplan [RTM]

1. Otocast

Work continues on the Otocast app. The two basic sites are, “Westport Downtown” and, “Meet are creative Community”. Richard continues to work on having an app header. Suggested, “Welcome to Westport” or “Discover Westport” It is hoped if not too expensive to have captions on the art work.

2. Let’s Connect

Nancy reported that there was a small response to the February 19th Lets Connect event. After discussion it was decided to re-think the event and hold it at the end of April as an after-hours event at 5pm, on either a Tuesday or Thursday at the Library. Suggestions from the committee were to invite a speaker, choose a topic and make this an annual net-working event for all the arts organizations in Town.

3. Public Art Policy

WestPAC and the town’s art collection documents are in place, but work is now continuing on a Public Art Policy....focusing on the siting of donated sculptures. Kathy and Nancy are currently reviewing policies from other communities, including educational institutions, and will put together a working subcommittee to review and present a recommendation to the First Selectman.

Kathie presented the returning committee members and interested new potential members for the WestPAC Committee. Kathie moved to recommend to the First Selectman, that 14 returning members, and six new members be appointed to the WestPac committee. Deirdre Kelly seconded, all were in favor. The motion passed.

4. TEA Talk

Date, Sunday October 18, 2020,

2pm at the Library.

Suggested ideas:

- * Collaboration in the Arts
- * Climate – ecology and the Arts
- * Arts on the Spectrum (disabled, mentally or physically)
- * Arts and Curation

Discussion to continue at next meeting.

5. New Business:

Kathie reported that the mural in the vacated Banana Republic store on Main Street has been covered by protective boards. The building owner is aware of the mural and its significance, and hopefully intends to preserve it.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 10
AT 12 NOON, ROOM 212D**

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm
Elizabeth Strick
secretary