

Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

September 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held on Town Zoom; meeting halted due to site hack,

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending: Randa Trivisonno, Kathie Bennewitz, Ive Covaci, Leonor Turut, Neil Cohn, Rachel Cohn, Anne Boberski, Elise Meyer, Reese Anderson Green, Scott Springer, Marion Morra, Eve Potts, Anna-Luise Ruttman, Paula Argosh, Barbara Wang

1. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting June, 2021.

2. Committee Update:

- New Westport Public School protocol requires all guests, including WestPAC members, to provide drivers license and proof of Covid-19 vaccination

3. Collection Update:

- Members completed town- and school-wide inventory. Thanks were offered to all those leading the effort and involved from spring through summer
- CT Collections: 1,275 objects are visible to the Public on the new database - we achieved our goal! Public announcement is to come with launch.
- New acquisitions: Presentation of gifts made to Board of Selectmen on September 8, 2021

4. Education Update:

- Learning galleries remain in place as they were end of year in June
- BMS hanging rails installation are still to be installed by WPS facilities delayed due to other projects/incidents; we are staying tuned to updates from Ted Hunyadi on timing
- Steve Zimmerman said art teachers are assessing gaps in learning from last year and have had a busy start to this year; to date they have no specific requests of WestPAC

- We will plan to rotate elementary galleries this fall to bring fresh works in; stay tuned for call for volunteers to help move art
- New signage for all learning galleries were printed and ready to install; can put these up when we rotate installations this fall
- Introduction to new CTCO database for art teachers planned for professional development sessions in November
- Upcoming Library "how to look at art" virtual program in development for late fall; presented by Sandra Kornblit using a few Library and WestPAC works

5.Special Projects Update:

- CMS: Eric Chiang - History of Civilizations installation; also Housatonic Museum of Art Exhibition is featuring his "Are We Born Together?" which was last on loan to CMS,
- BMS: 3 spaces for Guest Artists displays for loans as part of Diversity Initiative and Learning Gallery displays
- SHS: Oct 2, 2-3 pm Steffi Friedman "Pas de Deux" installation and dedication in courtyard
- MOCA: Jan-March 2022 WestPAC Collection to be showcased at MOCA. We need a subcommittee to focus on this project: opening is tentatively Jan 28, 2022.

6.Representative Site Reports:

- At this time we will review Member assignments to Sites, confirm coverage.

7.Additional Business:

- Master contact list is being created for all Members
- Discussion about future meeting times/days for best attendance by Members: a questionnaire will be sent out to solicit response.

8.Next Meeting to be held Friday October 8, 2021 at 9am. Venue to be determined.

