

## Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held on Town Zoom

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending: Randa Trivisonno, Ive Covaci, Anne Boberski, Amanda Castellano, Gali Katz, Jilda Manikas, Leonor Dao Turut, Carla Devillers, Patti Boutilier, Jilda Manikas, Harris Falk

### 1. Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting April 13, 2022.

- Introduction of Gali Katz, prospective new member.

### 2. Collection Update:

- Inventory and CTC Co: nothing new to update
- Subcommittee for Accessions:
  - “Gossip” by Elizabeth Catlett donated by Jilda Manikas was approved by the Board of Selectwomen at their meeting April 27th and has now entered the collection.
  - Review of list of 53 works recommended for declassifying and removal from the collection by accessions subcommittee. These consist of posters and reproductions (not fine art), some works damaged beyond repair, and works that are in the database but not actually in the collection.
    - Discussion of what to do with the works after they are removed from collection. Proposed to find locations where they can be appreciated and/or sold to raise funds for WestPAC
    - Committee voted to approve declassifying the list of works. The list will next be presented to the Westport Arts Advisory Committee, and then eventually to the Board of Selectwomen or Board of Education.

### 3. Education Update:

- Learning Galleries -recap of galleries at each school and upcoming movements:
  - SES has new installation of Pop (moved from BMS in late April)
  - June 15th - Move Lynsey Addario photographs from Westport Library to SHS, anyone available to help, let Ive know
- Education Subcommittee update:
  - First batch of labels for learning galleries are done and ready to print

- Working on “ready to go” sets in CTCO for future installations

#### 4. Friends of WestPAC update:

- Update on progress on storage study grant.
  - A firm was selected from the proposals received
  - a preliminary meeting was held with Kathie, Scott B, Scott Springer, Ive
  - Requested information has been sent to the firm

#### 5. Special Projects Update:

- Senior Center Gallery: rails are awaiting installation, group of Japanese prints ready to display for AAPI heritage month; this will become a space for rotating installations going forward
- Internship update:
  - overview of SHS internship program, WestPAC intern Slade Anastasia;
  - His main project will be cataloging the portfolio of Robert Durham political cartoons
  - He will also work on Town Hall reinstallation and accompany site reps on spring visits. Anne will contact site captains to schedule Slade’s help with spring visit tasks.

#### 6. Representative Site Reports:

- Town Hall: new installation plan in place, working with Slade on May 20th for reinstalling works, some works going from Town Hall to GFS, working with GFS team for that move
- Reviewed spring site visit “to do” list
  - Anne will reach out about scheduling visits (with Slade), and Ive will send checklists with each site’s inventory
  - Reps will update photos and take notes on condition
- Poll of members who are around over the summer to help out with projects that come up

#### 7. Additional Business:

- Celebrate Westport - Reese unable to join tonight’s meeting.

8. Next Meeting : Wednesday June 8th at 7pm, tentatively virtual. Waiting to hear from the Town on meeting requirements for in-person versus virtual.