

Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

September 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at Public Library, room 210

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending: Ive Covaci, Randa Trivisonno, Kathie Bennewitz, Anne Carpenter Boberski, Jennifer Fridland, Marion Morra, Eve Potts, Jilda Manikas, Barbara Wang, Harris Falk

1. Committee Updates

- Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting June 8, 2022.
- Welcome and Re-introduction of members - we will continue this next month with more attendance (Back to School Nights were a conflict for many members)
- Confirmation of Appointment Letters: 3 members are “in progress” and Randa and Ive will follow up.
- Confirmation of Security Badges: Ive will follow up with WPS Facilities / Ted Hunyadi and advise at next meeting procedure for getting new badges, Open Positions - Social Media and BMS Representative:
 - Kathie continues to take on the social media role, but it is time consuming so still looking for someone to take this on more full time volunteering.
 - Meantime we will send out a new email to Committee to ask for new potential posts - this was incredibly helpful the last time, to build up an “inventory”. Will include link to database and also will organize by season/time of year.
 - For BMS: we will table for next month with more members present.
- Annual Report Review and Discussion:
 - Will add in MET speaker to the list of meaningful events
 - Will send out finalized report to BOE and BOF as summary of our activities this year.

2. Collection Update:

- Inventory: This spring it will be inventory time again. We will hope to get an SHS Intern to help with this project.

- CT Collections: training sessions continue. They are making upgrades to the public portal this fall, and we are providing feedback to hopefully improve the site.
- Subcommittee for Accessions- they will have upcoming meeting in October:
 - Have requests to sift through as well as meetings with several artists
 - Review of items recommended for declassification (not deaccession)
 - Review of Parks and Rec pieces (example: Cannons at Compo Beach)
 - Anyone who wants to join Accessions Subcommittee please let Ive and Kathie know.

3.Representative Site Reports

- Will table reports till next month with more members present
- Will send out email reminders of Fall Tasks
- Town Hall: Anne will host tours on Friday September 16th and Tuesday 20th. Friday morning of 16th will be huge label postings on TH pieces by Anne and Jilda
- GFS: rails have arrived; need Principal approval to put them up along with coordination with Ted for a work order

4.Education Update:

- Learning Galleries -recap of galleries at each school and upcoming movements:
 - GFS will be getting Landscapes; KHS will need replacement
 - Ive will be reaching out to teachers about their wishes for rotations in the fall.
 - Senior Center has requested a display of Portraits from the Collection

5.Friends of WestPAC update:

- Discussion and review of budget requests to Friends as well as Grant management
- Budget request to Friends is for a total number for the year; WestPAC can make adjustments to line items as needed, but Friends will track. Additional grant funding received by Friends this year may fund specific projects beyond the budget request, but can't be counted on yet.

- Discussion of conservation priorities as well as grant “stories” for funding upcoming projects
- Committee was in agreement to request \$12700 from Friends of WestPAC for FY 2022-23.

6. Special Projects Update:

- Planning for MoCA exhibition for winter 2023
 - Opening Jan 12th - February 26th
 - This year will have a more narrow scope, featuring Paul Camacho pieces from our collection as well as other loaned pieces
 - Discussion about this gallery slot for 2024 onward, how to feature our collection
- Planning for BMS/CMS loan art project: call for submissions has gone out with September 23rd deadline

7. Additional Business

- Celebrate Westport - Reese attended their meeting this past Friday however will report back at our next meeting.
- Kathie will be reporting to Arts Advisory on upcoming cleaning of Minute Man and Dough Boy.

8. Next Meeting : Wednesday October 12th at 7pm. Room to be advised.

- We will hope to continue to meet at the Library Rm 210 due to its tech capabilities
- Barbara and Kathie will coordinate with Robin at the library.