

## Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

February 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at The Westport Library, room 216

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending: Ive Covaci, Kathie Bennewitz, Randa Trivisonno, Anne Boberski, Gali Katz, Jilda Manikas, Patti Boutilier, Reese Green, Stephanie Klose, Carla DeVillers, Barbara Wang,

### 1. Committee Updates

- Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting December 14, 2022.
- Update from BOE 2/6 meeting, Ive Covaci & Kathie Bennewitz presented.
  - Proposed new accessions accepted with thanks
  - Nice coverage in Westport Journal
- Report from Randa Trivisonno & Kathie Bennewitz on the Let's Connect event sponsored by WAAC. Generated some great ideas for further connections we can make in promoting the Collection, including with ArtSmart on district level
- Discussion of Westport Fine Arts Festival - 50th Anniversary event
  - Opportunity to man a no-cost booth during the festival
    - Share with WAAC?
  - Need a group to work on this:
    - Ideas for the display look of the booth; possible give-aways (coloring pages, etc); manpower - set up and manning of the booth during the festival.
    - Email to be sent out to Committee, Kathie will talk to WAAC

### 2. Collection Update:

- Accessions Update: moving forward, incoming new donation offers will be reviewed by accessions group.
- Unframing Ford Times catalog project:
  - Tuesday February 21st - "un-frame" party to start this project [Tom, Jilda]
  - Friday February 24th - re-cataloging, photographing, measuring each piece [Ive, Anne, and any other volunteers]
  - Re-framing plan for possible future exhibition.
- New CTCO launch - new public portal. Once it goes live, will be good opportunity to publicize our collection on this site. Preview looks great.

### 3. Special Projects:

- Planning for takedowns at both MoCA and Musical Notes - same week
  - Please look for SignUp Genius email looking for help
  - Jilda will take some measurements of new Camacho pieces hanging at MoCA so we can make sure are correct in our catalog.
  - Active discussion of moving artworks to new locations
    - Musical Notes will go on display at Senior Center, if they approve
    - Site Reps Please review Ive's checklist to claim any pieces
  - PLEASE SPREAD WORD to boost attendance during these last weeks of exhibition.
    - PTA emails will go out to highlight MoCA
    - Other avenues of social media and spreading the word
    - Reminder: Last cocktails and conversation event with Sarah Dove on Feb. 16th 6-7pm
- Update on Public Sculpture per Kathie Bennewitz
  - The Downton Plan Implementation Committee formed an arts advisory subcommittee on public art - right now working on Parker Harding; Also a project with Parks and Rec for sculptures in parks with a master plan.

#### 4. Site Reports

- Received Art Smart updates from some Reps, remind all School reps to reach out to their Art Smart person at their school.
- SHS: new installation in time for Black History Month (although will be a longer installation) - works by Richard Hunt, Elizabeth Catlett, Jerri Graham in main hallway outside main office area
- CMS - framing art community posters.
- GFS rail installation moving forward.
- Barbara will reshare the Site Roster to Committee for all to reconfirm the information or add updates.

5. Education Update: moved to next month meeting.

6. Friends of WestPAC update:

- Discussion of our remaining budget through June
- Discussion of remaining framing projects

7. Additional Business:

- Celebrate Westport - moved to next month meeting. Reese would like an additional member to be co-rep so they can split or attend together

8. Next Meeting : Wednesday March 8th at 7pm. Room 216 at WPL.

- Discussion about April Meeting due to holiday and Spring Break dates. Decided to move this meeting to Wednesday April 19th (from April 5th).
  - Barbara will make this change with the Town and secure the Library