

Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

March 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at The Westport Library, room 216

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending: Ive Covaci, Kathie Bennewitz, Anne Boberski, Patti Boutilier, Stephanie Klose, Amanda Castellano, Barbara Wang

1. Committee Updates

- Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting February 8, 2023.
- Reminder for current committee contact and bio information to be reviewed as well as any affiliations to add to profiles
 - Will send out reminder to committee at large
- SHS Internship planning
 - Leonor Turut will help Anne Boberski with this project
 - Plan on cataloging at WSCA; inventory
 - Help will be requested from the committee for overseeing the internship

2. Collection Update:

- Ford Times cataloging project update: successful “deframing” and cataloging of first batch accomplished
- Preliminary planning for Inventory 2023 this spring
 - Every 2 year project. Focus this year on condition, location, & framing
 - April meeting will provide more details and directives

3. Special Projects:

- Public sculpture update: DPCA (Westport Downtown Plan Implementation Committee) has public sculpture subcommittee, on which Kathie Bennewitz and Dina Upton are on; also WAAC has a working group exploring possible town sites and works. This is still in learning/exploration phases
- MoCA 2023 meeting to be held (April tbd) with MOCA, WestPAC and WAAC to recap and debrief on 2022 and 2023 project, expectations, and plans going forward. -

4. Site Reports

- KHS: Gali Katz and Kelcey Hix showcased the new installations in the teachers lounge which look great!
- CMS: rails should be checked for stability

- WTH: Question to committee will be sent out with Minutes: anyone interested in curating a single artist show in the Town Hall Lobby gallery?

5. Education Update:

- Learning Gallery rotations:
 - CES: Pop Art
 - BMS: Collage
 - LLS: Abstract
 - WSCA: Musical Notes

6. Friends of WestPAC update:

- Brief discussion of framing costs. Further review at next meeting.

7. Additional Business:

- Celebrate Westport - Reese and Jilda will report at next meeting.
- Accessions meeting will meet quarterly to review potential gifts. March/April mtg to TBA by Kathie

8. Next Meeting : Wednesday April 19th at 7pm. Room 216 at WPL.

- Reminder to Committee of this date change
- Barbara will make sure date change is provided to Town and secure room at WPL