

## Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

### April 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at The Westport Library, room 216

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending in person: Ive Covaci, Kathie Bennewitz, Anne Boberski, Patti Boutilier, Paul Argosh, Jilda Manikas, Gali Katz, Barbara Wang, and special guest Jessie McEntee

Attending over zoom: Randa Trivisonno, Stephanie Klose, Neil Cohn, Amanda Castellano, Carla Devillers

#### 1. Committee Updates

- Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting March 8, 2023.
- Special Guest: Jessica Noyes McEntee, Westport's Poet Laureate.
  - Discussion of ways to collaborate in future - possible events to highlight poetry and the WestPAC Collection
- Reappointment Planning- 2 year renewal
  - Barbara to email out to everyone their current bio for review/update, then will submit to WAAC in early May.
- SHS Internship planning
  - We have 1 Staples Intern to work with.
  - Anne has requested help for overseeing the intern May 15-June 8, M-W 9-Noon at the Senior Center. Thursdays and Fridays will involve field work with Site Reps.
    - Look for Anne's email scheduling site visits
  - Intern can give presentation on Political Cartoon project to Senior Center

#### 2. Collection Update:

- Inventory Project
  - Barbara will email out Ive's instructions. Goal to locate and record every work.
    - Kathie advised concerns to be noted during inventory: frame integrity, conservation evaluation needed, location safety
    - Site Reps should coordinate a date (ideally involving intern) and reach out to Principals to confirm schedule
  - Ive will set up a SignUp Genius calendar so At-Large members can assist Site Reps with this project
- New Connecticut Collections Public Portal will launch May 1
- Weston History and Culture Center Loan Request

- 6 works have been requested from our Collection for an exhibition June ' 23 - Feb '24.
- The Committee approved the loan request; Site Reps should make accommodations for items removed

### 3.Special Projects:

- MoCA Debrief meeting: ongoing dialogue for future collaborations

### 4. Site Reports

- CES and CMS new installations: Committee viewed photos of the new installations with approval!
- Storage: Ive showcased collection of Art books located there for Committee use

### 5.Friends of WestPAC update:

- Brief discussion of budget that is left thru end of June.

### 6. Additional Announcements:

- Celebrate Westport -Jilda will attend

### 7. Next Meeting : Wednesday May 10th at 7pm. Room 216 at WPL.