Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

September 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at The Westport Library, room 210

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending in person: Ive Covaci,, Anne Boberski, Randa Trivisonno, Patti Boutilier, Leonor

Turut, Jen Fridland Guest: Brendan Mulcahy

Attending over zoom: Emma Quilhot, Amanda Castellano

Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting June 14, 2023.

- 1. Committee Updates.
 - General Welcome
 - Reappointment update: WAAC submitted to the Town
 - Library Volunteer Fair September 23rd, 10-2pm
 - Will share a table with Friends (Scott Benewitz)
 - Looking for WestPAC volunteers to take 1 hour shifts
 - Barbara will send out email to Committee
 - Seeing new volunteers to our Committee
 - Looking for new CES, LLS, and BMS Site Reps
 - Annual Report: Asking Committee to forward to Ive short summaries/photos of activities over the past year (installations, repairs, etc) in order to pull together this year's report.
 - o Barbara will send out email to Committee, September 20th due date
 - Site Rep Reminders
 - Recommend to reach out to any new administrators and make introduction
 - Recommend to do a "new year" walk through in case of any unexpected summer painting or construction causing movement or displacement to our works
 - Recommend to reach out to Art Smart chairs to make sure we are part of the process - introduce collection, offer assistance

2. Collection Update:

- Inventory
 - Majority completed over the summer aside from some small cleanup
 - Missing pieces
 - Barbara will email Committee to see if anyone has seen these works
- CT Collections update: continued public portal cleanup work Barbara will assist Ive

3. Special Projects:

- Exhibitions & Loans
 - WPL Jesup Gallery "Showtime" -
 - Review of works from collection proposed for the show
 - November 8th is proposed Reception date (same night as our monthly meeting proposal to keep meeting, but keep short)
 - o MoCA 2024 Exhibit:
 - Dates just confirmed Jan 18 March 3
 - Install 1/10 1/17... Deinstallation 3 / 4 3/8
 - Working title: "The Sixties: Mod in Westport selections from the Westport Public Arts Collection"
 - Next step meetings for planning and execution, budget, PR plan, educational opportunities, deliverables
 - First look at works to consider for the show

4. Site Reports

- SHS: changing up office and lounge art asst principal suite reinstallation
- SES: working on office art
- KHS: after summer paint project, reinstallation of works a few out for repair
- BMS: working on office art for asst principal
- WCSA: Jilda volunteered to curate a new display for gallery wall, as well as setting up some guided tours for seniors

5. Friends of WestPAC update:

- Budget request for FY 2023-2024 (same template)
 - o Increased conservation budget line

6. Additional Announcements:

- Celebrate Westport no report this month as Jilda is away
- 7. Next Meeting: Wednesday October 11, 2023 at 7pm. WPL location to be determined.