

Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

October 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at The Westport Library, room 216

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending in person: Ive Covaci, Anne Boberski, Randa Trivisonno, Patti Boutilier, Jilda Manikas, Eve Potts, Marion Morra, Reese Green, Kathie Bennewitz, Barbara Wang

Attending over zoom: Scott Springer, Emma Quilhot

Guest: Emily Ziegler; Guest on Zoom: Isobel Grodd

Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting September 13, 2023.

1. Committee Updates.

- Membership:
 - Andrea Moore is working on our reappointment letters
 - Welcome to new guest visitors considering joining - Emily Ziegler (SHS) and Isobel Grodd (LLS)
 - Volunteer Fair report from event at Westport Library from September 23rd
- Annual Report: quick review with Committee, no additions/deletions to be made
- 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
- Art Smart - report from Amanda Castellano (via Ive)
 - Amanda attended kick-off event and had a WestPAC slide included
 - She will attend coffee dates with each school chair/group
 - Goal: have each Site Rep attend each school’s launch event - provide slide to include with link to collection (and insert your names / contact info). Let AB/IC know if you can not attend, need a sub for your event.
- WAAC - “Let’s Connect” on Wed October 25th, 11:30-1:30, networking with other arts groups, and 1.5hr social media workshop. Ive can attend, unless someone else wants to

2.Collection Update:

- Inventory
 - 2 sets created - for Framing concerns and for Conservation concerns

- Kathie working with Yost Conservation for estimates
 - Missing pieces: 1 piece discovered since last meeting... 1 more remains missing and Ive will send out a APB to Town/Schools staff
- BOE Meeting: Going before BOE on Nov 2nd to present the accessions approved last spring, and the list of declassified reproductions.

3.Special Projects:

- Exhibitions & Loans
 - Westport Library Jesup Gallery - “Showtime” -
 - Delivery of works on Oct27th - alert to replace works that are being loaned
 - Reminder of reception for Nov 8th - after our meeting (moved to 5:30pm!)
 - MoCA 2024 Exhibit: *Sixties MOD: Selections from the Westport Public Art Collections*
 - Dates Jan 18 - March 3
 - Report of meeting with Ruth and team at MoCA
 - Discussed plans for works needing conservation prior to show

4. Site Reports

- SHS - VP Conference room complete
- CMS - Randa & Scott’s meeting with new principal, discussion of atrium space possibilities
- BMS - new VP office installed
- WCSA - Landscapes, Jilda Manikas, also working on hanging some new works in empty spaces

5. Additional Announcements:

- WAAC: TEA talk November 5th “Thinkers, Educators, Artists, and AI: What’s Next for the Arts” (2-3pm in Library Forum)
- Update on WAAC public sculpture progress from Kathie

6. Next Meeting : Wednesday November 8, 2023 at **5:30-6pm**, Board room Westport Library.

NOTE NEW TIME! Please join us for opening reception of exhibition SHOWTIME!

Following the meeting.