

## Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

November 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at The Westport Library, Room 210, 5:30pm

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending in person: Ive Covaci, Anne Boberski, Randa Trivisonno, Patti Boutilier, Jilda Manikas, Eve Potts, Marion Morra, Reese Green, Emma Quilhot, Jen Fridland, Stephanie Klose, Amanda Castellano, Barbara Wang

Attending over zoom: Kathie Bennewitz, Isobel Grodd

Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting October 11, 2023.

### 1. Committee Updates.

- Art Smart - report from Amanda Castellano
  - Our reps and school chairs will coordinate directly at this point
- Membership:
  - Member Carla DeVillers will be stepping back from the Committee for the time being due to other commitments
  - Isobel Grodd (for Long Lots) and Emily Ziegler (for SHS) are in process of formally joining: their bios have been collected and sent to Westport Arts Advisory
- Database workshop proposed for January to be coordinated by Anne

### 2. Collection Update:

- Report on Accessions from the Nov 2 BOE meeting
  - Donations accepted; declassify list was approved
    - At January meeting we will look for volunteers to clear the declassified items out of storage as a Spring Cleaning project. Ideas will be considered for meaningful dispersal of these items.

### 3. Special Projects:

- MoCA 2024 Exhibit: *Sixties MOD: Selections from the Westport Public Art Collections*
  - Ive reports that we are on schedule for conservation, repairs, and framing
  - Ive will circulate the proposed works to the Committee
    - Removed items currently on display will be given a placeholder placard advertising the show

#### 4. Site Reports

- SHS - Jen reported they are coordinating moving comics from BMS to SHS (at teacher request) to support the comic club, as well as other items of interest. Social Studies Center will also get new artworks.
- TH - Anne reported that the Richard Hunt works were taken down and will be replaced with new accessions with a NYC theme
- LLS, SES, CES - Munce long term loan pieces are being collected and returned to his daughter, Mary Brewster

5. Friends of WestPAC: framing budget briefly discussed in relation to the MoCA project.

#### 6. Member Announcements

- Celebrate Westport: Jilda reported from their meeting that they are coordinating a Gala calendar of events
- Bridgeport Art Trails opens this weekend
- Housatonic Museum of Art “Hidden Gems” exhibition is currently open and since Burt Chernow founded both collections, there are great connections.

7. Next Meeting: December 13th, 7pm Westport Library Board Room. Important focus of the meeting will be coordinating the details for early January for MoCA show: transport, publicity, etc.