

Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

December 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at The Westport Library, Board Room 7pm

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending in person: Ive Covaci, Anne Boberski, Patti Boutilier, Jilda Manikas, Kathie Bennewitz, Reese Green, Emma Quilhot, Jen Fridland, Emily Ziegler, Barbara Wang

Attending over zoom: Ariel Dunne

Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting November 8, 2023.

1. Committee Updates.

- Membership:
 - Member Carla DeVilliers will be able to remain an active committee member

2. Collection Update:

- Kathie will coordinate a meeting in February of the Accessions group to review some possible donations
- 7 Howard Munce paintings on long-term loan were returned to his daughter, Mary Brewster, who recently donated another work by Munce.

3. Special Projects:

- MoCA 2024 Exhibit: *Sixties MOD: Selections from the Westport Public Art Collections*
 - Important dates scheduled: Jan 10-12th for delivery of works; January 15th installation; January 18th OPENING.
 - Ive will touch base with Site Reps to coordinate pulling works. She will send out a SignUp Genius for volunteers to help with transportation to MoCA.
 - Ive will meet with MoCA to coordinate publicity opportunities.
 - We will leverage WAAC mailing lists, PTA email blasts, and a Press Release
 - Jilda has some additional ideas for community outreach including Y's Mens and Womens groups, Rotary Club
 - Possibility to provide reduced admission to Westport Police & Fire groups to be explored with MoCA; as well as school teachers
- Westport Library cartoon exhibition from WestPAC collection, planned to coincide with WL Storyfest for September 2024

- Sheffer Gallery would be reserved for Cartoon exhibition from our collection to be curated by Brian Walker. Possible exhibit and programming with contemporary cartoonists.
 - Plans for engagement with WPS students, including English dept Visual Narratives class, art classes and comics club.

4. Site Reports

- TH - new installation in front lobby gallery with theme of urban New York City
- TH - new head of HR, working to provide her with “colorful art” for her office
- SES - longtime custodian retiring who has been a tireless supporter and donor to WestPAC. We will coordinate with Patty to deliver a CTArt Trail Pass for his retirement gift as a thank you.

5. Member Announcements

- Celebrate Westport: Reese attended their meeting and previewed the MoCA show for them. We will hope to amplify MoCA show attendance through some of their channels.

7. Next Meeting: February 7th, 7pm Westport Library Board Room.

- Due to MoCA show opening on January 18th, we will cancel our regularly scheduled meeting of January 10th.
- Our next projected meeting of February 14th will be moved to February 7th.
- Barbara will submit our meeting schedule for 2024 to the Town in January - we will continue to meet every month on 2nd Wednesday evening (except for February) at 7pm at the WPL.
 - Barbara will reach out to Robin at WL and see if we can book a meeting room for a 6 month time frame as opposed to the current 2 months at a time.
 - The Committee discussed the day/time of the meetings and decided to continue on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.