

Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

February 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at MoCA

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending in person: Ive Covaci, Anne Boberski, Patti Boutilier, Jilda Manikas, Kathie Bennewitz, Reese Green, Randa Trivisonno, Carla Devillers, Scott Springer, Barbara Wang

Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting December 13, 2023.

1. Committee Updates.

- Database training for members - Anne will be offering this at end of February and will send email with date/time for those interested

2. Collection Update:

- New accessions are in processing with stickering and cataloging to be completed. Ive will give reminder at March meeting - aim for late March to complete this
- Weston Culture Center: they have requested an extension through March 24th on the items we have loaned them from our collection. We have approved this. Anne has visited the show and recommends.
- Y's Women:
 - Jilda has organized with Anne a tour for the group of Town Hall for February 27th - so far over 20 people have signed up!
 - Kathie and Ive presented to them on the MoCA show with an overview and a history of our Collection. The group will visit MoCA at end of February for a tour.

3. Special Projects:

- MoCA 2024 Exhibit: *Sixties MOD: Selections from the Westport Public Art Collections*
 - De-installation will be done week of March 4th
 - March 4-5, 10-4pm works will need to be picked up and returned to locations.
 - Ive will send an email for scheduling; large pieces will need special coordination
 - PLEASE communicate if a work should not return to original location
- Learning Gallery Rotations
 - CMS "black and white portraits" was installed

- BMS will take “red room” from GFS
- SES will be on hold till after their Spring student art show
- KHS and LLS are in process
- TH & CMS: Jessica Noyes McEntee, Westport Poet Laureate wrote poems to accompany artworks at each site
- “Years in the Making” Documentary: 50 dvd’s with master set at SHS. Project in conjunction with WL to have this digitized.

4. Site Reports

- CES - rails in process of being installed
- Parks & Rec: Kathie advised public sculptures approved for 2 sites
 - Pasacreta Park on Riverside will get a loan from Niki Ketchman “Passage 1991” in Spring
 - Stroffolino park location to get loan from Carole Eisner “Windows (1997)” once Exit 17 construction has completed

5. Friends of WestPAC

- SAVE THE DATE June 6th! Gala and Art Sale! Westport Women’s Club gave permission to use their place. Please email if anyone is interested in helping out on all aspects of this important Fundraising event!
- Budget update: still awaiting update on framing invoices for MoCA show. But there are still funds available for label, framing, and repairs/conservation for potential pieces.
 - We will further assess at next meeting in March.

6. Next Meeting: March 13th, 7pm Westport Library McCall Room 216.