

Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

March 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at Westport Library

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending in person: Anne Boberski, Patti Boutilier, Jilda Manikas, Kathie Bennewitz, Emily Ziegler, Amanda Castellano

Attending on Zoom: Randa Trivisonno, Leonor Turut, Scott Springer, Isobel Grodd

Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting February 8, 2024.

1. Committee Updates.

- SHS Internship Program - 5 weeks long, begins Mid-May.
 - Internship activities include researching collections for MoCA 2025 and 2024 Cartoons exhibition; rehang at WCSA; Collections database – Entities records; Friends of WestPAC Gala planning.
 - NEED 1-2 committee volunteers to assist... 3 hours/day/x5 weeks. Please contact Anne if you can be of assistance in this valuable program
- Art Smart
 - SES volunteers selected 1 work from our collection to use and display during student project
 - Committee urgently needs to update WPS website and links to Collections database

2.Collection Update: none at this time.

3.Special Projects:

- MoCA 2024 Exhibit: *Sixties MOD: Selections from the Westport Public Art Collections*
 - Review of MoCA show – WestPAC will meet with WAAC to review MoCA 2023.
 - Discussion of feedback with Committee members: excellent opportunity for the Collection but concern over lack of promotion for the event.
- Passacreta Park, Riverside Avenue, Installation of Passages, by Niki Ketchman
 - Monday, April 1 – Siting of sculpture at Park with artist; Thursday, April 18 – Pour concrete footing and install; Beginning of May – Public opening

4. Site Reports

- WCSA – new Abstraction;
- BMS – new Red Room and in BMS Library– Homage to Ben Nicholson by Howard Conant;
- GFS – new Chernow Gallery;
- CES – new b/w portraits;
- CMS – new b/w portraits;
- LLS – new portraits;
- Town Hall – Billbird, by Ann Chernow and Untitled, by Seymour Fogel

5. Friends of WestPAC

- Gala Planning: NEED 1-2 Committee volunteers to assist with the planning.
 - Gala is scheduled to be held on Thursday, June 6, Westport Women's Club. Need to decide time and ticket price.
 - WestPAC seeks volunteers to assist with: Marketing – publicity, invitations; Party – catering, décor; Art Sales – catalog, pricing. Please contact Ive Covaci, icovaci@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with Friends of WestPAC Gala. [Thank you Isobel for already volunteering!]

6. Member Announcements: WYWL Minuteman 5K/10K race will be held on Sunday, April 28 at Compo Beach. Registration is now open.

7. Next Meeting: April 10, 2024 WL McCall Room #216 7pm