

WESTPORT ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WESTPORT TOWN HALL, ROOM 309
JULY 19, 2016

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, AT 12 NOON TOWN HALL ROOM 309.
THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

Present: Co-chairs Nancy Diamond and Richard Epstein, Kathie Bennewitz,
Miggs Burroughs, Frederic Chiu, Sandy Lefkowitz, Kelle Ruden, and Elizabeth Strick.

Absent: Eric Chiu, Deirdre Price, Katherine Ross, and Carole Schweid

Nancy announced that Elise Russi has tendered her resignation due to family commitments. She said that she had enjoyed working with everyone and was grateful for the opportunity to have served the Town. She will be missed.

The committee should be thinking of new members. They should be a Westport resident, active in the arts, and willing to maintain the strength of the Arts in the community. Please send suggestions to Nancy and Richard.

Downtown Kiosk.

Frederic and Sandy reported on the “Kiosk” project for Downtown. The committee is applying for an NEA grant to fund the feasibility plan, which fosters “Arts, Community and Government partnerships.” WAAC will act as an umbrella. All funds received go to the Downtown 2020 Kiosk project.

TEA Talks:

Ryan Lester is confirmed and a plane ticket purchased. Ryan will also receive the Horizon Award.

Authors, Jane Green and Lauren Weisberger, both successful young writers have been suggested for TEA Talk. Committee in favor. Kelle will be in touch with them and to see if they are available.

An interviewer still under discussion.

Kathie reported that she is still waiting to hear from Stephanie Plunkett, Deputy Director/Chief Curator at the Norman Rockwell Museum if she is available for TEA Talk

Miggs suggested Sooo-z, a multi talented artist in painting, fiber art, and a musician for the program. Art is a lifetime commitment for her. She is a member of the Artists Collective. The committee all in favor. Miggs will speak with her and will be the interviewer at the event.

Publicity:

Kelle has offered to take on publicity. Nancy will forward all information used in the past. This year the ticketing service, eventbrite.com will be used to advertise TEA Talk. Kelle will set it up.

Video of the event will include clips of Ryan's work, which Frederic will research. Slides of Sooo-z work, Miggs will put together. Book jacket images needed from authors.

Sandy will organize large TEA Talk sign for the Historical Society's fence.

Please send headshots of participants and bio's to Miggs.

Reception confirmed at the Historical Society.
The exhibition will be the history of Max's Art supply.

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