

Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

November 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at Westport Library, McCall room 216

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending in person: Ive Covaci, Anne Boberski, Patti Boutilier, Tatyana Hixon, Jilda Manikas, Eve Potts, Marion Morra, Barbara Wang

Attending on zoom: Amanda Castellano

Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting September 4, 2024.

1. Committee Updates

- Accessions: Ive & Anne attended Board of Education meeting, Thursday, Nov 7. WestPAC was renewed as stewards of the Collections for the next 5 years. BOE also approved accession of 9 works for the Westport Schools Permanent Art Collection. Next steps: Request to Board of Selectwomen to be renewed as stewards of the Collections for the next 5 years, and to approve accession of 2 works for the Town of Westport Art Collection.
- Membership: Ive will check to make sure new members have been able to collect WPS badges in order to have site access
- Project Work Groups:
 - Education Group:
 - At CES & SES hope to have pieces of art presented on their morning news
 - Art Smart: thought to have an “idea board” to promote past projects to spark plans. Ask for Site Reps to reach out to Art Smart chairs at each school, promote connections to Collections
 - Learning Galleries:
 - SES: new installation of Landscapes
 - KHS: Westport Scenes to come
 - LLS: aiming for new installation for Spring
 - Accessions Group: met and made recommendations for the 11 pcs approved by our Committee and WAAC and then presented to Board of Ed (9), and to be presented to Board of Selectwomen (2)
 - Exhibition Group: MoCA 2025 - ON FIRE: Energy, Climate, Infrastructure
 - Framing and transportation of works - Barbara will email Committee with all dates & deadlines

- Artwork delivery - December 16-19; Signup Schedule will be circulated to get volunteers for help
- Opening reception January 9 6-8pm
- Brainstorming session: Promoting MoCA show to schools - Inklings at SHS... PTA Newsletters... Direct emails to Room parents

2.Collection Update - none at this time.

3.Special Projects

- *Hiding in Plain Sight, A Photographic Tour of Westport's Outdoor Sculptures*, Westport Center for Senior Activities, cafe, on view through January 14, 2025. The exhibition will next be on view at Westport Town Hall, Lobby.
- Opening reception planned for Thursday, Nov 14th 5-7pm. Jilda gave update on attendance registered for this event at WCSA. Jilda also gave update on new sculptures coming in November and also next year in more Westport Parks.

4. Site Reports

- CMS: George Washington Bicentennial hanging in the 8th grade area.
- SHS: Installations in both Graphic Design classroom and Photography classroom
- Central Fire/Building Dept: new installation of some works

5. Friends of WestPAC - nothing to report.

6. Member Announcements -

- Reminder for Westport Arts Advisory Committee - November 14th 7pm WL event - Conversations with Westport Poet Laureate Emeritus; also November 17th 2pm WL TEA talk panel discussion on Humor in the Arts

7. Next Meeting - Wednesday December 11, 7pm, WL.

- January meeting canceled in favor of attendance at MoCA reception
- February meeting will be held per usual
- New meeting calendar for 2025 will be approved at December meeting for submission to Town in January.