

Westport Arts Advisory

Tuesday May 13

Meeting called to order at 12:05pm

PRESENT: Nancy Diamond, Paul Davis (co-chairs); Kathie Bennewitz, Richard Epstein, Eric Chiang, Britt Steel, David Rosenwaks, Miggs Burroughs, William Palmer, Charles Rosoff

ABSENT: Elizabeth Strick, Lee Goldstein, Dina Upton

Ex Officio: Donna Disch, Ive Kovaci, Anne Boberski

Minutes

Egrets. Kathie reported that she negotiated a 25 per cent commission for WAAC if Babette Bloch sells Egrets while it's on loan. Babette requested grasses around the base, mulch over the base, plaques installed on a post, Canal Green sign replaced and moved to not obstruct view of the sculpture. All will be discussed with Parks & Rec. Garden Club might have some grasses. May 31 celebration will include music. Richard will ask Suzanne Sheridan if she will play and learn an "Egret" song he found. Nancy will ask Dave Floyd if he will speak. Jen Tooker is out of town so Nancy will ask Andrea.

Enzo. Kathie met with Marc Zaref and marked location of sculpture at Eloise Ray park. The pad will be poured by the end of June. Donna meeting with Marc to write poem. Sculpture will be seen from across the river.

Historical Art Markers: Nancy and Kathie will present to the Historic District tonite to get approval for the Honor Roll. Paul and Miggs meeting with Parks and Rec Commission next week to get approval for Honor Roll and Showers.

Paul will link QR codes for markers to WAAC website. Nancy motioned, Paul 2nd and unanimous that location of actual painting will be posted on the website. WestPAC will let us know if painting's location is changed.

Poet Laureate: Donna was at Library for garden club poetry contest. Five kids read their poems and got little awards. Going to see Marc before writing poem for Enzo. She will lead a workshop at the library on Seamus Heaney, the Irish poet who won the Nobel prize: July 9,, 16 and 23rd 10:30 -12. Will read poem at Wakeman for Cathy Talmadge remembrance. She'll lead Robert Frost seminar at the Sr. Center in October;

Nancy presented new Working Group Guidelines prepared by sculpture working group. After review and discussion, Kathie moved; Richard 2nd. All voted to accept the guidelines.

Mural: Paul reported that Parks and Rec is sponsoring a mural contest at Compo Beach and asked WAAC to partner. Miggs and Paul met with them. WAAC will offer advice only, Parks & Rec is hoping to choose design by community members by July.

WestPAC: Ive reported its 60th anniversary celebration is yet to be decided.

TEA Talk: Nancy announced date is Sunday Oct 26 2pm.

Paul presented several thoughts:

- Photography: when can you believe what you see in a photograph?
- Use of multimedia such as drones, music, lasers In art.
- Perspective: examining the same subjects from different perspectives
- All Art is a copy; is it? Nothing is original;
- Propaganda art
- Non-profits: what are we doing in a time of retrenchment: (Kathie suggested putting together Lets Connect to figure this out.)

A discussion about photography being manipulated followed. There was much enthusiasm for the idea. Westpac has exhibit at Library at the same time in October, so it would be a great complementary talk. Ive mentioned that MoCA has photography show also. Lots of meat in this subject. Discussion will continue at next WAAC meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Diamond, co-chair