

# MINUTES

## London Legacy Development Corporation

**Meeting title:** Park Panel January 2023

**Meeting date:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Time:** 6pm

**Venue:** LLDC Offices- Level 8, 5 Endeavour Square, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 1JN

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### **Present – representatives from the following organisations:**

- Hackney Wick Community Development Trust (CDT)
- The Yard Theatre (Hub 67 + The Hall)
- Stratford Original BID
- Chandos East
- Park Champions
- LLDC Youth Board
- Manor Gardening Society at Pudding Mill
- Iron Works Residents association

### **LLDC**

Peter Tudor (PT)

Jacque Holland (JH)

James Stanfield (JS)

Uzma Ravat (UR)

### **External**

Jonny Boux (JB) Ambition Aspire Achieve - CIL NPF

Hannah Ayres (HA) Arbeit - CIL NPF

Zak (Z-) X Conversation – CIL NPF

### **Apologies:**

- Trowbridge Senior Citizens Club
- Legacy Wharf
- Otter Close RA
- East Village Trust
- Faringford Road Neighbourhood Watch
- Glasshouse Gardens
- Creative Wick
- Chobham Manor Residents Association
- Omega Works

## 1. Introductions

- 1.1. Peter Tudor welcomed everyone to the Park Panel meeting and LLDC's offices. The minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> of November were approved and will be posted on the Park website. *Final minutes attached.*

## 2. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL Neighbourhood Priorities Fund (NPF) - Successful Projects presentation attached with minutes

- 2.1. Presentation from James Stanfield and Uzma Ravat (LLDC).
- 2.2. CIL NPF decisions have gone to LLDC's Project Proposals Group and now have a final list of 31 successful projects. *List attached with minutes.*
- 2.3. There was funding of £800k available. Decisions were made with a particular focus on projects working with children and young people, education, training and employment.
- 2.4. The team thanked the Panel for their input in the selection process.
- 2.5. Grant agreements are currently being signed, inception meetings are being set up over the next few weeks and projects will then be underway.
- 2.6. There was a presentation of three successful CIL projects:
- 2.7. Zak Addae-Kodua from [X Conversation](#), *presentation attached with minutes.*  
Programmes to support and uplift ex-offenders through training and skills building.
  - 2.7.1.Q: How do you recruit? A: Through referral agencies through post offenders and only if participant has had 6 months of positive work.
  - 2.7.2.Q: How are the paid work experiences chosen? A: X Conversation build partnerships with local businesses with experiences within the social justice field. They interview participants and then select.
  - 2.7.3.Q: How do you make sure the work experience isn't just making coffee for candidates? A: Weekly check ins. The aim is for meaningful work and purposeful engagement otherwise don't accept organisations to the work experience list.
  - 2.7.4.Q: What numbers are using your organisation?: A: This year 130 engagements from young people in and around East London.
  - 2.7.5.Q: How do you measure your success as organisation? A: Through tracking who goes on to employment, education and practical training. Also monitoring whether they have been re-arrested. Everyone who has gone through programme has not been back in prison or been arrested. All are currently in training or employment.
- 2.8. Jonny Boux, Chief Executive of [Ambition, Aspire, Achieve](#) (AAA). CIL funding to support development of [Abbey Hub](#). The funding will give ability to transform and future proof building going forward for youth activity in Newham.
  - 2.8.1.Q: How does this project link into local schools? A: 350 young people access the centre and a large number of them are referred directly through local schools. Schools are one of main referral partners.
- 2.9. Hannah Ayres from Arbeit Studios, presentation *attached with minutes*, a creative workspace provider running residency programme to develop different installation

pieces for Trowbridge Gardens. Call out in January 2023, with first residency to start in April 2023. Will be hosting exhibition after residencies.

### Questions (Q) and Comments (C)

- 2.10. Q: When does funding start? A: It depends on terms of the agreement and financial position of the organisations. Smaller organisations can draw down at the beginning and larger organisations may draw down in arrears.

### 3. The Yard and Hub 67- Hackney Wick update

- 3.1. Update from Ashleigh Wheeler ([The Yard Theatre](#)).
- 3.2. Yard Theatre kitchen bar founded 2011 in Queens Yard Hackney Wick, pre-Olympics. They are a local theatre and community organisation. In 2016 the LLDC invited the Yard to operate [Hub 67](#), a community Centre for Hackney Wick. This includes a year-round programme for local young people to be involved in creative projects, as well as resident-led access for space hire etc. The Yard is also currently running the Hall in East Village with resident led activity and participatory programme for local people.
- 3.3. Hub 67 was built from recycled materials from the Games, always intended to be temporary and closed December 2022 as the site is set for redevelopment. The Yard hosted a local celebration and goodbye party, designed by the Makers Guild, the creative youth programme at the Hub.
- 3.4. The Yard remain deeply rooted in Hackney Wick and will continue to run free weekly theatre making programmes in Hackney Wick without a physical space as well as keep up existing community networks such as the Hackney Wick town Hall. The LLDC has provided some CIL funding to support this switch to a temporary nomadic model of community engagement around Hackney Wick.
- 3.5. The 'nomadic' sessions will be at Trowbridge Senior Citizens Club, St Mary of Eaton Church and Gainsborough primary school.
- 3.6. The Gainsborough partnership is in development with the Council and school and are looking to convert the space on the top floor for space for hires and programming. Gainsborough were successful in their CIL NPF bid to fund the transformation of an area of the school for this.
- 3.7. Yard Theatre building itself was only meant to be temporary and the team and programme have outgrown space. By 2025 the plan is to have built a new purpose-built theatre and community centre in the Queens Yard. This is currently mid-way through the design process and The Yard will be submitting a planning application in the spring.
- 3.8. The Yard is working with local partners to work on the new space, including capital funding from the LLDC, the Arts Council and others.

### Comments and Questions:

- 3.9. Q: Are the Yard staff all volunteers? A: The organisation started off run by volunteers, but over time because of funding and bar income is now able to pay staff. The aim is to be a more sustainable business not solely reliant on funding and volunteers. The Yard now has a team of around 25 people.
- 3.10. Q: Where is your office? A: Was based at Hub 67 and the Hall. Will eventually be in the new theatre space in Queens Yard and are still working out details for the interim period, however aiming to be based at Schwartz wharf.

#### **4. Park Panel Review**

- 4.1. Presentation from Peter Tudor and Jacquie Holland (LLDC) reviewing the function of Park Panel to ensure it is best meeting the Park's needs as we move towards the next phase of LLDC. From 2025 LLDC will be a smaller organisation as planning powers are returned to the boroughs.
- 4.2. We want to ensure we are getting the balance of the meetings right between the Panel's three main objectives: Information sharing, providing feedback and collaboration. These are set out in the TOR for the meeting.
- 4.3. Key points from the session were:
  - 4.3.1. The membership of Park Panel should be more diverse with new energy for debate and challenge.
  - 4.3.2. There was some debate on whether Park Panel should be a networking meeting, or for sharing information that is to be disseminated through members' networks.
  - 4.3.3. Detailed information/presentations could be shared in advance to enable preparation and make the most of time in the room at meetings.
  - 4.3.4. Members would welcome more of an opportunity to shape issues around the Park perhaps through a series of themed sessions throughout the year.
  - 4.3.5. Members would welcome feedback from the consultations/presentations on how the Panels views subsequently shaped the matter discussed.
- 4.4. LLDC is taking comments on board and will feed back how they have been considered and implemented as the year progresses.

#### **5. Park Update**

- 5.1. The updated forthcoming events list for the Park is *attached with the minutes*.
- 5.2. Key Park works in forthcoming period:
  - 5.2.1. Tessa Jowell Boulevard resurfacing completes in January.
  - 5.2.2. Canal Park works started 10<sup>th</sup> January. *\*Post meeting update: works will be completed by end of January.*
  - 5.2.3. East Wick phase 2 construction has started. Phase 3 is due to start summer 2023.
  - 5.2.4. Public realm to be enhanced at Waterden Road early in 2023. V&A Storehouse opens at Here East in 2024.
  - 5.2.5. Hackney Wick Development has commenced. Handover of sites from LLDC took place in December 2022; work starts early in March 2023 with completion early 2026.
  - 5.2.6. Roach Point Bridge planning application has been submitted in December and we will update when opportunity to comment goes live. *\*Post meeting update: Comments on planning application are now live. Details attached with minutes.*
  - 5.2.7. Carpenters Road and the public realm for East Bank will open in August 2023.
  - 5.2.8. Stratford Walk (area between Haugen and East Bank) is being re-modelled with work scheduled to take place through to August.

5.2.9. Q: MSG Sphere update requested. A: *\*Post meeting update:* There are two reports now published on LLDC website ahead of the Planning Decisions Committee meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> January  
<https://www.london.gov.uk/moderngovlldc/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=273&MId=6368&Ver=4>.

5.2.10. Q: RUN sculpture has not been lit recently. A: An electrical fault is to be repaired.

**6. AOB**

6.1. Legacy Youth Board next round of recruitment is open: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January information session, recruitment closes 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Ages 18-25.  
<https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/our-story/supporting-communities/education-and-young-people/legacy-youth-voice>

**6.2. Actions**

<b>Meeting item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Update</b>
CIL NPF	Share presentation	JH	<i>Presentations attached with minutes</i>
Park Panel Review	Share Presentation	JH	<i>Presentation attached with minutes</i>
Park Updates	Share updates document	JH	<i>Attached with minutes</i>
AOB	Youth Board recruiting details from James	JH	<i>Attached with minutes</i>
	Minutes and Presentations to be published on QEOP website	JH	

**Next meetings dates**

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**