

Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm,

Online

11 July 2023 | 14:00 – 16:00

Record of the meeting

Chair(s):

Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice

Attendees

Commissioners

Binki Taylor

Lynette Nabbose

Pedro Gil

Jack Guinness

Revd Professor Keith Magee

Zoé Whitley

Apologies

Justine Simons, Aindrea Emelife, David Bryan, Jasvir Singh, Eleanor Pinfield, Gillian Jackson, Sandy Nairne

Guests

Sarah Considine, GLA - Good Growth by Design programme manager

Nina Miles, GLA, London Plan Manager (Acting), London Plan

Kathryn Timmins, GLA, Principal Project Officer, Regeneration

1) Introduction and Welcome

2) Food for Thought: Future Models for the work of the Commission? Deep-dive into Mayor's Design Advocates' role in the [Good Growth by Design](#) programme

- Presentation on Mayor's Design Advocates and Good Growth by Design.
 - Good Growth by Design (GGbD) is a pan GLA umbrella programme that brings together activities that support quality and inclusion in the built environment
 - MDAs are a recruited range of built environment professionals
 - They are independent and impartial in nature, and they represent a broad range of expertise, including architecture, urban designer, sustainability community engagement
 - GGbD team works very closely with seven advocate organisations, including New London Architecture and Open City
 - MDAs support through design research, design, review, design, quality management
 - MDAs have acted as advisers and facilitators and getting the right systems and protocols in place so that we're commissioning well
 - Keen to embed learning from the Commission's work within this programme, including toolkits and guidance

3) Updates and highlights from the team

- Untold Stories – showcase of five projects:
 - London LGBT+ Forums Network & Studio Voltaire - [Rainbow plaques](#),
 - Calthorpe Community Garden and The Space to Come - [Black Mary Project](#),
 - Brockley Max Festival - [Black Icons murals](#),
 - OGYG - Sir Collins Hackney Downs New Crossfire Tribute,
 - Clapham Film Unit - [Where are the Women?](#),
 - Somers Town Space – [Hanging the Stories](#)
- Memorial to the Victims of the transatlantic slave trade – update on phase 1 of engagement. 3 roundtables, 13+ funded Community Conversations, Informal conversations. Engaged 1000+ people in this phase.
- Borough Toolkit - create a best practise toolkit for boroughs, to bring together all the resources and the case studies and developed over the past couple of years now commissioned and the consultants will be in touch with Commissioners about this work
- Case Study of MOSAF and Convoys Wharf – developing an understanding of where communities, developers and boroughs could use further support, case studies and guidance

4) How to deepen areas of influence for the Commission

- Short presentation on the [Planning for London Programme](#) and different ways Commissioners can get involved.
 - Planning for London programme is the engagement and evidence gathering programme that we have put in place ahead of a future review of the London Plan
 - 2021 London plan in place right now that sets the strategic planning policy for Greater London but work towards the next Plan is already beginning
 - Various of phases of engagement have already taken place with more to come until the end of the year
 - Purpose of current engagement phase is to build the evidence base for the Future London Plan
 - Commissioners are invited to take part in this process including hosting a focused event

- Short review of the purpose of the [Public London Charter](#)
 - The Public London Charter was published alongside the London Plan in 2021
 - It provides a basis for the delivery and management of public spaces in new developments. It applies to new developments only.
 - Provides a benchmark to support consistency of experience and ensure that all public realm is accessible inclusive, well-connected
 - Planning applications need to demonstrate through a management plan how they will meet the requirements of the public and charter principles
 - The Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm is referred to in the Charter and the Commission will publish additional guidance to align with advice in the Charter

5) AOB

- Date of next Commissioner's meeting: **Tuesday, 3rd October 2023 14:00 – 16:00 UCL**
- Closing statements, and thanks by the Chairs.

- Future Commission dates
 - Tuesday, 28 November 2023 14:00 – 16:00