

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD**

**HELD AT 7.31 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 2017**

**ROOM C1, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE  
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

**Members Present:**

Mayor John Biggs	(Executive Mayor)
Councillor Rachel Blake	(Cabinet Member for Strategic Development & Waste)
Councillor David Edgar	(Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Sirajul Islam	(Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing)
Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE	(Cabinet Member for Culture and Youth)
Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs	(Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services)
Councillor Rachael Saunders	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services)

**Apologies:**

Councillor Amina Ali	(Cabinet Member for Environment)
Councillor Asma Begum	(Cabinet Member for Community Safety)
Councillor Joshua Peck	(Cabinet Member for Work & Economic Growth)

**Others Present:**

Councillor Denise Jones	(Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee)
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**Officers Present:**

Will Tuckley	(Chief Executive)
Graham White	(Acting Corporate Director, Governance)
Stephen Murray	(Head of Arts and Events)
Joel West	(Senior Democratic Services Officer)

**1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None were declared.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the unrestricted minutes of the Board meeting held on 4 April 2017 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of proceedings.

### **3. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **3.1 Erection of a statue of Swami Vivekananda at Mile End Park**

Stephen Murray, Head of Parks and Events, introduced the report.

The Board noted the progress that had been made on this proposal, including discussions between the Swami Vivekananda Human Centre, Tower Hamlets Inter Faith Forum and Councillor Sirajul Islam. However, the Board noted that this decision would set a precedent for similar requests and felt that the level of detail in the report was insufficient to assess this request against the criteria for the placing of statues, plaques and other structures. It also suggested it may be appropriate for the Board, as the Trustee of the charity, to agree its own criteria for these types of requests.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the King George's Field Charity Board requests a report is brought to a future meeting which:

1. Will allow the Board to review and if necessary amend, guidance on the placing of statues, plaques and other structures in Mile End Park and other land within its remit; and
2. Provides more detail on the proposal to erect a statue of Swami Vivekananda in Mile End Park, including the connection of Swami Vivekananda with the proposed site.

#### **3.2 Update on Mile End Park**

Stephen Murray, Head of Parks and Events, introduced the report. He asked the Board to note that funding to repair leaks in the ecology lakes, referred to at paragraph 3.2.6 of the report, had yet to be identified.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the King George's Field Charity Board:

1. Considered and commented on the summer activities programme
2. Noted the report on commercial activity in Mile End park
3. Noted the update on repairs to water features in Mile End Park.

**4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

None.

The meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.

Chair, Mayor John Biggs  
King George's Field Charity Board