

Task Force on Water-land Interface and Harbourfront Activation

Minutes of Nineteenth Meeting

Date : 8 November 2018 (Thursday)
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : 15/F Conference Room, North Point Government Offices,
333 Java Road, North Point

Present

Mr LEUNG Kong-yui Chairman

Organization Members

Mrs Karen BARRETTO Representing Friends of the Earth
Mr Anthony CHEUNG Representing Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Sr Raymond CHAN Yuk-ming Representing Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
Mr TAM Po-yiu Representing Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design
Ir Victor CHEUNG Representing Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
Mr Ken SO Kwok-yin Representing The Conservancy Association

Individual Members

Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen Individual Member
Captain CHEUNG Tai-kee Co-opted Member
Mr WONG Yiu-kan Co-opted Member

Official Members

Miss Rosalind CHEUNG Principal Assistant Secretary (Harbour), Development
Bureau (DEVB)
Mr Edward LEUNG Senior Manager (Tourism) 21, Tourism Commission (TC)
Mr Tommy NG Chief Transport Officer/Housing Project, Transport

Mr George MAK	Department (TD) Chief Engineer/East 5, Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)
Mr Wicky CHEUNG	Chief Leisure Manager (Management), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)
Mr Adrian CHAN	General Manager, Planning, Development & Port Security, Marine Department (MD)
Ms Amy CHEUNG	Assistant Director of Planning/Territorial, Planning Department (PlanD)
Mr Ian CHENG	Secretary

In Attendance

Mr Vincent NG	Chairman, Harbourfront Commission
Ms Kelly CHAN	Individual Member, Harbourfront Commission
Ms Lisa LAU	Co-opted Member, Hong Kong Task Force
Prof Raymond FUNG	Co-opted Member, Kowloon Task Force
Ms Nixie LAM	Co-opted Member, Kowloon Task Force

Absent with Apologies

Mr Andy LEWIS	Representing Business Environment Council
Mr Evans IU	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects
Prof TANG Bo-sin	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Planners
Mr Terence LEE	Representing Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong
Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN	Representing Society for Protection of Harbour
Mr Hans Joachim ISLER	Individual Member
Miss Stephanie AU	Co-opted Member
Mr Bondy WEN Tsz-kit	Co-opted Member

For Item 4

Mr Horman CHAN	Chief Leisure Manager (Land-based Venues), LCSD
Ms Pat WONG	Senior Leisure Manager (Land-based Venues), LCSD
Ms Winnie CHIU	Senior Property Services Manager/Leisure and Cultural Services Works, Architectural Services Department (ArchSD)
Mr FUNG Wing-cheong	Senior Engineer/Municipal/Kowloon, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD)

Welcoming Message

Action

The Chair welcomed all to the 19th meeting of the Task Force on Water-land Interface (TFWL).

The Chair welcomed **Ms Kelly CHAN**, **Ms Lisa LAU**, **Prof Raymond FUNG** and **Ms Nixie LAM** for joining the meeting.

The Chair announced that **Mr Edward LEUNG**, Senior Manager of the Tourism Commission (TC), attended on behalf of Mr Simpson LO. **Mr Tommy NG**, Chief Transport Officer/Housing Project of the Transport Department (TD), attended on behalf of Mr Edmond POON. **Mr George MAK**, Chief Engineer/East, Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), attended on behalf of Mr Anthony LO. **Mr Wicky CHEUNG**, Chief Leisure Manager (Management) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), attended on behalf of Mr Simon LIU. **Mr Adrian CHAN**, General Manager/Planning, Development & Port Security of the Marine Department (MD), attended on behalf of Mr Tony CHAN.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes of the last Meeting

1.1 **The Chair** informed Members that the draft minutes of the 18th TFWL meeting had been circulated to Members for comments on 2 November 2018 and no comments were received.

1.2 There being no further comments received from Members, the minutes of the 18th meeting were confirmed.

Item 2 Matters Arising

Terms of Reference (ToR)

Discussion

2.1 **The Chair** said that when the ToR of the TFWL were discussed at the previous meeting, apart from making corresponding amendments based on that of the HC, it was suggested that reference should also be made to the proposal that the TFWL could expand its remit to cover aspects such as design, management and activation of harbourfront areas and its adjacent waters, as well as the implementation issues of upcoming projects. The discussion was hence deferred to this meeting.

2.2 Upon the Chair's invitation, **Miss Rosalind CHEUNG** reported that upon circulating the revised ToR with suggested amendments incorporated to Members on 5 November 2018, the Secretariat had received comments from Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN. The Secretariat suggested accepting most of the comments except the

following two -

- (a) to delete the word “Harbourfront” from the proposed new Task Force name of the “Task Force on Water-land Interface and Harbourfront Activation”; and
- (b) to delete the word “design and management” in the first paragraph and item (g).

For (a), **Miss Rosalind CHEUNG** explained that the term “Harbourfront” should be retained for clearer reflection of the Task Force’s function. As regards (b), the relevant reference should also be kept so as to better reflect the discussion at previous meetings that design and management issues of the harbourfront areas and its adjacent waters would be put under the purview of this Task Force.

2.3 **The Chair** suggested and Members agreed to confirm the revised ToR and rename the Task Force with expanded functions as the “Task Force on Water-land Interface and Harbourfront Activation”.

Item 3 Branding and Publicity Campaign for the Victoria Harbour and Harbourfront Areas (Paper No. TFWL/02/2018)

Briefing by the Harbour Office (HO)

3.1 **Miss Rosalind CHEUNG** presented the proposed branding and publicity campaign for the Victoria Harbour and its harbourfront areas.

Discussion

Publicity Campaign

3.2 **Ms Nixie LAM** suggested using “hashtags” such as “#VictoriaHarbour” on social media, as well as creating some hand gestures to represent the Victoria Harbour icon.

3.3 **The Chair** and **Mr TAM Po-yiu** suggested disseminating details of harbourfront-related events on the Internet. **Miss Rosalind CHEUNG** responded that a calendar showing all the upcoming harbourfront events was being regularly updated on the Harbourfront Commission (HC) website. The Harbour Office could further seek the future consultant’s advice on its layout and content.

3.4 **Hon Tony TSE** supported the idea of organising a Harbour Day so that locals and tourists could gather to enjoy the Harbour. In addition, he suggested promoting the recreational facilities along the promenade.

3.5 In order to create global synergy and maximise international publicity impact, **Ms Kelly CHAN** suggested collaborating with different cities to organise an “International Harbour Day”. **Prof Raymond FUNG** shared similar views, adding that international events could enhance the global image of the Victoria Harbour.

3.6 **Mr Vincent NG** said that the role of the Commission had been expanded to oversee the management and promotion of the harbourfront and its adjacent waters. He supported making use of different tools such as videos, online content and mass-appealing events to promote the Harbour as an attractive, vibrant and accessible

world-class asset for people of all walks of life.

3.7 **Ms Lisa LAU** suggested encouraging local participation so as to increase citizens' sense of belonging to the Harbour. **Ms Kelly CHAN** concurred and suggested organising student activities such as a Stamp Design Competition for the Victoria Harbour.

Identity and Brand Image of the Victoria Harbour

3.8 **Hon Tony TSE** said that more publicity efforts should also be made to strengthen the identity of the Victoria Harbour and to promote its uniqueness. **Mr Ken SO** shared the views, suggesting reaching out to more target groups through the publicity campaign.

3.9 **Ms Lisa LAU** opined that the Harbour should be promoted as part of our lifestyle and for public enjoyment. **Mr WONG Yiu-kan** concurred and suggested sponsoring suitable water sports activities to highlight the identity of the Harbour.

Other Comments

3.10 **Mr TAM Po-yiu** opined that better departmental facilitation and streamlined procedures would help encourage more use of harbourfront sites for temporary events. **Captain CHEUNG Tai-kee** and **Prof Raymond FUNG** concurred.

3.11 **Mr Anthony CHEUNG** suggested that more publicity on the completion of relevant harbourfront projects and their opening details would help encourage patronage. **Miss Rosalind CHEUNG** responded that the harbourfront areas could be promoted with gimmick, such as "Ten Most Scenic Harbour Spots", in order to achieve maximum effect.

3.12 **Mr WONG Yiu-kan** suggested allowing non-government organisations to also use the Victoria Harbour icon for events.

3.13 **The Chair** concluded that the Victoria Harbour was indeed a world-class asset that would attract both local residents and overseas visitors, and that the main objective of the branding and publicity campaign was in line with the Commission's vision of promoting "a harbour for the people, a harbour of life".

3.14 **Miss Rosalind CHEUNG** thanked Members for their comments and undertook that the Harbour Office would incorporate Members' views when drawing up the service specifications for the consultant. Members would be kept abreast of the details in future.

Item 4 Recovery and Repair Works after Typhoon at Leisure Venues of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department within Harbourfront Areas

Briefing by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)

4.1 **Mr Horman CHAN** briefed Members on the impacts brought about by Typhoon Mangkhut to the leisure facilities along the harbourfront areas, as well as the follow-up measures taken so far.

Discussion

Collapsed Trees and Tree Replanting

4.2 **Ms Kelly CHAN** appreciated LCSD's prompt post-typhoon recovery and restoration efforts, and asked if collapsed trees with roots

unscathed could be replanted. **Mr Horman CHAN** responded that part of the remedial work was to stabilise the trees with slight damages. Subject to the level of damages, some of the trees could be replanted at their original location.

4.3 In re-planting trees, **Prof Raymond FUNG** suggested adopting thematic planting by growing trees with similar flowering season and avoiding using planters, so as to achieve better visual harmony.

4.4 **Ms Nixie LAM** and **Mr Ken SO** opined that the Government should review the existing mechanism for tree planting. **Mr Horman CHAN** responded that growing conditions varied from species to species and the Government had been adopting the “Right Tree in the Right Place” principle for tree planting.

Public Education

4.5 In response to **Ms Nixie LAM**'s suggestions of educating the public about trees, **Mr Horman CHAN** said that Green Ambassadors would continue to be recruited for promotion in future.

Preventive Measures

4.6 In response to **Sr Raymond CHAN Yuk-ming**'s suggestion of trimming the tree canopies, **Mr Horman CHAN** said that a set of guidelines was in place to govern the procedures of trimming trees. LCSD would carry out tree inspection before the typhoon season and remove or contain trees with immediate danger.

4.7 **The Chair** thanked LCSD for the presentation and invited the

departments to follow up on Members' suggestions on improvements in tree planting and management.

Item 5 Any Other Business

Date of next meeting

5.1 **The Chair** stated that the Secretariat would inform Members of the date of next meeting in due course.

5.2 There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

Secretariat

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