

Harbourfront Commission

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Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from November 2017 to February 2018.

MEETING(S) HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Twenty Ninth Meeting – 23 January 2018

2. The Task Force discussed the following issues/items -
 - (a) **Proposed Short-term Use at the Three Berths Released from Western District Public Cargo Working Area (WDPCWA)**
 - The Harbour Unit consulted Members on the detailed arrangement and implementation plan of the proposed short-term leisure farm and waterfront promenade. Representatives of some concern groups also made a presentation and expressed their views.
 - Majority of the Members supported allowing multiple/shared uses, which would include if practicable, devoting part of the site to leisure farm use. They noted that the latest proposal suggested using around 20% of the site for the proposed leisure farm and ancillary facilities. The remaining should be large enough for other uses. Some enquired about the selection process of the non-governmental organisation (NGO), particularly whether there would be a mechanism for monitoring the selected NGO's performance. Some considered that a longer tenancy term might give greater incentive to the selected NGO to invest into the site. Most saw the merits in letting out the entire site to a NGO for allowing greater management flexibility. A few Members objected to the idea of outsourcing the management of the site to a NGO and

considered it a responsibility of the Government.

- Members acknowledged that the site was currently not opened to the general public, and facilities such as railings along the seafront should be added to ensure public safety. Some were concerned that managing such a large site might be a financial burden for the selected NGO and suggested the Government provide basic facilities before handing over the site to the selected NGO. On the other hand, a few Members suggested opening up the site “as is” and members of the public should be educated to take care of their own safety.
- The majority supported early opening of the site. Some expressed that the proposal had been deliberated for some time and it was time to put things into action. On the other hand, a few opined that there should be no rush in opening the site and further public consultation should be conducted on the management model.
- The Harbour Unit and the Central & Western District Office were asked to report back to the Task Force with supplementary information on the public consultation conducted, and details of the proposed basic facilities that would need to be provided by Government before entrusting the management to a third party.

(b) Proposed Short Term Tenancy for Fee-paying Public Car Park on Government Land at Fung Mat Road, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong

- The Central and Western District Office, the Transport Department (TD) and the Lands Department sought Members’ views on extending the short-term use of a site at Fung Mat Road in Sai Ying Pun for car parking purpose.
- Members in general had no objection to extending the proposed short-term use for one year certain. The departments should consult the Task Force again if any further extension would be required. A Member expressed that the design of the perimeter fencing of the short-term car park should be improved. TD was invited to update its progress in identifying and implementing long-term

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measures for tackling the car parking problem within the harbourfront areas.

(c) Proposed Pedestrian Facilities for Public Housing Development in Kennedy Town

- The Housing Department would implement the public housing development at the site south of Victoria Road in the western Kennedy Town in phases. The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) consulted Members on the associated site formation works and proposed new pedestrian connections.
- CEDD was asked to provide better information to the Task Force on the overall pedestrian network of the area and expected benefits of the proposed works as the limited information provided was not sufficient for the Task Force to provide a view.

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