

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
on 28 January 2021

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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 May 2020 to mid-January 2021, where three Task Force meetings and three visits / activities had been conducted.

MEETINGS HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Thirty-sixth Meeting – 15 May 2020

2. The Task Force discussed the following items –

(a) Quick-win Promenade Projects Proposed in Water Sports and Recreation Precinct and East Coast Park Precinct under the “Incremental Approach”

- The Harbour Office (HO), Architectural Services Department (ASD), Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and Highways Department briefed Members on the conceptual design of two promenade projects to be implemented under the incremental approach, as well as the proposed “Victoria Harbour” word art competition, the winning entry of which would be displayed at the East Coast Park Precinct.
- Members were generally supportive to the projects. They highlighted the importance of providing shelters and shadings along the promenades, and supported the continuous collaboration with the Hong Kong Water Sports Council on the development of the Water Sports and

Recreation Precinct.

(b) Lessons from “#dd Design District Hong Kong” for the Harbourfront

- The HO presented its recent initiatives along the promenade between Tamar and Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, while representatives of the Hong Kong Design Centre (HKDC) presented the experiences and key approaches of the Creative Placemaking Public Engagement and Tourism Project namely “#dd Design District Hong Kong”. Members in general supported adopting the placemaking approach in engaging the public and welcomed any future collaboration with the HKDC.

Thirty-seventh Meeting – 15 June 2020

3. The Task Force discussed the following items –

(a) Open Space at Eastern Street North, Sai Ying Pun

- The HO and the ASD presented the conceptual design and programme of the Open Space at Eastern Street North, Sai Ying Pun, which was the first capital works projects under the \$500 million dedicated funding and was being pursued under the incremental approach. The Central and Western District Office also supplemented on the events and activities held at the project site recently.
- The Task Force was generally positive to the work of the project proponents. The project proponents were invited to take into account Members’ comments in the detailed design, with emphasis on tree planting and shading, lighting and railing designs. Trial planting and trial play of the trampoline in the intergenerational play space

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should also be considered to collect visitors' feedback and facilitate the detailed design. The Task Force also remarked that under the incremental approach, disturbance to the current uses in the site should be minimized and connectivity to other sections of the promenade maintained as far as possible during the construction stage.

(b) “Via North Point” Project at the North Point Harbourfront

- The Hong Kong Art Centre (HKAC) presented the proposed collaboration plan between the HC and HKAC, including the concept and initiatives at various locations in North Point under the Via North Point project, which would take place along and in the vicinity of the North Point Promenade.
- The Task Force welcomed the collaboration with HKAC and agreed to maintain close ties with them to facilitate the implementation of the project.

Thirty-seventh Meeting – 9 September 2020

4. The Task Force discussed the following items –

(a) Latest Progress of the Boardwalk underneath the Island Eastern Corridor

- The CEDD briefed the Task Force on the proposed gazette scheme as well as associated progress of the proposed Boardwalk underneath Island Eastern Corridor (IEC) (Boardwalk), including the enhancement of the Boardwalk scheme and gazette procedure.
- Members supported in-principle the proposed gazette

scheme including extending the Boardwalk eastward by about 80 metres to provide a 10-meter-wide access to link up the Quarry Bay Promenade, lowering the gradient and vertical profile at the eastern section, constructing three movable bridges to allow access by vessels to the near shore waters, adding two viewing platforms at the existing IEC protection dolphin structures, and widening the fishing platform and links to the viewing platforms. They also urged for the early implementation of the project. CEDD was invited to provide information on the impact to the Harbour as requested by one of the Members, and came back to the Task Force on the detailed design and management mode in due course.

(b) Proposed Open Recreation and Sitting Out Area at Quarry Bay

- The St. James Settlement briefed the Task Force on its short term tenancy (STT) application for utilising a vacant government site off Hoi Tai Street, Quarry Bay for an open recreation and sitting out area with community programmes, events and activities.
- The Task Force supported the project considering that it would open the vacant site early for public enjoyment under the “incremental approach”. The Task Force hoped that the construction period could be shortened and the site be opened as early as practicable.

VISIT / ACTIVITIES

5. The Task Force conducted a site visit-cum-briefing to the Belcher Bay Promenade on 28 October 2020, participated in farming classes on 15 November 2020 organised by K-farm in the Belcher Bay Promenade, and attended a dedicated presentation and discussion session of the “Wan Chai Connect” initiative on 19

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November 2020.

PAPERS CIRCULATION

6. The following Task Force papers were circulated to Members during the period –

(a) TFHK/C01/2020 – Proposed Enhancement of Pedestrian Connectivity between New Wing of Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and the West Landscaped Deck (WLD) and Design Update of the WLD; and

(b) TFHK/C02/2020 – Temporary Government Land Allocation GLA-THK 1059 Marine Police Regional Headquarters and Marine Police Harbour Divisional Base, Tai Hong Street, Sai Wan Ho, Hong Kong

Secretariat

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