

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
on 25 June 2018

HC/07/2018

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

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from March to June 2018, where two Task Force meetings have been conducted.

MEETINGS HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Thirtieth Meeting – 21 March 2018

2. The Task Force discussed the following issues/items -

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

- Subsequent to the consultation at the 29th Task Force meeting, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) provided supplementary information on the proposed new pedestrian connections for the public housing development at the site south of Victoria Road in the western part of Kennedy Town. The Planning Department (PlanD) also provided additional information from the planning perspective.
- The Meeting concluded that the proposal was acceptable to the Task Force from the harbourfront accessibility perspective. Members provided comments on waterfront accessibility, location of at-grade crossings and visual impact of the proposed lift towers. A Member suggested providing connections to hiking trails in Mount Davis. Another Member considered that an integrated connection was preferred to free standing lift towers.
- CEDD agreed to take into account Members' comments when designing the pedestrian facilities in particular the lift towers. The department will consult the Task Force on the

detailed design in future.

(b) Proposed Short-term Use at the Three Berths Released from Western District Public Cargo Working Area (WDPCWA)

- The Harbour Unit and the Central and Western District Office (C&WDO) invite Members' views on the suggested way forward for the proposed short-term use at the three berths released from the WDPCWA, that is leasing out about one-third of the site area to a non-governmental organisation to operate a community garden by short-term tenancy while turning the remaining two-thirds into a public open space to be managed by the Leisure and Cultural Department (LCSD) after basic works. Representatives from the Protect Kennedy Town Alliance also expressed their views.
- Majority of the Members supported the proposal from a land use perspective and urged for early implementation. Members were concerned about the cost and implementation timetable of the enhancement works, railing design, management responsibility and public access before works completion. Some requested conducting a place-making exercise on the long-term use of the site as well as the facilities and activities permissible at the future open space. There were also views of allowing diversified and creative activities on the site, including those being undertaken by people entering the site without permission, such as cycling, dog-walking and drone-flying etc., and adopting a new/ flexible approach in managing the site. A Member objected to letting the LCSD to manage the future public open space in the established manner.
- The Meeting concluded that the Task Force supported the Government's suggested way forward, and requested that the Government engage with the Task Force on the detailed design as well as future management arrangements.

Thirty-first Meeting – 7 May 2018

3. The Task Force discussed the following issues/items -

(a) Proposed Advance Waterfront Promenade at the Three Berths Released from WDPCWA

- The Harbour Unit, the C&WDO and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) sought Members' views on the proposed design of the advance waterfront promenade including adjoining open space at the three berths released from the WDPCWA.
- Members in general supported the proposed design, and provided comments on the paving materials, rain shelter facilities, railing provision, lighting, pet garden and the opening hours of the advance waterfront promenade. Some Members requested the Government to allow diversified activities and to consider using it as a pilot site for experimenting new design concepts and management models after conducting a place-making exercise.
- The Government aimed to open the site for public enjoyment as soon as possible in a safe manner after providing basic infrastructure. The Government undertook to take on board Members' views when proceeding with the project.

(b) Enhancing the Design of Cycle Track within Waterfront Promenades

- The Government Consultants presented a draft evaluation mechanism for identifying suitable design options for a shared-use cycle track along the waterfront on the Hong Kong Island. A representative from the Hong Kong Cycling Alliance also expressed his views.
- Members provided comments on the draft evaluation mechanism in terms of the shared-use concept, visual impact, urban design principles, connectivity as well as road safety. Majority of Members considered that the priority of using harbourfront promenades should be given to pedestrians instead of cyclists, and some asked the

Harbourfront Commission

HC/07/2018

Consultants to address the potential conflicts among different users of the shared-use track. The Consultants were invited to identify local examples of shared-use tracks with a view to designing a suitable waterfront shared use solution for the Hong Kong Island.

- The Harbour Unit and the Consultants would take into account Members' comments when reviewing the evaluation mechanism, and will further consult the Task Force on the study.

Secretariat
Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island
June 2018