

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
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Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from July to October 2017.

MEETINGS HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Twenty Eighth Meeting – 19 September 2017

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

(a) Proposed Temporary School (Private Primary School) for a period of 5 years at G/F, 1/F and R/F of Cheung Kei Center Tower B, One Harbourgate, No. 18 Hung Luen Road, Kowloon (Kowloon Inland Lot No. 11111)

- The private proponent proposed to convert G/F, 1/F and R/F of Cheung Kei Center Tower B at Harbourgate in Hung Hom into a temporary private primary school for a period of five years.
- Members opined that using the harbourfront areas for the purpose of educational institutions (such as primary schools) was generally acceptable. In principle, it could help provide more diversified and vibrant uses to the harbourfront, give an opportunity to educate people about the importance of preserving the Victoria Harbour, and foster the younger generations' appreciation of the Harbour. That said, Members raised concerns on the particular proposal in Hung Hom in terms of vibrancy, traffic, safety, and design.
- Specifically, Members opined that the area concerned was not planned for schools, and the existing building should be used for providing food and beverage or retail services that could attract more patrons to the promenade in order to bring vibrancy to the waterfront. The approved master layout plan did not include planning to cater for the

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proposed primary school, and it would give rise to other implications such as school-related vehicular traffic. Since the building adopted an open design, suitable measures should be put in place to ensure the security and safety of young students. There did not seem to have sufficient space in the building to provide adequate facilities such as sports ground or play area for the young students, and the proposed primary school was not well integrated with the nearby land uses.

- In the end, the Task Force was not able to support the proposal and Members' comments were conveyed to the Town Planning Board for reference.

(b) Enhancement of the Tsuen Wan Waterfront

- The Commission agreed to fund a project through the \$500 million dedicated funding to further enhance the Tsuen Wan waterfront. In response to an invitation, the Harbour Unit attended the meeting of the Coastal Affairs Committee of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) on 7 July 2017 and briefed TWDC Members on the proposed project. Harbour Unit reported TWDC members' views at the meeting.
- While noting that TWDC members had raised some specific areas for quick enhancement works, some Members commented that a carefully formulated place-making process with the participation of TWDC and the local community would be important before finalising the scope of works and proceeding to the design stage. Some expressed that a distinct theme, outdoor art displays and landscaping elements could be included among the enhancement features. It was agreed to first organize a workshop to discuss with TWDC on the implementation approach.

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