

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 and October 2018, where one Task Force meeting has been conducted.

MEETING HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Thirty-second Meeting – 15 October 2018

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

(a) Enhancement of the Tsuen Wan Waterfront

- Following the discussion on the design concept at the meeting on 15 March 2018, ArchSD presented at the meeting the design of the first phase of works under which a 700-metre waterfront along Hoi On Road would be enhanced under the theme of “The Retreat” by way of minor works funded by the the \$500 million dedicated funding for harbourfront enhancement. The second and third phases, with the themes of “The Square” and “The Trails” respectively, would be take forward as public works projects in due course.
- The meeting welcomed the early implementation of this harbourfront enhancement initiative, and supported in particular designs that highlighted the local characteristics of Tsuen Wan and allowed the public to get closer to the water such as the use of low curb in place of railing, and the setting-back of planters at the seaside. A few Members considered that the design could be further enhanced and had offered feedback in this regard. The meeting also suggested ArchSD continuing to involve Members early when conducting the detailed design for Phases 2 and 3.

(b) Hung Hom Urban Park – Market Sounding Exercise

- The Harbour Office (HO) briefed members on the scope of the proposed market sounding exercise. Noting the opportunities of turning the proposed Urban Park into a unique and interesting harbourfront, the HO planned to conduct the exercise to collect ideas on the best potential uses, and ascertain market interest in taking part in the project under public-private partnership. HO also explained that the exercise was conducted on a non-committal basis to help HO design a detailed brief for invitation of formal bids at a later stage.
- Members in general welcomed and supported the exercise which would engage stakeholders early on the detailed planning of, as well as bringing in new possibilities to the Urban Park development. In order to achieve the best possible results, Members suggested that the market sounding exercise should be clear about the collection of views on harbourfront aspirations. Members also agreed that the exercise should be open to a wide range of entities, profit-making or not-for-profit (notably including non-governmental organisations and professional bodies), and should be conducted in a transparent manner with the HO as the project champion.

(c) Proposed Comprehensive Hotel Development at NKIL 6550, “CDA(2)” Zone at Lai Ying Street, Cheung Sha Wan

- The private proponent sought Members’ comments on the indicative proposals of the hotel development as well as a promenade-cum-disused pier which the proponent would be responsible for design and construction.
- Members appreciated certain elements of the conceptual design such as the construction of a covered walking leading from the MTR station to the harbourfront. That said, Members were very concerned that the proponent had not demonstrated how they would achieve coherence in the design of the promenade fronting the subject site with that of the adjacent site as required by the planning brief. Moreover, Members urged the proponent to inject more water-land interface activities involving the active use of the disused pier, which is a precious asset in the urban areas along the Victoria harbourfront. Before such information was available, the meeting could not lend their support to the project.

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