

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 May to June 2017.

MEETINGS HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Twenty Seventh Meeting – 31 May 2017

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

(a) Progress Update on the West Kowloon Cultural District

- The West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Authority updated Members on the progress of WKCD development including Xiamen Centre, Artist Square Development Area and the proposed marine accesses. WKCD Authority and the Civil Engineering and Development Department also consulted the Task Force on the design for enhancing a subway at Austin Road.
- Members in general supported the enhancement of the subway at Austin Road and provided detailed comments on its design. They also asked WKCD Authority to further explore the feasibility of providing a pier and other water-land interface facilities along its shoreline. Members opined that the pedestrian connectivity between WKCD with surrounding developments should be strengthened and the proposed pedestrian connections could be further integrated to provide a comprehensive pedestrian network for patrons to gain access to WKCD. Some members raised comments on the location of the proposed Hong Kong Palace Museum and the design of the integrated basement. Members also enquired about the plan for the Artist Square Bridge after the proposal was not supported by the Legislative Council Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project.

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(b) Proposed Comprehensive Residential Development at Yau Tong Inland Lot 44 and adjoining Government Land, Yau Tong, Kowloon

- The private proponent briefed Members on their section 16 planning application to seek Town Planning Board's (TPB) approval for the master layout plan of the comprehensive residential development including waterfront promenade at the "Comprehensive Development Area (CDA) (5)" site in the Yau Tong Industrial Area.
- Members noted that the proposed scheme in fulfillment of the minimum requirements of the planning brief. Many Members raised comments on the lack of details about the design and management arrangements of the waterfront promenade and the access roads. Some opined that there was potential to include more water-land interface facilities along the seawall. The Task Force concluded that there was insufficient information, and more planning gains in terms of harbourfront enhancement should be offered by the proponent in the proposed scheme.

(c) Proposed Extension of Short Term Tenancy for Fee-paying Public Car Park at (i) Wa Shun Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon, and (ii) the Junction of Bailey Street and Sung Ping Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon

- The Task Force was consulted on two short-term tenancy coach parking areas at Wa Shun Street and Bailey Street in Hung Hom and To Kwa Wan in mid-2016. Members accepted the proposal for a term of one year fixed for both sites having regard to strong aspirations from the District Council concerned. The Transport Department, the Tourism Commission, the Kowloon City District Office, and the Lands Department reported to the Task Force on the effectiveness of the short-term coach parking areas and sought Members views on extending the term of the two parking areas for two to three years to tie in with the future development at the sites concerned.
- Some Members raised objection to the extension as they were occupying prominent harbourfront locations and relevant departments were not able to indicate any specific measures to phase out the temporary parking areas in the longer run. Some supported the proposal as it would help

address the acute parking demand and illegal parking problem in the district. The Task Force agreed to extend the two coach parking areas for a fixed term of one year and relevant departments should report back to the Task Force before any further extension could be supported. Meanwhile, the relevant Departments were urged to make concrete plans to develop the locations for their intended land use, as parks, for public enjoyment of the Harbourfront.

(d) Outcome of the Tsuen Wan Promenade Place-making Project and Introduction of Tsuen Wan Waterfront Event Space

- Representatives from the Coastal Affairs Committee of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) shared with Members on the outcome of the Tsuen Wan Promenade Place-making Project that was held in January 2017 and their views on how to enhance the Tsuen Wan waterfront.
- Members appreciated the opportunity to exchange views with TWDC members and understand the needs of local residents. They asked about local residents' behaviour of visiting the harbourfront areas and a potential list of events to be held at the Tsuen Wan waterfront for considering the supporting facilities required. The Task Force recognised the importance to continue the collaboration with local community and enhance communications with TWDC with a view to achieving the common goal of beautifying the harbourfront.

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Task Force on Harbourfront Developments
in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing
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