

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
on 24 June 2022

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Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface and Harbourfront Activation

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from mid-January 2022 to mid-June 2022, where one Task Force meeting was conducted.

MEETING HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Twenty-fourth Meeting – 25 May 2022

2. The Task Force discussed the following item –

Art @ Harbour

- For the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is going to set up outdoor artwork installations under the theme of “Art @ Harbour” by the Victoria Harbour from June to October 2022, with integration of concepts of science with art. Three private developers would also participate in the event by showcasing artwork in their venues along the Victoria Harbour.
- Members were supportive of LCSD’s proposal, which were considered an impressive breakthrough of LCSD’s work along the harbourfront. Members also appreciated this event which would empower different community stakeholders, including but not limited to schools, in joining the efforts in enhancing the vibrancy of the harbourfront.

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- Some Members raised questions on the detailed arrangements of the installations, such as whether the installations were permanent or temporary in nature; the handling and storage of artwork after the exhibition period; roles of private developers in the event; etc.

Briefing on Research and Survey on Fence-free Design

- Consultancy firm, One Bite, gave a presentation on its research on fence-free designs around the world and the findings of a community engagement exercise regarding the use of fence-free designs at the East Coast Park Precinct (ECP) in Fortress Hill.
- The public voting and site surveys conducted in the ECP in December 2021 revealed that about 80% of respondents supported the design of the fence-free breakwater, and over 70% hoped to see more fence-free designs along the harbourfront in Hong Kong.
- Members appreciated the effort in conducting this survey and considered that insights from the findings, in particular the general public's acceptance of fence-free designs, would help improve future harbourfront designs. Members also opined that instead of simply relying on public complaints, the survey had proven to be a comprehensive and objective way in collecting public view towards our harbourfront sites in a more detailed and focused manner.
- Members suggested that with reference to this experience, similar surveys could be carried out from time to time for gauging public views and suggestions for possible improvements.

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