

Task Force on Water-land Interface and Harbourfront Activation
Minutes of Twenty-fourth Meeting

Date : 25 May 2022 (Wednesday)
Time : 3:00 p.m.
Venue : Room 1303, 13/F, Wing On Kowloon Centre,
345 Nathan Road, Kowloon

Present (attending in person)

Mr LEUNG Kong-yui	Chairman
Mrs Margaret BROOKE	Representing Business Environment Council Limited
Mr Vincent NG	Individual Member Chairman, Harbourfront Commission

Present (attending online)

Dr Vivian WONG	Representing Friends of the Earth (HK) Charity Limited
Mr Benny CHAN	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design
Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN	Representing Society for Protection of the Harbour
Dr Rico WONG	Representing The Conservancy Association
Ms Iris HOI	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects
Mr Edward LO	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Planners
Sr Francis LAM	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
Ir Ringo YU	Representing The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Mr Jeff TUNG Representing The Real Estate Developers Association
of Hong Kong

Official Members (attending in person)

Mr Vic YAU Deputy Secretary (Planning and Lands) 1,
Development Bureau (DEVB)

Mr Rick LIU Chief Transport Officer/Kowloon 2, Transport
Department (TD)

Mr Henry CHU Head (Kai Tak Office), Civil Engineering and
Development Department (CEDD)

Mr Wicky CHEUNG Chief Leisure Manager (Management), Leisure and
Cultural Services Department (LCSD)

Ms Ophelia LUI Secretary

Official Members (attending online)

Ms Anny TANG Senior Manager (Tourism) 21, Tourism Commission
(TC)

Mr LAW Lap-keung General Manager/Planning, Development & Port
Security, Marine Department (MD)

Ms Doris TING Chief Town Planner/Strategic Planning, Planning
Department (PlanD)

In Attendance

Miss Rosalind CHEUNG Commissioner for Harbourfront, DEVB

Mr NG Shing-kit Senior Engineer (Harbour)2, DEVB

Ms Phoebe WU Engineer (Harbour), DEVB

Mr Ivan HO Chairman, Task Force on Harbourfront
Developments on Hong Kong Island

Absent with Apologies

Prof Becky LOO

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

For Item 3 (attending online)

Ms Esa LEUNG

Assistant Director (Heritage & Museums), LCSD

Ms Paulina CHAN

Museum Director (Science Museum), LCSD

Miss Apo WU

Curator (Art Promotion office) Public Art, LCSD

Miss Veronica CHU

Assistant Curator (Art Promotion office) Public Art 3, LCSD

For Item 4

Ms Sarah MUI

Co-Founder & Design Director, One Bite Design Studio Limited

Ms Ashlyn KWONG

Architectural Designer, One Bite Design Studio Limited

The Chairman welcomed all to the 24th meeting of the Task Force on Water-land Interface and Harbourfront Activation (TFWLHA).

The Chairman informed the meeting that -

- (a) **Ms Anny TANG**, Senior Manager (Tourism) 21, Tourism Commission (TC), attends on behalf of Ms Elsa HUNG, Assistant Commissioner for Tourism (2) ;
- (b) **Mr Rick LIU**, Chief Transport Officer/Kowloon 2, Transport Department (TD), attends on behalf of Mr Eric WAN, Principal Transport Officer/Urban;
- (c) **Mr Henry CHU**, Head (Kai Tak Office) of (Kai Tak Office) of Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), attends on behalf of Mr Michael LEUNG, Project Manager (E);
- (d) **Mr Wicky CHEUNG**, Chief Leisure Manager (Management) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), attends on behalf of Mr LUK Chi-kwong, Assistant Director (Leisure Services) 3;
- (e) **Ms Doris TING**, Chief Town Planner / Strategic Planning of the Planning Department (PlanD), attends on behalf of Miss Winnie LAU, Assistant Director of Planning / Territorial; and
- (f) **Mr LAW Lap Keung**, General Manager (Planning, Development & Port Security) of the Marine Department (MD), attended on behalf of Mr Tony CHAN, Assistant Director/Planning and Services.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 23rd Meeting

1.1 **The Chairman** informed the meeting that the draft minutes of the 23rd meeting were circulated to Members for comments on 13 May 2022. There being no comments from Members, the minutes were confirmed.

Item 2 Matters Arising

2.1 There was no matter arising from the last meeting.

Item 3 Art @ Harbour by Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Briefing by Leisure and Cultural Services Department

3.1 **The Chairman** informed Members that Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) was invited to share their plan on outdoor artwork installations set up along the Victoria Harbour.

3.2 Upon the Chairman's invitation, **Ms Ophelia LUI** briefed Members on the background of the item. For the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, LCSD would set up outdoor artwork installations under the theme of "Art @ Harbour" along the Victoria Harbour from June to October 2022, with integrated concepts of science with art. Three private developers would also participate in the event by displaying artwork in their venues along the Victoria Harbour. (Post-meeting note: The exhibition was rescheduled to run from 23 June to 18 December 2022.)

3.3 With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, **Ms Esa LEUNG**, **Ms Paulina CHAN** and **Ms Apo WU** from LCSD, shared the large-scale outdoor art installations display on both sides of the harbour.

Discussion

3.4 **The Chairman, Mr Vincent NG, Mr Ivan HO, Mr Benny CHAN, Dr Rico WONG, Ir Ringo YU and Mr Edward LO** were supportive of this event, whereby the public and the Government could co-create and activate the harbourfront.

3.5 **Mr Vincent NG** enquired if there was any arrangement in place that would allow the interested parties to engage in art installations display like this event along the promenade. **Mr Ivan HO** echoed and suggested that similar art installations display could be brought to the promenade along the Hong Kong Island side. **Dr Rico WONG** was concerned that the public might not fully understand the art pieces so it would be good to provide more information on the messages behind the art pieces as well as the contributing parties.

3.6 **Miss Rosalind CHEUNG** responded that the government had attached great importance to the activities for celebrating 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR by setting up a central coordination Team, which incorporated proposals received from different departments and offices, including the Harbour Office (“HO”). Relevant information for those activities, including this event, could be found on the official website with updates from time to time.

3.7 **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN and Ir Ringo YU** had concern on whether the installations were permanent or temporary in nature, and suggested the project team to consider carefully on the locations of the art installations display with regard to the public safety and enjoyment of the harbour view. **Mr Benny CHAN** echoed and suggested that there should be professionals to assess the locations of displaying the art pieces taking

into account strong wind or bad weather conditions. He also asked if there would be any criteria for the selection of artists in this event.

3.8 **Mr Edward LO** appreciated the project team for organising this event which could bring more dynamics and vibrancy to the waterfront. **Mr Edward LO and Mr Anthony CHEUNG** further suggested that the Task Force might consider discussing the possibility of engaging schools, different non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and art associations to contribute artwork at various harbourfront sites in future.

3.9 **Dr Rico WONG** asked about the roles of private developers in the event. **Ir Ringo YU** enquired about the cost of art pieces. **Mr Jeff Tung** further asked how the art pieces would be handled after the exhibition, for example whether they would be recycled or would be further displayed in art shows outside Hong Kong.

3.10 **Ms Paulina CHAN** appreciated the support and suggestions from Task Force members and supplemented that it was the first time for the Art Promotion Office and Science Promotion Unit of the Hong Kong Science Museum collaborated to organise the Art@Harbour exhibition along promenade. Public safety was always the top priority for this event. The art installations were temporary in nature and they were planned to be displayed in the area which were less windy and away from the grass area to maintain clear pedestrians access for the public. Regular checking and maintenance work would be carried out to ensure quality of the artworks. To enhance community engagement, educational schools workshops and online and offline workshops would be arranged to allow students and the public to understand the underlying curatorial concept and scientific principles of the artworks. Through the exhibition, it would provide a

good opportunity for the artists to share the importance on the conservation of corals and sea turtle with the public. For the engagement of artists, artists had been invited to provide proposals of their art creations, and the responsible offices worked together with the guest curator and the artists to finalise the proposals and curatorial concepts behind the art creations before officially commissioning the artists on this event. Regarding the financial arrangements, LCSD has received the financial support from the Hong Kong Jockey Club for the creation of artworks. At the end of the exhibition, the Science Promotion Unit would review the condition of some artworks and explore the possibilities to showcase in other places as suitable and appropriate.

Way Forward

3.11 In conclusion, **the Chairman** thanked LCSD for the sharing and their efforts in bringing such a good initiative to the harbourfront. 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 enhancing the vibrancy of the harbourfront.

Item 4 Briefing on Research and Survey on Fence-free Design by One Bite Design Studio

Briefing by One Bite Design Studio

4.1 The Chairman informed Members that One Bite Design Studio (One Bite) was invited to brief Members on their case studies and public engagement activities relating to fence-free designs.

4.2 Upon **the Chairman's** invitation, **Ms Ophelia LUI** briefed Members on the background of the item. Consultancy firm, One Bite, had been commissioned to conduct a desktop research on fence-free designs used in the Mainland and overseas and to carry out a series of community engagement initiatives regarding the use of fence-free designs at the East Coast Park Precinct (ECP) in Fortress Hill. The public voting and site surveys were conducted in the ECP in December 2021.

4.3 With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, **Ms Sarah MUI** and **Ms Ashlyn KWONG** from One Bite, as well as **Mr NG Shing Kit** from Harbour Office, shared the case studies of fence-free designs and explained to Members the results of the public voting and site surveys at the ECP.

Discussion

4.4 **The Chairman, Mr Paul Zimmerman, Mr Jeff Tung, Mr Vincent NG** and **Mr Ivan HO** appreciated the effort in conducting this survey and considered that the insights from the findings, in particular the public's acceptance of fence-free designs, would help improve future harbourfront designs.

4.5 **Mr Vincent NG** suggested that fence might not be the only solution for enhancing safety on the harbourfront. **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN** also wondered if any complaint or accident arose from fence-free designs, and information on such cases. He further 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.

4.6 **Miss Rosalind CHEUNG** supplemented that HO had gathered information on the complaints regarding the relevant issues. No accident had taken place so far, and the number of complaints, including those received at ECP, was less than 10.

4.7 **Mr Jeff TUNG** raised concern on whether similar surveys should be conducted on related matters, such as provision of landing steps.

4.8 **The Chairman** supplemented that a similar study on landing steps had been conducted some years ago, and landing steps would be taken into consideration when taking forward various harbourfront projects.

Way Forward

4.9 In conclusion, **the Chairman** thanked One Bite and HO for the sharing and their efforts in taking forward the survey. Instead of simply relying on public complaints, the survey had proven to be a comprehensive and objective way in collecting public view towards harbourfront sites in a more detailed and focused manner.

Item 5 Any Other Business

“Water taxi” ferry service extension

5.1 **The Chairman** informed Members that the Transport Department to brief members on the upcoming launch of the new ferry service with extension of “Central – Tai O” route from 29 May onwards.

5.2 **Mr Paul Zimmerman** and **Sr Francis LAM** noted that the operator had used the term “water taxi” to refer to such ferry service, and questioned if the name of “Water Taxi” was appropriate for referring to this type of ferry service.

5.3 **Mr Rick LIU** responded that he would remind the operator to use the proper term in their promotional materials.

Date of next meeting

5.4 **The Chairman** said that the Secretariat would inform Members of the date of the next meeting in due course.

5.5 There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Secretariat

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