

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

Date : 25 October 2022 (Tuesday)
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
Dr Vivian WONG	Representing Friends of the Earth (HK) Charity Limited
Mr Vincent NG	Individual Member Chairman, Harbourfront Commission

Present (attending online)

Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN	Representing Society for Protection of the Harbour
Dr Rico WONG	Representing The Conservancy Association
Mr Anthony CHEUNG	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Ms Sam LOK	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Planners
Sr Franics LAM	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
Ir Ringo YU	Representing The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
Mr Desmond NG	Representing The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong

Prof Becky LOO
Chairlady, Task Force on Harbourfront
Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai
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Official Members (attending in person)

Ms Leonie LEE
Commissioner for Harbourfront, 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)

Ms Carrie LEE
Chief Leisure Manager (Development), Leisure and
Cultural Services Department (LCSD)

Ms Ophelia LUI
Secretary

Official Members (attending online)

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

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

In Attendance

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

Mr Mac CHAN
Individual Member, KTTF (For Item 3 & 4)

Ms Angela SO
Individual Member, KTTF (For Item 3 & 4)

Ms Rosa TSE
Assistant Secretary (Works Policies 2)⁴, DEVB

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

Ms Phoebe WU
Engineer (Harbour), DEVB

Absent with Apologies

Mr Andy LEWIS	Representing Business Environment Council Limited
Mr Benny CHAN	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design
Dr Frankie YEUNG	Individual Member
Ms Anny TANG	Senior Manager (Tourism) 21, Tourism Commission (TC)

For Item 3

Mr CHOI Chung-keung	Senior Engineer/9 (East), CEDD
Mr David TSOY	Engineer/14 (East). CEDD
Mr Michael CHIU	Chief Executive Officer (Planning)1, LCSD
Ms Amy TONG	Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon)(Atg.), LCSD
Mr LUI Chi-chung	District Leisure Manager (Kwun Tong), LCSD
Mr Sean WONG	Project Manager, Atkins
Ms Nicole LA	Deputy Project Manager, Atkins
Mr Alex SUNG	Project Co-ordinator, Atkins

For Item 4

Dr Paul CHU	Senior Engineer/Flood Control, Drainage Service Department (DSD)
Mr Maxwell MAK	Engineer/Flood Control 4, DSD
Mr Kevin CHENG	Project Engineer, AECOM

For Item 5

Ms Helen FAN	Senior Curator, Make A Difference Institute Limited (MaD Institute)
Miss Hermion AU	Programme Manager, MaD Institute
Miss Theodora LEUNG	Assistant Project Coordinator, MaD Institute
Miss Sally WONG	Project Coordinator, MaD Institute

Welcoming Message

Action

The Chairman welcomed all to the 25th meeting of the Task Force on Water-land Interface and Harbourfront Activation (TFWLHA).

The Chairman informed the meeting that –

- (a) **Ms Leonie LEE**, Commission for Harbourfront of Development Bureau, attends on behalf of Mr Vic YAU, Deputy Secretary (Planning and Lands) 1 ;
- (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) **Ms Carrie LEE**, Chief Leisure Manager (Development) 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 Ms April KUN, 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 24th Meeting

1.1 The Chairman informed Members that the draft minutes of the 24th meeting had been circulated to Members on 18 October 2022. The finalised minutes with Members' comments incorporated was further circulated to Members on 21 October 2022.

1.2 With no further amendments proposed at the meeting, the minutes of the 24th meeting were taken as confirmed.

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Item 2 Matters Arising

2.1 There was no matter arising from the last meeting.

Item 3 GreenWay of Kai Tak Development - Findings of Pilot Project, Study on Design and Implementation and Enhancement Works at Kwun Tong Promenade

Briefing by Atkins China Ltd.

3.1 **The Chairman** informed Members that the CEDD was invited to brief Members on the findings of the GreenWay network pilot project, which was conducted at the Kwun Tong Promenade between July and

December 2018, and update Members on the “Study on the Design and Implementation of Greenway”.

3.2 Upon the Chairman’s invitation, **Ms Ophelia LUI** briefed Members on the background of the item. Under the pilot project, an on-site questionnaire survey was carried out to gauge users’ views. In gist, 95% of the respondents were satisfied or had no comment on the pilot project, while over 60% considered that more should be done on the promotion of GreenWay.

3.3 Since the GreenWay network is being implemented in the Kai Tak Development (KTD) area, non-official members of the Task Force on Kai Tak Development (KTTF) who are not TFWLHA members had been invited to join this discussion. In addition to Mr Vincent NG Wing-shun, KTTF Chairman and member of TFWLHA who was attending the meeting, KTTF members who joined this meeting are as follows:

- (i) Mr Ivan HO Man-yiu;
- (ii) Mr Mac CHAN Ho-ting; and
- (iii) Ms Angela SO Wing-kwan.

3.4 With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, **Mr Sean WONG from Atkins China** shared the report findings of the GreenWay network pilot project and proposed enhancement works for the shared-use path at Kwun Tong Promenade.

Discussion

3.5 **Mr Vincent NG** and **Mr Ivan HO** supported the GreenWay Project as cycling facilities were crucial features in the development of promenades. They suggested the project team to make reference to

overseas examples for more interesting features, such as adoption of curved pavement design as a way to reduce cycling speed while making the cycling experience more interesting. In addition, signage and demarcation on the pavement should be added for enhancing public safety and minimise potential hazard on the shared-used path.

3.6 **Mr Ivan HO** also suggested that other features and facilities, such as pocket spaces, benches and water dispensers, should be added to support the cyclists and enhance public enjoyment of the promenade.

3.7 **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN** enquired the reason behind adopting the shared-use design in the GreenWay, considering that there was sufficient space for providing separate cycling and pedestrian pavements in the Kai Tak Development to improve users' safety. He also asked the project team to review the logo design of GreenWay to avoid misleading the public that the GreenWay was solely used for cycling.

3.8 In response, **Mr Sean WONG** advised that the project team would take into account Members' comments and suggestions, where appropriate, including the proposed curved alignment of the GreenWay, better signage and demarcation on pavement to improve safety, inclusion of pocket spaces and additional facilities, etc. He also advised that the project team would step up efforts in promoting and educating the public about the GreenWay.

Way Forward

3.9 In conclusion, **the Chairman** thanked the CEDD and the project team for their efforts in enhancing the waterfront for public enjoyment, and requested the project team to take into account Members'

comments when refining the overall design and implementation of the GreenWay project.

Item 4 Pilot Trial of Floating Photovoltaic System at Kai Tak Approach Channel

Briefing by Drainage Services Department

4.1 **The Chairman** informed Members that the DSD was invited to brief Members on its proposal to carry out a pilot project to study the feasibility of installing a small-scale floating photovoltaic (PV) system at the Kai Tak Approach Channel for not more than five years.

4.2 Upon the Chairman's invitation, **Ms Ophelia LUI** briefed Members on the background of the item. In summary, DSD had been proactively promoting the use of renewable energy at its facilities, including solar power generation, in order to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate climate change. As one of its solar power generation initiatives, DSD planned to study the feasibility of installing a small-scale floating PV system at the Kai Tak Approach Channel as a pilot project for not more than five years. The electricity generated by the system would be utilised by DSD facilities and public amenities nearby.

4.3 Since the floating PV panels will be placed at the Kai Tak Approach Channel, KTTF non-official members who are not TFWLHA members had been invited to join this discussion. KTTF members who joined the meeting were the same as those joining the discussion of the previous item (see para 3.3 on the attendance list).

4.4 **Ms Sam Lok** declared interest that the company she worked for was responsible for a residential development project near the proposed floating PV panels. **The Chairman** noted her declaration and considered there was no conflict of interest.

4.5 With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, **Dr Paul CHU from DSD** briefed Members of the proposal.

Discussion

4.6 **Mr Ivan HO, Dr Vivian WONG, Mr Vincent Ng and the Chairman** supported the project.

4.7 **Mr Ivan HO and Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN** raised concern regarding the water quality and odour along the Kai Tak Approach Channel. **Mr Ivan HO** shared that the project team could explore using a new hydro gel which might lessen the odour. **Dr Vivian WONG** further suggested the project team to make reference to the use of oysters at the North Point Pier to tackle the issue.

4.8 **Mr Vincent NG** proposed that some green elements and time-limited art installations could be added on the floating PV panels to better utilise the floating space. **Mr Ivan HO** further suggested that electricity generated from the floating PV panels could be used to illuminate the installations on the panels to better demonstrate the concept of sustainability.

4.9 **Dr Vivian WONG** proposed setting up the floating PV panels near the Hong Kong Children's Hospital for educating children about sustainability. **Ms Sam LOK** further suggested to add more

artwork or features such as QR code and information panel near the floating PV panels to promote the use of the floating PV system.

4.10 **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN** raised concern regarding the management and maintenance of the floating PV panels. He also enquired whether the proposed floating PV panels would have any implications with the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance (Cap. 531)(PHO).

4.11 In response to members' enquiries, **Mr Paul CHU** explained that as opposed to previous floating PV system pilot project which took place in calm freshwater in a reservoir setting, the current proposal was unprecedented as it would take place in seawater in an open water environment. To tackle the issues with water quality and odour in the Kai Tak Approach Channel, it was expected that the water quality would further improve upon water treatment at the Kowloon Bay Sewage Interception Station. The project team would consider Members' suggestions of adding art installations on the floating PV panels and placing signage with QR code near the panels for the public's information and educational purpose. **Mr Paul CHU** also supplemented that the floating PV panels were considered as barge structures that floated on water surface on a temporary basis, hence it was considered that the panels would not have any PHO implications.

4.12 **Mr LAW Lap-keung from MD** added that the project team had submitted relevant application for implementing the floating PV panels and their associated setup.

Way Forward

4.13 In conclusion, **the Chairman** invited the project team to take into account Members' comments and suggestions in implementing the project.

Item 5 Sharing by Make a Difference Institute on “Waterfronts Reimagined”

Briefing by Make a Difference Institute

5.1 The Chairman informed Members that Make a Difference (MaD) Institute was invited to brief Members on their programme entitled “Waterfronts Reimagined”.

5.2 Upon the Chairman's invitation, **Ms Ophelia LUI** briefed Members on the background of the item. The MaD Institute, a non-profit organisation and a collaborative platform for art, creativity, entrepreneurship and innovation, had conducted a five-day programme entitled “Waterfronts Reimagined” in February and March 2022, which aimed to provide an opportunity for young people to explore waterfront-related topics and raised public awareness for waterfront developments through sharing by guest speakers such as the HC Chairman, workshops and field trips..

5.3 With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, **Ms Helen FAN of the MaD Institute**, shared the findings of the programme.

Way Forward

5.4 **The Chairman** appreciated the effort of the MaD Institute and looked forward to having more collaboration with the institute in future

to gauge views from different perspectives for building a better harbourfront.

Item 6 Any Other Business

6.1 There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Secretariat

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