

**14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Harbourfront Commission**  
**held at 3:00 pm on 6 September 2013 at Conference Room 1,**  
**Ground Floor, Central Government Offices,**  
**2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Present**

Mr Nicholas Brooke	Chair
Mr Paul Chan	Vice-Chair
Mrs Margaret Brooke	Representing Business Environment Council
Prof Becky Loo	Representing Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong
Mr LAM Kin-lai	Representing the Conservancy Association
Mrs Karen Barretto	Representing Friends of the Earth
Mr Andy Leung	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Mr Evans Iu	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects
Mr TAM Po-yiu	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Planners
Mr LAU Chun-kong	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
Dr Sujata Govada	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design
Ir Peter Wong	Representing Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
Mr Louis Loong	Representing Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong
Mr Paul Zimmerman	Representing Society for Protection of the Harbour
Mr CHAN Hok-fung	
Mr CHAN Ka-kui	
Mr Walter Chan	
Ms Lily Chow	
Mr Eric Fok	
Mrs Ayesha Macpherson Lau	
Mr Brian David Li	
Mr Vincent Ng	
Mr Thomas Chan	Deputy Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands) <sup>1</sup>
Mr LING Kar-kan	Director of Planning
Ms Emily Mo	Assistant Commissioner 2, Tourism Commission (TC)

Mr Albert Lee	Assistant Commissioner/Urban, Transport Department (TD)
Mr Edwin Tong	Project Manager (Hong Kong Island and Islands), Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)
Mr Donald Choy	Assistant Director (Leisure Services) <sup>3</sup> , Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)
Mr FUNG Kwok-ming	Assistant Director/Planning and Services, Marine Department (MD)
Mrs Winnie Kang	Secretary

### **In Attendance**

Mr Larry Chu	Assistant Secretary (Harbour) 1, Development Bureau (DEVB)
Mr Frederick Yu	Assistant Secretary (Harbour) SD, DEVB
Miss Venus Tsoi	Assistant Secretary (Harbour) 2, DEVB
Mr Peter Mok	Project Manager (Harbour), DEVB
Mr LEUNG Kong-yui	Ex-Chair, Task Force on Water-land Interface

### **Absent with Apologies**

Mr Raj Sital Motwani

## **Action**

### **Welcoming Message**

**The Chair** welcomed all to the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Harbourfront Commission (the Commission), the first meeting of the Commission in the new term commencing 1 July 2013. He introduced new Members to the meeting, including Mrs Karen Barretto, representing the Friends of the Earth; Mr Evans Iu, representing the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects; Mr LAU Chun-kong, representing the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors; and Mr CHAN Ka-kui, Mr Walter Chan, Mrs Ayesha Macpherson Lau and Mr Brian David Li. He informed Members that Mr Thomas Chow, Permanent Secretary for

Development (Planning and Lands), was appointed as the new official Member of the Commission in the new term, and Mr Thomas Chan, Deputy Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands)<sup>1</sup>, was attending this meeting on his behalf.

**The Chair** also informed Members that Ms Emily Mo, Assistant Commissioner 2 of TC, was attending on behalf of Mr Philip Yung; Mr Albert Lee, Assistant Commissioner/Urban of TD, was attending on behalf of Mrs Ingrid Yeung; Mr Edwin Tong, Project Manager (Hong Kong Island and Islands) of CEDD, was attending on behalf of Mr HON Chi-keung; Mr Donald Choy, Assistant Director (Leisure Services)<sup>3</sup> of LCSD, was attending on behalf of Mrs Betty Fung; and Mr FUNG Kwok-ming, Assistant Director/Planning and Services of MD, was attending on behalf of Mr Francis Liu.

**The Chair** said that he looked forward to working closely with all Members, DEVB and government departments as well as the community to enhance the harbourfront for public enjoyment.

**Mr Paul Chan** thanked Members for accepting the appointment and re-appointment to the Commission. He said that the Commission had been making significant contributions to the Hong Kong community in advocating harbourfront enhancement; and the key task of the Commission in this term was to engage the community on the proposed establishment of a dedicated Harbourfront Authority (HA). He looked forward to working with Members on that front.

## **Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

1.1 **The Chair** said that the Secretariat circulated the draft minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to Members on 20 August 2013, and received no comment from Members. The draft minutes were confirmed.

## **Item 2 Matters Arising**

A. *Water Quality in Victoria Harbour (Paragraph 2.6 of the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting)*

2.1 **The Chair** said that the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), in collaboration with other relevant government departments, would study ways to further enhance the water quality of urban coastal waters. EPD would report to the Commission's relevant Task Force later in 2014.

B. *Public Landing Facilities near the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal (Paragraph 4.4 of the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting)*

2.2 **The Chair** informed Members that as advised by TC, there was a newly constructed landing facility at the former runway, which was within a short travel distance to the north of the Cruise Terminal, for marine transportation. Separately, the Government would closely monitor the need for public transportation services in the area and review the provision of services as appropriate. He suggested and Members agreed that the issue should be passed to the Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development (Kai Tak Task Force) and the Task Force on Water-land Interface (Water-land Interface Task Force) for follow-up.

**the Secretariat**

C. *Update on the Shatin to Central Link (Paragraphs 7.17, 7.27, 7.28 and 7.29 of the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting)*

2.3 **The Chair** informed Members that the Planning Department (PlanD) had consulted the Task Force on Harbourfront Development on Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong Task Force) at its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting on 7 June 2013 on the proposed amendments to the Approved Wan Chai North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/H25/2 regarding the proposed topside development of Exhibition Station primarily for convention and

meeting facilities. The Highways Department (HyD) and the MTR Corporation (MTRC) Limited would report to the relevant Task Forces on the progress of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project and its facilities in different harbourfront areas on a regular basis.

*(Post-meeting note: HyD and MTRC reported the progress of SCL project at the Hong Kong Task Force meeting on 24 October 2013 and the Kai Tak Task Force meeting on 8 October 2013 respectively.)*

D. Resources for MD (Paragraph 9.5 of the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting)

2.4 **The Chair** said that the Secretariat had referred Mr Paul Zimmerman's views to the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). THB advised that it would take the views into account when planning resources for MD.

2.5 **Mr Paul Zimmerman** raised the following points:-

- (a) a plan to achieve secondary contact water quality objectives in Kai Tak Approach Channel should be provided by the Drainage Services Department soon, as the treated effluent from the Shatin Sewage Treatment Works (SSTW), which was proposed to be relocated to caverns, would be discharged into the Channel;
- (b) sea water should be pumped from the harbour to flush out the stagnant water in the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter so as to alleviate the odour problem there;
- (c) additional resources should be provided to the Harbour Unit of DEVB for taking forward harbourfront enhancement projects and conducting the public engagement exercise for the proposed establishment of HA;

- (d) a better site with adequate road access (right now servicing vehicles were forced to park illegally) near the New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter (NYMTTS), should be provided to MD for vessel inspection; and
- (e) additional resources including manpower should be provided to MD with a view to enhancing marine safety.

2.6 In response, **Mr FUNG Kwok-ming** said that he would discuss with his colleagues on the need for expanding its current service to another site near NYMTTS.

**MD**

*(Post-meeting note: MD advised that the existing site was well serving the need and that no additional site was required.)*

### **Item 3 Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island (Paper No. HC/13/2013)**

3.1 On the Chair's invitation, **Mrs Winnie Kang** gave Members an overview of the terms of reference and the key initiatives of the Commission's four Task Forces, with the aid of a PowerPoint.

3.2 **The Chair**, in the capacity as the Chair of the Hong Kong Task Force in the last term, briefed Members on the progress report.

3.3 As regards the amendments to the Approved Wan Chai North OZP No. S/H25/2, **Mr Paul Zimmerman** reiterated that information on pedestrian connections from the Exhibition Station at different levels should be provided for Members' reference.

**PlanD**

*(Post-meeting note: the plan provided by PlanD showing the pedestrian connections from the Exhibition Station and the*

*proposed topside development was tabled at the Hong Kong Task Force meeting on 24 October 2013.)*

#### **Item 4 Progress Report from Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development (Paper No. HC/14/2013)**

4.1 **Mr Vincent Ng**, in the capacity as the Chair of the Kai Tak Task Force in the last term, presented the progress report.

4.2 In response to Mr Andy Leung's enquiry about the proposed temporary government land allocation to CEDD as a works area for constructing a sewage pumping station at Ma Tau Kok, **Mrs Winnie Kang** replied that the Secretariat would invite CEDD to brief the Kai Tak Task Force on the project.

**the Secretariat**

*(Post-meeting note: CEDD briefed the Kai Tak Task Force on the project at its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 8 October 2013.)*

4.3 **Mr Paul Zimmerman** commented that in addition to developing passive open space, more vibrant uses such as food and beverage facilities should also be provided around the Central Kowloon Route (CKR) structures within the Kai Tak development area. He asked HyD to present the detailed design together with the maximum area of development for vibrant uses which could be built under, over, above, through and along the relevant CKR structures for Members' comments.

**HyD**

4.4 **Ir Peter Wong** commented that it was technically infeasible to provide coach parking facilities within the CKR Administration Building in Kai Tak, but further asked if the Commission should consider the maintenance and operation implication when assessing projects in harbourfront areas. **Mr Vincent Ng** responded that Members should not pay too much attention to technical and operational considerations, but attention should be paid to evaluating projects based on the harbour planning principles and guidelines (HPPs and HPGs).

4.5 In response to Mr Chan Ka-kui's enquiry on whether there was any standard design and provision for harbourfront enhancement projects, **the Chair** said that project proponents should be given a free hand to propose any vibrant uses that would be in line with HPPs and HPGs.

**Item 5 Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (Paper No. HC/15/2013)**

5.1 **Prof Becky Loo**, in the capacity as the Chair of Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing in the last term, presented the progress report. Members noted the contents of the report.

**Item 6 Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface (Paper No. HC/16/2013)**

6.1 **Mr Leung Kong-yui**, in the capacity as the Chair of the Water-land Interface Task Force in the last term, presented the progress report.

6.2 **The Chair** said that since the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance (PHO) was a very important issue that would be relevant to harbourfront enhancement projects, it would be worthwhile to provide a separate briefing on this topic for new Members before any projects with PHO implication were presented to the Commission for discussion.

**the Secretariat**

6.3 **Mr Paul Zimmerman** said that the terms of reference (ToR) of the Water-land Interface Task Force and the four geographical task forces might be reviewed. In response, **the Chair** suggested and Members agreed that each of the four Task Forces should confirm their respective ToRs at their first meetings in the new term.

**the Secretariat**

**Item 7 Co-option of Members in Task Forces (Paper No. HC/17/2013)**

7.1 On the Chair's invitation, **Mrs Winnie Kang** presented the paper, with the aid of a PowerPoint.

7.2 **The Chair** invited Members to nominate talents with the required expertise for consideration by him and the Vice Chair. In response to Mrs Margaret Brooke's enquiry, **Mrs Winnie Kang** said that the co-opted members in the last term would also be included in the pool of potential candidates.

**the Secretariat**

*(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat issued an email on 17 September 2013 to invite Members' nomination.)*

**Item 8 Any Other Business**

A. Schedules of Meetings

8.1 In response to the suggestion of Mr LAM Kin-lai and Mr Andy Leung, **the Chair** said that he would consider providing schedules of meetings for the Commission and the Task Forces ahead of time to facilitate Members' planning.

B. The Core Group on Public Engagement for the Proposed Establishment of HA

8.2 In response to Dr Sujata Govada's enquiry, **the Chair** said that Members would be enlisted to assist in the work of the Core Group as and when necessary.

8.3 There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:30 pm.

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