

18th Meeting of Harbourfront Commission
held at 3:00 pm on 3 November 2014 at the Conference Room
on Upper Ground Floor, Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre,
Kowloon Park, Haiphong Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Minutes of Meeting

Present

Mr Nicholas BROOKE	Chair
Mr Paul CHAN	Secretary for Development, Vice-Chair
Mrs Margaret BROOKE	Representing Business Environment Council
Mr LAM Kin-lai	Representing Conservancy Association
Mrs Karen BARRETTO	Representing Friends of the Earth
Mr Franklin YU	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Mr TAM Po-yiu	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Planners
Mr LAU Chun-kong	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
Mr Ivan HO	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design
Mr 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	
Ms Lily CHOW	
Mr Eric FOK	
Mr Vincent NG	
Mr Thomas CHAN	Deputy Secretary (Planning and Lands) 1, Development Bureau (DEVB)
Mr Edward LEUNG	Senior Manager (Tourism) 2, Tourism Commission (TC)
Mr Albert LEE	Assistant Commissioner/Urban, Transport Department (TD)
Mr Edwin TONG	Project Manager (Hong Kong Island & Islands), Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)
Ms Michelle LI	Director of Leisure and Cultural Services
Mr Adrian CHAN	General Manager/Planning, Development & Port Security (Acting), Marine Department (MD)
Ms Amy CHEUNG	Assistant Director/Territorial, Planning Department

Miss Christine AU (PlanD)
Secretary

In Attendance

Mr Eric MA	Under Secretary for Development
Miss Fannie KONG	Press Secretary to Secretary for Development
Mr Larry CHU	Assistant Secretary (Harbour) 1, DEVB
Mr Frederick YU	Assistant Secretary (Harbour) Special Duties, DEVB
Miss Ingrid TJENDRO	Assistant Secretary (Harbour) 2, DEVB
Mr Peter MOK	Project Manager (Harbour), DEVB

Absent with Apologies

Prof Becky LOO	Representing Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong
Mr Evans IU	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects
Mr Walter CHAN	
Mrs Ayesha Macpherson LAU	
Mr Brian David LI	
Mr Raj Sital MOTWANI	
Mr LEUNG Kong-yui	Chair, Task Force on Water-land Interface

Action

Welcoming Message

The Chair welcomed all and introduced Ms Michelle LI, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, who was attending the meeting for the first time. He informed Members that Mr Edward LEUNG, Senior Manager (Tourism) 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 & Islands) of CEDD, was attending on behalf of Mr HON Chi-keung; Mr Adrian CHAN, General Manager/Planning, Development & Port Security (Acting) of MD, was attending on behalf of Mr Michael WONG; and Ms Amy CHEUNG, Assistant Director/Territorial of PlanD, was attending

on behalf of Mr LING Kar-kan.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 17th Meeting

1.1 **The Chair** said that the Secretariat had circulated the draft minutes of the 17th meeting to Members on 17 October 2014. After incorporating the proposed amendments received, the revised draft minutes were circulated to Members on 27 October 2014. The revised draft minutes were confirmed at the meeting.

Item 2 Matters Arising

A. *Observation Wheel at the New Central Harbourfront (Paragraph 3.5 of the minutes of the 17th meeting)*

2.1 **The Chair** said that the Secretariat had relayed Members' views about the project to the tenant who would make suitable arrangements when the wheel became operational. According to the tenant, the wheel was expected to be opened to the public in mid-November 2014 subject to obtaining the necessary licences and permits.

B. *Briefing on Marine Spatial Planning (Paragraph 6.6 of the minutes of the 17th meeting)*

2.2 **The Chair** reported that the briefing was conducted at the 8th meeting of the Task Force on Water-land Interface on 23 September 2014. Other members of the Commission were also invited to attend the briefing. Members might wish to further discuss the issue under Agenda Item 8 of the meeting.

Item 3 Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island (Paper No. HC/16/2014)

3.1 **The Chair**, in his capacity as the Chair of the Task Force, briefed Members on the progress report.

3.2 **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN** suggested compiling a list of projects with expected completion dates to facilitate Members in keeping track of their progress. **The Chair** responded that the action areas tables were prepared for the relevant Task Forces and they were circulated for Members' reference.

3.3 **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN** understood that reclamation could be required for constructing dry weather flow interceptor (DWFI) facility at Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter to improve the water quality there. He suggested advancing the discussion on the matter outside the frame of EPD's "Study on Further Enhancing Coastal Water Quality of Victoria Harbour". **The Chair** asked the Secretariat to follow up.

the Secretariat

(Post-meeting note: The reponse from the departments concerned was circulated to Members on 6 March 2015.)

Item 4 Progress Report from Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development (Paper No. HC/17/2014)

4.1 **Mr Vincent NG**, in his capacity as the Chair of the Task Force, presented the progress report.

4.2 **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN** reiterated that he had suggested for the Task Force's consideration measures to enhance the pedestrian linkage of the new proposed commercial sites within Kai Tak Development that would be segregated by major roads. **Mr Vincent NG** responded that his comments had been recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting and would be taken into consideration by PlanD.

Item 5 Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront

Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (Paper No. HC/18/2014)

5.1 As Prof Becky LOO, the Chair of the Task Force, was unable to attend this meeting, **the Chair** presented the progress report on her behalf.

5.2 **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN** said that recent applications for leasing various harbourfront sites under short term tenancy (STT) for car parking purposes was an indication that there was the shortage of parking spaces for coaches and goods vehicles had not been resolved. He remarked that allocating harbourfront sites for car parking purposes was not in compliance with the Harbour Planning Principles; and as the existing STT car parking sites would be used for permanent development later, the shortage problem especially for coaches and goods vehicle would only worsen. He questioned the Government's decision of not requiring future developer to provide coach parking facilities when the Middle Road carpark redevelopment plan was considered just recently. He suggested that the Government and the Commission should work out a long term solution to address the issue.

5.3 **Mr Albert LEE** responded that TD had been looking into the matter holistically, and formulating various measures to meet parking demands. Those measures included adding on-street parking spaces at suitable locations, monitoring the utilisation of STT carparks, and liaising with relevant government departments to include sufficient carparks at the planning stage. TD was also in liaison with the Lands Department on the number of parking spaces for various types of vehicles to suit local needs through creating new or renewing existing STTs. The Government would continue to plan for parking facilities in accordance with the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines by requiring sufficient provision of parking spaces in new developments and re-zoning exercises whenever opportunities arose. Dedicated coach parking facilities would also be provided near major tourist attractions in

consultation with TC and tourism trades. While some areas in Kowloon might require attention, he believed that there was no major concern in most harbourfront areas. TD would work with the Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing in addressing any district specific problems.

5.4 **The Chair** invited relevant policy bureau and department to share the latest developments with Members of the Commission given that the shortage of parking spaces was a territory-wide issue. **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN** opined that the Government should provide an overall plan to resolve the problem.

THB & TD

Item 6 Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface (Paper No. HC/19/2014)

6.1 As Mr LEUNG Kong-yui, the Chair of the Task Force, was unable to attend this meeting, **Mr Vincent NG** presented the progress report on his behalf. **Members** noted the contents of the report.

Item 7 Any Other Business

7.1 There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:05 pm.

**Secretariat
Harbourfront Commission
March 2015**