

Harbourfront Commission

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Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from January to February 2011.

MEETING(S) HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Third Meeting – 12 January 2011

2. The Task Force discussed the following issues/items -

(a) Open Space at ex-Tai Kok Tsui Bus Terminus, Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui

- ✧ The project team led by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) briefed Members on the design of the proposed open space at the ex-Tai Kok Tsui Bus Terminus.
- ✧ Members generally appreciated the design theme relating to the Olympism and gave comments including provision of more play equipment, adopting a barrier-free design, introducing activities to the lawn area, design of the covered exhibition area, arrangement of hedges, landscape treatment of the podium edge of One Silver Sea, among all. Members also saw a need to avoid “privatisation” of the open space by local residents and facilitate enjoyment of the harbourfront there by the general public residing outside the region by improving public transport provision.

- ✧ The meeting noted that LCSD would further review the design and provide more information on provision of open space in the area at an appropriate juncture.

(b) Construction of a Two-storey Building for Harbour Patrol Section of Marine Department

- ✧ The project team led by Marine Department (MD) briefed the Task Force on the design of its new Harbour Patrol Section (HPS) building in Tai Kok Tsui.
- ✧ While noting the project team's efforts to mitigate development impact and the design considerations to enhance the harbourfront environment at the vicinity, some Members still had doubts about the site selection. They questioned whether the proposal was the only feasible option to address the shortfall of MD's office space, and considered that more information on the requirements of MD's facilities in the harbour could facilitate Members' deliberation. A Member also opined that the proposed 1.6m setback between the new HPS building and the existing Marine Refuse Collection Point was inadequate in improving harbourfront accessibility.
- ✧ MD agreed to give a briefing on an overview of the requirements of HPS' facilities within the harbour to the Harbourfront Commission and to explore the feasibility of further enhancing pedestrian access to the harbourfront.

(c) Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project

- ✧ The Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project (LYMWEF) was discussed at the 1st Task Force meeting held on 4 October 2010. In response to the Task Force's request, Tourism Commission and the relevant departments provided supplementary information on various aspects of the project for the Task Force's

reference.

- ✧ A number of issues were further discussed at the meeting, including water quality and sewerage-related issues, the squatter area, budget and costs/benefits, sequencing of works, commitment of locals on implementation of sewerage improvement measures, among all.
- ✧ The Task Force was of the view that the enhancement of the LYM area was supported but the LYMWEP should be implemented as an overall upgrading work of the Lei Yue Mun area. Tourism Commission and relevant departments should provide more project details in due course. In particular, Environmental Protection Department should brief the Task Force on the long term sewerage improvement measures. Additional information on the pier location, squatter areas and degree of local participation was also required.

(d) Action Areas Proposals

- ✧ Upon request by the Task Force at its 2nd meeting held on 29 November 2010, the Planning Department gave an overview briefing of the Action Areas proposal prepared by the former Harbour-front Enhancement Committee.
- ✧ The Task Force noted that some enhancement proposals were being taken forward and the long term strategies for some Action Areas might need to be reviewed. The Task Force agreed to invite the departments concerned to give a progress update on the quick-win proposals in the Tsuen Wan, Tsim Sha Tsui East and Hung Hom East Action Areas at the future meetings.

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