

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 September to December 2013.

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

Fourteenth Meeting – 2 December 2013

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

(a) Election of Task Force Chair

- Prof Becky LOO Pui-ying was elected as the Task Force Chair of the current term.

(b) Progress Update on the West Kowloon Cultural District

- The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCDA) updated the Task Force on the progress of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) development, including the approval of its Development Plan which set out the land uses for WKCD, and the development programme of Xiqu Centre, M+, Arts Pavilion and the Park. WKCDA also informed Members that it was conducting a study on the

feasibility to increase the development potential of the WKCD site. If the proposal was proven to be feasible, WKCDA would submit an application for minor relaxation of the total GFA restriction to the Town Planning Board and consult the Task Force again.

- Some Members expressed concern on the progress of development in WKCD and emphasized the need for enhancing the pedestrian connectivity from hinterland to the waterfront. Members requested that a promenade to connect the waterfront between Xiqu Centre and M+ should be developed after the completion of these structures. WKCDA undertook to take into account Members' comments and report to the Task Force on the progress of the WKCD development on a regular basis.

(c) Reprovisioning of Yau Ma Tei Police Station

- The Police and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) briefed the Task Force on the detailed design for the new Yau Ma Tei Police Station, as the existing site would be affected by the alignment of the Central Kowloon Route. While the overall design of the police station was considered generally acceptable, Members commented that the building should be better integrated with the adjacent landscaped deck by providing a pedestrian linkage at the podium floor. The Police responded that there would only be one entrance for public use at the ground floor level of the building due to security reasons.
- Separately, some Members commented that the separation wall facing the landscaped deck should be better decorated

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with vertical greening. While expressing difficulty in terms of maintenance, ArchSD would consider Members' comments in this regard with a view to enhancing greening at the site.

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