

Harbourfront Commission

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Progress Report from Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from April to June 2015.

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

Seventeenth Meeting – 30 April 2015

2. The Task Force discussed the following items –

(a) Energizing Kowloon East – Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River

- The Energizing Kowloon East Office (EKEO) and the Drainage Services Department (DSD) briefed Members on the project of upgrading the 50-year-old King Yip Street nullah to Tsui Ping River, which was part of the Energising Kowloon East initiative in creating a Green Core Business District.
- The Task Force expressed in-principle support for EKEO's proposal and complimented the conceptual idea of the project, which was considered as a successful embodiment of architectural, engineering and urban design expertise. At the same time, the project team was encouraged to consider a wider range of improvement possibilities, including the enhancement of connectivity between the two sides of the river and with the hinterland of the Kwun Tong district, the provision of entertainment and leisure facilities in the open area, and the protection of biodiversity.
- EKEO and DSD informed Members that they targeted to commence the investigation assignment in mid-2015 and would brief the Task Force again at the detailed design stage.

(b) Marine Emission Control in Hong Kong

- With its second berth coming into operation, the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal was expecting to accommodate larger and

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more cruise vessels later. The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) briefed the Task Force on their relevant schemes and regulations to encourage ocean going vessels to switch to cleaner fuel while barging at the berth.

- In terms of the installation of onshore power system (OPS) at Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, EPD was examining in detail the recently completed feasibility study. The preliminary findings suggested that in fact OPS was not a commonly adopted measure worldwide as yet. EPD would take into account both the demand in Hong Kong and overseas experience when considering the way forward. The Task Force noted EPD's various initiatives in marine emission control and looked forward to seeing the improvement these measures could possibly bring to the air quality around the Kai Tak area.

(c) Proposed Amendments to the Approved Ma Tau Kok Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K10/20

- The Planning Department (PlanD) consulted the Task Force on two of the proposed amendments which involved harbourfront sites, including the rezoning of CDA sites at Sung Wong Toi Road and Mok Cheong Street to residential and G/IC uses respectively, while the development parameters would remain unchanged.
- Some Members opined that PlanD's presentation had failed to address the interface between the subject CDA sites with other developments in the vicinity, including the Sports Stadium in Kai Tak and the existing facilities (e.g. sewage pumping station) surrounding the site. They viewed that the rezoning of the sites concerned in isolation of the other three adjacent CDA sites was undesirable from an urban planning perspective, and the synergy to enhance connection to the harbourfront might be lost.
- It was concluded that while the Task Force would not indicate either support or objection to the proposal, Members' comments would be conveyed to the Town Planning Board for consideration.

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