

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 January to April 2013.

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

Eleventh Meeting on 5 February 2013

2. The Task Force discussed the following items –

(a) Kai Tak Fantasy

- The Energizing Kowloon East Office (EKEO) briefed Members on the proposed Kai Tak Fantasy initiative which was announced in the Chief Executive's 2013 Policy Address. EKEO advised that they planned to launch an idea competition in 2013 and announce the results in 2014.
- Members were generally supportive of the proposed initiative. In particular, Members considered that the Kai Tak Fantasy could generate good ideas to enhance connectivity along the study areas and revitalize the adjacent areas, having regard to the uses of the water body and the associated water-land interfaces.

- In response to Members' concern on the design constraints imposed by the committed uses in the Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan (OZP), EKEO confirmed that the design from the idea competition should build on the existing OZP, and the existing or committed uses should set a framework for the Kai Tak Fantasy initiative but not insurmountable constraints. EKEO also clarified that the winning design from the idea competition would be subject to feasibility and technical assessments prior to implementation.

(b) Update on the Development of Kai Tak Cruise Terminal

- The Tourism Commission (TC) and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) briefed Members on the latest progress of Kai Tak Cruise Terminal development, including the landscaped deck on the rooftop of the Terminal.
- Members expressed concern on connectivity from the cruise terminal to Runway Park, Tourism Node and its adjoining developments. Some Members considered that the planned elevated pedestrian connection, such as footbridges, were inadequate. Some Members also suggested that the Cruise Terminal should provide conference venues and facilities for better utilization of the building.
- With reference to overseas examples, some Members suggested that there should be on-shore power supply at the Cruise Terminal to provide an environmentally friendly means of energy for the visiting cruises. The project team explained that there was provision for the on-shore supply in the existing Cruise Terminal design,

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but the facilities would have to be procured through another funding project.

- TC agreed to arrange a site visit for Members to Kai Tak Cruise Terminal prior to its commissioning.

(c) Kai Tak Avenue Park Phase I

- The Leisure and Cultural Services Department and ArchSD briefed Members on the project scope of Kai Tak Avenue Park Phase I and sought their views on the proposed design.
- Members were concerned about the interface and connectivity between the Avenue Park and the adjacent residential and commercial areas, and considered that segregation of the park by fencing or peripheral planters should be avoided. Some Members also suggested that the park design should take into account future commercial activities in the adjoining areas.
- The project team advised Members that the suggestions would be incorporated when the same design team designed the commercial area in the vicinity.

Secretariat

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