

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 April to June 2015.

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

Nineteenth Meeting – 13 May 2015

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

(a) Public Open Space Bylaw of the West Kowloon Cultural District

- The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCD) briefed the Task Force on the proposed West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Public Open Space Bylaw and the draft guidelines on street performance, outdoor events, filming and photography.
- The Task Force generally supported the approach adopted in the proposed Bylaw and guidelines, which could potentially offer the scope and freedom for a more diverse array of activities not usually permitted on government-managed pleasure grounds. At the same time, mindful of some of the more pioneering ideas in the proposed Bylaw, some Members advised WKCD to clarify the set of definitions contained therein to avoid misinterpretation and complications in future management. For instance, gratuities from street performance and begging, campers and street dwellers should be clearly distinguished.
- Insufficient training for staff and volunteers, especially if sub-contracting would be involved, was considered as a potentially problematic area in the effective enforcement of the Bylaw and guidelines. Some Members also suggested the reservation of areas for certain commercial activities, such as food trucks and retail kiosks for artists.
- WKCD assured the Task Force that in finalizing the

proposed Bylaw and guidelines, a right balance would be struck for public safety, fair treatment, and the promotion of arts and culture.

(b) An Overview on Public Facilities along Tsing Yi Northeast Waterfront

- The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), together with the Housing Department, the Architectural Services Department, the Marine Department, the Civil Engineering and Development Department, and the Transport Department, provided an overview on the public facilities along Tsing Yi northeast waterfront.
- The Task Force appreciated the joint effort put together by the team of departments in their presentation. The stretch of waterfront at Tsing Yi was considered as a good example of promenade with its distinctive design characteristics for each phase and its popularity among the local community. Some Members suggested further improvement measures, such as the realignment of street lights, the provision of more shady trees, the opening up of existing landing facilities for public use, and designating specific areas for fishing.
- The relevant departments would consider the suggestions given by the Task Force in further improving public facilities along Tsing Yi northeast waterfront. In particular, a series of “quick-wins” to enhance the waterfront were to be identified and implemented in consultation with the District Council and local communities.

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