

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 July to October 2010.

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

First Meeting – 7 September 2010

2. The Task Force discussed the following items -

(a) Election of Chairman

Mr Vincent Ng was elected as the Task Force Chairman.

(b) Terms of Reference

The proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) were endorsed with amendments.

(c) Urban Design Framework for Kai Tak Development

Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) presented the urban design framework set out and incorporated into the approved Outline Zoning Plan for Kai Tak. Members commented on a host of issues including connectivity, accessibility, aesthetics, sustainability, etc.

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There was concern over the connection between Kai Tak and the hinterland, e.g. for the runway tip area. The provisional rail-based environmentally friendly transport system was also discussed with respect to its feasibility and coverage. Regarding the South Apron areas, it was considered desirable to improve the highway layout and thus the waterfront accessibility. Other issues raised included potential marine uses of the water space adjoining Kai Tak and the associated marine-land interface, and application of renewable energy in Kai Tak.

CEDD was requested to provide an inventory list of infrastructure projects and studies under way and being planned to help the Task Force in future deliberations.

(d) Enhancement of Accessibility to Kai Tak Waterfront

CEDD briefed Members on issues related to accessibility and connectivity to the waterfront in the Kai Tak Development, in respect of the runway area, Kai Tak River and South Apron. While noting the on-going work to enhance accessibility, Members paid particular attention to a provisional bridge linking the tip of Kai Tak runway and Kwun Tong. Views on a proposed bridge linking the tip of Kai Tak Runway and Kwun Tong were split. There was support for completing a pedestrian connection with a bridge of lesser scale which would enhance vibrancy of both the Kwun Tong waterfront and the runway tip, yet views on the merits of a vehicular link necessitating a mega bridge were also expressed. Members also reviewed issues in enhancing the layout of the runway area.

(e) Any Other Business - Request for Information related to Cruise Terminal

Tourism Commission was requested to provide a list of

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studies and reports justifying the present location, scale and design of the Cruise Terminal, while Marine Department undertook to provide a plan showing the depth of harbour waters.

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