

Harbourfront Commission

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Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from November to December 2010.

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

Third Meeting – 2 December 2010

2. The Task Force discussed the following items -

(a) Progress of Site 4 Development

The Task Force was updated on the progress of consultancy appointment for Site 4 Development. Invitation letters were issued on 26 November 2010 and assessment of consultant's proposals would be completed by end December 2010, with the commencement of the consultancy services targeted in January 2011. Development Bureau would keep the Task Force informed of the result of the consultancy appointment.

(b) Proposed Refinements to the Design of Advance Promenade at the New Central Harbourfront

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Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) and Rocco Yim, Rocco Design Architects Limited briefed Members on the proposed refinements to the design of the advance promenade at the new Central harbourfront. While Members welcomed the revised design and appreciated the departments' efforts, they asked the departments to further explore the feasibility of providing F&B facilities/temporary kiosks at the east end of the advance promenade; placing statues or arts work on the open deck in front of Tamar; and building more shelter along the promenade. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) would look into possibilities for more activities and catering service on the advance promenade while CEDD would work with LCSD to ensure that there would be adequate enabling facilities (e.g. water and electricity supply) to support such activities. The Task Force was also advised that the future of Site 7 (including the reassembly of Queen's Pier) would depend on the result of the public-private collaboration of Site 4 development and hence could be discussed more after the commissioning of the consultancy study on Site 4. CEDD and ArchSD would circulate changes to be made on the advance promenade in the light of Members' comments to the Task Force as soon as practicable such that CEDD could advise the relevant contractor on the changes in a timely manner.

(c) Hong Kong Island East Harbour-front Study

The Planning Department (PlanD) briefed the Task Force on progress of the Hong Kong Island East Harbour-front Study (the Study). Members were in support of the proposals in the Study but considered that there was scope for further improvement of the proposed enhancement measures in some areas. For instance, a Member suggested that the accessibility of the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence

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which was next to the proposed Sky Trail at Shau Kei Wan could also be improved.

The Task Force saw a need to prioritise the enhancement measures proposed in the Study and manage public expectation especially expectation of the residents in the Eastern District given that it was unrealistic to assume that Government would implement all the measures within a short period of time, and that some of the measures would take longer time to materialise than others because of technical complications, funding priorities, etc.

(d) Proposed Time Extension – Temporary Government Land Allocation (TGLA) GLA-THK 1059 – Marine Police Regional Headquarters and Marine Police Harbour Division Base, Tai Hong Street, Sai Wan Ho, Hong Kong

The existing TGLA for GLA-THK 1059 would expire on 10 December 2010. In order to facilitate continuous operation by Marine Police, the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) had applied a further extension of the TGLA site for four years till December 2014. The Task Force had no adverse comments on the proposal but requested PlanD to report to the Task Force on a regular basis the progress of site search for relocating the Marine Police Regional Headquarters and Marine Police Harbour Division Base once and for all. The HKPF was also requested to consider visually enhancing the TGLA site in the interim.

(e) Any Other Business - Western Wholesale Food Market

The Chairman suggested and the Meeting agreed to invite the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department to update the Task Force on possible enhancements to the Western Wholesale Food Market at the 4th Task Force

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Meeting.

Secretariat

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