

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 August to October 2014.

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

Seventeenth Meeting – 10 September 2014

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

(a) Progress Update on the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD)

- The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCDA) briefed Members on the progress of WKCD development, with highlights on Xiqu Centre, Artist Square Development Area, the Park (the facilities) and the proposed first phase of infrastructure works. Members expressed their views on the design and operation of the Park, including the selection of landscaping features; provision of water features, shading and lighting; management model; and the arrangement for designating areas for cultural performances and events.
- Some Members were concerned about the connectivity between WKCD and the hinterland, in particular the traffic arrangement upon completion of some cultural facilities while there was a possible delay with the completion time of the Express Rail Link project.
- Some Members commented that the water-land interface facilities proposed for WKCD should be further enhanced, and suggested to provide public pier, floating pontoon, etc. for public use.
- WKCDA was asked to take into account Members' comments when drawing up detailed designs for the facilities and preparing management bylaws.

(b) Water Quality along the Tsuen Wan Waterfront

- The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and the Drainage Services Department briefed Members on the measures taken by the Government to improve the water quality along the Tsuen Wan waterfront. While it was recognized that the water quality had already been improved, illegal sewage discharge to storm drains was still quite rampant, rendering it one of the major pollution sources. Members suggested that EPD or other relevant departments should further step up cleansing efforts and enforcement actions with a view to tackling the problem from its root causes.
- Some Members commented that the odour assessment conducted by relevant departments was not reliable to reflect the actual situation and requested for the early installation of the proposed dry weather flow interceptors.
- A Member considered that the proposed short term measure to install PVC curtain at the culverts might be able to somewhat mitigate the problem hence should be implemented as soon as possible.
- The Task Force requested EPD to continue identifying the pollution sources and implement necessary measures to further improve the water quality.

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