

**Proposed establishment of Harbourfront Authority**

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General Comments

- Poor attendance at consultation forums, as was suggested by those who did attend it would be a good idea to hold some forums at waterfront locations where members of the public passing by could stop and participate. Some locations that come to mind
 - steps at Outlying Ferry Pier
 - TST waterfront
 - Hung Hom Ferry Pier
 - Sun Yat Sen Memorial park
- Unfortunately time has shown that many bodies conceived in good faith have become monsters. The URA is a good example of an organization that has completely lost its way and in over a decade has not developed a single affordable housing project, its original purpose. The Airport Authority is an example of empire building and bloated ambitions that ignore the environmental impact of its plans and the need for sustainable development via an integrated master plan incorporating all the airports in the Pearl River Delta.
- A Harbourfront Authority would have to be structured in a manner that ensures that it sticks to its stated purpose and does not become a tool to promote the ever changing policies of the administration and another old boys club. There should be a restriction on the number of advisory posts the members hold to avoid the usual Rent a Crowd approach to public bodies. Fresh ideas, younger participants, etc.
- Interests of local residents should be the primary concern with tourism facilities slotted in when they complement this vision.
- The harbourfront must be exempted as far as possible from petty restrictions, like the dozens of not allowed signs in our parks and other public places. People should feel free to take a nap if they feel tired, lie on the grass, play ball, kids ride tricycles, etc.
- The harbourfront should cater for active as well as passive recreation with facilities for skateboarding, cycling, roller skating, etc.
- Commercial viability of the facilities should not be the primary consideration
- A table should be drawn up on the timetables of the commercial vessels, ferries, cruise liners, tug boats, etc so that there is a clear picture of when specific areas of the harbourfront can be used for leisure activities without negative impact on livelihood occupations.

Regards

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