

Sixteenth Meeting of the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee
held at 2:30 pm on 14 June 2007
at 3/F, 3 Edinburgh Place, Central, Hong Kong

Minutes of Meeting

Present

Prof Lee Chack-fan	Chairman
Dr Andrew Thomson	Representing Business Environment Council
Mr Leung Kong-yui	Representing Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong
Mr Joseph Wong	Representing Citizen Envisioning@Harbour
Mrs Mei Ng	Representing Friends of the Earth
Mr Vincent Ng	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Mr Bernard Chan	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
Mr Mason Hung	Representing Hong Kong Tourism Board
Mr Louis Loong	Representing Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong
Mr Hardy Lok	Representing Society for Protection of the Harbour Limited
Dr Chan Wai-kwan	
Mr Jimmy Kwok	
Mrs Rita Lau	Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Planning and Lands)
Mrs Ava Ng	Director of Planning
Mr John Chai	Director of Civil Engineering and Development
Mr K K Lau	Deputy Commissioner for Transport/Planning and Technical Services
Ms Margaret Hsia	Assistant Director(2), Home Affairs Department
Miss Wong Yuet-wah	Secretary

In Attendance

Miss Annie Tam	Deputy Secretary (Planning and Lands)1, Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau (HPLB)
Ms Lydia Lam	Assistant Secretary (Planning)3, HPLB
Ms Sharon Ho	Principal Assistant Secretary (Transport)5, Environment, Transport and Works Bureau (ETWB)
Mr L T Ma	Project Manager/Hong Kong Island and Islands, Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)

Mr C B Mak
Mr Raymond Lee
Mr Eric Yue

Chief Engineer/Kowloon, CEDD
Chief Town Planner/Sub-Regional Planning,
Planning Department (PlanD)
District Planning Officer/Kowloon, PlanD

Absent with Apologies

Dr Alvin Kwok
Mr Leslie Chen
Ms Pong Yuen-yee
Ir Dr Greg Wong
Mr Charles Nicholas Brooke
Mr Stephen Chan
Prof Jim Chi-yung
Prof Lam Kin-che
Mr Patrick Lau
Ms Starry Lee
Mr John Wu
Mr Philip Yung

Representing Conservancy Association
Representing Hong Kong Institute of Landscape
Architects
Representing Hong Kong Institute of Planners
Representing Hong Kong Institution of
Engineers
Deputy Secretary (Transport)1, ETWB

Action

Welcoming message

The Chairman welcomed Members to the sixteenth meeting of the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC).

Item 1 Confirmation of minutes of the fifteenth meeting

1.1 The draft minutes of the fifteenth meeting were circulated to Members on 7 June 2007 and no proposed amendments were received. The minutes were confirmed.

Item 2 Progress reports from the three Sub-committees (Paper Nos. 11 - 13/2007)

A. Sub-committee on South East Kowloon Development Review (SEKDR Sub-com) (Paper No. 11/2007)

2.1 **Dr Chan Wai-kwan** presented the progress report.

2.1.1 **Dr Chan** reported that after giving consideration

to the representations and comments at the hearing on 4 May 2007, the Town Planning Board (TPB) decided to propose amendments to the draft Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) to partially meet some of the representations. The proposed amendments to the draft OZP were exhibited on 25 May 2007 for public inspection for three weeks up to 15 June 2007. If further representations in respect of the proposed amendments were received during the exhibition period, the TPB would hold a further hearing in July 2007 to decide whether the proposed amendments should form part of the draft OZP. The draft OZP was targeted for submission to the Chief Executive (CE) in Council for approval in October 2007.

2.1.2 **Dr Chan** reported the SEKDR Sub-com's suggestion for indicating the target dates of the key development components under the Kai Tak Development, and identifying suitable sites for quick-win projects for interim harbour-front enhancement uses for public enjoyment at the Kai Tak site.

**B. Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review (HPR Sub-com)
(Paper No. 12/2007)**

2.2 **Mr Vincent Ng** presented the progress report.

2.2.1 On the proposed development of the Yau Tong Bay Comprehensive Development Area under a "no reclamation" approach, **Mr Ng** reported that the HPR Sub-com noted the overall design and various measures to enhance air ventilation and minimize visual impact of the proposed development and raised concerns about, amongst others, the proposed building height. The Sub-committee's views would be conveyed to the TPB for consideration together with the proposal.

2.2.2 **Mr Ng** said that two consultants had been appointed to undertake the Urban Design Study for the New Central Harbourfront and the associated public engagement strategy and programme respectively. The Sub-committee had discussed the Study with PlanD on specific issues such as integration with the surrounding

areas, connectivity and enhancing vibrancy along the waterfront. As regards the public engagement strategy and programme, the Sub-committee had raised concern about the need for a well structured programme to solicit public inputs for the Study.

2.2.3 With respect to the Harbour Plan Review, Mr Ng said that the Sub-committee agreed with PlanD's proposed way forward including the development of a set of electronic database to facilitate public access of harbour-related information.

2.2.4 The Sub-committee also finalized the revised Harbour Planning Guidelines (HPGs), which would be discussed under agenda item 4.

C. Sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II Review (WDIIR Sub- com) (Paper No. 13/2007)

2.3 Mr Leung Kong-yui presented the progress report.

2.3.1 Mr Leung reported that the WDIIR Sub-com had endorsed the public engagement report for the Realization Stage of Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Adjoining Areas (HER). It had been briefed on the WDIIR Recommended Outline Development Plan (RODP), the “cogent and convincing materials”, and the proposed amendments to the relevant OZPs prepared on the basis of the RODP.

2.3.2 Mr Leung said that a public briefing for the HER Detailed Planning Stage would be held on 23 June 2007 (Saturday). He invited Members to attend this event.

Checklists on items presented to/discussed at HEC/Sub-committee meetings (as at mid June 2007)

2.4 The meeting noted the checklists.

Item 3 Matters arising

HEC Symposium (paragraph 3.1 of the draft minutes of the 15th meeting)

3.1 The Chairman said that this item would be discussed under item 5.

Item 4 Revised HPGs (Paper No. 14/2007)

4.1 Dr Andrew Thomson, Convenor of the Task Group of the Harbour Planning Principles, presented the paper. He highlighted that the revised HPGs and the supplementary information tabled at the meeting had incorporated the public comments received during the consultation period.

4.2 Dr Chan Wai-kwan noted that one of the comments received suggested incorporating the HPGs into the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. He asked whether and how this suggestion would be met. Mrs Mei Ng asked about the need to inform the public how their submissions and comments had been dealt with and incorporated into the HPGs.

4.3 Mrs Rita Lau said that since the HPGs were drawn up by the HEC, she suggested that they be promulgated as HEC's document and uploaded onto the HEC website, and that the government could help promulgate the document through a hyperlink to the HEC website. On access to information by the public, given the openness and transparency of the work of HEC and its Sub-committees, the public could have easy access to the discussions of the HEC and its Sub-committees including how the HPGs were formulated and their views gathered during the engagement process.

4.4 Dr Thomson added that consideration could be given to refining the wording of the "Public Engagement" section of the revised HPGs on transparency and access to information to address Mrs Ng's concern.

4.5 Subject to minor revision of the wording to address Mrs Ng's concern to be considered by the HPR Sub-com, the meeting endorsed the revised HPGs.

**Item 5 HEC Symposium – HOPE
Harbourfront-enhancement Out of Public
Engagement (Information Note No. 15/2007)**

5.1 **The Chairman** said the latest progress of the HEC Symposium was reported in the information note. As Dr Alvin Kwok, Convenor of the HOPE Organizing Committee, was out of town, **the Chairman** invited other members of the Organizing Committee to brief Members on the event.

5.2 **Dr Andrew Thomson** said that the event was important to HEC and that attendance of Members would be very much appreciated. He thanked the three Sub-committee Chairmen who had agreed to share their experience in the respective public engagement activities conducted by their Sub-committees. **Mr Jimmy Kwok** said that participation of District Council members would make the event successful.

5.3 **Mrs Mei Ng** said that participation of local university students would be beneficial to them, the HEC and the community. **The Chairman** suggested that posters and leaflets on the event be sent to the student affair units of local universities to encourage their students to take part in the event. He also encouraged Members to participate in it.

(Post-meeting note: e-posters and e-leaflets on the event were sent to the student affair units of local universities to encourage their students to take part in the event.)

Item 6 Any other business

Exchange of letters between HEC Chairman and Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (SHPL) and vote of thanks

6.1 **The Chairman** briefed Members on his letter to the CE and SHPL's reply on behalf of the CE tabled at the meeting.

6.2 Since the meeting was the last one for the current term of HEC, **the Chairman** thanked Members' efforts in providing suggestions for enhancing the harbour-front. He also thanked the government for their support to the HEC and its Sub-committees.

6.3 Mrs Rita Lau said for the past three years, the HEC had applied the ideas of “planning with the people” and “envisioning together” in conducting public engagement activities. It had also provided a platform to promote public engagement and consensus building in the planning process, which had substantially increased public acceptability of planning proposals. Such a public engagement “model” was exemplary and should be applied also to other government policy areas. She would like to express SHPL’s and her heartfelt appreciation to the Chairman and Members for their contribution to the Committee and the community.

6.4 There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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