

Harbour-front Enhancement Committee
Sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II Review

Minutes of Fourteenth Meeting

Date : 28 March 2007
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : Conference Room,
15/F, North Point Government Offices,
333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong

Present

Mr. Leung Kong-yui	Chairman Representing Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong
Mr. Stephen Chan	
Dr. Chan Wai-kwan	
Dr. Greg Wong	Representing Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
Mr. Hardy Lok	Representing Society for Protection of the Harbour Limited
Dr. Alvin Kwok	Representing The Conservancy Association
Dr. Andrew Thomson	Representing Business Environment Council
Ms. Wong Yuet-wah	Principal Assistant Secretary (Planning & Lands)2, Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau
Ms. Sharon Ho	Principal Assistant Secretary (Transport)5, Environment, Transport and Works Bureau
Mr. L T Ma	Project Manager/Hong Kong Island and Islands, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms. Phyllis Li	Chief Town Planner/Special Duties (1), Planning Department
Mr. Bosco Chan	Secretary

In Attendance

Mr. S K Lam	Chief Engineer/Hong Kong (2), Civil Engineering and Development Department
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Ms. Betty Ho	Representing City Planning Consultants Ltd
Dr. Winnie Law	Representing City Planning Consultants Ltd
Mr. Kelvin Law	Representing City Planning Consultants Ltd
Ms. Flora Lai	Representing City Planning Consultants Ltd
Dr. Sujata S Govada	Representing City Planning Consultants Ltd
Mr. Eric Ma	Representing Maunsell Consultants Asia Ltd

Absent with Apologies

Mr. Patrick Lau

Mr. Charles Nicholas Brooke

Dr. Ng Mee-kam Representing Citizen Envisioning@Harbour
Representatives from Highways Department, Transport Department and
Home Affairs Department

Action

Item 1 Confirmation of minutes of last meeting

1.1 The revised draft minutes of the 13th meeting held on 31 August 2006 were confirmed with no amendments.

Item 2 Matters Arising

2.1 Regarding the Quick-win Project at the ex-Public Cargo Working Area, **the Secretary** reported that Architectural Services Department had taken account of the comments provided by members and finalized the design of the temporary promenade. The temporary promenade was opened to public on 23 March 2007 and an open ceremony was scheduled for 1 April 2007.

Item 3 Endorsement of Draft Report of Realization Stage of HER

3.1 **Dr. Greg Wong** commented that the word “Helipad” shown in Figure 4.1 required clarification as several

helipad proposals such as shared-use basis, purely emergency purpose, 2-pads layout and 4-pads layout had been raised during the course of the public engagement exercise. The report should be clear on which proposal was it referred to. He also pointed out that the readers might be confused by the consultants' recommendation, as stated in paragraph 5.3.2, for not including the helipad expansion proposal submitted by the Hong Kong Regional Heliport Working Group (RHWG) in the draft Recommended Outline Development Plan (RODP) while results of the view collection forms indicated that 49% of the respondents supported the "Helipad".

3.2 **Ms. Betty Ho** explained that the terms used in the view collection forms were the same as those in the Concept Plan as shown in the public engagement digest and technically, they should be used in the report. The topic of helipad was also discussed at the community workshops and town hall meeting which was reported in paragraph 3.3.16 of the report. Having considered all views collected, the consultants made their recommendation in paragraph 5.3.2.

3.3 **Mr. L T Ma** said that some of the view collection forms were distributed at the roving exhibitions where a physical model was displayed. Thus, the public should be clear that the proposed helipad was the one intended for shared-use by government and the domestic commercial operators but with priority given to the government emergency services.

3.4 **The Chairman** said that RHWG had carried out a survey which allegedly supported the helipad expansion proposal. However, as this information was received lately, it would be considered in the next stage of HER. He said that if there was concern on the clarity of the word "Helipad", some improvement was preferred.

3.5 After discussion, **the meeting** agreed to the following amendments:

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- Add “(as shown on the Concept Plan)” after the words “The proposed helipad” in the last sentence of paragraph 4.2.1;
- Add “It received 49% support in the view collection forms. There was a submission requesting for expanding the proposed helipad into a 4-pad.” after the second sentence of paragraph 5.3.2; and
- Amend the third sentence of paragraph 5.3.2 to read “The consultants considered that further expanding the helipad”.

3.6 Referring to Figures 3.1 and 3.2, **Dr. Andrew Thomson** commented that it might not be appropriate to include “professionals” in the category of “public” as there was another category for “NGO and professional groups”. **Ms. Flora Lai** responded that there were some attendees who indicated that they were qualified professionals but were not representing any professional bodies. They were grouped under the category of “public” and thus it was mentioned that the category of “public” included some professionals. **Mr. L T Ma** said that those professionals not representing any professional bodies could be construed as attending as members of the public.

3.7 **The Chairman** suggested deleting the words “including citizens, students and professionals” in the last sentence of paragraph 3.2.1 and the first footnote of Figure 3.2. **The meeting** agreed. City Planning

3.8 **Dr. Greg Wong** pointed out and **the meeting** agreed to the following amendments to the names of the professional bodies shown on the second footnote in Figure 3.2: City Planning

- (a) “New Century” should read “New Century Forum”; and
- (b) “The Institute of Civil Engineers Hong Kong Office Online” should read “The Institution of Civil Engineers Hong Kong Office Online”.

- 3.9 As all the comments on the Draft Report were minor comments, **the Chairman** suggested and **the meeting** agreed to endorse the Realization Stage Public Engagement Report with the above-mentioned amendments.

[Post-meeting note: the endorsed version of the report of the Realization Stage with the agreed amendments incorporated was circulated to all Sub-committee members by e-mail on 28 March 2007.]

- 3.10 Regarding the cover of the Draft Report, **Dr. Andrew Thomson** said that the main headline, in the top part of the page, should be “Realization Stage Public Engagement Report” instead of “Main Report”. City Planning

- 3.11 In response to **Ms. Wong Yuet-wah**, the **Secretary** said that the Chinese version of the Main Report was being prepared by City Planning and the cover to it would be in Chinese. As for the Annex Volume, the content would be in the language of the materials prepared or submissions received. The cover to the Annex Volume would be bilingual.

- 3.12 In response to **Mr. Hardy Lok**'s question on why the water channel underneath the Atrium Link of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre was not shown in the photomontage of the cover, **the Chairman** said that the water channel would have to be reclaimed and that point was very clear in the Concept Plan.

- 3.13 In response to **the Chairman**, **the meeting** agreed on the design of the cover should be revised as per the suggestion of Dr. Andrew Thomson's. City Planning

[Post-meeting note: the revised design of the covers was circulated to all Sub-committee members by e-mail on 2 April 2007. No comments were received. The Chairman endorsed the revised design on 19 April 2007. The Chairman also endorsed printing and uploading the report onto the HEC website. The Sub-committee

members were informed by e-mail on that day.]

3.14 **Dr. Chan Wai-kwan** suggested adding either a short paper or the like to the Report in order to put the Report in context of the whole HER process. **Mr. L T Ma** suggested elaborating more on the HER process and the targets that were achieved.

3.15 **Dr. Andrew Thomson** proposed providing an executive summary or a foreword to the Report with information on hyperlinks to those relevant reports. **The meeting** agreed. **The Chairman** requested the consultants to have the draft Foreword ready by 30 March 2007.

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[Post-meeting note: the draft Foreword was circulated to all Sub-committee members by e-mail on 3 April 2007. Apart from one minor typographic mistake, no comments were received. The Chairman endorsed the Foreword on 19 April 2007. The Chairman also endorsed printing and uploading the report onto the HEC website. The Sub-committee members were informed by e-mail on that day.]

3.16 **Ms. Phyllis Li** suggested putting the Concept Plan in the Annex Volume for easy reference. **The Chairman** suggested putting it in Chapter one as the Concept Plan was first referred to in paragraph 1.5.1. **The meeting** agreed.

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Item 4 Any Other Business

4.1 In response to **the Chairman's** enquiry on the next step for the HER project, **Mr. L T Ma** said that the consultants had started to prepare the draft RODP and the report on "cogent and convincing materials" (CCM) report for demonstrating compliance with the "overriding public need test". It was targeted to brief the Sub-committee members through an Expanded HER Task Force meeting on the RODP and the CCM report on 3 April 2007. He also said that arrangement was being made to brief Town Planning Board

on the outcome of the Realization Stage of HER, the RODP and the CCM report after briefing the Expanded HER Task Force.

4.2 **Dr. Chan Wai-kwan** opined that as the HER Sub-committee was not a public body, there was no need for the Sub-committee to consider the CCM report. He also said that the Sub-committee should focus on the timetable of the delivery of harbour-front enhancement projects. **The Chairman** supported the opinion of Dr. Chan and added that the Sub-committee should also focus on the timetable of taking away existing facilities for the developments of the WDII and Central-Wan Chai Bypass projects.

4.3 In response, **Mr. L T Ma** said that the timetable of the harbour-front enhancement projects would involve input from various Government departments and work in that respect was in hand, however, it would be pre-mature to brief the members on that aspect on 3 April 2007. He assured that a timetable would be prepared in due course.

4.4 **Dr. Andrew Thomson** remarked that continued public engagement was important. **The Chairman** requested City Planning to prepare the work plan for the Detailed Planning Stage as soon as possible.

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4.5 There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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