Harbourfront Commission – Status Report

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Terms of Reference

Harbourfront Commission (HC) will:

- Champion the harbour and its harbourfront
- Co-ordinate and monitor planning, urban design, development and management of harbourfront
- Investigate and recommend a range of Public Private Collaboration models appropriate to different types of programmes and projects on and around the harbour

Modus Operandi

- HC comprises 28 official and non-official members with Secretary for Development as Vice Chair
- 3 Task Forces Hong Kong, Kai Tak and the rest of Kowloon
- Possible fourth Task Force on Land/Water Interface
- Harbour Unit acts as Secretariat

Activities since inception (mid-2010)

4 Commission meetings
12 Total Task Force meetings
11 visits to Action Areas and specific projects
47 presentations received

Activities since inception (mid-2010)

11 visits to Action Areas and specific projects:

- Western Wholesale Food Market
- New Central Harbourfront
- Hoi Yu Street Waterfront
- Temporary Treatment Works, Shipyards & Fish Market at Tam Kung Temple Road
- Kai Tai Development

- > Tsing Yi Promenade
- West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade
- Initial Development of Hung Hom Waterfront
- Hoi Sham Park
- Kwun Tong Promenade Stage 1
- Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market

My personal experience to date

HC has progressed from crawling to walking but not yet running

- Need to fly both high and low
- Need to move from damage limitation to value creation

Commission - "flying high"

- Creation of strategic plan for the whole harbour providing vision and context against which individual projects can be assessed
- Much work initiated and done by PlanD but not on an integrated basis
- Need to collate PlanD proposals with other, private sector, ideas and indentify and promote optimum, holistic solution

Land Use Framework



"flying high"

- Recognise interdependence of land/water uses and understand water dependent/related priorities
- Foster essential commercial and leisure/ recreational uses within the harbour
- Draft design guidelines for key waterfront sites
- Agree approach to light pollution, signage and advertising along the waterfront

Task Forces – "flying low"

- Examine and critique all government initiatives which impact on the harbourfront
- Review any harbourfront private sector submissions prior to consideration by the TPB and provide views to the Board
- Receive proposals from interested bodies and the private sector for harbour enhancement
- Rationalise incompatible, non-water essential uses

Western Wholesale Food Market



Ventilation Shafts - CWB



Piers 4-6



Central – Advance Promenade



Sites 4 and 7



Island East





Possible Elevated Walkway "Sky Trail"

Lei Yue Mun



Yau Tong Bay



Runway Park, Kai Tak



Master Landscape Plan

Hung Hom Promenade



Changing Uses in the Harbour



What I would like to see happen

- Completion of strategic plan by end 2011
- Establishment of fourth Task Force on Land/Water Interface
- Getting to grips with Hong Kong PPC model
- Review of resourcing of Commission
- Introduction of performance scorecard for HC
- Promotion of temporary access to the harbourfront during project construction

But what would you like to see?



Thank you

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