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Panel on Home Affairs

Subcommittee on Heritage Conservation

**Minutes of meeting
held on Monday, 18 June 2007, at 10:45 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP (Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP
Hon TAM Heung-man
- Member attending** : Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
- Members absent** : Hon Timonthy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH, JP
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Joanne MAK
Senior Council Secretary (2)2
- Staff in attendance** : Miss Vivien POON
Council Secretary (2)3

Ms Anna CHEUNG
Legislative Assistant (2)2

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I. Election of Chairman

Miss CHOY So-yuk was elected as Chairman of the Subcommittee for the session 2006-2007.

II. Work plan of the Subcommittee

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)2178/06-07(01) and (02)]

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

3. Members agreed that there was no need to revise the terms of reference of the Subcommittee, and priority would be given in its study to the redevelopment or preservation projects involving heritage building/sites which were on the verge of demolition. Members further agreed that the Subcommittee would first discuss conservation issues relating to the following heritage buildings/sites -

- (a) the Queen's Pier;
- (b) Nga Tsin Wai Village; and
- (c) Wan Chai Market, the market area at Tai Yuen Street and Cross Street.

Arrangements for the next meeting

4. As the Stage 1 Public Engagement of the Central Reclamation Urban Design Study would end on 30 June 2007, the Subcommittee agreed to schedule a meeting before the end of June to discuss the preservation of the Queen's Pier with the Administration. The Subcommittee agreed that the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (SHPL) should be invited to attend the meeting to provide information on the preservation and storage works of the Queen's Pier including the timeframe of dismantling the Pier and storage measures, and the Administration's initial views on the option of in-situ reprovisioning of the Queen's Pier.

5. Apart from SHPL, the Subcommittee agreed to also invite representatives of professional works departments, the Home Affairs Bureau and the Antiquities Advisory Board to attend the next meeting.

6. The Subcommittee also agreed to invite the four professional bodies, namely, the Association of Engineering Professionals in Society Limited, the Conservancy Association (CA), the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and the

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Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE), to submit further views, if any, on the preservation of the Queen's Pier for reference of members.

(Post-meeting note: CA and HKIE had subsequently responded that they had no further views to provide to the Subcommittee. Instead, they had provided their submissions previously made to the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works for reference of the Subcommittee. The submissions were issued to members on 29 June 2007 vide LC Paper No.CB(2)2333/06-07(01) to (04).)

Meeting to be held in July

7. The Subcommittee agreed to schedule another meeting for July to discuss conservation issues relating to Nga Tsin Wai Village as well as Wan Chai Market, the market area at Tai Yuen Street and Cross Street.

Clerk 8. At the request of Ms Emily LAU, the Clerk would prepare background briefs setting out major issues of public concern regarding the heritage buildings/sites referred to in paragraph 3 above.

III. Any other business

Applications for late membership

9. The applications of Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong and Mr James TO for late membership were accepted without objection.

(Post-meeting note: Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong wrote to the Chairman on 18 June 2007 informing her of his intention to withdraw membership from the Subcommittee. At the meeting on 26 June 2007, the Chairman informed members of Mr CHEUNG's withdrawal of membership.)

Date of next meeting

Clerk 10. The Clerk would propose timeslots for the next meeting by circulation of paper for members' consideration.

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:10 am.

**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Subcommittee on Heritage Conservation
on Monday, 18 June 2007, at 10:45 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject	Action required
000000 - 000519	Mr LAU Wong-fat Ms Emily LAU Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Miss CHAN Yuen-han Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming Clerk	<p><u>Election of Chairman</u></p> <p><u>Application for late membership</u></p> <p>Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong applied for late membership of the Subcommittee.</p>	
000520 - 001206	Chairman Ms Emily LAU Miss CHAN Yuen Han Dr Fernando CHEUNG Mr James TO	<p><u>Discussion on the work plan of the Subcommittee</u></p> <p>[List of specific buildings/streets/areas proposed to be preserved in Appendix II to LC Paper No. CB(2)2178/06-07(01)]</p> <p>The Chairman recapitulated relevant discussion of the Panel on Home Affairs as follows -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Subcommittee should review the planning for redevelopment or preservation projects relating to unique heritage sites and buildings which were on the verge of demolition, such as Nga Tsin Wai Village, Former Police Married Quarters at Hollywood Road, Sai Yee Street, Wan Chai Market, Cross Street, Dragon Garden and Mei Ho House; and - there were views that the Administration should expand the scope of statutory protection from individual buildings to "streets" and "areas" through creation of "conservation areas/zones". 	

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		<p>Concerns raised by Ms Emily LAU -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Subcommittee should give priority to discussing the conservation of heritage sites and buildings which would soon be demolished; and - whether there was any plan to demolish the Old Mental Hospital in High Street and if so, whether it should be included for discussion by the Subcommittee. <p>Suggestions and concern raised by Miss CHAN Yuen-han -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wan Chai Market, the market area at Tai Yuen Street and Cross Street, Lee Tung Street, and Nga Tsin Wai Village should be discussed first as they were on the verge of demolition; and - Temple Street and its vicinity might soon be covered within urban redevelopment projects. <p>Dr Fernando CHEUNG's suggestion that the Subcommittee should discuss both the overall policy on built heritage conservation and individual projects.</p> <p>The Chairman and Mr James TO considered that, based on the decision of the Panel, the Subcommittee should discuss individual projects whereas the Panel would discuss relevant policy issues.</p> <p>Mr James TO's view that there was urgency for the Subcommittee to discuss the preservation of the Queen's Pier first, and the Administration should provide information on the timeframe of dismantling the Pier and measures to ensure proper storage of the Pier components.</p>	
001207 - 001242	Miss TAM Heung-man	Miss TAM Heung-man's view that the Star Ferry Pier, the Queen's Pier and City Hall formed a collective heritage entity which should be considered as an integrated whole.	

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001243 - 001434	Miss CHAN Yuen-han	<p>Suggestions raised by Miss CHAN Yuen-han -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - as the Stage 1 Public Engagement of the Central Reclamation Urban Design Study would end on 30 June 2007, the Subcommittee should meet before the closing date to discuss the preservation of the Queen's Pier so that members' views could be included as views received during the Stage 1 public consultation; and - the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (SHPL) should attend the next meeting to explain in person the Administration's initial views on the option of in-situ reprovisioning of the Queen's Pier. Representatives of professional works departments should also be invited to attend. 	<p>Clerk to invite SHPL and representatives of professional works departments to attend the next meeting (para. 4 & 5 of the minutes)</p>
001435 - 001635	Chairman Miss CHAN Yuen-han Miss TAM Heung-man	<p>The Chairman's summing up of members' views on the priorities of heritage buildings/sites to be discussed by the Subcommittee as follows -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the Queen's Pier; 2) Nga Tsin Wai Village; and 3) Wan Chai Market, the market area at Tai Yuen Street and Cross Street. 	
001636 - 001842	Mr James TO Chairman Miss CHAN Yuen-han	<p>Mr James TO's view that the Subcommittee should first discuss with the Administration the implementation details for the preservation, storage and reassembly of the Queen's Pier. The Subcommittee might consider about meeting with deputations later.</p> <p>The Chairman's suggestion that the four professional bodies, namely, the Association of Engineering Professionals in Society Limited, the Conservancy Association, the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, which had previously expressed views on the four proposals for preserving the Queen's Pier should be invited to submit further views, if any, in writing for reference of the Subcommittee.</p>	<p>Clerk to invite views from four professional bodies (para. 6 of the minutes)</p>

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001843 - 001950	Mr Daniel LAM Chairman Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Mr Daniel LAM's view that, given that the new Development Bureau was going to take up the policy responsibility of development-related heritage conservation with effect from 1 July 2007, it might be more appropriate to defer the next meeting to a date after 1 July. The Chairman's view that the Subcommittee should discuss the preservation of the Queen's Pier before the deadline of the Stage 1 Public Engagement.	
001951- 002114	Chairman Mr James TO	Mr James TO's suggestion that representatives of the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) should also be invited to the next meeting to join the discussion. Mr James TO applied for late membership of the Subcommittee.	Clerk to invite representatives of AAB to the next meeting (para. 5 of the minutes)
002115 - 002338	Chairman Miss CHAN Yuen-han Mr James TO	Miss CHAN Yuen-han's suggestion that another meeting should be scheduled for July 2007 to discuss Nga Tsin Wai Village, Wan Chai Market, the market area at Tai Yuen Street and Cross Street. Mr James TO's view that it would not be necessary to invite deputations to present their views at each and every meeting of the Subcommittee, as interested parties would invariably submit their views to the Subcommittee in the course of its deliberations.	
002339 - 002349	Ms Emily LAU Chairman	Ms Emily LAU's suggestion that the Clerk should prepare background briefs setting out major issues of public concern regarding the above heritage buildings/sites to be discussed by the Subcommittee.	Clerk to prepare background briefs (para. 8 of the minutes)
002350 - 002500	Chairman	Date of the next meeting	Clerk to propose date of the next meeting (para. 9 of the minutes)