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Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

**Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the
Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site)**

**Minutes of first meeting on
Friday, 13 January 2006, at 2:00 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
- Member attending** : Hon TAM Heung-man
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Anita SIT
Senior Council Secretary (1)9
- Staff in attendance** : Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1
- Mr WONG Siu-yee
Senior Council Secretary (1)7

Ms Christina SHIU
Legislative Assistant (1)7

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I Election of Chairman

Ir Dr Raymond HO, the member who had the highest precedence among members of the Subcommittee, presided over the election of Chairman and invited nominations. Dr KWOK Ka-ki was nominated by Mr LEE Wing-tat and the nomination was seconded by Mr Albert CHAN. Dr KWOK Ka-ki accepted the nomination. Mr LAU Wong-fat was nominated by Mr Patrick LAU and the nomination was seconded by Mr Daniel LAM. Mr LAU Wong-fat accepted the nomination. As there were two nominations, members cast their vote on the nominations by secret ballot. Dr KWOK Ka-ki received four votes and Mr LAU Wong-fat received nine votes. Mr LAU Wong-fat was declared Chairman of the Subcommittee. Mr LAU then took over the chair.

2. Members discussed whether there was a need for electing a Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee. Mr Albert CHAN supported the election of a Deputy Chairman. He considered that the arrangement would be conducive to the work of the Subcommittee, which might be quite heavy involving meetings with deputations to exchange views. Besides, the arrangement would not have any negative impact on the work of the Subcommittee. Mr LEE Wing-tat also supported the election of a Deputy Chairman. He said that the Subcommittee might have to hold some eight to 10 meetings in order to allow thorough discussions with deputations and the Administration. The Subcommittee should carry out its work with due diligence. Mr Daniel LAM considered that there was no need to elect a Deputy Chairman because the Subcommittee was not a standing subcommittee and the relevant issues could be referred back to the Panel in the future if necessary. Mr Abraham SHEK also queried the need to elect a Deputy Chairman. He considered that the number of meetings of the Subcommittee would have to be decided according to the actual need and the relevant issues could be discussed at future Panel meetings.

3. As members' views were diverse, the Chairman put the question to vote. Except for the Chairman who did not exercise his voting right, of the members present, five members voted for and seven members voted against the election of a Deputy Chairman. The Chairman declared that in accordance with the voting result, the Subcommittee would not elect a Deputy Chairman. Mr Albert CHAN requested to put on record his regret, anger and dissatisfaction towards the decision.

II Any other business

4. Mr Albert HO applied for late membership and explained that due to communication problem with his staff, his intention to join the Subcommittee had not been duly conveyed to the Legislative Council Secretariat. Members agreed that

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Mr HO's application for late membership be accepted.

5. Referring to the Administration's response to major issues raised by deputations at the special meeting of the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works on 17 December 2005 (LC Paper No. CB(1)702/05-06(01)), Dr KWOK Ka-ki commented that the response provided by the Administration was unacceptable because it was too brief and repetitive, without adequately addressing the concerns and queries raised by the deputations. He suggested that the Administration should be requested to provide a detailed written response to the views expressed by deputations and members and the views of other interested parties raised in their submissions to the Panel. The Subcommittee should convene a meeting shortly and apart from the Administration, deputations should also be invited to attend the meeting. He hoped that the Subcommittee could, after thorough deliberation, arrive at a consensus on relevant issues, especially the Tamar development project. Thereafter the matters should be referred back to the Panel for decision.

6. Mr LEE Wing-tat pointed out that some members had reservations on or even objections to the current planning for the Central waterfront and the Tamar site. The Administration should explain its position to the public. He agreed that the Administration should provide a satisfactory written response to the views on the relevant issues to facilitate the Subcommittee's deliberation.

7. Miss CHOY So-yuk commented that the Administration's response was not detailed enough and members could not make an informed decision based on such brief information. The Administration should be invited to a meeting of the Subcommittee to discuss the relevant issues in detail.

8. Ir Dr Raymond HO suggested that the Administration should provide more layout plans and drawings to facilitate members' understanding of the Administration's current thinking about the future design of the Central waterfront and that of the Tamar development project.

9. Members agreed that the next meeting of the Subcommittee would be held on Thursday, 9 February 2006 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm to meet with the Administration and deputations.

10. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:30 pm.

11. The index of proceedings of the meeting is at the **Appendix**.

**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Subcommittee to Review the Planning for
the Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site)
on Friday, 13 January 2006, at 2:00 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
000000 – 000959	Ir Dr Raymond HO Mr LEE Wing-tat Mr Patrick LAU Mr LAU Wong-fat	Election of Chairman	
001000 - 001619	Chairman Mr Abraham SHEK Mr Albert CHAN Mr LAM Wai-keung Mr LEE Wing-tat	Need or otherwise for electing a Deputy Chairman	
001620 – 002124	Chairman Dr KWOK Ka-ki Mr LEE Wing-tat Clerk Miss CHOY So-yuk	Way forward for Subcommittee's work	
002125 – 002336	Mr Albert HO Chairman Clerk Miss CHOY So-yuk	Application for late membership	
002337 - 002630	Chairman Dr KWOK Ka-ki Mr Abraham SHEK Ir Dr Raymond HO Mr Albert HO	Information to be provided by the Administration and date of next meeting	