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Panel on Development

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 11 October 2007, at 5:00 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yea, GBS, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, SBS, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP
- Members absent** : Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Anita SIT
Chief Council Secretary (1)4

Staff in attendance : Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mr WONG Siu-yee
Senior Council Secretary (1)7

Ms Guy YIP
Council Secretary (1)1

Ms Christina SHIU
Legislative Assistant (1)7

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr LAU Wong-fat, Chairman of the Panel in office, invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Mr Abraham SHEK nominated Mr LAU Wong-fat and the nomination was seconded by Ir Dr Raymond HO and Mr CHAN Kam-lam. Mr LAU Wong-fat accepted the nomination. As Mr LAU Wong-fat was being nominated for the chairmanship, Prof Patrick LAU, Deputy Chairman of the Panel in office, took over the chair and presided over the election of Chairman.

3. Prof Patrick LAU invited further nominations for the chairmanship. There being no other nomination, Mr LAU Wong-fat was declared Chairman of the Panel. Mr LAU Wong-fat then took over the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. Mr LAU Wong-fat invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship.

5. Ir Dr Raymond HO nominated Prof Patrick LAU and the nomination was seconded by Mr Albert HO, Mr CHAN Kam-lam, Dr Philip WONG and Mr Albert CHAN. Prof Patrick LAU accepted the nomination.

6. There being no other nomination, Prof Patrick LAU was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2007-2008 session

7. The Panel's proposed schedule of regular meetings was tabled at the meeting.

8. Members agreed that the monthly regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm except for the fourth Tuesday of December 2007 which was a public holiday. The regular meeting in December 2007 would be scheduled for Tuesday, 18 December 2007, at 4:30 pm.

(Post-meeting note: The confirmed meeting schedule was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)17/07-08 on 12 October 2007.)

III. Discussion items for next meeting

- (Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(1)9/07-08 - List of outstanding items for discussion
Appendix VI to LC Paper No. CB(1)9/07-08 - List of follow-up actions)

9. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 23 October 2007, at 2:30 pm --

- (a) Proposal to increase the financial ceiling of delegated authority for Category D items;
- (b) Report and analysis of Capital Works Programme expenditure; and
- (c) Land administration and building control issues in relation to short-term tenancies.

10. As regards item (c) above which was proposed by Mr LEE Wing-tat, Mr Daniel LAM said that the crux was for the Administration to adopt measures to rationalize the administration of short-term tenancies, and suggested that the Panel should also discuss this matter.

11. Mr CHAN Kam-lam suggested that the Panel should follow up the Administration's proposal of facilitating private redevelopment by lowering the compulsory land sale application threshold for specified classes of lots, and the Administration should indicate the timing when it would be ready to brief the Panel on the progress. He also suggested that the Panel should follow up the subject of Small House Policy.

12. Mr Abraham SHEK said that the Public Accounts Committee had written to the Administration on the Small House policy and information on the progress of the subject had been provided in the Chief Secretary for Administration's reply to the Public Accounts Committee.

13. Mr Albert CHAN suggested that the Panel should consider setting up a subcommittee to study issues relating to urban renewal. Members agreed that Mr CHAN's suggestion would be considered at the regular meeting scheduled for 23 October 2007.

14. Members noted that a special meeting had been scheduled for Monday, 15 October 2007, from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm to receive a briefing by the Secretary for Development on the policy initiatives under her portfolio for 2007-2008.

IV. Any other business

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

15. The Chairman solicited members' views on whether it was necessary for the Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site) to continue with its work. Mr Albert CHAN doubted whether there was such a need because the planning for the relevant area was already near completion. The Clerk said that the Administration had indicated its intention to brief the Subcommittee on the Urban Design Study for the New Central Harbourfront again in January 2008. Miss CHOY So-yuk said that she was inclined to the view that there was no need for the Subcommittee to continue with its work, and the monitoring of the planning for the Central harbourfront could be taken up by the Panel. Members agreed that the Panel would consider at the regular meeting scheduled for 23 October 2007 the way forward for the Subcommittee.

16. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:15 pm.