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Progress Report of the 19th Meeting
District Works and Facilities Management Committee
3rd Wan Chai District Council

The District Works and Facilities Management Committee (DWFMC) held its 19th meeting on 7 December 2010 and discussed the following issues:

1. Flood Storage Project at Happy Valley

Representative of Drainage Services Department briefed the Committee on the project content. After discussion, the Committee showed their concern about the environmental impact during construction and the traffic impact that might arise. They also wished the department to provide detailed traffic impact assessment report, proposed temporary traffic management measures and information on the effectiveness of alleviating floodings in Wan Chai District on completion of the project. The urged the department to submit the information to the WCDC for discussion at the 20th Meeting on 18 January 2011.

2. Progress Report of the Study on Garden Facilities and its Utilization in Wan Chai District

The Committee at the 16th Meeting on 8 June 2010 approved co-organizing the Study on Garden Facilities and its Utilization in Wan Chai District with Methodist Centre to examine the existing garden facilities in Wan Chai District and to explore if there is any room for improvement so as to lift up the utilization rate of the gardens and sitting-out spaces in the district. Through this open study, it was also expected to enhance public's awareness of the district garden facilities for better promote the utilization of the relevant facilities. Following the latest report by the representative of University of Hong Kong, the Committee expressed their views on the highlights of the report and reminded the institute and organizer to complete the report by 31 January 2011 as scheduled and to hold a press release in February.

3. Matters Arising

Proposed District Minor Works

Erecting Obstruction Objects under a section beneath the Flyover in Gloucester Road (outside Marco Polo Mansion)

Works Section of Home Affairs Department (HAD) briefed the Committee on the latest proposed design option. After discussion, the Committee approved revising the funds to \$460,000 and agreed using the suggested material for enclosure at the said location and erect the obstruction objects. However, they suggested moderately revising the design of artificial railings and urged the Works Section to submit the further revised design to the Committee for scrutiny so as to commence the works as soon as possible. (The further revised design had been approved by the Committee vide circulation paper after this meeting)

4. Progress Report of District Works Project

The Committee noted the progress report, with highlights as follows:

(I) Provision of Wan Chai District Activities Centre on the Lower Ground Floor at New Wan Chai Market

Consultancy firm had completed the vetting of tender applications and submitted the tender vetting report to Wan Chai District Office (WCDO) for scrutiny. Tender invitation process was expected to complete in December.

(II) Beautification Project of the Public Place under Canal Road Flyover

Contractor of Wan Chai District Office (WCDO) had completed the floor tile repaving works at Canal Road East and Canal Road West. They had re-opened the whole Canal Road East and part of the Canal Road West to the public. Meanwhile, contractor had also completed the installation of decorative railings and decorative walls. The installation of decorative aluminium plaques of the 24 solar terms on the pillars of the Flyover was also completed.

The consultancy firm added that Highways Department was now dealing with the application for extending the floor tile re-pavement area while the removal and re-provisioning of two metre rooms and the works of beautifying the external wall of the store room by decorative aluminium plaques were also underway and expected to be completed in late January or

early February 2011. In the meantime, location of the seatings at Canal Road West had also been revised.

The consultancy firm showed to the Committee the stainless steel plaque design which featured the literal remarks of the “24 Solar Terms” and the “Beat the Paper Villains”. After discussion, the Committee advised on the Chinese and English remarks and wording design of the two items. They suggested deleting the literal remarks of “Beat the Paper Villains” to allow a more thorough explanation of the “24 Solar Terms”. They urged the consultancy firm to provide the Committee as soon as possible a further revised design for scrutiny purpose and to complete the works the soonest. (The further revised design had been approved by the Committee vide circulation paper after this meeting.)

Meanwhile, to cope with the completion of the beautification project of the public place under Canal Road Flyover, Leisure and Cultural Services Department would stage a display board exhibition on “24 Solar Terms” at Lockhart Road Public Library and Wong Nai Chung Public Library from February to May 2011. Each month during the 4 months’ exhibition, the display boards would introduce, in chronological order, the 6 solar terms respectively in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter, helping the public to note the beautification project of the public place under Canal Road Flyover and also to enhance their understanding and interests in the Chinese traditional culture. The Committee also agreed in principle the staging of a commissioning ceremony at the said location to celebrate the completion of the works.

(III) Installation of a Temporary Display Board under the Footbridge across O'Brien Road

Representative of WCDO reported to the Committee the latest progress of the works. The said that the detailed works design and funding application of \$100,000 had been approved by the Committee vide circulation paper. The Works Section of HAD was now staging the tender invitation and the works was expected to complete in about 3 months time (including tender process).

5. Position of District Minor Works Funds

The Committee had already committed a works budget of \$27,303,000 which did not include the grant approved at this meeting.

Wan Chai District Council Secretariat

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