

**The 5th Meeting of
the Culture, Recreation and District Facilities Management Committee (CRDFMC) of
the Kowloon City District Council (KCDC)**

Date: 22 October 2020 (Thursday)
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Kowloon City District Office

Present:

Chairman: Miss CHAU Hei-man
Vice-chairman: Mr KWOK Tin-lap
Members: Mr WONG Wing-kit
Mr LAI Kwong-wai
Mr PUN Kwok-wah, JP
Mr LEE Hin-long
Mr LAM Tak-shing
Mr YUM Kwok-tung, Pius
Mr FUNG Man-tao, Joshua
Miss MAK Sui-ki, Jakki
Mr SIU Leong-sing
Mr HE Huahan (Left at 3:23 p.m.)
Mr TSANG Kin-chiu
Mr YEUNG Chun-yu
The Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry, SBS, (Left at 3:20 p.m.)
JP
Dr KWAN Ka-lun (Arrived at 2:35 p.m.)
Mr HO Hin-ming, BBS, MH
Mr CHEUNG King-fan (Arrived at 2:37 p.m.)
Dr KWONG Po-yin (Arrived at 2:35 p.m.)

Secretary: Miss WONG Wun-ling, Executive Officer (District Council)
Tina 3, Kowloon City District Office

Absent: Ms LEUNG Yuen-ting
Mr MA Hei-pang
Mr NG Po-keung, MH

Mr CHO Wui-hung, MH
Mr YANG Wing-kit

<u>In Attendance:</u>	Miss LIU Suk-fun, Connie	Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison) 2, Kowloon City District Office
	Ms KWOK Lai-kuen, Eva	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Kowloon City District Office
	Mr LI Chi-him, Samson	Executive Officer I (District Management), Kowloon City District Office
	Ms CHEUNG Wai-ying, Olivia	Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
	Ms TONG Tak-yan, Amy	District Leisure Manager (Kowloon City), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
	Ms POON Siu-la	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kowloon City, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
	Mr WONG Chung-nam	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Kowloon City) 2
	Ms HO Wing-sze, Marianna	Senior Manager (Kowloon West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
	Ms CHAN Pik-mei, Meimei	Manager (Kowloon West), Marketing, Programme & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
	Mr LO Hing-kwan	Senior Librarian (Kowloon City), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
	Mr U Wing-biu, Wilbur	Librarian (Kowloon Public Library) Lending, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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The Chairman of the Culture, Recreation and District Facilities Management Committee (CRDFMC) welcomed Members, representatives of government departments and organisations to the meeting. Before proceeding to the discussion of agenda items, **the Chairman** reminded Members that if the matters to be discussed gave rise to conflict of interests with their property rights, profession or investment, they should make a declaration prior to the discussion so that she would consider if it was necessary to ask the members concerned to exit from the meeting during the discussion or voting. In addition, **the Chairman** stated that if during the meeting, the number of attending members was less than 12, she would declare the

adjournment of the meeting in accordance with the Standing Orders. Finally, she reminded attendants at the meeting to switch off the alarm function of their mobile phone or switch it to vibration mode and remained quiet during the meeting (apart from making speeches).

Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

2. There being no amendments proposed, **the Committee** confirmed the minutes of the 4th meeting unanimously.

Matters Arising

Concern over and Report on the Overall Progress of the Development of Urban Park at Hung Hom Waterfront (Paper No. 28/20)

3. The Development Bureau (DEVB) did not send staff to attend the meeting. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply from DEVB, Document No. 9 tabled.

4. **The Chairman** expressed regrets that DEVB's staff were absent from meetings many times and Members could not exchange ideas about and raise questions on the subject matter.

District Minor Works Projects

Minor Improvement Works for the Recreation Areas under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2020-21 (Paper No. 40/20)

5. **Ms POON Siu-la, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kowloon City of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)**, presented the Paper.

6. After discussion, **the Committee** endorsed the suggestions and funding for the following district minor works project:

<u>Name of Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
(1) Renovation of Men's and Ladies' Toilets and Changing Rooms at To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground	\$3,200,000

7. **The Chairman** stated that the abovementioned funding application had to be submitted to KCDC for endorsement in order to obtain formal approval.

8. **The Chairman** reminded Members to note the progress of the eight funded district minor work projects led by LCSD in Appendix II and the report on the expenditure of various projects.

Discussion Items

Further Request for Upgrading the Drainage Design of the Pavilion at Kau Pui Lung Road Playground (Paper No. 41/20)

9. Paper No. 41/20 was submitted by Mr YANG Wing-kit. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply from LCSD, Document No. 1 tabled.

10. Since Mr YANG Wing-kit was absent from the meeting, **Mr LAM Tak-shing** introduced Paper No. 41/20 on his behalf.

11. **Ms Amy TONG, District Leisure Manager (Kowloon City) of LCSD**, responded that the Department had conducted site inspections with Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) to follow up and rectify the problem of stagnant water on the ground at the pavilion. ArchSD suggested elevating the ground level of the pavilion to speed up drainage. The improvement works including the resurfacing of the ground and the replacement of floor tiles would commence in November and were expected to be completed in December.

Request for an Account of the Anti-mosquito and Anti-epidemic Measures at the Parks in Ho Man Tin District (Paper No. 42/20)

12. Paper No. 42/20 was submitted by Mr Joshua FUNG, Mr SIU Leong-sing, Mr WONG Wing-kit and Miss Jakki MAK. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply from LCSD, Document No. 2 tabled.

13. **Mr Joshua FUNG** introduced Paper No. 42/20.
14. **Ms Amy TONG of LCSD** consolidated her reply as follows:
- (i) the Department was always concerned with the environmental hygiene of the leisure venues under LCSD and conducted mosquito control work regularly. To ensure good environmental hygiene at the venues, the Department would arrange cleansing contractor staff to remove stagnant water, refuse, fallen leaves and decaying vegetation every day. They would also clear silt in sand-traps or surface drainage channels regularly, trim vegetation from time to time, apply larvicidal oil and so on in a bid to reduce the risk of mosquito breeding;
 - (ii) the Department would install mosquito-killing machines at venues in the district where mosquito infestation was serious;
 - (iii) as the types of vegetation grown in each park varied, the requirements for trimming vegetation were different as well. The Department would normally trim vegetation once a month. In addition, the Department had installed mosquito traps in various venues in Ho Man Tin District including Ho Man Tin Hill Road Rest Garden, Pui Ching Road Playground, Man Fuk Road Garden, Pui Ching Road Rest Garden, Sheung Shing Street Park, Princess Margaret Road Children's Playground, Perth Street Sports Ground, Sheung Lok Street Garden (Phase II), Ho Man Tin Park, Chung Yee Street Garden and Carmel Village Street Garden to eliminate mosquitoes and Culicoides;
 - (iv) to further strengthen the anti-mosquito work at the venues, the Department had commissioned a professional service contractor to apply ultra-low volume spraying and residual spraying to kill mosquitoes in the major venues under its management such as parks and playgrounds in Ho Man Tin District every week between May and October. The Department would continue to closely monitor the mosquito infestation in the district and step up mosquito control measures when necessary; and

- (v) in respect of the anti-epidemic measures, apart from arranging cleansing staff to step up cleansing at parks, the Department also put up promotional posters at conspicuous spots at the venues to remind members of the public to wear masks all the time when entering or staying at public places, reduce social contact and maintain social distance. Meanwhile, departmental staff had strengthened inspections at venues to ensure compliance with the relevant requirements by the public. The Department would continue to closely monitor the development of the pandemic and review the above arrangements timely.

15. **Mr Joshua FUNG** raised the following questions: (i) he asked which leisure venues in Ho Man Tin District were placed with mosquito traps, and if the mosquito control measures were adopted at venues with no mosquito traps; (ii) he enquired whether ultra-low volume spraying and residual spraying were applied to kill mosquitoes at the venues listed in the Paper between May and October; and (iii) he asked about the frequency of inspections conducted at venues without on-site staff.

16. **Mr WONG Wing-kit** put forward the following questions: (i) the area from the hexagon pavilion at Ho Man Tin East Service Reservoir Playground to the slope and the vacant site on Fat Kwong Street was full of weeds, stagnant water and rubbish. He had reflected the problem to LCSD in the past, but the Department replied that the area fell outside the purview of LCSD. Thus, he requested for clarifying which department was responsible for managing the area; and (ii) to avoid killing beneficial insects mistakenly, the use of mosquito patches was stopped in some of the leisure venues recently. Thus, he enquired whether the Department had adopted other anti-mosquito methods at these venues.

17. **Miss Jakki MAK** stated that though the Department had put in place a series of anti-mosquito measures at Chung Yee Street Garden, the problem of mosquito infestation was still serious. Some residents were bitten by mosquitoes under the staircase at nearby parks, that is, the area near Chung Hau Street. Thus, he asked whether the Department had taken further measures to step up the anti-mosquito work at Chung Yee Street Garden.

18. **Ms Amy TONG of LCSD's** responses were consolidated as follows:

- (i) mosquito-killing machines would be installed at large venues. Most of the venues mentioned in the Paper were already provided with the machines. Concerning the venues without mosquito-killing machines, the Department would continue to review whether appropriate spots at the venues were found for the installation of the machines;
- (ii) the Department had applied ultra-low volume spraying and residual spraying to kill mosquitoes in all leisure venues in the district between May and October according to a special schedule;
- (iii) the Department would attempt to deploy additional manpower to inspect venues without on-site staff in the district every day. If inspections could not be carried out every day owing to manpower constraints, the Department would still strengthen the inspection work as far as possible. Regarding venues with on-site staff, inspections would be conducted at a higher frequency;
- (iv) some of the lands connecting with leisure venues might fall outside the purview of the Department. LCSD would refer the case to the relevant departments for follow-ups after clarifying which department was responsible for the management;
- (v) apart from the solar and LPG mosquito traps, the Department had tried using a new type of mosquito-killing machine named “IN2CARE” at some venues on a trial basis. The machine would lure mosquitoes to lay eggs in pharmaceutical liquid which would stop eggs from hatching and thereby eliminate mosquitoes; and
- (vi) the Department noted the mosquito infestation problem at Chung Hau Street and Chung Yee Street Garden. They would maintain close contact with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to follow up the problem and arrange the cleansing contractor to conduct special cleansing work at the aforesaid venues and other venues in the district where gravid trap index was high.

**Request for an Account of the Anti-epidemic Work at the Facilities under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Kowloon City District
(Paper No. 43/20)**

19. Paper No. 43/20 was submitted by Mr Joshua FUNG, Mr SIU Leong-sing, Mr WONG Wing-kit, Miss Jakki MAK, Mr Pius YUM, Mr MA Hei-pang, Mr LAI Kwong-wai and Mr KWOK Tin-lap. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies from LCSD, Documents No. 3 to 5 tabled.

20. **Mr Joshua FUNG** introduced Paper No. 43/20.

21. **Ms Amy TONG of LCSD's** responses were consolidated as follows:

(i) in view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the Department had reopened its leisure facilities in phases for public use since 29 August 2020. The Department had also adopted precautionary measures and strengthened cleaning measures at reopened outdoor and indoor venues according to the guidelines issued by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP), including:

- thoroughly cleansing all facilities such as railings, handrails, chairs, door handles, lift panels, escalator handrails, service counters and so on in venues with appropriate cleaner at least twice a day. The cleansing frequency would be adjusted according to the visitor flow and the usage of the venues;
- conducting temperature checks for all visitors entering sports centres, sports grounds, public swimming pools and other designated sports venues;
- placing sanitising floor mats at check-in counters and entrances of venues and providing hand sanitisers at appropriate locations;
- placing step-on rubbish bins for disposal of used face masks at conspicuous spots and posting notices to remind the public to dispose of used surgical masks appropriately;
- maintaining good ventilation in lobbies, changing rooms and

corridors at venues and enhancing cleansing and maintenance of air filters and air handling units of the ventilation systems;

- (ii) CHP's promotional posters and banners on prevention of respiratory tract infections, performance of hand hygiene and avoidance of gatherings would be displayed at conspicuous spots, toilets, changing rooms in venues and locations where people most likely gathered. Posters in five languages including Chinese, English, Tagalog, Bahasa Indonesia and Thai would also be put up at outdoor venues where domestic helpers and pedestrians most likely gathered. These aimed to raise public awareness on prevention of respiratory tract infections and remind venue users to avoid group gatherings, etc.;
- (iii) pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F), the Department had posted notices at entrances or conspicuous spots in venues to remind venue users: masks must be worn before and after exercises; activities with the number of participants exceeding the limit prescribed by the law must be conducted in the form of groups and there must be a distance of 1.5 metres between each group; the maximum number of players and referees to be allowed in each playing field during a match should follow the rules and regulations of the respective sports. In order to ensure compliance of the relevant regulations by venue users, the Department would arrange venue staff to carry out inspections and give advice when necessary; and
- (iv) in respect of the provision of personal protective equipment, the Department would provide hand sanitisers at appropriate locations for the use by facility users. They would also offer masks and personal protective equipment to venue staff including security guards, cleansing staff and recreational activity part-time staff.

22. **Ms Amy TONG of LCSD** consolidated her response as follows:

- (i) in view of the latest situation of COVID-19, facilities in Ko Shan Theatre and Ko Shan Theatre New Wing were reopened in phases for

the public to rent since 14 September. Before resumption of operation, the Department had conducted large-scale cleansing work at the venue, including washing of air-conditioning systems and intensive cleaning of facilities such as stage equipment, dressing rooms, auditorium seats, carpets and so on. The Department had also implemented a series of precautionary and cleaning measures according to the guidelines issued by CHP, including:

- cleansing public places in the theatre, such as all kinds of handrails / handles, lobbies, corridors, box office and enquiry counters four times a day;
 - placing sanitising floor mats and covered step-on rubbish bins for disposal of used face masks at the main entrance of the venue;
 - making regular broadcast to remind members of the public to maintain personal hygiene and good health and requiring people to undergo temperature checks, use hand sanitisers and wear their own masks at the entrance of the venue before admission;
 - facilities available for rental in the venue included rehearsal rooms, singing practice rooms, acting practice rooms, function rooms, conference rooms, auditoria and theatres. All basic and stage equipment including microphones, stands for stage props, tables, chairs, music stands and backdrops would be thoroughly cleansed before and after each activity;
- (ii) pursuant to the Regulation (Cap. 599F), a special seating arrangement would be implemented in theatres and auditoria. The number of audience members would be limited to half of the original capacity. Consecutive seats would be limited to four and seats would be evenly distributed. For activities to be held in minor facilities such as rehearsal rooms, singing practice rooms, acting practice rooms, function rooms and conference rooms, no more than four participants including the instructor in a cluster could be conducted, with 1.5 metres social distance maintained between groups. The number of users in minor facilities would be limited to half of the original capacity. Venue staff would inspect all rented facilities from time to

time to ensure that venue users complied with all regulations; and

- (iii) in respect of the provision of personal protective equipment, the Department had installed sensor-activated hand sanitiser dispensers at entrances and appropriate locations in venues for public use. They would also offer masks and other personal protective equipment to venue staff, part-time ushers and part-time ticketing assistants, security guards and cleansing staff.

23. **Mr LO Hing-kwan, Senior Librarian (Kowloon City) of LCSD**, replied that in order to tackle the pandemic, all returned library materials would be cleansed and disinfected before putting on shelves again for borrowing. For hygiene reasons, library materials with stubborn stains which could not be removed or were no longer suitable for borrowing would be withdrawn. At the same time, the following measures were adopted in the four public libraries in Kowloon City District to ensure public health:

- (i) the cleansing contractor was arranged to conduct thorough cleansing and disinfection in libraries, and the cleanliness condition of every corner in libraries including book shelves, the top surface of book shelves, furniture and other concealed locations would be monitored;
- (ii) the cleansing contractor would cleanse the air-conditioning system to ensure smooth operation of air conditioners and the ventilation system;
- (iii) cleaning sessions would be arranged during the opening period;
- (iv) members of the public must wear their own masks before admission and had to undergo temperature checks and use hand sanitisers when entering libraries;
- (v) children aged under 12 were allowed to enter libraries only when accompanied by an adult;
- (vi) self-service book UV-C sterilisers would be provided in libraries for readers to sanitise books on their own. Sanitising floor mats, step-on or covered rubbish bins (for disposal of used face masks) and hand

sanitisers would also be provided for public use;

- (vii) service counters and all facilities would be cleansed and wiped with 1 in 99 diluted household bleach solution daily;
- (viii) escalators and handles would be cleansed and disinfected four times a day;
- (ix) library catalogue terminals would be cleansed and sterilised at least twice a day, and alcohol swabs would be provided for the public; and
- (x) promotional posters with health advice would be displayed in libraries to remind people to maintain good personal hygiene and social distance so as to reduce the risk of contracting the virus.

Request for Strengthening the Anti-epidemic Measures at Parks During Holidays (Paper No. 44/20)

24. Paper No. 44/20 was submitted by Mr NG Po-keung. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply submitted by LCSD, Document No. 6 tabled.

25. As Mr NG Po-keung was not present, **Mr LAM Tak-shing** introduced Paper No. 44/20 on behalf of him.

26. **Ms Amy TONG of LCSD** consolidated her response as follows:

- (i) venue staff would conduct regular inspections at the leisure venues under the Department such as parks and playgrounds to ensure the safety and hygiene of the facilities. In accordance with the Regulation (Cap. 599G), the Department had already stepped up inspection at venues, especially for those with more group gatherings on Saturday, Sunday and during public holidays. LCSD would also give advice to group participants who violated the Regulation;
- (ii) to further remind venue users to comply with the relevant regulations, LCSD carried out a joint operation with the Labour Department on 11 October 2020 (Sunday) and conducted patrols in Carpenter Road

Park, Tak Ku Ling Road Rest Garden and Olympic Garden, during which publicity leaflets in different languages were distributed to foreign domestic helpers to advise them to comply with the relevant regulations;

- (iii) the Department carried out 16 509 inspections and gave out 2 149 advices at the leisure venues in Kowloon City District between March and September 2020;
- (iv) the Department posted notices and banners in Chinese and English at prominent places in the venues and also put up posters in Chinese, English, Tagalog, Bahasa Indonesia and Thai at places where foreign domestic helpers and visitors gathered, in a bid to remind facility users to abide by the relevant regulations; and
- (v) in view of the situation of the above venues, the Department would consider providing disinfectant hand soap dispensers where possible.

Request for the Replacement of the Damaged Facilities in Tak Ku Ling Road Rest Garden

(Paper No. 45/20)

27. Paper No. 45/20 was submitted by the Hon Starry LEE, Mr PUN Kwok-wah, Mr LAM Tak-shing and Mr NG Po-keung. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply submitted by LCSD, Document No. 7 tabled.

28. **Mr LAM Tak-shing** presented Paper No. 45/20.

29. **Ms Amy TONG of LCSD** replied that the Department had already requested the works department to repaint the planters. Colourful plants would be grown once the work was done. Furthermore, the Department had asked cleaning service contractors to take follow-up actions and step up the cleaning work to maintain the hygiene of the venue.

Request for Earliest Provision of Self-service Book UV-C Sterilisers at Mobile Libraries

(Paper No. 46/20)

30. Paper No. 46/20 was submitted by Mr Pius YUM, Miss CHAU Hei-man, Mr MA Hei-pang, Mr KWOK Tin-lap, Miss Jakki MAK, Mr Joshua FUNG, Mr WONG Wing-kit, Mr LAI Kwong-wai and Mr SIU Leong-sing. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply submitted by LCSD, Document No. 8 tabled.

31. **Mr Pius YUM** introduced Paper No. 46/20.

32. **Mr LO Hing-kwan of LCSD** responded that if self-service book UV-C sterilisers (“sterilisers”) had to be installed at mobile libraries, apart from reserving the space for socket outlets, there should also be enough area for readers to queue for the facility. At present, socket outlets were only provided at the circulation counter near the entrance for readers to borrow and return library materials, and at the library catalogue terminal inside the vehicle for readers to view the library catalogue. In addition, the space in the vehicle was too narrow to fit a large steriliser and accommodate a queuing area that could meet the social distancing guidelines at the same time. After a detailed assessment, the Department opined that condition of mobile libraries did not allow them to provide sterilisers at the current stage due to spatial constraints. The Department took note of Members’ opinions and would factor in the installation of sterilisers when purchasing new mobile libraries in future. He also opined that if sterilisers were installed, the number of book shelves in mobile libraries might have to be reduced as a trade-off due to limited spaces.

33. **Mr Pius YUM** put forward the following opinions: (i) there were more sub-districts in Kowloon City District that required the service of mobile libraries, hence, he hoped the Department could utilise the limited space to provide sterilisers. He advised LCSD to consider the relevant suggestion when purchasing new mobile libraries in future; and (ii) he suggested that the Department could make better use of the existing space of mobile libraries, for example, the desktop computer used as a library catalogue terminal could be replaced by a laptop, and the steriliser could be placed outside the vehicle temporarily in order to balance the needs of readers for the facilities in mobile libraries with protection from the epidemic.

34. **Mr LO Hing-kwan of LCSD** noted Members’ opinions. However, he stated that placing a steriliser outside the vehicle temporarily would be difficult in

operation as the steriliser was heavy, and it was necessary to take the weather and security issue into consideration. The Department would continue to study measures to strengthen the disinfection of library materials.

Departmental Reports

LCSD's Report on the Sports and Physical Recreation Activities Organised in Kowloon City District and the Management of Facilities (Paper No. 47/20)

35. Ms POON Siu-la of LCSD introduced the Paper and supplemented as follows:

- (i) she stated that as the public generally supported the establishment of more "Inclusive Park for Pets", LCSD proposed to designate Lung Cheung Road Park as another "Inclusive Park for Pets" in the district since 1 December 2020;
- (ii) to understand the views of residents nearby and the relevant stakeholders, the Department had conducted public consultation with stakeholders within 100 metres of the facility through KCDO between 29 September 2020 and 15 October 2020. During the consultation period, the Department sent out nine consultation papers to the owners' corporations and property management companies within the area and to Members of the district. No objection was received from the above parties during the consultation. However, KCDO received five objections from residents, saying that they were worried that the public hygiene, law and order and traffic condition around the site selected would be affected and noise problem would be created;
- (iii) the Department opined that the site selected was not close to the residential area. In response to residents' concern, various basic ancillary facilities, such as dog excreta collection bins and additional gates would be provided. The Department would also post notices about "Inclusive Park for Pets" and the rules of using it to remind pet owners to control their pets properly and maintain the cleanliness and hygiene of the venue. The "Inclusive Park for Pets" was expected to open for public use at the end of this year or at the beginning of next

year; and

- (iv) LCSD would recruit an extra venue-based cleansing worker and strengthen the inspection work to keep the venue in good sanitary condition.

36. **Mr HO Hin-ming** was not against the establishment of an inclusive park for pets, but he considered that as the public consultation conducted by KCDO only lasted for about two weeks, residents of the buildings and housing estates nearby might not have enough time to express their views. According to the objections received by the Department, residents nearby were more worried about the hygiene condition of streets around the park. He advised the Department to maintain communication with FEHD about the problem concerned and provide hotline services so that residents could reflect the environmental hygiene conditions inside and outside the park when necessary.

37. **Mr LEE Hin-long** considered that the ancillary facilities of Lung Cheung Road Park could facilitate pet owners to use the park with their pets. In addition, with the establishment of an inclusive park for pets, pet owners in the district could be brought together to use the venue concerned. As pet-friendly facilities were provided in the venue, the welfare for pets and the management of environmental hygiene could be improved and thus, he supported the suggestion of the Department.

38. **The Hon Starry LEE** remarked that the views about the suggestion concerned were polarised. She opined that education should be stepped up to work towards the goal of achieving animal inclusion. She supported the suggestion concerned but considered that the opinions of the objectors should be taken into account. She enquired if the Department had communicated with residents who objected to the suggestion concerned to learn the reasons for their opposition.

39. **Mr KWOK Tin-lap** held the following views and enquiries: (i) as there were already plenty of pet owners in the district, the need of walking their pets and the hygiene problems arising from it would still exist even without the establishment of an inclusive park for pets. He opined that Lung Cheung Road Park was not close to the residential area, therefore, he supported the suggestion concerned; and (ii) he asked about the timetable and the cost of the modification work.

40. **Ms Amy TONG of LCSD** consolidated her reply as follows:

- (i) when selecting a site, the Department would strike a balance among various factors. To make an optimal choice, a site inspection was conducted with members of the district in Lung Cheung Road Park and it was considered that the venue was relatively far from the residential area and was equipped with suitable ancillary facilities for pet owners' use;
- (ii) according to the result of the consultation conducted by KCDO, the objectors were most worried about the problem of hygiene and noise. As the site selected was relatively far from the residential area, it would not cause a serious noise problem. To deal with the problem of hygiene, the Department would assign a permanent cleaning worker to the site selected to step up the cleaning work;
- (iii) the Department had already contacted FEHD and received a positive response, saying that they would step up the street cleaning work in the area of Broadcast Drive and Lung Cheung Road Park. LCSD would also study the feasibility of setting up a complaint hotline; and
- (iv) as the facilities in the venue concerned were old, the Department planned to conduct renovation works and had already contacted ArchSD on this matter. However, ArchSD had not informed them the cost of the works yet. The Department would commence the works as soon as possible and the date of completion was expected to be at the end of this year or at the beginning of next year.

41. **Mr HO Hin-ming** put forward the following opinions: (i) as the problem of dog fouling was serious in the district, he was worried that it would get worse with the establishment of an inclusive park for pets. Hence, he hoped that the Department could set up a complaint hotline and obtain a written undertaking from FEHD to step up the cleaning work in the streets nearby for Members' circulation; (ii) he advised the Department to step up the inspection during public holidays; and (iii) as the demand for inclusive parks for pets was on the rise, he suggested that the Department could establish inclusive parks for pets in other sub-districts in the district to facilitate the user of pet owners from other sub-districts.

42. **Mr Pius YUM** remarked that there were inclusive parks for pets in other sub-districts. Also, he opined that Members had the responsibility to inspect the hygiene

conditions in the district. If they thought that the conditions were unsatisfactory, they should submit papers to the corresponding committee and request FEHD to follow up on it.

43. **Mr LEE Hin-long** put forward the following opinions: (i) he was informed that some residents from his constituency had to walk their pets in Sung Wong Toi Garden, therefore, he considered that it was a good idea to provide more inclusive parks for pets in the district; (ii) he advised the Department to step up education and publicity work and put up notices at popular spots for pets strolling in the district, and provide more ancillary facilities such as dog excreta collection bins to facilitate the handling of cleansing workers; and (iii) he hoped that the Department could join forces with FEHD and carry out proper cleaning work in Lung Cheung Road Park in order to boost residents' confidence in the establishment of inclusive parks for pets. In addition, he expected that the Department would continue to look for suitable venues to set up inclusive parks for pets.

44. **Mr HO Hin-ming** stated that as FEHD did not send representatives to the meeting, he requested a written undertaking from the Department to give an account to the residents. Furthermore, even though there were inclusive parks for pets in Hung Hom District, plenty of residents still chose to walk their pets in Hung Hom Ferry Pier. He considered that the establishment of the inclusive parks for pets could attract more residents to use the parks. He also concurred with Mr LEE Hin-long's views and opined that LCSD and FEHD should strengthen cooperation to ensure good hygiene conditions of the park and the streets nearby so that residents' acceptance of the park could be enhanced and the relevant measure could then be implemented in more venues in future.

45. **Ms Amy TONG of LCSD** noted the opinions of Members and residents and stated that they would maintain communication with FEHD to follow up on the matters of responding to residents' complaints after the opening of the inclusive park for pets and the provision of a written undertaking.

46. **The Chairman** was pleased to see more inclusive parks for pets open in the district. She opined that the facilities could contribute to the central management of the Department on the hygiene problem caused by pet keeping centrally and could help improve the situation in the long term. Moreover, she expressed appreciation for the Department's active response to the concern over hygiene conditions of residents and Members.

47. **The Committee** noted the Paper.

LCSD's Report on the District Free Entertainment Programmes, District Arts and Cultural Activities Organised in Kowloon City District and the Use of Cultural Facilities
(Paper No. 48/20)

48. **Ms Marianna HO of LCSD** presented the Paper. She supplemented that the Department originally planned to hold 24 entertainment programmes this year but due to the pandemic, they estimated that around 13 programmes could be organised and stated that they would return the expenditure of HK\$255,000 earmarked for activities to KCDC (as at 7 October).

49. **Mr Joshua FUNG** asked about the enrolment situation of some of the activities such as the orchestral concert.

50. **Ms Marianna HO of LCSD** responded that since the orchestral concert (Hong Kong Symphony Society) scheduled to be held at Carpenter Road Park on 7 November had not been staged yet, they could only report information such as the enrolment situation and the attendance at the next meeting. In addition, as the 2020/21 School Culture Day Scheme "String Concert: Dance with Strings" was still open for booking, they would enquire the Cultural Presentations Section about the number of tickets sold later.

51. **The Committee** noted the Paper.

LCSD's Report on Public Library Promotion Activities and the Use of Library Facilities in Kowloon City District
(Paper No. 49/20)

52. **Mr LO Hing-kwan of LCSD** introduced the Paper.

53. **The Committee** noted the Paper.

Date of Next Meeting

54. There being no other business, **the Chairman** announced that the meeting

was adjourned at 3:36 p.m. She notified Members that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 3 December 2020 (Thursday) and the deadline for submission of papers was 18 November 2020.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 9 December 2020.

Chairman

Secretary

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