



PRESENTATION OF THE NEW CLUBHOUSE AT THE BUKIT FREEHOLD LAND

Eighty-eight members attended the dialogue at the Bukit Theatrette on Friday, 17 January 2020, together with members of the Planning & Redevelopment Committee 2 (PRC2), the Management team and the project consultants.

Update by DP Architects

Mr Tan Chee Kiang from DP Architects presented the design updates made to best serve the various needs of members. He added that the Clubhouse has been segmented into three main areas namely golfing, social and sports facilities. He shared that the Clubhouse is future-proof for future expansion, and will remain relevant to members of all ages and functional for the multi-generational family.

During the walkthrough of the various parts of the Clubhouse, Mr Tan highlighted that much of the work is focused on the swimming pool area which has been intended to be the activity centre of the new Clubhouse. He highlighted the use of timber and neutral tones in the design to complement the forested areas of the Club's surroundings.

Mr Tan shared that he previously proposed co-working space has now been renamed to 'Mingle @ Bukit' which is a multi-functional space equipped for networking, conferencing, digital workspaces and screenings. He added that the well-equipped gymnasium would offer members various fitness and wellness experiences, inclusive of a yoga studio within the space. Mr Tan suggested that the various food & beverage (F&B) concepts and dining spaces would cater to the different groups of diners and occasions.

Below is a summary of the discussions during the Questions & Answer Session:



Clubhouse

What are the measures to keep the wildlife e.g. monkeys and birds away from the new Clubhouse?

The Club will work with the wildlife consultant to explore effective methods to keep wildlife within the nature reserve. In addition, there is a proposed area of separation between the perimeter of the Clubhouse and the nature reserve to deter wildlife from entering the built up area.



Are there sufficient carpark lots for members?

The new Clubhouse will have less carpark lots but the Club will explore valet parking service or shuttle service for members to and fro their cars. The Club could explore building underground carpark but it will be very costly.

Are there sufficient washrooms?

Yes, there are sufficient washrooms for the various facilities and F&B outlets.

Will the operating expenses be high?

The cost of running the new Clubhouse will go up indefinitely given the need for things like air-conditioning and maintenance of the vast landscaping.

Facilities

Would there be poolside features such as shallow steps into the swimming pool to cater to elderly users?

All the pools in the new Clubhouse will have steps into the pool, along with other various safety features for users of all ages.

Will there be dining facilities next to the swimming pool especially around the kids' pool area?

There are different schools of thought as some may find it too noisy to have the dining facilities near to the swimming pools, and some who prefer the convenience of F&B next to the pools. After deliberation, the team feels the need to maintain clear separation between the F&B outlets and the pool areas.

Is the jumbo double squash court built to industry specification?

Yes, the team has consulted the industry specialists to ensure it is built to industry standards.

Is there a viewing gallery at the Tennis and Squash area?

Yes, there is a viewing gallery planned in the Tennis & Squash area.

The gymnasium shows the inclusion of yoga studio within the space. How much space will the yoga studio take up?

The gymnasium itself would have 600m² of space, which is more than the current Bukit Gymnasium, and also includes amenities. The yoga studio takes up 130m² of space within.

There is an emphasis on strength training nowadays, and the utilisation of gym machines has reduced. How do we ensure the optimal mix of gym equipment to reflect the usage trends?

The current proposal of the gym layout and equipment is for budgetary purposes, and the team will consult users and gym instructors to decide on the optimal mix of gym machines for members.

Will there still be a theatre for movie screenings?

There will be a screening room provided in Mingle @ Bukit. As movies do not require a projector these days, a screening room is sufficient to cater for those who want to watch a movie and still keep the space multi-functional.

What is a theme restaurant?

The F&B concept for this space has not been finalised as the team is still reviewing the entire F&B offering at the Bukit location.

Could the number of F&B outlets be reduced and those spaces be allocated for other lifestyle activities?

The team will review this feedback.



Golfing

Would there be a new buggy staging area?

With the new developments with the Labour Movement, one of the discussion points was whether we should build a buggy staging area for our club, as the space left to put is in the basement carpark which cost another \$1.5 to \$2 million dollars.

Update by PRC2

Mr Edwin Lee, Chairman of PRC2 shared that the Committee has been working tirelessly with the project consultants in the past months to finetune the design and space allocation according to members' feedback. With the adjustment, he shared that the built up area has increased from the original 70,000 square feet to over 85,000 square feet, and the cost increased from \$54.35 million to \$58 million. He asked members if the Club should call for another EGM to ask for a bigger budget for the project, or to trim the design to keep it within the approved \$54.35m.

Mr Lee informed members that he just received news that there is a new development from the Labour Movement with regards to the land lease. As this new development may potentially impact the construction of the new Clubhouse on the Bukit Freehold Land, he has been instructed by the GC to put on hold the proposed demolition of the new Clubhouse and other preparatory works. Mr Lee concluded the session by saying that the Club will be updating members on the new developments soon and thanked members for their presence and participation in this project.

