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**MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE (HCC) HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006.**

PRESENT :

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| 1. | Shri S.M. Acharya
Additional Secretary
M/o Urban Development | Chairman |
| 2. | Shri Subhash Kapoor
ADG (Arch), CPWD | Member |
| 3. | Shri J.B. Kshirsagar,
TCPO | Member |
| 4. | Shri Sanjib Sengupta
Chief Architect, NDMC | Member |
| 5. | Prof. A.G.K. Menon
Conservation Architect | Member |
| 6. | Prof. M. Shaheer
Landscape Architect | Member |
| 7. | Smt. Madhu R. Mehta
Secretary, DUAC | Member Secretary |
| 8. | Smt. Indu G. Chowdhury
Architect C/o ADG(Arch) CPWD | |
| 9. | Shri Manish Kumar Verma
Asstt. Director, DDA | |
| 10. | Ms. Ritu Kapila
Architect, CPWD | |
| 11. | Shri A.D. Biswas
Dy. Town Planner, MCD | |
| 12. | Shri P.K. Chaudhery
Architect | |
| 13. | Maj. Gen. V.K. Negi
ADGW (Army) | |
| 14. | Lt. Col. G Karki
Jt. Director, CW-2 | |

15. Shri J.S. Bhatia
Dy. Secretary, MOD
16. Col. V.K. Badola
Dir. E 2 (Air), MOD
17. Lt. General I.J. Koshy
DG, DCW
18. Ms. Abha Narain Lamba
Architect

* Confirmation of the minutes of 13th meeting of the Heritage Conservation Committee.

The minutes of the 13th meeting of the HCC held on September 11, 2006 were confirmed and approved.

Item No.1. Proposal for restoration of Gole Market.

(a) The proposal had earlier been considered by the Heritage Conservation Committee at its meeting held on August 11, 2006 and the following observations were made:-

- “i) It is not clear as to what are the additions proposed, like provision of railing was considered an addition. Additions need to be more specific.*
- ii) The Sub-way shown in the drawings had not been shown in the model.*
- iv) The design and pattern of paving is not clear from model. It need to be re-looked into.*
- iv) It needs to be clarified as to what are the new interventions proposed in the existing building. More details in terms of intervention is required.*
- v) The central court pergola/space frame on top level was not conducive to the conservation aspect.*
- vi) The traffic management plan of the area should be submitted wherein the possibility of reducing the number of vehicles passing through need to be submitted & parking to be reflected in the model. Pedestrianisation of area all around the Gole Market would be an ideal situation which need due consideration.*
- vii) The HCC observed that Gole Market is representative part of our Heritage, therefore the restoration at this stage is required. Though we are in agreement with NDMC with regard to the renovation but the finer details need to be presented to the HCC by the architect.*

- (b) The matter was now taken up in view of the clarifications/informations received from the architects. A power point presentation of the proposal was made by Ms. Abha Narain Lamba, Architect. The Chief Architect, NDMC informed the HCC that the stake holders have been consulted and the proposal had already been accepted by the NDMC. The following observations were made:-
- i) The presentation made was considered excellent.
 - ii) Taking into account the interventions which took place after 1918 in the original design the building, the idea of restoration of facades and development/preservation proposal, the building appears to be on the right course to reach its pristine glory.
 - iii) The Central Court area kept open to sky has a distinctive character and the attempt to cover needs reconsideration.
 - iv) The NDMC needs to indicate whether the internal dome over the courtyard is required. Usage of the internal space is the prerogative of the owner/client.
 - v) The usage and subsequent maintenance after renovation needs to be given due regard & attention.
 - vi) The improvements proposed in the blocks on the periphery as part of the overall scheme was appreciated by the HCC for conforming with the original style.
 - vii) The design of various elements proposed like bollards, lamp posts finger/directional signboards has to be selected meticulously.
 - viii) The traffic management plan of the area, as was observed earlier also, would have to be worked out by a traffic transportation expert. The Committee suggests a work about plaza.
- (c) The proposal was approved with the foregoing observations by the HCC.

Item No.2. Redevelopment of Police Station at Mandir Marg.

- (a) The proposal had last been considered at HCC building held on August 11, 2006 and the following observations were made:-
- The architect presented a photographic study of the whole site area particularly from Mandir Marg side during the meeting. It was brought out by him on the basis of the study that the Heritage Block (Block-A) was camouflaged by well grown up existing old trees and was hardly visible from Mandir Marg.*

The HCC observed that on the basis of the studies put up by the architect and the work done if the proposed buildings are detailed out in harmony with the Block-A (Heritage Block) it may serve the purpose notwithstanding the development proposed being quite heavy. Therefore, the Committee found the alternative-I acceptable.

It was also observed that an attempt should be made by architect to bring the ethos respecting the architectural character of the Heritage Block (Block-A) in terms of detailing, colour scheme etc so that it appears as a source of inspiration for the rest of the complex. The HCC decided to approve the proposal with alternative-I and the architect was advised to submit the various details of the building blocks respecting the architecture character of the Heritage Block.

- (b) The details plans of the proposal as submitted were considered acceptable and the HCC re-affirmed its approval.

Item No.3 . National War Memorial and National War Museum at India Gate.

- (a) The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was taken up for consideration.
- (b) A model had been submitted by the promoters and a power point presentation was made before the HCC.

The following observations were made:-

1. The heritage of the vista as understood by the promoters needs to be spelt out clearly by the promoter and the design should aim at preserving the heritage features appreciated by the promoters in terms of ambience, perspective & structure of the area.
2. The wall sculpted by raising the level of the lawns around *chhatri*, need to be handled in a very sensitive manner towards the India Gate for the desired impact.
3. The raising of the lawns will obstruct the view of the India Gate from the *Chhatri's* outer circle presently seen from the point that the radial roads meet.
4. The features like lamp posts bollards with chain links and other tangible and intangible heritage features need to be considered in the proposal in terms of design detail & materials etc.
5. There is merit in consulting a conservation architect so that the new design would be conserving the heritage of the area
6. The accommodation of car parking was not clear.

7. Shri Subhash Kapoor, ADG Architecture Chairman Central Vista Committee & Member HCC also appraised the HCC in respect of the observations of the Central Vista Committee.
- (c) A letter received from Shri O.P. Jain, Member HCC on the subject dated October 16, 2006 was taken not of by the HCC.
- (d) The army officers present were requested to study the observation of the HCC and resubmit the proposal after incorporating its observations.

Item No.4. Working regime to be adopted by the H.C.C.

Shri Sanjeeb Sengupta, Chief Architect, NDMC informed the HCC that due to his pre-occupations the meeting of the Sub-Committee could not be held. He was requested to arrange the meeting of the Sub-Committee at the earliest.

Item No.5. Notification of listing of Heritage Building – Letter received from Chief Architect, NDMC

Shri Sanjeeb sengupta, Chief Architect, NDMC informed the HCC that the necessary list has been received from INTACH and the same would be shortly submitted for consideration of the HCC.

Addl. Item No.I: Notification of listing of Heritage building in MCD area.

Shri A.D. Biswas, Dy. Town Planner, MCD who was present in the meeting informed the HCC that the list had still not been notified by the Delhi Government. He also mentioned about a Court Case going on and the matter wherein the appeal made by MCD has been dismissed by the Hon'ble Court.

The HCC emphasized the need of early notification of the listed buildings and it was decided that yet another reminder be written by the Chairman, HCC to the Principal Secretary (UD) Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

(Madhu R. Mehta)
Member Secretary