

**MINUTES OF THE 18th MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2007 AT 3.30 P.M.**

PRESENT :

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| 1. Shri S.M. Acharya
Additional Secretary
M/o Urban Development | Chairman, HCC |
| 2. Shri T.K. Sinha | Member, HCC |
| 3. Shri A.D. Biswas
(Representative of Shri V.K. Bugga) | Member, HCC |
| 4. Shri D.S. Meshram | Member, HCC |
| 5. Prof. A.G.K. Menon | Member, HCC |
| 6. Prof. K.T. Ravindran | Member, HCC |
| 7. Shri Vinod Sakle
Jt. Director (Plng.), DDA | Member, HCC (Representative of DDA) |
| 8. Shri Sudhir Kr. Kain DDA
(Asstt. Dir. (Plg.) DDA) | |
| 9. Shri Sanjib Sengupta | Member Secretary, HCC & Chief Architect
NDMC |

ALSO PRESENT :

10. Shri Achal Kataria
11. Shri B.K. Joshi

Item No.1 : Representation received from Smt. Amarjit Kaur.

The Heritage Conservation Committee is not concerned with the alignment of the Metro line. It was decided to ascertain from the NDMC the status of the affected areas adjacent to the shops existing behind ambassador Hotel before a view could be taken in the matter.

Item No.2 : Addition/Alternations of plans in respect of 3-level basement parking (in front area, Hotel Imperial, Janpath).

The Committee observed that the proposed underground parking does not affect the heritage related façade of the building on the Janpath side. However the Committee expressed

its concern over the likely emergence of pedestrian entrance-ways to the underground parking area that may mar or obstruct the full view of the original building.

The Architect of the project explained that no construction will come up over ground. The staircases will be flush with the surface ground probably with a suitable protective barrier. Since no heritage concern is affected and violated by having an underground parking and the surface restored to a green lawn the Committee has no objection for the basement parking.

Item No.3 : Revised plans in respect of Health Club and Spa, Hotel Imperial, Janpath.

Approved.

Item No.4 : Progress in respect of material submission guidelines by the local bodies.

At the last meeting of the HCC held on 18.6.2007 it was decided that the local bodies should jointly format a proforma for forwarding proposals to the HCC. However, so far no response has been received from any of the local bodies. Consequently, the Committee deliberated at length on the kind of information that it would require to arrive at an objective decision on proposals referred to it and avoid for undue arguments with the proponent. It was felt that the basic issue that would need to be addressed are :-

- (1) What are the heritage aspects of a building, precincts, natural features etc.
- (2) Steps being taken by the proponent to conserve these heritage aspects.
- (3) Submission of Conservation report.

It was decided to consider the proposal again in the next meeting. The Chairman suggested that experts on Heritage Conservation could be invited in the next meeting for participation so that the matter can be finalized.

Item No.5 : Progress of notify the list of Heritage Building by local bodies.

It was informed by the Member-Secretary, HCC that no progress has been made in this matter.

On a query from Chairman, Chief Architect, NDMC informed that NDMC authorities intended to review the list of Heritage Buildings.

It was suggested by the Chairman that NDMC may consider to notify individual buildings one at a time which Chief Architect agreed to inform the NDMC.

MCD and DDA were also similarly advised.

Item No.6 : Re-use of unprotected Heritage properties in Mehrauli Area – proposal received from INTACH.

Convener, INTACH explained the proposal and informed that how to Re-use the unprotected Heritage properties in Mehrauli area.

It was observed by the HCC that the building in question needs to be reflected as heritage building in Zone 'F'. Accordingly, it was decided to obtain the views from DDA.

It was also decided that the DDA should make a proposal to the Government as to how the building is declared Heritage edifice and how the things to be given certain sensitivity by way of privilege and who will be able to maintain the building administering the importance of the era and period of time.

**Addl. Item No.1 : Arbitrary :
Closing of Roads in the LBZ Area.**

The HCC observed that by closing of roads like Talkatora Road, Race Course Road etc. in the LBZ area, the morphology of the area is affected. It was observed that the morphology should not be tampered with and the concept of the Lutyens' planning should be retained. It was also decided that the observations of the HCC may also be sent to CPWD and the Ministry of Urban Development, as also respond in the public notice of closure.

Addl. Item No.2 : Zonal Development Plan for NDMC Area.

It was observed that at the request of NDMC, DUAC has formulated the proposal in respect of the Zonal Development Plan for NDMC area. The plan, inter-alia, entails the re-densification exercise. The Committee felt that as the proposal is likely to have significant impact on the existing character of the LBZ, it should invariably be brought before the Heritage Conservation Committee so that it could appropriately address the heritage aspects in this area.

**(Sanjib Sengupta)
Member-Secretary**

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