

**MINUTES OF THE 26th MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 10TH MARCH, 2010**

Item No.1 : Add./Alts of plans in respect of Delhi Gymkhana Club, 2 Safdarjung Road - reconstruction of roofs - dining/family dining hall and rummy room

1. The above proposal was received from NDMC on January 30, 2010. It comprises of replacement of roofs of rummy room, dining and family dining hall.
2. In view of the urgency expressed by the promoters, the matter was put up to the Chairman, HCC and it was decided to inform to NDMC to allow the proponent to take up the work with the condition to retain existing roof line of the building. It was further decided that the matter should be taken up for post-facto approval of the HCC during its regular meeting and the final decision will be conveyed thereafter.
3. The proposal was scrutinized and discussed with the architect/proponents and it was found satisfactory and post-facto approved.

Item No.2 : Add./Alts in respect of St. Columbus School & Convent of Jesus and Mary School, 1 Alexander Place.

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was considered at HCC's meeting held on 21.12.2009. The additions proposed in the St. Coloumbs school were found acceptable. As regard the proposal of the additional block in the Convent of Jesus & Mary School, the HCC had observed that the location of the block was not acceptable because it was proposed between two heritage buildings i.e. Sacred Heart Cathedral (Grade-I) and existing blocks of CJM School (Grade-II). A suggestion was given to the architect/proponents to propose a new block at a different location, perpendicular to the Jesus and Mary School, annexe block wherein the length of the block could be reduced and if necessary width could be increased. The HCC had decided for a site visit of the school.

A site visit of the school was undertaken by the members 24.02.2010. It has been found that there are certain trees at the location proposed for the new block. It is also felt that it will also create a closed courtyard with the existing building blocks. The architect was advised to submit revised proposal.

The revised proposal was found acceptable and approved by the HCC.

Item No.3 : Completion plans in respect of Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Central Vista.

1. The proposal was forwarded by the NDMC for consideration of the HCC.
2. The building plans of proposal were approved by the HCC at its meeting held on June 18, 2007.
3. With respect to the approved plans, it was found that the 100 bedded hostel media centre block was not constructed and parking had been proposed in its place.
4. The approval of training venue was not taken.
5. HCC decided to convey its 'no objection' to the NDMC for the issuance of completion certificate to the main building.

Addl. Item No.1 : Internal renovation work in respect of C-38 (First floor) Connaught Place.

1. The proposal was forwarded by the NDMC for consideration of the HCC. The architect/proponents brought during the meeting a write up/report on the subject. As per the report the first floor premises will be use as an office area with lounge, reception and two toilets.
2. The Air-conditioners, Genset are to be installed at the roof top area.
3. The Chief Architect NDMC also informed that the building was sealed by the Enforcement Department of NDMC.
4. The proposal was scrutinized and HCC observed that the as far as removal/retention of mezzanine floor was concerned, it was the responsibility of the NDMC. In any case the structural stability should not be compromised and the external facade of the building should not be disturbed at all.
5. The proposal was approved with above observations.

Addl.Item No.2 : Internal renovation work in respect of H-56, H2, H-Block, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinized and discussed with the Chief Architect NDMC and the architect/proponents. The proponents brought during the meeting a report on the subject. It has been mentioned by the proponents that the, loose plaster & brick work above the ceiling were disturbed. On removal of ceiling it was observed that large chunks of plaster had collapsed.

2. The architect had requested to NDMC to permit structural repairs in the affected areas as per the plans submitted.
3. The proposal was found acceptable and approved.

Addl. Item No.3 : Plans for New Scheme in respect of Multi Level Car Parking at Delhi High court.

1. The proposals forwarded by the NDMC was approved by the HCC at its meeting held on December 21, 2009 with the following observations :-

"The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinized by the HCC. The site had a 17th Century Tomb within the site which was falling in grade I/II in the notified list of heritage building precincts for NDMC area. It came to the notice of the HCC that construction at site was in progress. The HCC observed that the conservation of the tomb should be part of the proposal which should be further enhanced with the help of an expert agency. Due care should be taken so that the monument does not collapse during the construction.

With above observations, the proposal was accepted by the HCC."

2. The Members present in the meeting raised the issue of compliance of the observations given while agreeing to the above scheme.
3. In order to assess the latest position about compliance of its observations given at the time of approval of the proposal, the HCC decided for a site visit.

**(Navneet Kumar)
Member Secretary**

- Other decision:**
- 1) The general issues related to formation of broad/Basic guidelines were also deliberated in respect of Heritage Buildings on the lines of ASI/State Archaeology Deptt. etc. for guidance of proponents. All members were requested to give input in this regard.
 - 2) Reminder to be issued to MCD for notification of list of heritage buildings in their area.
 - 3) Co-opting a member for HCC from state Archaeology Deptt. of Govt. of NCT.