

**MINUTES OF THE 32nd MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, THE 27TH AUGUST, 2012**

Item No. 1 : Plans in respect of Boundary wall for South Block on its boundary abutting Dalhousie Road.

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was considered by the HCC at its meeting held on June 8, 2012. It was not approved and certain observations were given. Subsequently, in context of the security aspects, the matter was discussed in a meeting held on July 4, 2012 chaired by Chairman HCC and Additional Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development and certain observations were given. The revised proposal received from CPWD was found acceptable and approved.

Item No. 2 : Plans in respect of Property no. 4896, plot no. 82, Dayanand Road, Daryaganj.

The proposal forwarded by the MCD was found acceptable and approved.

Item No. 3 Plans in respect of internal renovation work at E-34-35, (First Floor) at Connaught Place.

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was considered at HCC's meeting held on June 8, 2012. The HCC had observed that NDMC had simply forwarded the structural stability certificate to the HCC and not given any categorical acceptance. NDMC was asked to give clear certification accepting the structural stability certificate so that the proposal could be examined.

The Chief Architect, NDMC vide letter no.CA/BP/E-34-35(First Floor), C.P. New Delhi/D01486-88 dated August 1, 2012 has now informed that the certificate has been formally accepted by the NDMC.

The proposal was found acceptable and approved.

Item No. 4: The proposal of GNCTD to nominate Delhi as a UNESCO World Heritage City under the title 'Imperial Cities of Delhi'.

A presentation was made by Prof. A.G.K. Menon regarding the proposal of GNCTD to nominate Delhi as a UNESCO World Heritage City under the title 'Imperial Cities of Delhi'. He indicated that UNESCO have at present included Delhi in their tentative list which is under evaluation by them. The HCC lauded INTACH for the valuable work done by them and assured them full cooperation in this regard. It was suggested that the proposal may be formally referred through the GNCTD to HCC which shall be duly considered by the HCC and recommended to the Ministry of Urban Development. After receiving concurrence of the Ministry the matter would finally be referred to the Ministry of Culture.

Item No.5.: Letters forwarded by the MCD to HCC in respect of requests for declaring the heritage building :

- (i) **Baptist Mission Church, 588 Mukimpura, Malkaganj, Delhi**
- (ii) **CPO office building in Sewa Kutir Complex at Outram Line, Delhi**

The above matters were discussed in view of the letters received from Chief Town Planner, MCD. It was observed that as per Clause 23.5 of the Unified Building Bye-Laws 1983 there is a laid down system of supplementing the notified list of heritage buildings precincts etc. Therefore, the purpose of simply forwarding the letters of the promoters by Chief Town Planner, MCD to HCC was not clear. What is required to be done is that, first the MCD should properly study the proposals from the point of view of their natural, historical archaeological value. MCD then can refer same to the HCC with its recommendations as per procedure.

Item No.6. : Base Paper for auditing of heritage buildings in Delhi.

As per the decision of the HCC in its meeting held on June 8, 2012 a base paper for auditing of heritage buildings in Delhi was circulated to the Members of the Committee for their comments. The comments from the following organisations received in the matter were placed before the Committee :-

1. Central Public Works Department (CPWD)
2. Town and Country Planning Organisation (TCPO)
3. Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)
4. Institute of Town Planners, India (ITPI)
5. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)

After perusal of the comments it was observed that the existing rules and laws pertaining to monuments, heritage buildings, precincts etc. need a review. After deliberation, it was decided that the HCC Secretariat would prepare a comprehensive compilation of all rules and regulations, laws existing in the matter together with the role of the concerned organizations including comments on the contribution of these bodies and recommendations for the HCC to function as a more effective body.

Item No.7: Review of Heritage Conservation Committee.

The aspect would be reviewed subsequent to preparation of the comprehensive compilation on heritage to be prepared by the DUAC secretariat.

Addl. Item No.1 : Website for Heritage Conservation Committee.

It was felt that the HCC should have its own website. For this purpose it was decided that the sitemap for the website may be formulated and put up to the HCC for approval.

Addl. Item No.2 : Co-opting new Members of the HCC.

With the trifurcation of MCD, it was decided to write to the MCD for nominating a representative from each of their zone. It was also decided to write to the Cantonment Board for nominating a representative for representing the Board on the HCC.

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Member-Secretary