

**MINUTES OF THE 42<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2014**

**A. Project Proposals :**

**Item No.1: Plans in respect of Construction of Police Head Quarter & Police Station at Jai Singh Road.**

The proposal was forwarded by the NDMC for consideration of the HCC. An earlier scheme submitted directly by the architect/proponents was considered by the HCC at its meeting held on August 10, 2009. The HCC that time had also made a site visit and given detailed observations/recommendations.

The proposal was now scrutinized and discussed with the architect/proponents. The site of the proposal is in Grade-II of the Heritage list of NDMC area. As per the plan earlier put up by the proponents for the complex a categorization was done which is as given below:-

- a) *"The 'A' category (Building A 1 : comprising of main Police Station Building including front colonnade, fore court barracks, lock up and offices around the central courtyard).*
- b) *'B' category (Building no. B 1: comprising of barracks around second courtyard, side entrance of front building, B2:2 nos. of Bungalows (G+1) touching on one side Ashoka Road)*
- c) *'C' category buildings (C1 : Residential quarters (Double storey), C2 : PWD Offices, store, temple, water tank, C3 : Residential Quarters (single storey) & Health Club, C4 : ACP & DCP Residence, C5 :Petrol pump, office, Drivers Rest.*
- d) *Room, Workshop, toilet, C6 : Horse Barracks, type-1 Quarters, Temple, toilet, C7 : Servant Qtrs., Canteen, Office shed, Battery charge room , and C8 Gate)"*

The proposal of the multi storeyed headquarter building was scrutinized. The HCC was informed that the existing building A 1 i.e. main Police Station building would not have

direct functional link with the proposed building block because it would continue to accommodate Police Station Parliament Street. While the new scheme of multi storeyed block was for accommodating the headquarter of the Delhi Police. Accordingly, the entry to the new building complex has been taken from Jai Singh Road.

The HCC observed that it would not like to get in to the aspects of FAR or other regulatory aspects which is within the jurisdiction of the local body, but what is important is the aesthetic look of the building complex including heritage in particular from Parliament Street.

There is the low rise in front which is to be retained with the back drop-of multi storeyed new block is proposed. It seems in the present scheme justice has not been done to the heritage building blocks since rather than integrating the existing heritage with the new proposals, these have been isolated.

It was discussed that there is no harmony between the existing and proposed. What is required to be done is to achieve an integration in terms of the urban form viz-a-viz its relationship to the surrounding environment that is the main Parliament Street. It is felt that the new proposal should respond to what is already existing at the site. Suggestions emerged during the discussion to achieve the integration of both the structures and the need of providing visual connectivity at ground level.

The architect/proponents were advised to submit the revised proposal incorporating HCC's observations so that a meeting of the HCC could be convened within two weeks to consider and approve.

**Item No.2: Addition/alteration of plans (re-roofing of Corridor & seating area in Main Building) in Delhi Gymkhana Club, 2 Safdarjung Road.**

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was last considered by the HCC at its meeting held on September 10, 2013 and the following observations were made:-

*“The above proposals forming part of the Delhi Gymkhana Club Complex were scrutinised and discussed with the architect. It was observed that the complex has lot of heritage value and the above building blocks wherein the roofs of the existing blocks are to*

*be replaced, have number of important architectural elements, skylights and buttresses etc. at terrace level which will be required to be reconstructed after the new roof is laid.*

*The rain water system is also an important aspect which need to be clearly shown in the proposal. It was observed that there was need to do proper documentation of all the existing elements with heritage value. The architect was advised to submit the additional information/documentation of the existing building so that the proposal could be examined further.”*

The architect had now made a revised submission in the form of certain drawings, site photographs etc. The HCC observed that the submission was acceptable but the architect was advised to put up the drawings, photographs etc. in the form of portfolio/report for better documentation/records. The proposal was approved.

**Item No.3: Plans in respect of Kashmiri Lounge Restaurant cocktail bar, reserved bridge room & Children’s room at Delhi Gymkhana Club, 2, Safdarjung Road.**

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was last considered by the HCC at its meeting held on September 10, 2013 and the following observations were made:-

*“The above proposals forming part of the Delhi Gymkhana Club Complex were scrutinised and discussed with the architect. It was observed that the complex has lot of heritage value and the above building blocks wherein the roofs of the existing blocks are to be replaced, have number of important architectural elements, skylights and buttresses etc. at terrace level which will be required to be reconstructed after the new roof is laid.*

*The rain water system is also an important aspect which need to be clearly shown in the proposal. It was observed that there was need to do proper documentation of all the existing elements with heritage value. The architect was advised to submit the additional information/documentation of the existing building so that the proposal could be examined further.”*

The architect had now made a revised submission in the matter in the form of certain drawings, site photographs etc. The HCC observed that the submission was

acceptable but the architect was advised to put up the drawings, photographs etc. in the form of portfolio/report for better documentation/records. The proposal was approved.

**Item No.4: Renovation of boundary wall of Children’s Park, Near India Gate.**

The proposal received from NDMC was considered by the HCC at its meeting held on January 21, 2014 and the following observations were made:-

*“The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinised and discussed with the NDMC architects. It was observed that the boundary wall of Children's Park in the Hexagon complex would affect the aesthetics of the environment of the India Gate area particularly while travelling along Hexagon road.*

*For a better visualization and study, the NDMC was advised to submit a model of the part portions particularly in context of the existing road levels, the existing Bikaner House, Jodhpur Mess etc. so that the proposal could be scrutinised.”*

The NDMC had now submitted the requisite model of the part portion of the site. The proposal of the boundary wall was found acceptable and approved.

**Sd/-  
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