

MINUTES OF THE 55th MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017

A. Proposals :

Item No. 1. Proposed 8 no. Bus Stop at Shanti Path.

The proposal was last considered by the HCC at its meeting held on February 2, 2017 and the following observations were made :

- “1. The proposal of the bus stops at Shanti Path was submitted by the NDMC for approval of the HCC. As per notified list of Heritage Buildings/precincts of NDMC area ‘Shanti Path Vista’ is in Grade I.*
- 2. The proposal was scrutinized and discussed with the Chief Architect, NDMC. The HCC observed that the grandeur of the Vista should be maintained. While the proposal was agreed in principle, the HCC observed that the use of glass as the roofing material as proposed need re-consideration in view of extreme weather conditions. The Chief Architect, NDMC was advised to submit the revised proposal with alternative roofing material for consideration of the HCC.”*

The proposal was scrutinized and discussed with the NDMC architects. The HCC observed that the polycarbonate sheet as the roofing material with the colour merging with the area surroundings is acceptable. However, in vertical partitions transparent glass should be used for visual continuity of open green areas.

The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the above observations.

Item No. 2. Request for permission for repair/renovation at premises no.C-6, Radial Road, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of the internal renovation like partition wall flooring, false ceiling, white washing & plastering etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
 - (i) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.
 - (ii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

Item No. 3. Proposal for renovation and decoration work at shop no. K-12, Connaught Circus.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of the flooring, old electric wiring & fitting, wood work, false ceiling etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
 - (i) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.
 - (ii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

Item No. 4. Proposal for renovation work at H-36, Ground and Mezzanine floor, Outer Circle, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of the flooring, old electric wiring & fitting, wood work, false ceiling and construction of staircase relaying of slab of mezzanine floor etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
 - (i) No change is permitted on external facade, which should be re-stored to the original i.e., white plastered paint.
 - (ii) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.
 - (iii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

Item No. 5. Proposal for renovation work at C-14, (Ground floor), Inner Circle, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of the internal renovation like partition wall flooring, false ceiling, white washing & plastering etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
 - (i) No change is permitted on external facade, which should be re-stored to the original, i.e., white plastered paint.
 - (ii) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.

- (iii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

B. Other matters :

Addl. Item No.1 :Incentives offered for Heritage sites/buildings in Delhi – Recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

The Heritage Conservation Committee at its meeting held on May 2, 2016 had decided to constitute a Sub-Committee with the following composition for an in-depth examination of the aforesaid issue :-

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| 1. Shri Samir Mathur, Member HCC | | Chairman of Sub-Committee |
| 2. Dr.Narayani Gupta, Member HCC | | Member Sub-Committee |
| 3. Chief Planner, TCPO, Member HCC | | Member Sub-Committee |
| 4. ADG (Arch.), Member HCC | | Member Sub-Committee |

The report of the Sub-Committee was included in the agenda for the 52nd meeting held on December 16, 2016, but was deferred as two of the non-official members were not present. It was accordingly, decided that the matter would be included in the next meeting of the HCC and meanwhile a power point presentation be prepared before the next meeting of the HCC.

Because of paucity of time, the report could not be considered at its meeting of the February 2, 2017.

The report of the sub-committee was now considered and the following observations were made :

1. The report is vague, lacks clarity and does not take into account the implications.
2. The sub-committee has not deliberated on what could be significant to Delhi in view of various practices being following across India or abroad.
3. The sub-committee has not taken into account the existing policies and practices in the matter. For example, what is already there like Heritage Foundation of DDA etc. have not been taken into account.

In view of the above, it was decided to constitute a new sub-committee to look into the above aspects and study the whole matter objectively and in a meaningful manner. The recommendations of the new sub-committee will then be put up before the HCC which can modify the same after deliberations and forward that to the Government /local bodies concerned for consideration.

Following will be the composition of the sub-committee :

1. Prof.Dr. Rommel Mehta, Member HCC Chairman
2. Ms. Vertika Sharma, Member HCCMember
3. Sh. Sanjeev Kapur, ADG (Architecture), CPWD, Member HCCMember
4. Sh. Rajeev Sood, Chief Architect NDMC, Member HCC ...Member
5. Member-Secretary, HCCConvenor

Addl. Item no. 2 :Plans for Internal renovation work at M-14, M-71, First floor, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of the internal renovation like change in the flooring, old electric wiring & fitting, wood work, false ceiling and construction of staircase relaying of slab of mezzanine floor etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
 - (i) NDMC should verify whether the mezzanine floor is existing or not, and if it was existing earlier, that may be allowed else not allowed.
 - (ii) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.
 - (iii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

Sd/-

(Vinod Kumar)
Member-Secretary
Heritage Conservation Committee