

MINUTES OF THE 62nd MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018.

A. Proposals :

Item No. 1: Plans in respect of C-10 Inner Circle, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of change of plastering of walls, POP work, patch work, flooring, painting/whitewashing, false ceiling, water proofing, furniture & fixtures and repair of stair case etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
 - (i) No changes are permitted on external side/facade, which should be retained as per the original design.
 - (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. 2: Plans in respect of verification of concept designs for National War Museum.

1. The Committee noted the request of the Director, National War Memorial and Museum (NWM&M) dated 23.11.2017 followed by letter dated 27.12.2017 and 12.01.2018 requesting the opinion of Heritage Conservation Committee (HCC) on design no. 2 and 3 with respect to the same issue as was the case for design no.1.
2. The Committee further noted that as far as design no. 1 is concerned, it had deliberated the matter in its meeting held on 12.10.2017 and had communicated its observations to the National War Memorial and Museum, HQ Integrated Defence Staff. The observations of the Committee were based on the presentation / interaction with Col. Basera and were based primarily on the basis of a presentation and block model and no detailed drawings were submitted for in depth consideration of the HCC.
3. The Committee further noted that as per the provisions of the Unified Building Bye Laws for Delhi 2016, the permission for development or redevelopment of listed heritage buildings / precincts is to be given by the Local Bodies in Delhi, however, the concerned Local Body has to consult the HCC before granting any permission. However, considering the national importance of the project, the HCC, as an exception, had agreed to communicate its broad observations at the conceptual stage of the project itself as requested by the NWM&M.

4. After deliberating the issue further in the light of the recent correspondence of NWM&M, the Committee resolved to request the NWM&M to submit a specific proposal which it prefers for the consideration and observations of the Committee, whether it is design no.1,2 or 3 or any other design. Whenever such a proposal is received, the HCC would be in a position to examine the same in requisite detail and offer its specific observations including alterations if required in the proposed proposal, keeping in view the mandate with which HCC was constituted.

B. Additional Item

Item No. 1 : Plans in respect of internal renovation work at E-27/4, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal was forwarded by the NDMC online. It included the work in terms of landscaping, rehabilitation/repair of pillar beams etc. architectural wooden screen on MS Frame in open area with 2.1 mt. Height, replacement of existing doors and windows etc.
2. Earlier the proposal for plastering and patch repairs, flooring and re-flooring, white-washing, painting etc. re-roofing or renewal of roof, erection of re-erection of internal partitions was approved by the HCC at its meeting held on December 30, 2016.
3. Subsequently for some other revisions the proposal was approved by the HCC at its meeting held on July 2, 2017.
4. The present proposal was taken up for consideration. So as to assess the good situation, it was decided that a site visit of the premises will be made by the sub-committee comprising of the following:-

1. Prof. Dr. Rommel Mehta	...	Member HCC
2. Ms. Vertika Sharma	...	Member HCC
3. Chief Architect, NDMC	...	Member HCC
4. Member Secretary, HCC	...	Member convener

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