# MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2004 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DELHI URBAN ART COMMISSION.

#### PRESENT:

Shri B.S. Lalli
 Additional Secretary
 M/o Urban Development

Chairman

2. Shri K.T. Gurumukhi Chief Planner, TCPO

Member

3. Shri S.C. Bhatia
Addl. DG (Arch) CPWD

Member

4. Shri Sanjit Sen Gupta Chief Architect, NDMC

Member

5. Shri A.K. Jain Commissioner (Plng.) DDA

Member

6. Shri V.K. Bugga Chief Town Planner, MCD

Member

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

- 7. Prof. K.T. Ravindran Urban Designer, SPA
- 8. Shri B.K. Jain
  Director (DC&RYP)DDA

Item No.1. Conduct of Business Regulations.

Item No.2. Guidelines for submission of proposals.

Draft Conduct of Business Regulations and Draft Guidelines for submission of proposals to the Committee prepared by Member Secretary on the basis of similar documents of DUAC were put up to the Committee for consideration.

Committee decided that a Sub-Committee comprising of :-

- 1. Shri Prof. K.T. Ravindran, Urban Designer (Special Invitee)
- 2. Shri Sanjeev Sen Gupta, Chief Architect, NDMC (Member)

- 3. Shri K.T. Gurmukhi, Chief Town Planner, TCPO (Member)
- 4. Shri V.K. Bugga, Chief Town Planner (Member) would finalize the Conduct of Business Regulations and Guidelines for submission of proposals to the Committee, for consideration. Keeping in view the terms of reference of the Committee for this purpose Mumbai Heritage Conservation Committee Conduct of Business Regulations available with Shri V.K. Bugga shall also be referred.

Further Committee decided that for Committee meetings minimum quorum required shall be Chairman plus four members.

The time frame to finalize these documents was decided to be 10 working days.

## Item No.3 Propoal for St. Stephen's College.

The proposal was received from the PWD through the MCD (Town Planning Department) for approval of its renovation and refurbishing Scheme. The Scheme was prepared by Architects of the DDA.

The Committee observed as under

- 1. Before going through the proposal, it was necessary to identity the category of the building, as per classification parameters laid down in Gazette Notification dated February 9, 2004 clause 23.12.
- 2. The Building was under category 'A', as it was more than 100 years old structure.
- 3. The proposal presented by the DDA, Architects with the help of presentation drawings and power point was considered to be in order.
- 4. The Building was under occupation of Election Officer while Ideally it should be a museum.
- 5. The building was surrounded by subsequently built structures around it, which should be demolished. The area around the building should be properly landscaped.

- While carrying out the renovations, it should be dealt very sensitively e.g. cast 6. iron members should be replaced by cast iron members only mild steel should not be used.
- It would be desirable to convey the decision of the Committee only after 7. finalization of the Conduct of Business Regulations of the Committee.

Review of progress on formation of lists of Item No.4

(a) Resource Persons

(b) Endangered buildings

Objections received in response to advt. Of June 2001 of MCD & Item No.5 October 2003 of NDMC relating to the list prepared by then of heritage structures.

The Committee was of the view that it was essential to finalize the lists of heritage buildings category wise, as per the parameters laid down in the gazette notification dated February 9, 2004 Clause 23.12.

Also it was observed that the Lists had been published by MCD & NDMC for the heritage buildings in their area respectively. The buildings in the areas of Railway Board and Cantonment Board and ASI too need be listed.

Shri V.K. Bugga, Chief Town Planner informed the Committee that the lists published by them in June 2001 were prepared on the basis of Lists prepared by INTACH minus Protected monuments.

Shri K.T. Ravindran informed the Committee that many listed heritage buildings had been demolished, which need be checked and deleted form the lists.

The Committee was of the view that an advertisement be given in press about constitution of the Heritage Conservation Committee high lighting its Aims & Objectives to create more awareness about heritage buildings. It was decided that for this purpose following group would prepare the details of the notification.

- Shri A.K. Jain, Commissioner (Plng.), DDA 1.
- Prof. K.T. Ravindran, Urban Designer 2.
- Shri V.K. Bugga, Chief Town Planner, MCD 3.
- Shri Sanjib Sengupta, Chief Architect, NDMC 4.

The Unified Building Byelaws and Byelaws of Delhi Cantonment Board, Railway Board were proposed to be studied, so as to examine their suitability for heritage buildings.

Item No.6 Association of Experts.

It was observed that as per clause 23.16 of the Gazette Notification Heritage Conservation Committee Constitution should have environmentalists, urban designers, natural historicals etc.

Accordingly it was proposed to recommend at this point of time following name to the Ministry of Urban Development for nomination as an expert on Heritage Conservation Committee.

1. Prof. K.T. Ravindran, Urban Designer

(Dina Nath)
Member Secretary

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The Chairman and Members of the Heritage Conservations Committee.

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