

MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

4th MEETING HELD ON 15th FEBRUARY 2005 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM NIRMAN BHAWAN, NEW DELHI

PRESENT :

1. Shri B.S. Lalli
Additional Secretary
M/o Urban Development Chairman
2. Shri K.T. Gurmukhi
Chief Planner, TCPO Member
3. Shri S.C. Bhatia
Addl. DG(Arch), CPWD Member
4. Shri V.K. Bugga
Chie Town Planner, MCD Member
5. Shri Jasat Pati Joshi
Retd. DG, ASI Member
6. Shri D.S. Meshram
Urban Designer Member
7. Shri S.K. Saraswat
Director, National Museum of Natural History Member
8. Prof. A.G.K. Menon
Conservation Architect Member
9. Prof. Mohd. Shaheer
Environmentalist Member
10. Shri Dina Nath
Secretary, DUAC Member Secretary

ALSO PRESENT :

11. Shri A.M. Athale
NDMC
12. Shri J.B. Kshirsagar
TCPO

13. Shri B.K. Jain
Director (Plng.)DDA
13. Shri D.S. Sachdev
CPWD, CDO
14. Shri Chandu Bhutia
AD (Plg.) DDA

At the outset the Chairman welcome the new Members of the HCC nominated by the Government vide notification no.K-12016/6/2003-DD-IB dated 6th January 2005:-

1. Shri S.K. Saraswat
Director, National Museum of Natural History
2. Prof. A.G.K. Menon
Conservation Architect
3. Prof. Mohd. Shaheer
Environmentalist

**Item No.1. Conduct of Business Regulations
Guidelines for submission of proposals to HCC**

The Guidelines for submission of proposals to HCC had earlier been accepted by the HCC. The draft of the Conduct of Business Regulations was considered and certain corrections were made in Clause 8, 9, 11 and 14(c).

The Conduct of Business Regulations, 2004 were accepted by the HCC with the above corrections and it was decided that the Conduct of Business Regulations as well as the Guidelines for submission of proposals to HCC may be submitted to the Government for notifying both the documents.

Item No.2 : Listing of Heritage buildings.

(a) List received from NDMC

The list received from the NDMC was perused and the following observations were made :-

NDMC had mentioned that it had been reported that the following buildings/precincts had been demolished/did not exist any more :-

- (i) Lala Diwan Chand Trust, 2, Jain Mandir Road
- (ii) Summerville School, 26, Ferozshah Road

The HCC observed that de-listing should not be done by the local body on its own. The HCC desired that the list as originally prepared by NDMC need to be seen because the present list now received was department-wise and it had been taken from the list published by INTACH. The HCC felt that the list of buildings as received should be studied in context of the surrounding area/precincts and this very aspect should be incorporated in this list in a tabular form. The HCC desired the following :-

- (i) It was important to grade the buildings in the list as per the grade criteria prescribed in the gazette notification dated February 9, 2004 under clause 23.12.
- (ii) The classifications/non-classifications be taken care.
- (iii) Specific additions be made in the list about the quality of the precincts and areas like Luteyen's Bungalow Zone, Central Vista and Connaught Place.
- (iv) Physical survey of the area should also be done.
- (v) As part of listing if some monument was existing and had been pulled down or collapsed, the aspect of creating its replica may be considered.

So as to finalise the list the HCC constituted following Sub-Committee :

- (i) Prof. A.G.K. Meon
Conservation Architect
- (ii) Prof. Mohd. Shaheer
Environmentalist
- (iii) Representative of ADG (Architecture), CPWD with relevant background.
- (iv) Shri G.K. Rao, Deputy Architect, NDMC
- (v) Some fresh graduates as per advice of Prof. Menon may be associated with the Sub-Committee who can do some field work.

It was decided that the Sub-Committee will finalise the list and submit to HCC latest by 31st March 2005.

(b) List received from MCD

The list received from MCD was also perused and the comments of Chief Town Planner, MCD were also taken note where he had observed that in response to their publication of the list in the newspapers in June, 2001 they had received 42 representations and it had been desired by him that the same may be considered by the HCC.

The HCC observed that the list now received from MCD need to be seen in context of the original list prepared by Jafar Hasan which had 1312 number of monuments, the list prepared by INTACH and the list subsequently prepared by the Delhi Government. The HCC desired that all the three lists need to be studied and it is to be seen as to what is the current situation of the exiting building monuments with respect to the original list of Jafar Hasan.

Item No.3 : Composition of HCC

The HCC took note of the Government notification no.K-12016/6/2003-DD-IB dated 6th January 2005 wherein the additional Members had been nominated.

Apart from the new Members the HCC in terms of Clause 2.17 of Public Notice dated 9th February 2004 may co-opt three additional Members, in this connection, three names were considered :

1. Prof. K.T. Ravindran
Urban Designer
2. Ms. Gurmeet S. Rai
Director, CRCI
3. Dr. Rajeev Khanna
Conservationist

The HCC decided to co-opt the following Members :-

1. Prof. K.T. Ravindran,
Urban Designer
2. Ms. Gurmeet S. Rai,
Director, CRCI

Item No.4 : Proposal in respect of Old. St. Stephens College.

In context of the above proposal HCC decided that since the constitution of the HCC is now complete and the Conduct of Business Regulations and Guidelines for submission of proposals to HCC have also been accepted by the HCC, the above proposal need to be considered. A presentation of the proposal had been made by the Promoters at the HCC meeting of 20th October 2004.

Keeping in view the fact that the constitution of the HCC is now complete and some new Members have joined it was decided to advise the promoters to make a presentation of the proposal at its next meeting.

Sd/-

(Dina Nath)
Member Secretary

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The Chairman and Members of the Heritage Conservation Committee.

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