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**MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE (HCC) HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2006.**

PRESENT :

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| 1. | Shri S.M. Acharya
Additional Secretary
M/o Urban Development | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. A.G.K. Menon
Conservation Architect | Member |
| 3. | Shri O.P. Jain
Convener, INTACH | Member |
| 4. | Shri D.S. Meshram
Urban Designer | Member |
| 5. | Shri Sanjib Sengupta
Chief Architect, NDMC | Member |
| 6. | Prof. K.T. Ravindran
Urban Designer, SPA | Member |
| 7. | Shri A.D. Biswas
Dy. Town Planner, MCD | Representative of
Chief Town Planner, MCD |
| 8. | Shri S. Agarwal
Asstt. Director (Plng.) DDA | Representative of
Commissioner (Plng.) DDA |
| 9. | Shri Dina Nath
Secretary, DUAC | Member Secretary |

Item No.1 : Plans in respect of Police station Complex at Mandir Marg.

(a) The proposal had last been considered at HCC meeting held on February 27, 2006 and the following observations were made:-

“(a) The proposal had been considered at HCC meeting held on December 19, 2005 and the following observations were made:-

“The proposal has been forwarded by the NDMC for consideration of the HCC. The proposal is for construction of Police Station building and staff quarters after demolishing the existing structures except the heritage building in the front. The

Committee decided to defer the matter as it needs to be examined in more detail on the basis of the three-dimensional model when promoters and the concerned architect are also present for interaction.”

- (b) The revised proposal was considered by the HCC wherein the architect had put up two alternative layouts.
- (c) In alternative one, the block-F had been pushed back, the orientation of blocks-E and D had been changed. The distance between the block-A (Heritage block) and block-C had also been increased.
- (d) In alternative two, the orientation of block-D,E,F had been revised and the distance between the heritage block –A and the block-C had also been increased.
- (e) The proposal was discussed with the architect and the HCC observed that the change in orientation of the blocks had not made any material difference.
- (f) The block-A i.e. Heritage block was away from the main road and the block-B & C dominated in terms of their height, volume and appearance from the main street was concerned. The heritage block has been smothered.
- (g) The HCC observed that the setback of the blocks-B & C from the main street, should be the same as that of the heritage block(A).
- (h) The HCC decided that the scheme will be considered further on receipt of alternative proposal.

Item No.2 : Permission for construction of corridor doorway in South Block.

- (a) The proposal had last been considered at HCC meeting held on February 27, 2006.
- (b) The HCC was informed that no revised proposal has been received incorporating its observations.

Item No.3 : Revised plans in respect of Hotel Marina at G-Block-59, Connaught Circus.

- (a) The proposal forwarded by the NDMC had been taken up for consideration at HCC meeting held on February 27, 2006 but could not be discussed with the architect.
- (b) The proposal was now examined and discussed with the architect.
- (c) The HCC observed that the internal/external changes proposed in the hotel are important.
- (d) HCC observed that a Heritage conservation report of the proposal need to be submitted by the architect. Further, it was recalled that the NDMC had taken up an exercise of restoration works of Connaught Place and to start with block-C proposal had been

prepared. The HCC observed that the proposal should also be part of the overall proposal of Connaught Place.

- (e) The Chief Architect, NDMC who was present in the meeting was requested to include the present proposal in the total scheme. It was decided that a letter in this regard would be written to Chairperson, NDMC.

Item No.4 : Internal repair works and refurbishment at 5 Scindia House, Connaught Circus.

- (a) The proposal had since been submitted directly to the HCC. The HCC advised the architect/promoters to route the proposal through concerned local body i.e. NDMC for its consideration.

Item No.5 : Layout plan for Police Station and Staff Quarters at Hauz Quazi. (Shahjahanabad, walled city).

- (a) The proposal forwarded by the MCD had been considered by the Delhi Urban Art Commission at its meeting held on May 8, 2006 and it had decided to refer the matter to the HCC for ascertaining its views.
- (b) The proposal was examined and also discussed with the architect and it was found that the proposal as put up was based upon the normal master plan norms. It was felt that the building is in heritage zone and generally there are no setbacks of the buildings existing all-round because the buildings have the concept of internal courtyards. It was decided to refer the matter to the MCD with the observations that the matter may be examined in background of the existing system of the buildings in the surrounding area.
- (c) The architect was advised to put up a model of the area around the site.

Item No.6 : Inderprastha Girls Senior Secondary School, behind Jama Masjid, Chandni Chowk.

Since the architect of the proposal was not present, the HCC was constrained to postpone the consideration of the proposal.

Item No.7: Sub-Committee for formulation of Policy guidelines for buildings (non-listed) in Heritage Zone.

The consideration of the matter was deferred because Shri S.C. Bhatia, ADG (Arch.) had since retired and a new incumbent in place of him was yet to take over.

Addl.Item No.1: Proposal for restoration of N.P. Boys School, Mandir Marg.

- (a) The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was examined and discussed with the architect.
- (b) The proposal was approved by the HCC with the observation that the barrier free movement of the physically handicapped should be ensured in the proposal.

Addl.Item No.2: Plans in respect of Constitutional Club at Vithal Bhai Patel House Complex, Rafi Marg.

- (a) The proposal forwarded by the NDMC had been considered by the DUAC at its meeting held on May 31, 2006.
- (b) The matter had been referred by the DUAC to the HCC for obtaining its views in the matter.
- (c) The proposal was examined and discussed with the architect.
- (d) It was considered acceptable and approved by the HCC.

Addl. Item No.3: Notification of Listing of Heritage buildings.

- (a) The progress made by the MCD with regard to the notification of the listed buildings was discussed.
- (b) Shri A.D. Biswas, Dy. Town Planner informed the HCC they have already sent the case to the Secretary department of Art and culture for notification and they are pursuing the matter.
- (c) It was decided that a letter would be sent by the Chairman, HCC to the Secretary, Department of Art & Culture for expediting the notification.
- (d) The progress by the NDMC for the purpose was also discussed and the Chief Architect NDMC informed that the proposal was to be considered by the council after which it will be sent to the Delhi Government for notification.
- (e) The Chief architect NDMC was requested to expedite the notification.

Addl. Item No.4: Proposal of Metro Phase-II from Central Sectt., to Qutub Minar.

- (a) A sketch drawing of the Central Secretariat to Qutub Minar route of the proposed Metro Phase-II was put up by Shri Mangu Singh, before the HCC. The HCC made the following observations:-
 - (i) If any artifacts are found during the underground metro the same should be preserved.

- (ii) Since it was only a sketch plan, the HCC desired that a detail plan proposed for the total alignment with sufficient informations in terms of its effect on monuments if any, should be submitted for consideration of the HCC.

(Dina Nath)
Member-Secretary