

**MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION  
COMMITTEE (HCC) HELD ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2006.**

**PRESENT :**

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| 1.  | Shri S.M. Acharya<br>Additional Secretary<br>M/o Urban Development | Chairman         |
| 2.  | Shri O.P. Jain   | Member           |
| 3.  | Shri D.S. Meshram  | Member           |
| 4.  | Prof. M. Shaheer   | Member           |
| 5.  | Prof. K.T. Ravindran   | Member           |
| 6.  | Prof. A.G.K. Menon<br>Conservation Architect                       | Member           |
| 7.  | Shri Subhash Kapoor<br>ADG (Arch), CPWD                            | Member           |
| 8.  | Shri Sanjib Sengupta<br>Chief Architect, NDMC                      | Member           |
| 9.  | Smt. Madhu R. Mehta<br>Secretary, DUAC                             | Member Secretary |
| 10. | Shri Y. Ramesh<br>TCPO   |                  |
| 11. | Shri Amit Das  |                  |
| 12. | Shri Jitendra Tyagi  |                  |
| 13. | Ms. Tripta Khurana<br>Chief Architect DMRC                         |                  |
| 14. | Shri Brajesh Kumar Mishra  |                  |
| 15. | Ms. Yasmin Abidi<br>Architect, CPWD                                |                  |

**Item no.1: Confirmation of the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Heritage Conservation Committee.**

The minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the HCC held on October 16, 2006 were confirmed and approved.

**Item No.2: Residential building after demolition at MPL No.4912/XI, P. No. P-75, Daryaganj**

- (a) The proposal had been forwarded by the Town Planner, MCD for consideration of the HCC. The HCC made the following observations:-
- i) Location of building on map showing adjacent properties on either side need to be given.
  - ii) The Heritage features of this area need to be taken into consideration and the architect should specify the steps being taken to safeguard the heritage aspects identified by him..

It was decided that the HCC would consider the proposal after compliance of the foregoing observations is made.

**Item No.3: Add./Alts. plans in respect of Gate no.2, North Block.**

- (a) The HCC is in receipt of the proposal from NDMC for the consideration of the Heritage Conservations Committee.

- (b) The proposal is for Glass partition at North block gate no.2. This project was placed in HCC meeting held on September 11, 2006 when the following observations were made:-

*“The proposal had been directly submitted by the CPWD for consideration of the HCC. The HCC observed that as per the provisions, the proposal was required to be routed through the concerned local body i.e. NDMC in this case. It was also discussed with the Chief Architect, NDMC present in the meeting. He confirmed that the same was required to be routed through the NDMC. It was decided to advise the CPWD accordingly.”*

- (c) The proposal was considered and the following observations were made:-
- i) A strategy need to be formulated & it was decided that a mock up of the proposal at site be seen by the committee, so as to appreciate the proposal better.
  - ii) It was decided that the Committee comprising of the following would visit the site when Chief Engineer NDZ-I, Chief Architect CPWD and NDMC Chief architect are also present:-
    - i) Prof. M. Shaheer
    - ii) Shri O.P. Jain, INTACH

- iii) Shri D.S. Meshram, TCPO
- iv) Prof. K.T. Ravindran
- v) Prof. A.G.K. Menon

The representatives of the user Ministry may also be invited & the concerned architect of the project would coordinate with them.

- (iii) Similar proposal of the south block wherein some glass work has already been done be seen by the group identified by Chairman HCC.

**Item No.4. Sub-Committee for formulation of Policy guidelines for buildings (non-listed) in Heritage Zone.**

It was observed that a letter was sent to the School of Planning & Architecture regarding formulation of policy for non listed buildings in Heritage Zone. In response, there-of, letter dated October 30, 2006 received from the Director, SPA was placed before the Committee. The Director has expressed that this is a complex exercise requiring extensive primary surveys and collection of baseline data, which would require a period of at least six months and would have to be undertaken in a phased manner. It has been suggested by him that Heritage Zone indicated in MPD-2021 may be shortlisted for the exercise. Accordingly, the detailed terms of reference, schedule and fees would be submitted if the above proposal is acceptable to the HCC.

The HCC considered the matter and accepted the proposal, further it felt that in the first instance a specific zone like Daryaganj could be taken up to establish a ‘demonstration affect’ with respect to general and specific design principles. Thereafter the other zones could be taken up. As regards, funds for the proposed exercise it was decided that the quantum of expenditure and time schedule may be ascertained in the first instance from the SPA so that the proposal for funds for this exercise could be sent to the Ministry of Urban Development for consideration. It was also decided to request the DDA, NDMC & MCD to contribute funds for the proposed exercise through a letter from the Chairman, HCC to the Heads of these Bodies.

**Item No.5: Listed monuments/Heritage Buildings located in Badarpur area – Letter received from Shri O.P. Jain, Convener, INTACH**

- (a) A reference in respect of above had been received from Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) for the consideration of the Heritage Conservation Committee.

- (b) In view of the letter received from the O.P. Jain. Chairman HCC decided to take up the matter with the Chief Secretary, Delhi Government with a copy to Lt. Governor. It was decided that Shri O.P. Jain will help the HCC in formulating the letter.

**Item No.6. Proposal of Metro phase-II for Central Secretariat to Qutub Minar.**

- A. This proposal had been considered by the Heritage Conservation Committee at its meeting held on June 8, 2006 when the following observations were made: -

(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.”*

- B. In response to above the Chief architect, DMRC had submitted No objection certificate of ASI & a list of monuments & distance of alignment etc., for the consideration of Heritage Conservation Committee.
- C. The matter was now discussed with the Chief Architect, DMRC and the HCC observed that the metro routes pass through sensitive areas like Sunehri Bagh and other New Delhi areas and any over ground structures/construction should not adversely affect the environment created over the centuries in terms of vegetation & others.
- D. The sketches and location of the over ground structures need to be worked out in a sensitive manner.
- E. The details of over ground structures need to given and building materials to be specified seeing the sensitivity of the area. The fine detailing should merge with the surrounding area. ADG (Arch.) CPWD may also be consulted & suggestions obtained.
- F. Conditions put by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) should be strictly adhered to for tunnel boring etc. and clearance obtained.

- G. The HCC felt that subject to the approval of ASI about alignment, it has no objection to the proposals. However, before the drawings of the over ground structures/proposals are finalized, the approval of the HCC should be obtained by the DMRC.
- H. Any artifacts/historical found during excavations should be catalogued and handed over to the ASI. It was suggested that, with the permission of ASI, a museum of artifacts may be made by DMRC.

**Item No.7: Listing of heritage precincts, natural feature areas etc. in terms of clause 23.5 of the Delhi Building Bye-Laws, 1983.**

The HCC noted that while action has been initiated by the MCD and the NDMC in respect of listing of Heritage Buildings, in terms of Clause 23.5 of the Delhi Building Bye-laws, 1983 action is yet to be initiated for listing of Heritage precincts, natural features area etc. Further to the letters already addressed to the local bodies in this regard by the Member-Secretary it was decided to send reminders from Chairman, HCC to the Heads of the Local Bodies for expediting the listing of Heritage precincts etc. so that these could be included in the Master Plan and the Zonal Plan and given due consideration for conservation.

**Item No.8. Review of Guidelines for referring proposals to HCC.**

It was indicated by the HCC that the Guidelines for referring the proposals to the HCC have already been approved at the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 15.02.2005. With a view to review the Guidelines to access whether any modifications are required, it was decided to take up the matter again at the next meeting of the HCC after the Members have gone through the Guidelines.

**Item No.9. Adoption of Conduct of Business Regulations of HCC.**

The Conduct of Business Regulations of HCC had earlier been approved by the Committee at its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting held on February 15.02.2005. While this document was earlier intended to be notified, as Clause 23.5 of Delhi Building Bye-laws 1983 does not contain provision for notification of such a document, the HCC passed a resolution adopting the Conduct of Business Regulations for its functioning.

**Item No.10. Notification of list of Heritage buildings in the NDMC area.**

At the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11.8.06 it was decided to constitute a Sub-Committee by the HCC in respect of heritage buildings and precincts in the NDMC area. At the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 16.10.2006 the Chief Architect, NDMC indicated that the list has since been received from

INTACH and shall be put up to the HCC for approval. The list provided by the NDMC was placed before the HCC.

HCC approved the list of Heritage Buildings with the stipulation that the spellings and typological errors of the building may be corrected in consultation with the INTACH as well as the list prepared earlier by Zaffar Hassain. NDMC was urged to take expeditious action for notification of the list.

**Addl. Item No. 1          Remuneration for HCC Members.**

A need was expressed to meet to some extent the commuting cost etc. for the Members who attend the meetings of the HCC, site visits and any meeting on behalf of the HCC. The Committee observed that the Advisers who attend the meetings of the Delhi Urban Art Commission are being paid an amount of Rs.500/- per visit. Similarly, the Members of the HCC could also be paid for this purpose. As Clause 23 of Delhi Building Bye-laws has no provision in this regard, it was decided to send a proposal to the Ministry of Urban Development for consideration.

**(Madhu R. Mehta)**  
**Member Secretary**