

**MINUTES OF THE 28TH MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY THE 26TH MAY 2011.**

Item No. A-1: Completion of the Project: Reconstruction of Sarai Sohel, Presevation of Sarai Gumbad (Tomb of Sohel) in IGI Airport in Palam.

1. The proposal forwarded by the MCD was considered by the Heritage Conservation Committee at its meeting held on April 23, 2009 and certain observations were given.
2. In compliance the architect had now submitted the landscape scheme. Accordingly, the Completion plan was approved by the Heritage Conservation Committee.

Item No. A.2: Completion plans in respect of Health Club & SPA, Hotel Imperial, Janpath.

1. The Completion plan forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinized with respect to the building plans earlier approved by the Heritage Conservation Committee at its meeting held on October 16, 2007.
2. The proposal was not approved and following observations were made:
 - (a) Submit the photographs of additional built up structures.
 - (b) Show all external changes specifically in drawings and photographs.
 - (c) Submit superimposed drawings for consideration of Heritage Conservation Committee.

Item No. A.3: Internal renovation work in respect of E-34-35(First Floor), Connaught Place.

1. The proposal of addition/alterations forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinized.
2. The Heritage Conservation Committee observed that the structural stability of the buildings should not be affected by the proposed changes.
3. The representative of NDMC was requested to forward to the HCC structural stability certificate of the proposal, so that the scheme could be scrutinized.

Item No. 4:- Add./Alt. of plans in respect of Delhi Gymkhana Club at 2, Safdarjung Road – Relaying of Roof over building No. 30, Rose Garden Terrace Building NO. 10, Main Kitchen.

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was found acceptable and approved with the observation that the correct FAR should be reflected in the proposal.

Item No. 5:- Revised Layout plan of National Centre for Disease Control, Sham Nath Marg.

1. The proposal forwarded by the MCD was scrutinized. It was discussed with the architect and the following observations were made.
 - (i) All the building structures existing should be documented.
 - (ii) A conservation report to reflect the protection of heritage value of the site need to be submitted to the Heritage Conservations Committee.
 - (iii) The new proposal which are large scale addition are not respecting the existing heritage structures and at certain location they are very close to the heritage buildings.
 - (iv) The development should be modulated in such a manner so that it respects the heritage structures.
 - (v) The relationship of the heritage buildings to the street is not given due respect.
 - (vi) The transition in the complex should be smooth and should merge with the existing.

- (vii) The road system need to be rationalized, keeping in view the heritage structures.
- (viii) A definite vocabulary of the architectural character need to be evolved for the complex since it is not a vacant piece of land.
- (ix) The topographical survey plan of site showing existing trees with their species, girth, foliage need to be submitted. Preservation of trees should be the designing criteria of the buildings in the complex and in case some trees are to be cut there should be enough justification for the same.
- (x) It should be established as to how the existing Grade-I structures of the complex have been respected.

Item No. 6:- Surveillances & access control system-requirement of Boundary Wall.

The proposal submitted directly by the CPWD was scrutinized and the following observations were made:-

- (i) The public space for queuing up should not be decreased by the proposed boundary wall.
- (ii) The design of boundary wall should be devised, keeping in view the designs of the existing boundary walls in the capital complex area.
- (iii) The implication of closing of roads by the proposed boundary wall need to be seen in the context of traffic transportation net work of the area.
- (iv) For formal consideration of the proposal by the Heritage Conservation Committee, it is required to be routed through the NDMC.

Item No. 7:- Bengali Club, Kashmere Gate.

1. The matter was last considered by the Heritage Conservation Committee at its meeting held on April 22, 2008.
2. The matter was discussed in context of the letter No. BC/MCD/2010/04 dated August 25, 2010 received from General Secretary, Bengali Club who had

reported to the MCD with regard to collapsing of some Cast-iron Pillars in the existing club.

3. In this regard, the representative of MCD, Town Planner informed the HCC that there was some litigation between the owner and the tenant and MCD is aware of the position in the matter.
4. Prof. A.G.K. Menon, Convener, Delhi Chapter, INTACH, Member of the Heritage Conservation Committee informed that this work has been assigned to INTACH. The proposal shall be submitted to HCC through MCD in due course.
5. The Heritage Conservation Committee took note of the position.

Item No. 8:- Regarding property No. 1, Ramkishore Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-54 – Letter received from Town Planner, MCD.

1. The letter No. TP/G/324/11 dated January 27, 2011 received from Town Planner, MCD was seen by the HCC wherein recommendation of the 'INTACH' had also been enclosed that though the property is not part of the list of heritage buildings but since it is an old building it may be considered by MCD for notification.
2. The Heritage Conservation Committee observed that merely writing a letter by MCD to Heritage Conservation Committee is not sufficient. Study for its heritage value need to be undertaken by the MCD and then forwarded the matter to HCC with its observations/recommendations etc.
3. The HCC observed that it can not take any action in the matter at present.

Item No. 9:- Regarding Bahawalpur House Campus – Letter received from Director, National School of Drama.

The letter received from Director, NSD dated January 12, 2011 that the DMRC is intending to acquire certain area from the NSD campus, was discussed. The HCC decided to request to DMRC to submit the proposal of Delhi Metro Line, so that the aspect raised by NSD could be evaluated.

Item No. 10:- Protection of unprotected Heritage Structure – Letter received from Shri Ajay Chowdhury, General Secretary, B.K. Dutt Colony Youth Association.

Various letters received from B.K. Dutt Colony Youth Association were taken note by the HCC wherein they have raised that the attempt is going on by some parties to change the status of the site. The HCC decided to call for a report in the matter from NDMC in particular on the heritage aspects of the site.

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