

**MINUTES OF THE 31<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION  
COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY, THE 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2012**

**Item No. 1: Restoration of Hindu Rao House and its surroundings in Hindu Rao Hospital at C-280, Civil Lines Zone.**

The proposal forwarded by the MCD was examined and discussed with the Architect. The architect made a power point presentation of the proposal. Following observations were made :

- (i) The presentation was found wanting in terms of clarity.
- (ii) There was mismatch between the drawings and the presentation.
- (iii) The use of computer graphics for showing the existing materials, treatment has disturbed the actual architectural aspects.
- (iv) No section drawings had been submitted.
- (v) The proposal lacked clarity in respect of the entry to the building. The various levels had also not been shown.
- (vi) There was no clear demarcation of the buildings which were proposed to be demolished/modified viz-a-viz the heritage building.
- (vii) Due to lack of clarity in the scheme, the HCC was constrained to defer the consideration of the proposal. The consultant architect was advised to submit the corrected proposal for consideration of the HCC.

**Item No. 2: Plans in respect of internal renovation work at E-34-35 (first floor) at Connaught Place.**

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was earlier considered by the HCC at its meeting held on March 26, 2011.

The HCC had observed that the structural stability certificate of the proposal should be routed through the NDMC so that the scheme could be scrutinized.

The NDMC vide letter dated May 21, 2012 have simply forwarded the certificate etc. given by the structural engineer and had not given any categorical acceptance.

NDMC was accordingly asked to give clear certification accepting the structural stability certificate of the structural engineer so that the proposal could be examined.

**Item No. 3 Plans in respect of Boundary wall for South Block, on its boundary abutting Dalhousie Road.**

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinized and discussed with the Sr. Architect, CPWD and the representative of the Ministry of Defence.

The proposal submitted earlier directly by the CPWD was considered at HCC's meeting held on May 26, 2011 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 boundary walls proposed need to be seen in context of the 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.”*

The HCC made the following observations :

- i) There should be a computer based simulation study to see as to how the main building would look after the boundary wall has been constructed in urban design context.
- ii) The geometry of, the road curves, footpaths and green spaces should be respected while deciding the location of the boundary wall.
- iii) There was no clarity in the proposal in terms of the circulation and parking areas.
- iv) There was need to explore the possibility of underground parking. It was not clear as to what extent the present proposal addressed the security aspects.
- v) The design of the boundary wall need to be seen in the context of the boundary wall of the adjoining areas/buildings.

- vi) The vehicular circulation should clearly define the VIP movement and that of the general public after security clearance including pedestrian movement.
- vii) The security equipments installation should be clearly shown in the proposal.
- viii) It was decided that the representative of Ministry of Defence would arrange a discussion of the concerned Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Defence handling the project with the Chairman HCC to clarify the position in respect of the security aspects etc.

**Item No. 4 : Regarding Draft redevelopment plan of Special Area.**

The proposal forwarded by the MCD was considered. A power point presentation was made by Prof. Jamal H. Ansari on behalf of the consultant of MCD. The following observations were made :

- (i) The presentation may be re-aligned with focus on heritage aspects considering the fact that the entire area was demarked with considerable number of monuments and heritage buildings.
- (ii) The impact of the redevelopment plan on the heritage of the area needs to be clearly highlighted.
- (iii) Certain discrepancies were found in the report/presentation with regard to the uses, the clubbing of heritage areas with the green vacant lands etc. The consultant was asked to correct the informations provided in the proposal.
- (iv) The work already done particularly in last 4-5 years in the area next to the Red Fort precincts have not been taken into account while formulating the proposal. The earlier proposals about Jama Masjid like recommendations of Saifullah Committee and the subsequent proposal of redevelopment of Jama Masjid area done by the MCD should also be taken in to cognizance. The proposal formulated for the Chandni Chowk area should also be taken cognizance.
- (v) The basis for the recommendation of the prohibition zone for monuments upto 50 mts. was not clear. The existing regulations in respect of the listed/protected monuments should also be taken into consideration.

- (vi) The aspect of road widening need to be reviewed in context of the ground situation in particular existing Heritage buildings monuments on the streets.
- (vii) Considering the importance of the area and need for an in depth consideration , it was decided to have a detailed discussion on the proposal in the next meeting.
- (viii) The consultant architect was advised to submit corrected copies of the proposal so that the same could be circulated to members of HCC.
- (ix) It was decided that the Hon'ble High Court may be informed accordingly in the matter on the proposal, in view of its directions.

**Item No.5.: The proposal of GNCTD to nominate Delhi as a UNESCO World Heritage City under the title "Imperial Cities of Delhi" - Letter received from Prof. A.G.K. Menon, Convenor, INTACH**

On a request from the office of INTACH on behalf of Prof. A.G.K. Menon through letter dated June 7, 2012 , the consideration of the proposal was postponed.

**Item No.6.: Base Paper for auditing of heritage buildings in Delhi.**

Base paper for auditing of heritage buildings in Delhi was circulated to the Members of the HCC with the request that they may send their views on the subject which could be considered in the subsequent meeting of the Committee.

**(Vinod Kumar)**  
**Member-Secretary**