# MINUTES OF THE 34<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, THE 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013

# Item No.1: Plans for add./alts. in respect of Kerala House at 3 Jantar Mantar Road

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinised and discussed with the architect/proponent. The following observations were made:-

- 1. Since the changes proposed were in the part portion of the existing structure it is imperative that the structural stability/safety of the same is not compromised.
- 2. The architectural character/finishing in the proposed part need to be maintained.
- 3. The proper documentation of the existing features need to be done and a report on the same as a hard copy and soft copy need to be submitted to HCC.

The proposal was found acceptable and approved subject to compliance of above observations.

# Item No.2. Add./Alts. in respect of Replacement of Existing roof of Canteen at Delhi Gymkhana Club, 2 Safdarjung Road.

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was considered at the HCC's meeting held on November 23, 2012. Since the architect had not provided sufficient information and details of the existing and proposed roof, he was advised to submit the same showing use of various materials including in context of the surrounding in the complex.

The architect had now submitted the necessary informations and detail. The proposal was found acceptable and approved.

#### Item No.3. Renovation of House no. 743, Chotta Bazar, Kashmere Gate.

The proposal was forwarded by the Chief Town Planner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation with certain comments. The proposal was scrutinised and discussed with the architect/proponent. The following observations were made:-

- Certain informations given in the conservation report lacked authentication for which the architect was advised to consult the authenticated book available in the matter.
- ii) The documentation be put up in a systematic manner in absence of which it was difficult to compare the existing architectural features and details with the new proposals.

The proposal was approved with above observations.

# Item No.4. Plans for constructions of Lift shaft in respect of M-16, Connaught Place.

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinised and discussed with the architect. The following observations were made:-

- (i) The machine room structure protruding beyond the existing terrace was unacceptable.
- (ii) The architect was advised to use the lift wherein there is no requirement of machine room at terrace level.

The proposal was found acceptable with above observations and approved.

# Item No.5. Installation of Monumental Flag pole, Central Park, Rajiv Chowk.

- 1. A letter was received from SE(CP) project NDMC on the subject. Subsequently, office of the Chief Architect, NDMC had forwarded the proposal for consideration of the HCC. The proposal is in respect of the installation of a monumental flag pole of 206 ft. in Central Park Rajiv Chowk.
- 2. The proposal was scrutinised and the HCC made the following observations:
  - i) While taking up such a proposal, it is to be ensured that the ambience of the Connaught Place is not be distributed.
  - ii) The present location of the monumental flag pole would distribute the axis of Parliament street to Jama Masjid.
  - iii) The existing height in Connaught Place is upto 45 (App.). The 206 ft. height of flag will change the skyline of the area. Therefore the logic to have so much of height at this location need to be established keeping in view its impact on the aesthetic character of the area.
  - iv) Copy of the NOC of DMRC need to be submitted.
  - v) For further scrutiny of the proposal, the proponents were advised to submit the following:-
    - 1. The foundation details of the flag pole.
    - 2. Clearance of Delhi Urban Art Commission.

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

- In compliance of HCC's decision of August 27, 2012 the compilation made by the Secretariat on the basis of information received from various organisations/departments was placed before the HCC.
- 2. The Member Secretary informed the HCC that in spite of repeated reminders including from the Chairman, HCC, the requisite informations have not been received from CPWD, Delhi Cantonment Board and Airport Authority of India. ADG (Arch) CPWD

who was present in the meeting was requested to make available the requisite information from CPWD. The HCC decided to take up matter with other two authorities again.

It was suggested by the Members that the statutes/laws of various organisations should be reproduced in the document.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

(Vinod Kumar) Member-Secretary