

**MINUTES OF THE 45<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE(HCC)**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015.**

**Item No. 1 : Plans for addition/alteration/restoration works in respect of the Cathedral Church of redemption at 1, Church Road, North Avenue.**

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinized and discussed with the architects/proponents. The building/premises is in Grade-I as per notified list of heritage buildings/precincts in NDMC area.

As per the Report submitted by the Architects, scope of the project as proposed by INTACH includes :

- *Conservation of the roof of the Church.*
- *Conservation of eight paintings inside the Church.*
- *Cleaning of all the facades.*
- *Cleaning and re-plastering the surface with lime punning wherever necessary.*
- *Restoring and re-construction of broken and damaged mouldings, cornices and column capitals.*
- *Cleaning of the interior of the Church.*
- *Cleaning of the foundation stone inside the Church.*

The Heritage Conservation Committee made the following observations:-

- i. The restoration of the boundary wall, signages need to be done in a careful manner.
- ii. The proper display of signages including history of the Church need to be put up for visitors.
- iii. The electricity cables, lighting fixtures etc. visible should be duly taken care of.
- iv. No changes in original materials should be done.
- v. It was also suggested, that the approach should be way forward in the matter including provision of rain water harvesting.
- vi. There should be a comprehensive master/site plan of the complex.

The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the above observations. The architects/proponents were advised to comply with above observations and submit the requisite papers/drawings so that the approval could be released by the Member Secretary, HCC.

**Item no. 2 : Plans in respect of restoration works in Kerala House – Travancore Palace at Kasturba Gandhi Marg.**

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinized and discussed with the architects/proponents.

The proposal falls in Grade-II of the notified list of heritage buildings/precincts of NDMC area. The proposal is in respect of restoration of the existing heritage structure.

As per the report submitted by the architect, the proposal includes:

- *Complete physical restoration of interiors and exteriors and maintenance plan for upkeep.*
- *Making the environment legible and easily accessible for all by placing free standing signage in coherence with the historical ambience of the building.*
- *No physical addition or removal to the existing built historic fabric to make all areas usable as per their potential, causing minimum disturbance to the original fabric of the building.*

The HCC made the following observations:

- i) All existing architectural elements, the materials used including steel joist need very careful handling. An inventory of existing building elements should be prepared.
- ii) No air-conditioning equipments, pipes, electric cables should be visible on facade. The attempt should be restoration to the original.
- iii) The architect was advised to submit the following :
  - All service plans.
  - Proper documentation of existing structure.
  - Original plans of the heritage structure.

The proposal was found acceptable with above observations and approved. The approval to be released by the Member Secretary HCC, on compliance of the above observations by the architect/proponents and receipt of requisite papers/drawings.

**Additional Item No.1 : Conservation of Heritage Structures.**

During discussions on the subject, it emerged, that the authorities, local bodies in various cities in the Country are offering incentives for conservation of heritage sites to the owners/proponents. In this regard, the names of cities Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Hyderabad figured in the discussions. It was observed that such a scheme should be implemented in Delhi also.

The matter was discussed and it was decided that in terms of the measures being taken in these cities including the details of the schemes need to be obtained by us from them. The details of the DDA Heritage Foundation also needs to be obtained.

It was decided that after receipt of the requisite information, details of the matter be put up before the HCC.

**Additional Item No.2 : Heritage Master Plan of the City.**

1. During the meeting some of the members of the HCC emphasized the need for preparing a Heritage Master Plan of the City by the HCC. It was decided that to start with the work relating to identification of Heritage Buildings/Precincts notified in HCC - List, for NDMC and Municipal Corporation areas may be taken up.
2. It was also decided to assign the work to a full time consultant. The consultant will be guided by Shri Samir Mathur, Member HCC.

**Sd/-  
(Vinod Kumar)  
Member-Secretary  
Heritage Conservation Committee**