

MINUTES OF THE 64th MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018.

A. Proposals :

Item No. 1: Plans in respect of Plot no.14-15/A, Block-H, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of change of plumbing, false-ceiling, electrical, plastering, re-flooring and polishing, white washing, re-roofing and wooden work etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations :
 - (i) No changes are permitted on external side/facade, which should be retained as per the original design.
 - (ii) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.
 - (iii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

Item No. 2: Plans in respect of N-4(Block-N), Radial Road, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of change of plastering of walls, POP work, patch work, false-ceiling, painting/white washing, flooring, water proofing, repair of staircase, show window etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
 - (i) No changes are permitted on external side/facade, which should be retained as per the original design.
 - (ii) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.
 - (iii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

Item No. 3: Plans in respect of Interior Design for first floor of Bikaner House Complex, Akbar Road.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of walls to be demolished, proposed walls, interior upgradation – doors to be treated, cornices, skirting to be restored, toilets to be restored etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
 - (i) No changes are permitted on external side/facade, which should be retained as per the original design.
 - (ii) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.

- (iii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

Item No. 4: Repair/renovation in respect of G-9, Mezzanine and Ground floor, Marine Arcade, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of change of wall panelling, interior wall treatment, false-ceiling, flooring, interior electrical, furniture & interior work, main entrance facade etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
 - (i) Drainage, waste disposal need to be taken care by NDMC.
 - (ii) No changes are permitted on external side/facade, which should be retained as per the original design.
 - (iii) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.
 - (iv) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

Item No. 5: Plans in respect of verification of concept designs for National War Museum.

1. The matter referred by the Director, National War Memorial & Museum (NWM&M) was considered by the HCC at its meeting held on January 18, 2018 and the following observations were made :-

".....4. After deliberating the issue further in the light of the recent correspondence of NWM&M, the Committee resolved to request the NWM&M to submit a specific proposal which it prefers for the consideration and observations of the Committee, whether it is design no.1,2 or 3 or any other design. Whenever such a proposal is received, the HCC would be in a position to examine the same in requisite detail and offer its specific observations including alterations if required in the proposed proposal, keeping in view the mandate with which HCC was constituted."

2. Now, the proponents vide letter no. B/43050/IDS/NWM&M dated February 2, 2018 have again submitted a detailed design no.2 containing a CD walkthrough powerpoint presentation and project report for the consideration of the HCC.
3. The letter was considered and the HCC observed that it has already given its decision/observation on January 18, 2018 as quoted above and there is nothing further to be observed in the matter.

B. Additional items :

Item No. 1 : Renovation in respect of B-24, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of change of Painting and polishing, cleaning up the site, re-installing light fixtures, re-installing existing kitchen equipment, installing steel railings, installing toilet WC and CP fixtures, putting up posters and pictures on the walls etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
 - (i) No changes are permitted on external side/facade, which should be retained as per the original design.
 - (ii) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.
 - (iii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

Item No. 2: Plans in respect of C-33, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal was forwarded by the NDMC online with the following comments :

“An online application has been received from Smt. Geeta Grover, Rita Chandok, Pushpa Seth, Renu Sachdev, Rammi Seth, Owners of the C-33, Connaught Place through Project Architect for erection-re-erection or to make alteration in the above said building under repair and renovation of clause 2.0.1 (d) UBBL, 2016. It is also submitted that roof and front walls, columns of first floor and second floor of premises no. C-33 was collapsed on 02.02.2017. An investigation is also going on into the said matter separately.”
2. The proposal was taken up for consideration. So as to assess the ground situation, it was decided that a site visit of the premises will be made by the sub-committee comprising of the following:-

1. Prof. Rommel Mehta	...	Member HCC
2. Ms. Vertika Sharma	...	Member HCC
3. Shri D.K. Garg, CDO, CPWD	...	Member HCC
4. Chief Architect, NDMC	...	Member HCC
5. Member Secretary, HCC	...	Member convener

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