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Subject:- MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE CDA BOARD(SPECIAL BOARD MEETING) FOR THE YEAR 1997.

The 10th meeting of the CDA Board(Special Board Meeting) for the year 1997 was held on Tuesday, December 02, 1997 at 10.00 A.M. in the Conference Room, Executive Block, CDA Headquarters to discuss "Sculpture in F-9 Park Commemorating Women's struggle in conjunction with 50 years of Pakistan's History".

Mr Javed Masud, Chairman, CDA, presided.

2. The following attended the meeting:-

1. Mr. Mohammad Bashir,  
F.A/Member, CDA
2. Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Khan,  
Member(A), CDA.
3. Mr. Anwar Said,  
Member (Design), CDA
4. Mr. Abdus Salam Khan Wazir  
Member (E), CDA.
5. Mr. Maqbool Elahi,  
Member(P), CDA
6. Mr. Muhammad Rafiq Khattak,  
Director.Environment(U),CDA.
7. Sh. Abdul Qadir,  
Chief Landscape Architect.

8. Mr. Muhammad Saeed Sheikh,  
Landscape Architect.

9. Mr. S.A.T. Wasti,  
Secretary, CDA Board.

10. Three Representatives of Women Organization. (By special invitation).

3. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran.

4. Opening the discussion, the Chairman informed the meeting about the background and said that the item was earlier discussed in a meeting of the Board held on 14-7-1997 where the Board had raised a number of queries and had decided that the matter be brought before the Board with replies to the observations. He said that the decision was never properly followed up. Meanwhile, the Minister for Women Division, Ms. Tehmina Daultana rang up to advise that the monument should be permitted in Fatima Jinnah Park (F-9) and since it was related to our 50th Anniversary very little time is left to accomplish the task. The Chairman informed that Secretary Law also spoke to him to state that in a meeting on human rights the group had protested the delay in CDA permission. He had, therefore, asked Secretary, CDA Board to convene this meeting to dispose of the matter. Secretary CDA Board was also asked to invite 2 or 3 sponsors to present their view point.

5. The Board considered the reply received from the sponsors on the status of their organization extremely sketchy & inadequate. It was observed that siting of the proposed monument in the Fatima Jinnah Park with reference to 50th Anniversary of Pakistan demands that proposal is mooted either by a Women Organization of national significance or by an organization who have an undisputed patronage of majority of women organization in the country. Acceptance of a proposal from an organization/sponsor having little recognition at the national level may lead to criticism of

unfair patronage. It was, therefore, felt that the status and representative character of the sponsors needed to be ascertained carefully. The form of the monument and the proposed inscription thereon are also considered and it was felt that the form was figurative and may attract public objection. Instead of inscribing an Urdu verse, inscription of an 'Ayat' from the Holy Quran was considered more appropriate. At this stage the representatives of the sponsors (3 ladies) were invited to the Board meeting and were asked to explain genesis of their proposal. They informed that there were about 39 registered NGOs who had decided on the International Women's Day observed on 8th March 1997 to have a sculpture to commemorate the women's struggle during the last 50 years and accordingly a sculpture was got prepared for installation at a site in Fatima Jinnah Park. They informed that the site had been indicated to them by the former Director General (Environment)

6. The Board apprised the representatives of its views as at para 4 and requested them to provide CDA an endorsement from the leading Women's Organizations of the country in favour of their proposal. They were also informed to keep the sculpture least figurative and propose an appropriate 'Ayat' for inscription thereon. CDA could consider the location of the proposed monument in the northern part of the Fatima Jinnah Park, east of UN Monument. The representatives agreed to the proposed alternate location and promised to reply to all the CDA's observations within a couple of days. The matter would then be brought before the Board for a decision.

Action: Secretary, CDA Board  
Director Env (U)  
Chief Landscape Arch.

6. The meeting concluded with a word of "thanks" to the Chair.

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