

A meeting of the Board of Capital Development Authority took place at 10.00 A.M. on Tuesday, the 26th August, 1969. Lt. Gen: K.M. Sheikh, Chairman, CDA presided. Following also attended :-

1. F.A./Member.
2. Member (Tech.)
3. Secretary.
4. D.F.A.
5. Director Public Relations.
6. Director Horticulture.
7. Director Buildings.
8. Director Maintenance.
9. Director Planning.
10. Director Dams.
11. Director Architecture.
12. Addl: Director (Reh.).
13. Industrial Planning Officer.
14. Mr. Takahashi, J.L.A.
15. Kh. Zaheer-ud-Deen, Architect.

The following items were included in the Agenda :-

- i). Master Plan of Park in sector F-9.
- ii). Allotment of Plot No.42 poultry and vegetable farming scheme Tarlai Kalan in favour of M/S Salman Corporation.
- iii). Water Shed Management in Islamabad.
- iv). Report on Housing Survey.
- v). 'A' type residences for Class IV employees of WAPDA (electricity).
- vi). Development of I&T Centre, sector G-7.

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I. Design of Audit House.

Kh. Zaheer-ud-Din gave a presentation of the proposed design of Audit House to the Chairman and the Board again. Khawaja Sahib was advised to amend the design suitably on the following two points :-

- i). The two stair-cases should be removed from one another as far as possible.
- ii). Some kind of natural light should be provided in the Central Core area.

It was also decided to invite the Auditor General for the next presentation, when it is put up before the Government Design Committee.

11. Master Plan of Park in sector F-9.

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- i). The vast green areas provided in the Master Plan of the park should be reduced in view of the difficulties involved in maintenance, & should be replaced by tree plantations.
- ii). The question of water availability should be gone into in detail. Necessary answer must be found to the question as to where the water would come from ?
- iii). Open Air Theatre should be shifted from the present site. This should be used for some other purpose like a Boat House etc.
- iv). Director Water was requested to advise the Director Horticulture on the problem of water

III. Allotment of plot No.42 poultry and vegetable farming scheme Tarlai Kalan in favour of M/s Salman Corporation.

Additional Director Rehabilitation presented a summary seeking permission of the Board to permit M/s Salman Corporation to set up a Processing Plant within the Vegetable & Bee Farm in the National Park Area. According to the Addl: Director of Agro-Industrial activity legitimately permissible in the National Park Area. The summary generated a very lively discussion in the Board. It was pointed out that this would be tantamount to creating a precedent in policy. Spates of application will follow, which would be difficult to resist. Once the Board started sanctioning Processing units in the National Park Area, the development of Industrial sector would be adversely affected in Islamabad. Accordingly, the Board decided that M/S. Salman Corporation may be permitted to undertake vegetable farming and honey processing only in the National Park Area. Processing of vegetable and fruits, etc., must be permitted only in the Industrial Area of Islamabad.

IV. Water Shed Management in Islamabad.

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A summary on the captioned subject was considered by the Board. At the very outset the Director Dams observed that the summary under discussion was ambitious both in concept and in cost. He was of the view that the afforestation and construction of check-dams in the upper reaches of the nullahs and streams were preliminary necessities for the Watershed Management and were considered more important to yield significant results. He further wanted to be advised whether to take up a similar type of work on all the nullahs and ravines simultaneously or to take one nullah at a time and to complete it in all respects. Secondly, he wanted to know whether the priorities should be given to the areas which were the worst hit or the already developed areas should be taken up first.

The Board directed the Director Dams to work in collaboration with the Director Horticulture and to come up with composite paper keeping in mind the resources of the CDA and also the fact that it was necessary to save the urban areas first.

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V. Report on the Housing Survey.

A detailed report on Housing Survey in Islamabad was submitted to the Board by the Director Planning. Mr. Ali Hussain also briefly explained the salient features of the report.

The Board considered the report of the Planning Directorate and made the following observations :-

i). The improvements suggested were of two categories :-

- a. Relating to the improvement of designs and workmanship only, which involved no cost; and
- b. Provision of additional facilities, etc., and changes in scale of accommodation which involved extra cost.

While the former should be attended to right-away, the latter may be passed on to the Director Architecture, Mr. Anwar Saeed. The Director Architecture was advised to make a reference to the Government, through proper channel, suggesting such improvements, and seeking permission whether CDA could go ahead in working out costs involved in such improvements, etc.

The Director Planning was also requested to find out complaints regarding new houses built in Islamabad.

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VI. 'A' Type Residences for class IV Employees of WAPDA (Electricity).

The designs submitted by WAPDA regarding 'A' category houses for their Class IV Employees were presented to the Board by Director Architecture, Mr. Anwar Saeed. The Board considered and approved the designs.

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VII. Development of I&T Centre, sector G-7.

The Board considered a summary presented by the IPO on the captioned subject and agreed to invite applications from intending allottees in the I&T Centre first. Having received the needs and requirements of such allottees, the Director Architecture, would address himself to the task of providing an architecturally harmonious and practicable facade and grids to the applicants which they will be required to comply with, in the design of their building.