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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE
OFFICE OF ACTING CHAIRMAN ON WEDNES-
DAY THE 7TH JULY, 1976 AT 12 NOON.

The meeting was presided over by Malik Asrar Ahmad Khan, Acting Chairman, CDA. The following were present:-

1. Secretary, CDA.
2. Director General (Works).
3. Director General (Services).
4. Director Works-I.
5. Director W & S .
6. D. F. A.
7. Director M. P. O.
8. Director Horticulture.
9. Director Inspection.
10. Director Designs
11. Landscape Arch:
12. Coordination Officer.

The progress achieved on the following Projects was reviewed in the meeting:-

1. Central Square.
2. Development of 15000 plots.
3. Construction of Islamabad Hospital.

The gist of discussion held and decisions taken on each of the above mentioned Projects is given as under :-

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1. CENTRAL SQUARE.

At ~~the~~ very outset the Acting Chairman mentioned that under the directives of the Minister for Housing, Works & Urban Development an expert's committee had been constituted having members from the concerned agencies like Armed Forces, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Information etc. so that they could look into their respective requirements right from the planning stage and ensure that after its completion the Project fully conformed to the directive of the Prime Minister. The Director General (Works) being the convener of the said committee, was asked to convene a meeting of the members of the committee immediately in order to sort-out all pending issues relating to the design of the Square requiring the advice and assistance of outer agencies i.e. Army Authorities etc. Subsequently the progress of work so far made was briefly explained by Director General (Works). He mentioned that the pace of development will accelerate with the help of machinery arranged on loan from Soil Conservation Project and M/s M.C.P.L. He, however,

mentioned that the machines lent by these agencies are not meant for heavy duty and, as such, arrangements are being made to divert CDA's own machinery presently engaged on construction of roads to the Central Square and to utilize light machinery provided by the said Organizations in the road work. The Director (W & S) explained that all preliminaries to start work on the Northern Square and to complete 30% work expeditiously had been taken. Separate N.I.T. for works pertaining to roads, drainage and diversion of Nullas and green-square had been prepared. The Acting Chairman desired that opening and acceptance of tenders should be finalized by 15 July, 1976 and work on site should start by 21st July, 1976 positively. It was decided that Director W & S and Director Horticulture will maintain regular contact so that such areas where earth work is completed are immediately taken-over by the Horticulture Directorate for landscaping purposes.

The Director Works-I pointed out that since the scope of work in the Central Square has been enlarged, it would not be possible to maintain the time schedule already laid down in earlier meeting. The Secretary, CDA, pointed out that the time schedule earlier framed had already been conveyed to the Environment & Urban Affairs Division and the Division in-turn had communicated the same to the Cabinet Division. Therefore, any revision in the time schedule, if made will have to be notified to the Government indicating the reasons therefor. The Director General (Works) was asked to review the time schedule already chalked-out in view of the enlarged scope of work, make necessary modifications where called for and furnish the revised time schedule giving full justification for the revision to Secretary, CDA, for onward transmission to the Government. It was, further decided that the N.I.T.'s prepared by Director Works-I for works to be carried-out by him in the Central Square should pend for the time being as vast changes are likely to be made in the scope of work to adjust the requirements of various external agencies which would actually participate in the ceremonial parade/rally.

D.F.A. informed that an ad-hoc allocation of Rs. 50 lacs is being made for the Project in the first instance.

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2. DEVELOPMENT OF 15000 PLOTS.

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The Director W & S stated that he had already prepared rough cost estimates for the development of 5,028 plots in the Model Villages and submitted to Secretary, CDA, but the funds required for development purposes had not so far been placed at his disposal, with the result he had not been able to take further action in this behalf. The Acting Chairman pointed out that since the time given to the Authority for the development of 15000 plots was very short and the preparation of formal schemes and their processing through normal channel would delay the development of these plots, it was imperative that the stages are cut-short and the programme of development of 15000 plots is phased out in such a manner so as to achieve quick results on the ground. Director W & S was, therefore, asked to prepare individual schemes for the villages falling under the Model Villages Scheme i.e. Humak, Frash, Tarlai and Kuri, ensuring that the expenditure of each scheme is contained within Rs. 25 lacs, and bring the same for approval in the Special Board Meeting to be held on 14 July, 1976. As regards the development of plots in the urban areas the Acting Chairman pointed out that most of the plots proposed to be developed in the urban area fall in the Sectors for which schemes have already been approved by the Government. Therefore, there should be no difficulty in carrying out the development of these plots. As such, the Director W & S was asked to go ahead with the development of these plots independent of those falling in the rural area. The Deputy Director Urban Planning was directed by the Acting Chairman to furnish plans indicating the plots proposed to be developed in the sectoral areas to Director W & S and Director Designs immediately to enable them to take further action in the matter.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF ISLAMABAD HOSPITAL.

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The Director General (Services) explained that no funds had so far been placed at the disposal of the Authority by the Health Division. As such, it was not possible to start the work at site till such time funds are placed at our disposal by the Health Division.

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Director General (Services) also pointed out that even if funds were made available, it would not be possible to start the work because there was no anticipatory approval of Chairman ECNEC. It was decided that the Health Division should be approached to place necessary funds at the disposal of the Authority and obtain the anticipatory approval as expeditiously as possible.

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