

**MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY (DEV), P&D DEPARTMENT, ON BEAUTIFICATION AND UPGRADATION OF BHIT SHAH, SINDH.**

Date of Meeting:- 02-08-2008

Venue:- Committee Room of P&D Department, GOS.

Names of Participants:- List attached.

The meeting started with the recitation from Holy Quran and welcome the participants. The Chairman said that the meeting has been called to devrse the future strategy on preparation of Master Plan for Bhit Shah town. He said that we also need guidance from the members of the Steering Committee whether we may go for the new EOI or evaluate the received bids. He stressed that today we should have time lines for each activity to speed up the project. He then invited Mr. Shafique Paracha, Ex. Project Director of the project to make presentation in light of the visit of Bhit Shah by him with Planning & Development team Mr. Shafiq-ur-Rehman Paracha gave a detailed presentation based on the observation of the past and recent visits of Bhit Shah with Planning and Development Department under the instructions of the Additional Chief Secretary (Dev) Planning and Development. He said that Bhit Shah has to be planned as a cultural city with good health and education facilities to create an environment which will entice the people traveling on National High to visit the Mazar and the city to stay in the city for four to six hours with good parking space, parks, proper shops etc. and above all income generating activities be created to address the poverty. He then presented the various issues associated with the Bhit Shah Town. The discussions and decisions taken on each of the issues are as under:-

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1.	The Existing water supply scheme was not functioning as the water from the source of supply i.e Tori Minor was stopped. There was a need to either identify the new source i.e. Luckiser or Latif Minor or reactivate the old source as the ground water was brackish. ACS (Dev) informed that he has written	(i) The Secretary Irrigation, GOS ensured that a reliable permanent source will be sanctioned for the purpose and desired that the DCO, Matiari to apply for the connection for the purpose enabling the Department to carry out the

<p>a letter to Secretary Irrigation and Power on this matter. Mr. Hameed Akhund suggested for the installation of Reverse Osmosis plants.</p>	<p>process needed for getting sanction for Chief Minister, Sindh or to restore the existing water source .</p> <p>(ii) The P&amp;D Department will also pursue the Secretary Irrigation and Power Department in light of D.O letter written to them.</p> <p>(iii) A committee under the chairmanship of the Secretary Irrigation with Mr. Shafiq-ur-Rehman Paracha, Special Secretary (tech) and DCO, Matiari as the members was constituted. The Committee will meet as and when required to boost up the supply of drinking water to Bhit Shah and fresh water to Karar Lake within the shortest possible time. DCO, Matiari would immediately make arrangements for removing the sewage from the Karar lake within 10 days. The Consultants would be asked to design a Park around Karar Lake to maintain its spiritual significance.</p> <p>(iv) The members did not agree to install Reverse Osmosis plant because of its high capital as well as maintenance cost.</p>
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2.	<p>It was also presented that the sewerage system was inadequate and there exists no proper disposal system, even the treatment plants were not working. The untreated sewage was being disposed off into open area/adjoining existing graveyard resulting in inundation and raising of ground water table. It was suggested that a ladies park may be planned on the present site of sewerage treatment plant and disposal area so as to safe guard it from encroachments.</p>	<p>(i) It was decided that the detailed condition survey and redesigning of existing sewerage system will be carried out by the consultant.</p> <p>(ii) The Steering Committee entrusted the task to DCO, Matiari to examine option of ladies park at site of sewerage treatment plant and submit report in next meeting .</p>
3.	<p>It was also pointed out that unhealthy and un-hygienic conditions were prevailing every where due to absence of Solid Waste Management System.</p>	<p>(i) It was decided that the town administration to make urgent arrangements for solid waste disposal out of the available resources till the appropriate system was designed by the Consultant.</p>
4.	<p>It was observed that school buildings and especially their wash rooms needed immediate repair and maintenance. There were separate buildings of Secondary Schools for Boys &amp; Girls. A College had been sanctioned but because of unavailability of the building, the College was being run in</p>	<p>(i) The DCO, Matiari assured that repair and maintenance works of the school buildings and wash rooms shall be carried out immediately from the available sources of the District Government.</p> <p>(ii) It was decided that Education Department, GOS may be expedited by DCO, Matiari and P&amp;D Dept: for</p>

	the Boys Secondary School building.	the early construction of College Building for which land would be arranged by District Government.
5.	The facilities of Health were not proper and need improvement from staffing to provision of medicines. The A-type Hospital Building was under construction and will be completed within next 02-months. It can be made functional immediately upon completion provided adequate staffing and medicines were made available by GOS. It was further pointed out that there were 13-doctors with the BHU but due to non-availability of technicians and other ancillary staff the para medical machinery could not be made functional.	(i) It was decided that RHC would be transferred to PPHI for which DCO, Matiari was asked to make arrangement. A committee under Dr. Riaz Memon of PPHI was constituted alongwith DCO, Matiari to implement the decision and report in the next meeting.
6.	It was suggested that existing play ground be developed for different games so as to save it from encroachments.	(i) Secretary, Culture and Tourism would take action to develop the play grounds and to report in next meeting.
7.	It was also informed that both sides of main entrance of Bhit Shah from National Highway were encroached and congested by rickshaws and push carts. DCO, Matiari has removed some encroachment but a vehicular free area has to be developed with plantation.	(i) DCO, Matiari will take action to remove and control encroachment. (ii) Plantation would also be done by District Government in consultation with Forest Department. (iii) The Entrance of Mazar will be made vehicular free area.

8.	The museum and Artisan workshop needed upliftment.	(i) Secretary, Culture and Tourism was asked to upkeep the museum and Artisan workshops.
9.	It was submitted that lack of facilities can be seen all around the town during Urs days, where no shades, drinking water facilities and toilets etc were available. Moreover congestion was caused due to improper vehicular movement during Urs days.	(i) Auqaf Department was asked to repair the toilets and prepare a plan for providing shades proper drinking facilities, toilets etc for the zaireen during the Urs time and a vehicular free zone around the Mazar specially at the entrance.
10.	Evaluation of Pre-qualification Documents of the Consultant.	(i) It was decided that already constituted Committee comprising Mr. Hameed Akhund (Chairman), Mrs. Noor Jehan Bilgrami, Mr. Niaz Soomro and Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Shaikh, Assistant Chief, P&D Department, GOS shall open and evaluate the received Pre-qualification Documents. DCO, Matiari was added as member in the evaluation committee. In case Mr. Hameed Akhund was not available then Mr. Shafique-ur-Rehman Paracha will chair the evaluation process.
12.	Formation of Coordination Committee to see the work to be done before and simultaneously to support the preparation of Master Plan.	(i) A Coordination Committee comprising of the following was constituted for immediate steps regarding plantation, removing sewage from Karar lake, removal of encroachment, immunization and improving the health education facilities: DCO, Matiari Conservator , Forest Representatives from Health, Education and PHE departments.

		ii) The local police assistance be acquired when ever required.
13.	It was suggested to add a provision of Project Unit by revising the PC-II and also creation of website.	The forum agreed with the suggestion and directed Mr. Niaz Soomro, Project Manager to submit the PC-II within 7 days for its consideration..
14	Mr. Hameed Akhund pointed out that Culture Department may also take care of the distortion being done in Shah's work and create a scholar facility at Bhit Shah who on regular basis would carry out the research.	The forum agreed to the suggestion and advised the Culture Department to create a Research / Scholar facility and also declare Bhit Shah as a protected heritage town
15.	The members of the Steering Committee also discussed the planning of guest house, hotels, community centers and display centers by the consultants.	(i) The consultants would be asked to add the suggestions of members in their planning.
16.	Steering Committee meetings.	(i) It was decided that henceforth as far as possible the meetings of the Steering Committee will be held at Bhit Shah fortnightly. The next meeting to be held on 29-08-2008 at 10.00 a.m at Rest House, Bhit Shah. DCO Matiari will invite the concerned local representatives .

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