

Meeting with Oval Maidan trust members

Date :- 24th Aug 2015
Subject :- Minutes of the meeting held with Trustees of Oval Maidan at bldg, Nariman Point, Mumbai.
Attendees :- MMRC

1. Shri Nandargikar CGM(G)
2. Shri Bhasme DGM(C)
3. Shri Sathish AGM(C)
4. Shri Shashikant Damse DE
5. Shri Makarand Khare (GC)

Oval Maidan Trust

1. Mr Ashad Mehta
2. Mrs Nayana Kathpalia
3. Mrs Shireen Bharucha

The meeting was chaired by CGM (G), following his welcome speech a brief presentation covering Project alignment, Station details & designs, Project benefits, Safety precautions and purpose & utilization of Oval maidan was made. Discussions and Highlights of meetings are listed below:

- a) A very small portion of the oval maidan (about 3900 m2 out of 90000 m2 is required for the metro project on temporary basis.
- b) No permanent construction will be made on the ground.
- c) Existing steel fencing will not be disturbed except to access the area for entry and exit.
- d) The area will be used for TBM work, site offices, material stacking, muck handling & equipment's handling etc.
- e) Proper barricade with security will be provided around the work area.
- f) In case the contractor for the package-I deploy additional TBM for earlier completion of work, it will be required to construct an access shaft, muck stacking & disposal etc. at the above said area. In such case some tree cutting will be necessary.
- g) Traffic diversion in the area will be made in consultation with the traffic police and the local residents.
- h) Mitigation measures about noise and air pollution will be taken as followed in international standards and Delhi Metro.
- i) Trust will be kept informed while taking over and handing over, also trustees may visit the work area during the construction.

The trustees supported the metro project and conveyed their views as follows:

- (i) Copy of the approval of the heritage should be provided to them.
- (ii) Copy of the Traffic diversion plan shall be shared with them.
- (iii) They mentioned that one U/G stream crossing the Oval Maidan and feeding the existing well in the Parsi temple which might be encountered during the excavation, it shall be noticed and taken care by MMRC.
- (iv) The fencing removed should be properly stacked so that it can be reused at later stage.

- (v) After the completion of work the ground shall be restored to its original condition.

Thanking You,

You're faithfully,

K.SATHISH

AGM (Civil)



Mr. Nandagirkar, CGM (G)
MMRDA
Mumbai

August 28, 2015

Dear Mr. Nandargikar,

Sub: Metro III line at the Oval Maidan

Thank you and your team for having met us three who are Trustees of the OVAL Trust. Our Trust has been responsible for the restoration of the much neglected Grade I recreation ground, the Oval Maidan in 1997 and the Trust has maintained it ever since without any monetary assistance from the State Government which owns the land. The project has been possible only because of support from civic minded public Trusts, Companies and citizens.

We have received the minutes of the meeting sent to us by Mr. K. Sathish, AGM (Civil), MMRCL held on August 24, 2015 with you and your team. While we confirm all you have written in the minutes we would nevertheless like to clarify and stress certain points discussed given below as we are bound to convey this to our funders.

1. You agreed to send a copy of the MHCC permission which is necessary for any work to be done on this Grade I listed Heritage Maidan and the traffic diversion plan.
2. The project is expected to commence in January 2016 and will take 5 years.
3. The fence which is the property of our Trust will not be removed in this area, barring a few panels on the East side to permit entry of vehicles and on the west side opposite Eros cinema to permit exit of vehicles, which panels will be safely stored at site.
4. Only a few palm/other trees which are necessary to facilitate the entry and exit of vehicles will be removed, for the duration of the project. If a shaft has to be put in then a few trees for this purpose will be removed.
5. No workers, barring the security staff will be there on the work site 24/7.
6. No workers will be permitted to reside there.
7. The earth excavated for the project will be carried out every night to the appropriate sites outside the city. Every effort should be made to ensure that least noise and inconvenience is caused to residents especially since this will be done at night. While carrying out the earth as is the international practice, the tyres of the vehicles will be washed down so that the dirt is not tracked over the roads.
8. A site office will be built on the Maidan, but when it is removed, the foundations will also be removed so that no cement concrete remains in or on the ground, in order that the grass/trees can regenerate

9. A partition/barrier will be built between the project site and the rest of the Maidan with appropriate signage to prevent unauthorized entry of persons.
10. The walking track at the northern end will be enclosed in the working area, hence it was proposed by you that for the duration of the project, an earth based walking track would be constructed on the ground abutting the partition to be made for enclosing the work area.
11. We have a water supply and a water harvesting system installed in the ground, which should not be damaged.
12. The three signatories to this letter and another OVAL Trust Trustee Atul Kumar whose email id is atul28.kumar@gmail.com who could not attend this meeting as he was abroad, will be permitted to enter and see the progress of the work.
13. You have mentioned that you will use up to date equipment and will observe norms for air pollution management and the silence zone restriction that prevails in this area as the High Court is across the road and that your project will cause the minimal inconvenience possible to citizens.
14. You have agreed to send us a scale drawing of the area you will be using for the project so that we can determine which parts of the fence we can consider repairing. This will be given to the Trust by October 2015 by which time you will have finalised the contractor and the layout of the area.
15. When the project is done as far as the Oval is concerned there will be NO construction whatsoever above the ground.
16. All this will be conveyed to your contractor who will be the person on the scene, whose name and details may please be conveyed to us when decided upon so that we do not have to constantly trouble anyone of you unless absolutely necessary.

And finally:

You have agreed to restore the Maidan with all its facilities to the condition it was in when it was taken over for the Metro III project; that is the fence panels taken out to be repositioned; no construction on the ground; the lawn and trees replanted; the walking track restored and any damage to the water supply/water harvesting system to be made good. We will be a photographic record of the Oval before the work begins so as to facilitate restoration.

As the Trust is accountable to its generous funders who have been making anxious inquiries regarding the fate of the Oval Maidan with reference to this project, this is the very least we expect from the Authorities in the public interest.

Yours sincerely,


Shirin Bharucha


Nayana Kathpalia


Ashad Mehta

Trustees

CC: Deputy Director Sports, Government of Maharashtra
Chairman MHCC

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