



## **FIRST REPORT**

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### **STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION MEETING WITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP-PHASE-II**



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## Introduction:

The Karachi Neighborhood Improvement Project (KNIP) has completed Phase-01 projects and now intends to develop Phase-02 including 22 projects.

The detail of the projects is as follows,

- 1- Saddar Downtown (District South), 15 Projects.
- 2- Malir District, 04 Projects.
- 3- Korangi District, 03 Projects.

The population of Karachi consists of multi-ethnic, multi-cultural people speaking different languages, living in harmony for decades.

The detailed Karachi city analysis was held by World Bank to examine the existing infrastructure with its Social and Environmental Studies.

The Government of Sindh with Local Governments has planned to improve the physical and social conditions of these Neighborhoods by implementing Phas-02 projects. The Project aims to improve the quality of Built Environment including Roads, Footpaths, Parks, Playgrounds, all utilities, Public Bathrooms etc. To achieve this target, KNIP has hired the G3 Consultants to Design and supervise all the projects.

In this regard, Project Implementation Unit, KNIP organized a ***Consultative Meeting*** with Advisory Group Members comprised of technical experts which includes Academia, Practicing Architects and Urban Planners. The consultative session was arranged on Friday, **18 June 2021 at Committee Room, Project Implementation Unit, KNIP, Karachi.**

The meeting brought together relevant professionals to discuss, advice and guide the KNIP project team in finalization of Designs for Phase-II interventions. In this consultative session with experts, Concept Design of four sub-projects had been reviewed and discussed projects.

The Architect and Urban Designer of G3 Engineering Consultants (Design and Supervision Consultant of KNIP on Phase-II Sub-Projects), presented the details of the sub-projects. Each project was discussed in detail on the basis of TORs issued to the consultants with present physical and social conditions of Karachi city.

Following are the Sub-Project wise comments of the Advisory Group on Concept Designs of Four Sub-Projects;

### **1. Rehabilitation and an Upgradation Gizri Sports Ground:**

- a- Front car parking may cause traffic jam.
- b- Football ground to be shortened and more facilities for adjacent Gizri village to be provided. G3 has gone through the social and environmental studies which shows that the Football ground is needed by this community.
- c- Rear side gate should be large enough to cater the community living in that area.
- d- More parking for bikes is needed.
- e- The balance between the two types of communities, upper- and lower-income group, living in front and rear side of the ground should be taken care of.

- f- It was suggested that some family space should be integrate inside the ground referring to any multipurpose area.

## **2. Rehabilitation and Upgradation of Boat Basin to Schon Chowrangi with Pedestrian trail**

- a- The area in front of Food Street can have drop off/single lane to facilitate the visitors.
- b- Six Parks could be included in the project to facilitate the adjacent community.
- c- The study of different traffic patterns with respect to residential and commercial activities to be considered while designing this particular neighborhood.
- d- All participants point out on that the project line needs to be clear as per referring to the showed slide Neher-e- Khyam is taken in the project line that is not so.
- e- Architect Fazal Noor pointed out kindly check out again the street lights, trees and footpath along the streets connecting to Boat Basin.
- f- Furthermore, he advised to mark out and highlight the commercial and residential spaces in the project line.
- g- Architect Fazal Noor said that that the project should be integrate and respect the local culture.
- h- Architect Arif Bilgaumi said that the movement patterns should be clear (from which point to start and where to end), he further added to re-look on the elevated pedestrian movement further he added that keep in mind the necessity of handicap movement in the design.

## **3. Redevelopment of Kakri Sports Complex and Neighborhood Improvement:**

- a- Social and Environment aspects to be considered before Architectural & Urban Design, the committee inquired. It was informed that consultants have already completed the Topographical Survey, Social and Environmental Screening before the design.
- b- Activities of Multi-Purpose building should enhance the quality of life of residents of adjacent communities.
- c- The complete Traffic Management Plan is needed.
- d- The committee showed concern on the path used by local residents as a thoroughfare and advised to plan an alternative in design.
- e- The triangular park, located at the rear side of the Ground, could be used as a play area for the kids and women of adjacent community.
- f- It was suggested by Dr Anila that existing community patterns needs to be studied in depth in addition to that design should not breakout the existing routes.
- g- Dr Anila added that what are the standards on which the design is being proposed while the footprints should be re-confirm at public standards
- h- Ar. Arif said that without discussion or focusing on urban planning how one can only focused directly on architecture design.

## **4. Redevelopment of Kharadar Locality:**

- a- There are more than one heritage building in this neighborhood and should be identified in next phase of design.
- b- Police Chowki is in the list of Heritage Buildings.
- c- The area has a strong connection with Lea Market and it should be considered during the survey.
- d- The poor road condition and lack of utilities should be considered.
- e- As the main processions of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Muharram and 12<sup>th</sup> Rabiul-awwal passes through this area every year, the impact should be studied and taken into consideration.

- f- Wazir Mansion is located within the boundary of this Sub-Project, special care to be given to protect this national Heritage.
- g- Ar. Hira referring to Lahore case study said that it needs to be understand that area is residential however for Kharadar both types are seen that is residential and commercial.

### **Conclusion:**

- 1- Overall Concept Designs of Sub-Projects were critically assessed and participants expressed pleasure for engaging them and sought valuable and expert advise from them on sub-projects.
- 2- Participating experts advised to further add information in designs for clarity in the ideas and options.
- 3- The updated drawings should be shared with all members of Advisory Committee before the next meeting.



**Meeting in Progress with Advisory Group Members at PIU-KNIP**

### List of Participants for Advisory Group Meeting

Sr. No.	Name	Designation/ Organization
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