

**BARIDHARA DOHS PARISHAD
DHAKA CANTONMENT**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON SATURDAY THE 24TH NOV 07 AT 3.30 P.M.
AT BARIDHARA SCHOLARS' INSTITUTION**

1. **Present:** Sixty members as recorded in the attendance list attended the meeting.
2. Brig Gen Mustafizur Rahman, ndu, psc (Retd), the President of Baridhara DOHS Parishad, presided over the meeting.
3. As the quorum for holding the meeting was present the President called the meeting to order and commenced the meeting.
4. At the very outset, Hafez Md Akhter Hossain recited the verses from the holy Quoran.

Agenda of the meeting

5. The General Meeting was called to transact following agenda:

"To accord the approval of the General Body to construct the multipurpose community centre and to confirm the Memorandum of Understanding between the Army Welfare Trust and Baridhara DOHS Parishad for a loan of Tk. 05.00 (five) crore for construction of the multipurpose community centre."

Opening address by the President:

6. The President after exchanging greetings welcomed all hon'ble members at the General Meeting. At the very outset he requested everyone to participate in the discussion keeping rationality in mind. He highlighted that this is the second and last meeting on the agenda.

7. Last time due to Ramadan factor enough time could not be spent for deliberation. He emphasized on the requirement of posterity, need of having long term vision of the members while discussing the agenda. He categorically highlighted that the members of the DOHS need to decide on:

- a. Whether we should have a Community Center in this DOHS or not.
- b. What should be the size of the Community Center?
- c. Should we take loan from Army Welfare Trust to meet the cost of construction?
- d. In case we decide to have the Community Center should we construct basement.



8. The President reminded the members that there may be difference of opinion but there should not be any kind of division amongst the members. The brotherly attitude, the feeling of unity should always prevail in the DOHS. Community members must have respect for each other, uphold each other's dignity and honor. After the opening address the President offered the floor for general discussion.

Discussion:

9. There were 35 members in addition to EC members actively participated in the discussion.

10. During discussion it was found that there were some opinions not to have Community Centre at all, though the common consensus was in favor of having a multipurpose community centre. Some opined that it should not be made too big and should not be commercial which will add to the traffic problem in the DOHS. Some also opined not to take loan. It should be planned to meet the construction cost within the fund as available with the Cantonment Board, we may not construct of 4th, 5th and 6th floor at the moment.

11. Others opined that a Community Centre is essential to promote socio-cultural and recreational facilities and collective welfare in the DOHS. It is also required to hold social and family functions. To run a community centre, how small it may be, yet some money is required for its maintenance. So, some income has to be generated out of the Community Centre. There were opinion that the Community Centre as planned is not a big one, but of moderate size. So, we may proceed as planned.

12. The President informed the EGM that to minimize traffic congestion a bypass road is under construction, railway crossing would be widened, access to Community Centre through Army Transit Camp has been accepted by AHQ. With regards to commercialization, it will be rented primarily to Members and Tenants of this DOHS - thus outside traffic will be reasonably less.

13. After the above threadbare discussion the President put the following motions into voting.

a. **1st motion:** Whether we need a Community Centre or not.

Voting: 40 (Forty) hon'ble members raised their hands in favor of having the Community Centre. No hand was raised against it.

b. **2nd motion:** Is the size of the planned Community Centre commensurate with our requirements?

Voting: In favor of the present size 16 hands were raised; while 27 hands were raised against the present size and some abstained from voting.

c. **3rd motion:** Should we take loan from Army Welfare Trust?

Voting: 28 hands were raised in favor of taking loan and 7 hands were raised against loan. Some abstained from voting.

d. **4th motion:** Should we construct a basement floor?

Voting: 36 hands were raised in favor of one basement and no hand was raised against basement construction.

14. After further discussion and voting, finally following resolution was adopted:

"It is resolved that the construction of the Multipurpose Community Center to be executed as planned but in phases with the fund currently available and as will be available with the Cantonment Board in course of time. The loan from Army Welfare Trust may be taken as minimum as possible after the fund available with the Cantonment Board is exhausted. The Executive Committee of Baridhara DOHS is authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Army Welfare Trust for a loan of Tk. 05.00 (five) crore for construction of the Multipurpose Community Center at the Baridhara DOHS. But actual disbursement will be taken as minimum as possible."

15. **Miscellaneous Point:** The President proposed that the Victory day is near. To observe this day (Bijoy Mela) we need about Tk. 1,74,000/-. Should we organize the Bijoy Mela? The members unanimously opined that in view of the recent cyclone the Bijoy Mela should not be observed this year. As such it was unanimously decided not to observe the Bijoy Mela this year.

16. **Closing address by the President:** The President thanked all members present for their active participation, lively discussion and adoption of the resolution in this Extra Ordinary General Meeting.

17. As there was no other business the meeting was declared closed with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Brig Gen Mustafizur Rahman (Retd)
President

28 Nov 2007

Lt Col Mohd Abdul Khaleq (Retd)
Secretary

28 Nov 2007

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