

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HELD ON NOV. 25, 1959

The Members of the Boston Redevelopment Authority met in regular session at the offices of the Authority, Room 350, 73 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. on Nov. 25, 1959. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and upon roll call those present and absent were as follows:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Joseph. W. Lund	Melvin J. Massucco
Msgr. Francis J. Lally	Stephen E. McCloskey
James G. Colbert	

A copy of the NOTICE OF MEETING, pursuant to Section 23A of Chapter 39 of the General Laws, with the CERTIFICATE AS TO SERVICE OF NOTICE OF MEETING attached thereto, was read and ordered spread upon the minutes of this meeting and filed for record.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23A of Chapter 39 of the General Laws that a meeting of the Boston Redevelopment Authority will be held at ten o'clock a.m. on November 25, 1959 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Kane Simonian

November 20, 1959

Title: _____ Secretary _____

CERTIFICATE AS TO SERVICE OF NOTICE OF MEETING

{Sec. 23A, Chapter 39, General Laws}

I, Kane Simonian, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, do hereby certify that on November 20, 1959 I filed, in the manner provided by Sec. 23A, Chapter 39, General Laws, with the City Clerk of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, a NOTICE OF MEETING of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Authority this 25th day of November, 1959.

Kane Simonian
Secretary

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The minutes of the meeting of November 18, 1959* were read by the Secretary.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes as read.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to ratify the Chairman's action in engaging F. Paul Morgan to make a re-use appraisal for the Castle Square Project area at a fee not to exceed \$3000.

The Executive Director submitted a bill from Charles J. Artesani for title search for the balance due under his contract in the amount of \$6532*88*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize payment.

The Executive Director outlined to the Authority a meeting with Judge Casson, counsel for Green Shoe Company concerning the possible redevelopment in the area surrounding the Green Shoe plant.

The Executive Director presented a bill from DeLeuw & Gather as Progress Payment on engineering services performed to date in the amount of \$8800 in connection with the Government Center Project.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize payment.

The Executive Director presented to the Authority copies of a contract prepared by the Legal Department for execution with Advance Planning Associates for the performance of consultant services in connection with the Castle Square Project, in the amount of \$8,000.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to execute the same.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter from Thomas O'Connor & Co., Inc. dated November 20, 1959 concerning their interest in being redevelopers for the Whitney Project.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate with Thomas O'Connor & Co., Inc. and Leatherbee & Company concerning agreements for lease under the same terms as executed with the Beacon Redevelopment Corporation; and that the General Counsel be authorized to prepare the necessary agreements and leases and that the Chairman be authorized to execute the same when prepared.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Authority transmit to the City Council and Mayor a request for authorization to execute agreements for leases for the remaining portions of the "Whitney Street Project area, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4(a) of the Whitney Cooperation Agreement.

The matter of legislative amendments to Chapter 121 and 121A were discussed. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the General Counsel file bills on behalf of the Authority to accomplish the following: (1) to raise from 6% to 8% the return permitted for limited dividend corporations; (2) to raise from 2 to 2 1/2% the amount of debt that a city may incur for renewal purposes outside the debt limit; (3) legislation authorizing the taking of property by eminent domain financed by a loan from the Federal Government prior to the completion of the redevelopment plan for a project in order to take advantage of recent Federal legislation; (4) a bill to authorize transfer of land in Trinity Place in the Back Bay from the Federal Government to the Redevelopment Authority or other similar transfers from the city or other agencies.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter received by the Chairman from Administrator Floete of the General Services Administration dated November 19, 1959 requesting clarification from the Authority with respect to the agreement executed on August 20, 1959.

The Executive Director was instructed to prepare an answer for review by the Authority.

On the recommendation of the Executive Director and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously


VOTED: that a skeleton staff be authorized for Friday, November 27, 1959*

The following members of the Government Center Commission attended the meeting: Robert Morgan, Chairman; Mr. John Deady; Mr* William Arthur Reilly; General T. J. Regan* Mr. Murray Weiss and Mr. Gaynor Wellings. The members discussed the advisability of entering into an agreement for the sale of the proposed City Hall site to the Government Center Commission.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjoined at 12:30 p. m.


Secretary