

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING \*  
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 1960

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 October 5, 1960 • 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 James G. Colbert Melvin J. Massucco Stephen E. McCloskey	Msgr. Francis J. Lally

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 October 5, 1960 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Kane Simonian

September 29, 1960

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 Sept. 29, 1960 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 5th day of October, 1960.

Kane Simonian  
Secretary

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The minutes of the meeting of September 28, 1960 were read by the Secretary. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes as read.

The Executive Director presented to the Authority the question of awarding the Demolition Contract to the Duane Company as the lowest responsible bidder for the Whitney Project Area. The Executive Director informed the Authority that the Chief of Development, Mr. Orpin, had checked the bank references and other informational material on the questionnaire submitted with the bid documents. Copies of the letter from the bank reference were distributed. The Chief of Development certified that all of the bid documents were in order.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to award the demolition contract to the John J. Duane Company in the amount of \$67, 600 for the demolition of the Whitney Project and further, that the Chairman be authorized to execute the contract upon written certification from Mr. Robert E. McGovern, Land Acquisition Consultant for the Authority, that appraisals on all the parcels in the project area have been completed.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: upon the recommendation of the Executive Director that Chief Construction Inspector Joseph Driscoll be assigned to the Whitney Demolition Project effective on the date of the execution of the demolition contract and that the Executive Director be authorized to pro rate his salary as necessary between the West End and the Whitney Project.

The Executive Director was instructed to obtain additional information from Charles River Park, Inc. concerning their request for temporary use of project land, and further, that the legal department prepare an agreement for consideration of the Authority covering penalties, insurance protection, etc.

The Executive Director presented to the Authority a form of a vote making minor modifications to the Whitney Redevelopment Plan, which had been prepared by the Legal Department in conjunction with Mr. Orpin, and which had been assented to in writing by Thomas O'Connor Company and Leatherbee Associates.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that Paragraph D, sub-paragraph 4, of the Land Assembly and Redevelopment Plan for the "Whitney Redevelopment Area is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

"The maximum height shall not exceed two hundred ten (210) feet, plus appurtenant elevator towers. "

Paragraph D, sub-paragraph 7, of the Land Assembly and Redevelopment Plan for the Whitney Redevelopment Area, is hereby amended by striking out said sub-paragraph 7 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"7. No structure in the Project Area shall be located closer than forty (40) feet from any property line other than a property line abutting on a street, or sixty (60) feet from the center line of any street, or fifty (50) feet from any other structure whether in or outside of the Project Area. Any structure not exceeding twelve (12) feet in height for garaging of motor vehicles incidental to the principal uses of the Project Areas, may, with the approval of the Authority, be located closer than the distances set forth in the foregoing sentence.<sup>M</sup>

The Executive Director informed the Authority that one only proposal had been received out of three firms who had been invited to bid on an audit of City of Boston funds. The firm of Stebbins & Stebbins submitted a proposal of \$750.00 for an audit which would be made along the lines requested by the Authority. The scope of the audit and the amount of money therefor were considered by Joseph Lally, the City Auditor, with whom the matter was discussed.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to accept the proposal of Stebbins & Stebbins for an audit of City of Boston funds and that the contract in the amount of \$750.00 be executed by the Chairman.

The Executive Director informed the Authority that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission had again contacted the Authority insisting that it is mandatory under the law that employees be covered. The Executive Director also advised the Authority that members of all housing and redevelopment authorities in the State have complied with this and are covered by the Plan. Copies of an opinion by the General Counsel were distributed, which opinion states that participation in this group insurance by

the Authority is mandatory, provided the Housing & Home Finance Agency approves.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Authority authorize participation in the State Employees Group Insurance Plan and that the necessary funds be authorized, subject to the approval of the Housing & Home Finance Agency.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a memo from Donald Graham, Administrator of the Planning Section, recommending step rate increases for Planning Section personnel and reappointment of provisional employees.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Authority approve step-rate increases for the following:

John Cassidy, Jr., Junior Planner	\$ 97.75 to \$ 101.25
Jane Morrison, Junior Planner	97.75 to 101.25
Edwin J. Kelley, Jr., Junior Planner	104.75 to 109-50
Edwin Devine, Senior Planner	119.00 to 123.75

and further, that the following six-month reappointments be approved:

Janet Bowler, Planning Assistant	\$ 83.75 effec. 10/14/60
Richard Beatty, Jr. Planning Analyst	97.75 effec, 10/18/60
Henry Brinkers, Chief Planner	157.00 effec. 10/18/60

Site Office reports, West End Project, were distributed. On the recommendation of the Site Office because of hardship involved, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to waive rent arrearages for the following site tenants:

John Hynes, Henry Schwartz and Charles Ferris.

On motion made by Mr. McCloskey and seconded by Mr. Colbert, it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Boston Redevelopment Authority approve the proposed Table of Organization numbered Exhibit I and dated October 5, 1960.

It was further unanimously

VOTED: that the Authority go on record as stating that if this Table of Organization is not satisfactory to His Honor, the Mayor, the Authority recommend to His Honor, the Mayor, that Mr. Logue be appointed as Development Administrator in the Office of Development under the Mayor's Office, as

indicated in the page immediately preceding Page 26 in the Plan submitted to the Boston Redevelopment Authority by His Honor, the Mayor, and Mr. Logue. In the event this alternative is adopted, Mr. Kane Simonian will continue to serve as Executive Director under the Boston Redevelopment Authority. The Boston Redevelopment Authority, in the event the alternative is adopted, will work with the Office of Development with the objective of carrying forward as expeditiously as possible the program proposed by the Mayor.

(The foregoing Exhibit, marked as Exhibit 1, is filed in the Document Book of the Authority as Document No. 117.)

A Resolution entitled: Resolution Accepting an Offer of the United States to Make an Advance of Federal Funds to the Boston Redevelopment Authority to Aid in Financing the Cost of Certain Surveys and Plans for Urban Renewal Project No. Mass. R-35 was introduced by Mr. Massucco.

Said Resolution and the offer of the United States described therein were then read in full and discussed and considered.

Mr. Massucco then moved the adoption of the Resolution as introduced and read. Mr. Colbert seconded the motion, and, on roll call, the following voted "Aye": Joseph W. Lund, James G. Colbert, Melvin J. Massucco and Stephen E. McCloskeyj and the following voted "Nay": None.

The Chairman thereupon declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted as introduced and read.

{The foregoing Resolution is filed in the Document Book of the Authority as Document No. 118.)

The General Counsel presented for consideration by the Authority the qualifications of three attorneys recommended for per diem trial work on land damage cases for the West End Project.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the appointment of Samuel Bonaccorso, Saul E. Lipnick and William J. O'Neill as per diem trial attorneys for the West End Project on the same fee schedule as voted on June 24, 1959, and to make the following determinations: (a) that the foregoing are qualified legally and by experience to perform the services to be provided in accordance with the contract and (b) the compensation to be paid the contractors is fair and proper

under all the circumstances and at a rate not in excess of that which is customarily paid for services of equivalent scope and quality, and (c) that it is in the best interests of the project that contracts be awarded to the foregoing attorneys without consideration of bids or proposals.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn the meeting until Monday, October 10, 1960 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting closed at 12:20 p. m.

  

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Secretary