MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

HELD ON APRIL 18, 1958

The Members of the Boston Redevelopment Authority met in regular session at the Parker House, Boston, Massachusetts, at 5:30 p.m. on April 18, 1958. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and upon roll call those present and absent were as follows:

Present

Absent

Joseph W. Lund

Stephen E. McCloskey

Very Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lally James G. Colbert

Melvin J. Massucco

Mr. Donald Graham, Administrator of the Planning Board, and Mr. Paul Ryan, Public Relations Consultant to the Authority, were in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Graham discussed the priority areas for rehabilitation and conservation which were prepared by the Planning Board. Several of the areas in the Roxbury-North Dorchester section outlined on the Planning Board maps were discussed at length by the Members. No action was taken on the selection of project areas.

After a discussion of rehabilitation, Mr. Graham left the meeting.

The matter of news releases in connection with the filing of the Order of Taking, West End Project, was discussed with Mr. Paul Ryan. Information pertinent to the project was given to Mr. Ryan for the preparation of the news release. Mr. Ryan was instructed to prepare a rough draft for review by the Authority.

Mr. Ryan left the meeting at this point.

The minutes of the meeting of April 16th, 1958, were read by the Secretary, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the minutes as read.

The Executive Director reported on the progress of the preparation for the eminent domain taking.

The Executive Director read a letter from Mayor Hynes, attached to which was a letter from Dr. Nils Y. Wessell, President of Tufts University, concerning the South Cove Project. After a short discussion, the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to amend the acquisition appraisal contract of Robert W. S.

Cox in conformity with the letter from the Urban Renewal Administrator dated

March 20, 1958, and that the Chairman be authorized to execute the amendment
to the contract.

A letter dated April 17, 1958 from J. R. Rappaport was read, requesting an appointment with the Board to discuss the proposed changes in the West End Redevelopment Plan.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to invite Mr. Rappaport and his clients to attend the meeting of April 30, 1958 at 11:00 a.m.

The Executive Director read a letter addressed to the Authority from David E. Lane, President of Freedom House, Roxbury, concerning the selection of the Upper Roxbury area as a high priority area for a conservation project.

The Executive Director was instructed to answer the letter, thanking Freedom House for its interest and notifying the group that the area in question is one of the sections under consideration.

The Executive Director read a letter from the Massachusetts General Hospital and a letter from Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbott concerning the Hospital expansion in the Allen Street section. This matter was tabled until the report is received from Adams, Howard & Greeley on the revision of the West End Redevelopment Plan.

A letter from Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster, representing the Retina Foundation, was read concerning Parcel J in the West End Redevelopment Plan

which is proposed for Retina Foundation use. This matter was tabled pending a report from Adams, Howard & Greeley.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Secretary Mian